

# Course Catalog 2023/24

**Title of Program : Master of International Law, Diplomacy and International Relations**

<b>Program Code</b>	<b>5-MA-LIRAD</b>
<b>Level</b>	Graduate
<b>Credits and Duration</b>	120 credits taken over 4 semesters
<b>Delivery Language</b>	English

## Academic Calendar



# Postgraduate Academic Calendar 2023-2024

### August 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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**31 Aug** Orientation Day  
Click here for first day of classes information

### September 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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**25 Sep** Prophet's Birthday  
Click here for first day of classes information

### October 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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### November 2023

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### December 2023

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**1 Dec** Commemoration Day  
**2-3 Dec** UAE National Day  
**4-8 Dec** Revision Week  
**11 Dec-1 Jan** Winter Break

### January 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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**3-11 Jan** Exams Semester 1  
**15 Jan** Semester 2 Begins  
**Note:** please check your schedule with your academic programme coordinator

### February 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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### March 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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**18 Mar** Start of the Holy Month of Ramadan  
**25 Mar-12 Apr** Spring Break

### April 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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**9-12 Apr** Eid Al Fitr

### May 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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**3 May** End of classes  
**6-10 May** Revision week  
**13-22 May** Exams Semester 2

### June 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
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**16 Jun** Arafat's Day  
**17-19 Jun** Eid Al Adha  
**20-30 Jun** Catch-up exams

**End of Academic Year 2023-2024**  
**30 September 2024**

## Program Overview

In the current era of dynamic political forces and globalisation, cooperative measures in politics and international security are at the forefront of global policy. With increased trade and communication across different channels and platforms, individuals with diplomatic competence and an international outlook are in high demand to address the many constant political and legal challenges. Diplomacy is a key skill, imperative to mediate conflicts and to regulate the escalating matters between states and major international actors. The various cultural, economic, historical, legal and political factors at play make this field a compelling career choice for astute and ambitious leaders, keen on peacefully shaping our world.

Students that choose to follow the programme of Defence and International Security will be introduced to history of national and international security within a multidisciplinary framework. You will learn key tools about war mechanism, security policies and doctrines to better understand defence issues in the today's world. It allows students to acquire the theoretical and technical knowledge, along with an overall vision of the issues involved in defence, peace-keeping, intelligence services, international security and diplomacy. Starting from "History of defence and national security" and "History of war and peace" students will follow topics like "Law of armed conflict and security", "Geopolitics of conflicts", to the modern question of "Cybersecurity".

These major themes are taught to a very high level of expertise by academics and practitioners in link with international military institutions.

## Learning Outcomes / Objectifs de la formation

<b>PLO 1</b>	Students should develop a critical understanding of foundational histories of world powers in pre-modern and modern history, as pillars of the disciplines of international law and international relations, getting familiar with applicable bibliographical sources; observe the changing role of the State in the context of globalisation and regional integration and the implications for international peace and security.
<b>PLO 2</b>	Students will have an advanced knowledge and proficiency in the practice of international relations, diplomacy, international politics and economics, social theory, and research methods; they will examine and interpret current challenges of global issues, identity, social formations, co-operation, and international order, considering potential strategies to address those challenges.
<b>PLO 3</b>	Students will apply effectively the knowledge of International Law, International Relations and Diplomacy theory to a wide range of situations where relevant practical or theoretical issues and interpretations of political issues and events are under consideration.
<b>PLO 4</b>	Students will gather, organize and present evidence, data and information from a variety of primary and secondary sources; identify, investigate, analyze, formulate and advocate solutions.
<b>PLO 5</b>	Students will run an independent research project and write in a scholarly manner, demonstrate familiarity with academic conventions, deal with complex issues both methodically and creatively, produce rigorous judgements and communicate conclusions clearly.
<b>PLO 6</b>	Students will develop: research management skills, developing appropriate means of estimating and monitoring resources and use of time; the ability to communicate effectively and fluently in speech and writing; organize information clearly and coherently; process information using databases, produce written documents; working in groups, understand how groups function, collaborate with others and contribute effectively to the achievement of common goals.

## Program Structure / Structure de la Formation

Master 1 Semester 1			
UE	Course Name	Credits	Date
UE 1	<b>History of Legal and Political Systems</b>	7	4Sep-15Sep
UE 2	<b>International Public Law</b>	7	30Oct-10Nov
UE 3	<b>International Affairs</b>	4	18Sep-28Sep
UE 4	<b>International Dispute Settlement I</b>	4	16Oct-27Oct
UE 5	<b>Comparative law</b>	4	20Nov-30Nov
UE 6	<b>International and EU Tax Law</b>	4	2Oct-13Oct

Master 1 Semester 2			
UE	Course Name	Credits	Date
UE 1	<b>Advanced Public Law</b>	7	22Jan-2Feb
UE 2	<b>International Humanitarian Law</b>	7	5Feb-16Feb
UE 3	<b>International Organisations</b>	4	18-22Mar 15-19Apr
UE 4	<b>Space, Telecommunications and Media Law</b>	4	4Mar-15Mar
UE 5	<b>Public Business Law</b>	4	19Feb-1Mar
UE 6	<b>International Trade Law</b>	4	8Jan-19Jan

Master 2 Semester 3 – International Law International Relations and Diplomacy			
UE	Course Name	Credits	Date
UE 1	<b>Advanced International Law</b>	5	2Oct-12Oct
UE 2	<b>Evolution of Diplomatic Structures</b>	5	12Feb-22Feb
UE 3	<b>History of International Relations</b>	4	30Oct-3Nov 13-16Nov
UE 4	<b>Law of Conflicts and Security</b>	4	18Sep-28Sep
UE 5	<b>Geopolitics of conflicts</b>	4	20Nov-30Nov
UE 6	<b>Contemporary diplomatic problems</b>	4	8Jan-18Jan
UE 7	<b>Research methodology</b>	4	

Master 2 Semester 4 - International Law International Relations and Diplomacy			
UE	Course Name	Credits	Date
UE 1	<b>International Dispute Settlement II</b>	6	22-26Jan 29Jan-2Feb
UE 2	<b>International criminal law - International protection of human rights</b>	6	4Mar-14Mar
UE 4	<b>Cybersecurity</b>	4	5Feb-8Feb
UE 5	<b>Diplomatic and Consular Law</b>	4	6Nov-10Nov
UE 8	<b>Thesis</b>	10	Sep-Oct 2024

Master 2 Semester 3 – Security and Defence			
UE	Course Name	Credits	Date
UE 1	<b>History of International Relations</b>	6	30Oct-3Nov 13-16Nov
UE 2	<b>Evolution of Diplomatic Structures</b>	6	12Feb-22Feb
UE 3	<b>Advanced International Law</b>	6	2Oct-12Oct
UE 4	<b>Law of Conflicts and Security</b>	6	18Sep-28Sep
UE 5	<b>Geopolitics of conflicts</b>	4	20Nov-30Nov
UE 7	<b>Research methodology</b>	2	

Master 2 Semester 4 – Security and Defence			
UE	Course Name	Credits	Date
UE 1	<b>History of War and Security</b>	5	22-26Jan 29Jan-2Feb
UE 2	<b>Cybersecurity</b>	3	5Feb-8Feb
UE 3	<b>Diplomatic and Consular Law</b>	3	6Nov-10Nov
UE 4	<b>History of International Intelligence and Security</b>	5	4Mar-14Mar
UE 5	<b>Law of the Sea</b>	4	8Jan-18Jan
UE 6	<b>Thesis</b>	10	

### Course Details / Description des cours

Course Title & Code	<b>History of Legal and Political Systems - LAW560</b>
Instructor	Pr. David Kremer
Date	4Sep-15Sep
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	7
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	1
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	<p>The history of legal and political systems or the history of international relations, that used to be thought of as exclusively interstate relationships, has to be looked at in the light of the various forms of globalisation today.</p> <p>This course broadly covers the history of international relations, beyond that of the sovereign state, from the city-states of Oriental Antiquity through to contemporary international organisations.</p> <p>Along the way, the course will include the study of the roles of the various actors of international relations, such as the State, the Church, various merchants, thinkers, ambassadors as well as international organisations, in order to explain the mechanism of interdependence between them and public policies.</p> <p>The course will also deal with the main theoretical approaches of the discipline, the major historiographical debates as well as dealing with key notions (city-state, sovereignty, law of nature, ius gentium, civil law, just war, territory, frontier, balance of power principle ...).</p> <p>A particular attention will be paid to the notion of ethics and its influence on International Relations theorist.</p>
Evaluation	Two written examinations in class – 40% each Class Participation – 20%

Course Title & Code	<b>International Public Law - LAW587</b>
Instructor	Dr. Maia Hamrouni
Date	30Oct-10Nov
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	7
Level	Graduate- Master 1

Semester offered	1
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	This course is intended to introduce students to concepts and problems of public international law and of the international legal system. The course will address a wide range of topics such as the sources and subjects of international law, international law and use of force...and will explore a number of the most pressing current issues in greater depth. It will review and discuss a number of international law cases decided by national and international tribunals, as well as certain treaties, resolutions and other international legal instruments of importance.
Evaluation	Continuous assessment – 100%

Course Title & Code	<b>International Affairs - ECON515</b>
Instructor	Dr. Derek El Zein
Date	18Sep-28Sep
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	4
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	1
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	This course provides an overview of the major debates and substantive issues in contemporary international affairs. The course first introduces the basic concepts and main theoretical approaches available to understand, explain and interpret the nature of the international system and various aspects of states (and nonstate) behaviour in their historical and contemporary settings. This is followed by an examination of enduring themes and contemporary issues in international affairs, such as international cooperation, collective security, globalization, and humanitarian intervention. It concludes with an analysis of the competing visions and prospects for cooperation in the emerging international system.
Evaluation	Continuous assessment – 100%

Course Title & Code	<b>International Dispute Settlement I – LAW588</b>
Instructor	Dr. Lea Navel
Date	16Oct-27Oct
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	4
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	1
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	In an international legal order with no rule imposing compulsory recourse to a judge, the establishment of mechanisms for the settlement of disputes is of particular importance, in order to ensure respect for obligations and enforcement of rights. In this vein, the last thirty years have been marked by an increase in the number of

	<p>cases submitted to international jurisdictions or to arbitration. In this context, the objective of the course is to give students an in-depth knowledge of the various mechanisms available in the international system for the settlement of disputes, of the respective jurisdiction of the various courts and tribunals, and of the procedural rules applicable to cases brought before them. It is the purpose of the course to present a tour d’horizon of the function and content of procedure in international litigation, distinguished from problems of substantive law.</p> <p>The course will include study of different mechanisms of dispute settlement : the universal system (procedures before the International Court of Justice, sometimes called the « World Court » because it has a general jurisdiction), but also more specific systems of dispute settlement related to limited questions (the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes, an international arbitration established by the World Bank Group for legal dispute resolution and conciliation between international investors and States ; the Dispute Settlement Body established by the World Trade Organization in order to resolve trade disputes between its members ; and also international criminal procedures before the International Criminal Court).</p>
Evaluation	Continuous assessment – 100%

Course Title & Code	<b>Comparative Law – LAW561</b>
Instructor	Dr. Anthony Chamboredon
Date	20Nov-30Nov
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	4
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	1
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	<p>“Companies”, as they are known in British English, or “Corporations”, as they are known in American English, are a big part of today’s business life. From giants such as Amazon or Microsoft to a local restaurant or deli, most business undertakings fall into the category. Whatever the size, the line of business or the way they are managed, most business organizations, as long as they are larger than a family shop are companies.</p> <p>As a starter, we could say that studying company law is basically studying what are the legal tools that exist to allow people to create, run and grow a business which is beyond the size of the lone shopkeeper. As such, companies are the most important actors of business life.</p> <p>In other classes, you learn how businesses interact one with another through contracts, how they are allowed to enjoy freedoms in the EU space, and also what can be done when they fail.</p> <p>In this class, you will learn how the Law has developed several legal tools tailored for the needs of businessmen in order to create, run and grow their business.</p>

	<p>These needs are the same all over the world. They derive directly from what is a business. But the answer to these needs vary in every legal systems.</p> <p>In the UAE, which is an international hub of the world trade, it is important to understand the main forces that shape the modern law of business organizations: You'll deal with partners from all over the world. Each one being set up and working within its own organizational framework. It is important for you to be able to accompany them in making binding agreements as well as in helping them raise the money they need to grow.</p> <p>At a superior level, studying company law is studying the main driving force of economic development.</p> <p>In this class, you will analyze company law provisions in order to examine and question the main forces at play in the field. Based on that analytical work, you will be induced into developing the ability to appraise and design efficient legal solutions.</p> <p>The degree you are enrolled into is a degree in French Law, as such French Law plays a major role. However, the approach is a comparative perspective. This comparative approach is especially important in the UAE context.</p> <p>Federal Emirati Law on companies is heavily influenced by French Law. It shares concepts and methods with it. By studying French Law, you deepen your understanding of the Emirati Federal Law. However, not all companies operating from the UAE are governed by Federal Law. The UAE has several Free zones which allows the incorporation of companies. Those companies are not governed by Federal law but by ad hoc law of the Free zone. Most of those specific laws are heavily influenced by English Law.</p> <p>As a lawyer, you must be prepared to work with different statutes, inspired by different legal traditions.</p>
Evaluation	Continuous assessment – 100%

Course Title & Code	<b>International and EU Tax Law – LAW602</b>
Instructor	Mr. Thomas Vanhee
Date	20Oct-13Oct
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	4
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	1
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	<p>EU Tax Law - This course provides an introduction to the Tax law of the European Union and an overview of fundamental concepts applied to taxation in all countries which are members of the European Union. Topics include Introduction to the EU and its fiscal competencies, How the EU makes tax-related decisions, the EU's competences related to tax, EU legal instruments related to companies, and personal taxation.</p> <p>International Tax Law - This course covers the concepts and theories related to International Taxation. The course will provide</p>

	<p>an insightful analysis of how domestic rules interact with the application of Tax Treaties and the OECD Model Tax Convention. Special regards will be given to UAE International Tax Law. The course includes a discussion of (i) Tax Treaty interpretation; (ii) Taxes covered by the Treaty; (iii) Persons entitled to claim treaty benefits; (iv) allocation rules on single items of income and, namely, business profits, immovable property income, capital gains, dividend, interest and royalties, employment income, other income; (v) elimination of double taxation; (vi) exchange of information, MAP and assistance in tax claim recovery. The course will include the study of the MLI and impact on existing treaties, the OECD, and the EU approach against tax avoidance and evasion. The course will bring into focus regional aspects as well, as the last two sessions are geared towards regional tax systems in the GCC, all the while drawing comparisons with more mature tax systems.</p>
Evaluation	<p>Essay – 50% Written evaluation – 50%</p>

Course Title & Code	<b>Advanced Public Law – LAW580</b>
Instructor	Dr. Derek El Zein
Date	22Jan-2Feb
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	7
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	2
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	<p>This course covers the fundamental principles of Public Law, consisting of constitutional, administrative, criminal and international law, concerned with the organization of the state, the relations between the state and the people who compose it, the responsibilities of public officers to the state, to each other, and to private persons, and the relations of states to one other.</p> <p>This course also deals with the main themes and topics of the emerging field of Global Administrative Law: the growth of global administrations, their interactions within global networks, the emergence of a global administrative process, and the development of the rule of law and democratic principles at a global level.</p>
Evaluation	Continuous assessment – 100%

Course Title & Code	<b>International Humanitarian Law – LAW592</b>
Instructor	Pr. Thierry Rambaud
Date	5Feb-16Feb
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	7
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	2
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	The course covers the concepts and notions related to rules of



	international humanitarian Law. The course includes 10 lessons which deal with the most important issues of IHL.
Evaluation	Continuous assessment – 100%

Course Title & Code	<b>International Organisations – LAW512</b>
Instructor	Dr. Derek El Zein
Date	18Mar-22Mar 15Apr-19Apr
Course Format	2-weeks
Credits	4
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	2
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	<p>This course covers the concepts and theories related to the structure and dynamics of international organizations. The course includes a discussion of their political context and environment, their legal framework and their geopolitical impact.</p> <p>The course includes a study of :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the shift in the 20th century from bilateral diplomacy to multilateral diplomacy and provides the framework for this</li> <li>- the creation, the organogram and the evolution of the United Nations system</li> <li>- the economic international organizations and their influence on states</li> <li>- the international organizations with military purposes with an emphasis on NATO</li> <li>- the way the geopolitical context is influencing the evolution of the regional organizations</li> <li>- the specific case of Africa and the way this continent was framed by a combination of regional and sub-regional organizations.</li> <li>- The specific case of the former Soviet area restructured around new regional organizations</li> </ul>
Evaluation	Continuous assessment – 100%

Course Title & Code	<b>Space, Telecommunications and Media Law – LAW593</b>
Instructor	Pr. Mahulena Hofmann
Date	4Mar-15Mar
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	4
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	2
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	<p>The course is a complex introduction to international, European, UAE and other national legislations in the area of space activities. Its first part covers the five UN space treaties, explains the the legal framework of the leading European space programs, and gives an overview of the most important national legislations in the area of exploration and use of outer space, including the UAE laws. The second part includes the introduction to the law of international</p>

	telecommunication – its history and analysis of the main legal documents. The last part explains the basics of European Media Law.
Evaluation	Continuous assessment – 100%

Course Title & Code	<b>Public Business Law – LAW568</b>
Instructor	Pr. Thomas Pez
Date	19Feb-1Mar
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	4
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	2
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	<p>Studying Public Business Law helps to understand the legal framework set by public authorities to economic activities. Business law is enriched by public law. Public law principles, particularly constitutional principles, are foundational to understanding any economic activity and provide the ground on which businesses may thrive. The course deals with State interventions in the business sector. Comparisons are drawn between the legal system of France and the European Union and the regulations of the United Arab Emirates, specially of Abu Dhabi and Dubai.</p> <p>The course will include study of the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Right to Property</li> <li>- Freedom of Enterprise</li> <li>- Freedom of Trade and Industry</li> <li>- Principle of Equality and Economic Activities</li> <li>- Principle of Legal Certainty and Economic Activities</li> <li>- Public Regulations of the Economy, Sectoral Regulatory Authorities</li> <li>- Public Sector, Public Operators, Nationalizations, Privatizations</li> <li>- State Aids</li> </ul>
Evaluation	Continuous assessment – 100%

Course Title & Code	<b>International Trade Law – LAW553</b>
Instructor	Pr. Caroline Le Goffic
Date	8Jan-19Jan
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	4
Level	Graduate- Master 1
Semester offered	1
Contact Hours	36h
Course Description	<p>International commercial law is composed of the rules that govern the international relations that are established between the actors of international trade.</p> <p>The course covers the concept and theories related to the sources (national and international sources, public and private sources) and</p>

	the methods of international commercial law. The course will include study of the World Trade Organization, international business contracts, international companies and the settlement of international trade disputes.
Evaluation	MCQ test (2 hours) – end of first week - 50% Questions / practical cases (3 hours) – end of second week – 50%

Course Title & Code	<b>Advanced International Law – LAW580</b>
Instructor	Dr. Maia Hamrouni
Date	2Oct-12Oct
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	5 (D); 6 (SD)
Level	Graduate- Master 2
Semester offered	1
Contact Hours	30h
Course Description	This course is intended to introduce students to concepts and problems of public international law and of the international legal system. The course will address a wide range of topics such as jurisdiction and immunity, international criminal law, International environmental law, international economic law... and will explore a number of the most pressing current issues in greater depth. It will review and discuss a number of international law cases decided by national and international tribunals, as well as certain treaties, resolutions and other international legal instruments of importance.
Evaluation	- Participation/daily exercises – 50% - Essay Question – 50%

Course Title & Code	<b>History of International Relations – DIPL504</b>
Instructor	Dr. Derek El Zein
Date	30Oct-3Nov 13Nov-16Nov
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	4 (D); 4 (SD)
Level	Graduate- Master 2
Semester offered	2
Contact Hours	30h
Course Description	The history of international relations, that was for a long time limited to interstate relationships, needs to be considered when looking at the various forms of globalisation present today. This course broadly covers the history of international relations, beyond that of the sovereign state, from the city-states of Antiquity through to contemporary international organisations. Along the way, the course will include the study of the roles of the various actors of international relations, such as the State, the Church, various traders, thinkers, ambassadors as well as international organisations, in order to explain the mechanism of interdependence between them and public policies. The course will also deal with the main theoretical approaches of the discipline, the major historiographical debates as well as

	dealing with key notions (city-state, sovereignty, just war, territory, frontier, balance of power principle ...).
Evaluation	Class assignment - 50% Project - 50%

Course Title & Code	<b>Diplomatic and Consular Law – LAW595</b>
Instructor	Pr. Frederic Charillon
Date	6Nov-10Nov
Course Format	1-week mission
Credits	4(D); 3(SD)
Level	Graduate- Master 2
Semester offered	2
Contact Hours	15h
Course Description	<p>This course aims at introducing Diplomacy and consular activities a major tenet of States' s external action. What is the mission? What are the conditions of the mission ? What are the texts of international law that govern diplomatic activity? And above all: what is the value of this diplomatic and consular law, in the global balance of power?</p> <p>The teaching will first give an overview of the difficulties encountered by diplomacy in adapting to and carrying out its mission on an ever-changing world stage. It will then present diplomacy in its public policy dimension, and also in its sociology. Finally, the mission of diplomats and diplomatic and consular law will be discussed in the light of this context.</p>
Evaluation	A 4-page paper (max 20.000 signs) on a proposed topic, with a prospective dimension and A selected bibliography – 100%

Course Title & Code	<b>Law of Conflicts and Security – LAW574</b>
Instructor	Pr. Eric Steinmyller
Date	18Sep-28Sep
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	4 (D); 6 (SD)
Level	Graduate- Master 2
Semester offered	1
Contact Hours	30h
Course Description	<p>This course covers the concepts and theories related to the law applicable in situation of armed conflicts (lex specialis of the Jus in Bello), be there International or non-international. This specific field of the law is called indistinctly, The Law of War / Law of Armed Conflicts (LOAC) /International Humanitarian Law (IHL). « Even war has rules », and the aim is to acquire the main knowledge and mechanisms governing this field.</p> <p>This course includes a discussion on the place of International Humanitarian Law in International public law, especially related to the links with the rules of the resort to armed force (Jus ad bellum) and Human rights.</p> <p>With a particular focus on contemporary military operations, this</p>

	<p>course aims to investigate International Humanitarian Law rules regulating the conduct of hostilities, authorized means and methods of warfare. Rather than studying individual rules in the abstract or in isolation, they are discussed by analysing a series of challenges that arise during contemporary military operations, for example the targeting cycle, drones, urban warfare or human shields. The course considers both theoretical and practical difficulties.</p> <p>This course will not consist only of lectures. You will familiarize yourself with the rules, problems and controversies of international humanitarian law (IHL) and its interplay with other branches of international law by reading parts of the Textbook International Humanitarian Law: A comprehensive Introduction, a book written by Dr Nils Melzer, pdf available for free by the ICRC (see below).</p> <p>At the beginning of every lesson, you are encouraged to ask questions on anything you did not understand during the previous lesson and/or in your readings. We will then discuss cases that have been drawn from contemporary practice in the field of IHL, which can be found in the Online Casebook published by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and are free for academic use. The discussion of those cases (which you must also read before the lesson) in which they will be discussed) will allow you to understand IHL.</p>
Evaluation	<p>Oral presentation – 70%</p> <p>MCQ – 30%</p>

Course Title & Code	<b>Geopolitics of conflicts – LAW597</b>
Instructor	Pr. Jean-Vincent Holeindre
Date	20Nov-30Nov
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	4 (D); (SD)
Level	Graduate- Master 2
Semester offered	1
Contact Hours	30h
Course Description	<p>This course covers the concepts, theories and substantive issues related to international armed conflicts. The course begins with an analysis of the problem of war in the international system and the nature and primary characteristics of contemporary conflicts. This is followed by an examination of norms, mechanisms and institutional arrangements developed and used to prevent, manage and resolved armed conflicts within and between states. It also looks at a wide range of major and emerging threats to regional and international peace and security, including nuclear weapons, drones, terrorism, global health... The general theoretical overview of the various themes introduced in class will be accompanied by regular examples and case studies.</p>
Evaluation	Continuous assessment – 100%

Course Title & Code	<b>Contemporary diplomatic problems – DIPL506</b>
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Instructor	Dr. Thierry Garcin
Date	8Jan-18Jan
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	4 (D)
Level	Graduate- Master 2
Semester offered	2
Contact Hours	30h
Course Description	<p>This course covers the concepts and theories related to contemporary foreign policy, with a special focus on the diplomatic issues (goals, methods, means...). A large spectrum of themes is proposed to the students, allowing to describe, characterize, understand and evaluate the main foreign policies in the world, insisting on great powers, among them the USA and the new diplomatic tools favored by president Trump and reevaluated by the Biden election. Practice by different actors of unilateralism, if not isolationism, and multilateralism, is studied in its purpose, its finality and its success or failures. A focus is made on recent or ongoing diplomatic crisis or armed conflicts (such as the Ukraine war).</p> <p>The course includes a discussion on key geopolitical areas (Europe, Middle East, China...) or themes (energy, international trade, economic sanctions, debates on hard power and soft power...), in order to compare the different diplomatic technique and the cultural factors by which foreign policy is nowadays implemented.</p> <p>The course includes a discussion of the new trends of the international diplomacy, the integration of notions as « civil society », informal actors, public opinions, rumors... Numerous recent examples are examined, chosen in different parts of the world or in different problematics. New areas of competition are studied (Eastern Mediterranean, Sub-Saharan Africa...)</p> <p>During each course, a slideshow is used, with charts, maps, memos, graphs, in order to organize the themes of the course and to ease the discussions, allowing interactivity and contradictory debates (eventually in subgroups). After each of the 8 lectures, dispatched on seven sessions, all the slideshows will be at the disposal of the students through the Intranet site of the university, so that it may represent a useful, updated and rich database.</p> <p>The last session is dedicated to the evaluation of the students.</p>
Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Class participation – 30%</li> <li>- Oral presentation – last class session – 70%</li> </ul>

Course Title & Code	<b>Research methodology – RSCH525</b>
Instructor	Dr. Yann Rodier
Date	Oct 23-April24
Course Format	Weekly
Credits	4(D); 2(SD)
Level	Graduate- Master 2
Semester offered	1 & 2

Contact Hours	15h
Course Description	The research methodology course is aimed at promoting creative and critical thinking in students leading to the production of a well written dissertation. This course covers every range of technics and methods used in academic research from the subject definition to the independent academic research project. It includes study of the academic formal (bibliographic records, independent research project, formatting...) and intellectual (information and documentation gathering, problematization, writing process...) requirements. This course prepares to the final independent research project. Each student will be helped by one supervisor specialized in the filed of the Master dissertation. Students are expected to choose an appropriate research topic and produce a thesis that deals with an academic problem related to International Relations, Diplomacy and/or International Law. The focus of the course is on developing students' skills for understanding the role of research in international relations, understanding the research process and an overview of issues related to research design, developing a research proposal for either a basic or applied research project, analysing and formulating research questions, analysing and interpreting research data in appropriate ways and critically reviewing previous research works. The academic mentors shall help the student in identifying and crafting a research topic, formulating the main research question, placing the study into context, formulating the research problem, identifying the purpose of the study, communicating the significance of the study, conducting literature review, presenting, analyzing, interpreting and discussing research findings as wells as drawing conclusions and making recommendations. Students conduct every step of a research and perform its various kinds of presentation (short definition, oral presentation, article review, independent research project).
Evaluation	Identifying and crafting a research topic (25%) - Formulating the main research question and placing the study into context (Background to the study) (25%) - Detailed structure and introduction of the topic (50%)

Course Title & Code	<b>International Dispute Settlement II – LAW588</b>
Instructor	Pr. Frederic Charillon Dr. Pierre Le Goff
Date	22Jan-26Jan 29Jan-2Feb
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	6
Level	Graduate- Master 2
Semester offered	2
Contact Hours	30h
Course Description	This course covers the concepts and theories related to international disputes, with a particular emphasis on armed conflicts, and their

	contemporary practical applications. The course includes a discussion on the legal framework regulating the use of force, including a study of key concepts of law of armed conflicts, for both international and internal conflicts, the rules applicable to security operations in the context of counterterrorism, and several case studies designed to better understand the relevant international mechanisms of dispute settlements in the context of armed conflicts.
Evaluation	Class presentation – 70% Class participation – 30%

Course Title & Code	<b>International criminal law - International protection of human rights – LAW596</b>
Instructor	Pr. Rainer Hofmann
Date	4Mar-14Mar
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	6 (D)
Level	Graduate- Master 2
Semester offered	2
Contact Hours	30h
Course Description	The combined course on International Criminal Law (ICL) and on International Human Rights Law (HR) will introduce the students with the concept of individual criminal responsibility under international law (ICL), and with the concept of individuals having individual human rights under international law (HR). The ICL part will have a special focus on the International Criminal Court, its jurisdiction <i>ratione materiae</i> , <i>personae</i> and <i>ratione loci</i> , as well as its relationship with the Security Council. The HR classes will focus on the historical development of the concept of human rights, its current status under international customary and treaty law, the various UN-procedures to protect human rights (Charter-based system: OHCHR, special procedures, UPR; as well as with the universal treaty –based system, i.e. the role of treaty bodies established e.g. by the ICCPR et al.)
Evaluation	Continuous assessment – 100%

Course Title & Code	<b>Evolution of Diplomatic Structures – DIPL500</b>
Instructor	Dr. Fouad Nohra
Date	12Feb-22Feb
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	5 (D); 6 (SD)
Level	Graduate- Master 2
Semester offered	1
Contact Hours	30h
Course Description	This course provides the students with the opportunity to have a better knowledge on the diplomatic “complex” understood as a set of decision making structures – especially in foreign policy – and as a dynamic of interactive relations between nations. The study of foreign policies and of their interaction in the international scene



	enables the student to have an indepth knowledge on the different types of diplomacy (official or track two – soft or hard power – economic or cultural diplomacy – etc.) in addition to the different tools used in a diplomatic dynamic – for instance the diplomacy of development assistance -. Moreover, a more analytic approach to the link between diplomacy and conflict resolution is presented through an interaction between the theoretical framework and the empirical cases. Nevertheless, the study of the norms of diplomatic law defined by the Vienna conventions in addition to the protocol are taught in other courses during this semester, and this course does not duplicate the latter ones.
Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Intermediary evaluation : a case study – 30%</li> <li>- Written assignment – 40%</li> <li>- Oral presentation – 30%</li> </ul>

Course Title & Code	<b>Cybersecurity – LAW578</b>
Instructor	Dr. Remy Février
Date	5Feb-8Feb
Course Format	1-week mission
Credits	4(D); 3(SD)
Level	Graduate- Master 2
Semester offered	2
Contact Hours	15h
Course Description	<p>This course covers concepts and theories related to cybercrime. Cybercrime remains a very broad concept and covers many different issues. As such, most students are unaware that cybercrime represents more than just attacks by more or less competent young hackers. Indeed, it must be understood that cybercrime is a highly complex and multidimensional subject. In this regard, we will study the three essential dimensions of cybercrime: the geostrategic dimension (involving states and state organizations), the economic dimension (search for competitive advantage for companies and economic espionage by digital means) and finally, the dimension threat to individuals. Cybercrime, far from being limited to targeted attacks against online retail sites, is now a formidable vehicle for attacking or destabilizing public or private organizations.</p> <p>The course includes many discussions on all aspects related to cybercrime, in order to assess the degree of sensitivity of students to this issue, as well as to induce a personal reflection on their part to open their minds to the importance of modern means of communication and, above all, the implications of compromising these IT systems.</p> <p>The course will include the study of many perfectly real examples of piracy of IT systems, whether from a state, a private company or groups of hackers. A special focus will be made on the impact of cyberattacks on organizations during the Covid 19 Crisis and during the Ukrainian conflict. These examples are intended to demonstrate to students that, far from remaining virtual</p>

	potentialities, computer attacks occur every second and that they can be extremely serious and destabilize a group of individuals, or even whole countries.
Evaluation	Continuous assessment – 100%

Course Title & Code	<b>History of War and Security – LAW583</b>
Instructor	Amiral Christophe Prazuck Dr. Yann Rodier
Date	22Jan-26Jan 29Jan-2Feb
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	5 (SD)
Level	Graduate- Master 2
Semester offered	2
Contact Hours	30h
Course Description	This course covers the concepts and theories related to the reception of the ancient military thought (Classical, Indian, Chinese) in modern and contemporary strategic thinking. The course includes a first part, with a history of ancient warfare from the origins to late Antiquity, and a second part with a series of examples (from Machiavelli to “Thucydides’ Trap” The course will include study of related texts (in English translation) and a general discussion of the students’ assignments.
Evaluation	Continuous assessment – 100%

Course Title & Code	<b>History of International Intelligence and Security – LAW582</b>
Instructor	TBC
Date	4Mar-14Mar
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	5 (SD)
Level	Graduate- Master 2
Semester offered	2
Contact Hours	30h
Course Description	This course covers history of international intelligence and security and existing modus operandi. It includes lectures , studies and discussions on concept and theories related to intelligence and security. Through lectures students will discover the best way to use them , relying on fundamentals at individual and organization levels. Main prt of the world is more and more using intelligence technology to improve it effdiciency in the framework of international relations, and we face the arrival of big private groups able to finance such activities. The course will cover outcome of this evolution. It will include also study of successful operations and faileures to highlight core rules and new technical capacities used by intelligenc e services to get a competitive advantage for their decision makers.
Evaluation	Continuous assessment – 100%

Course Title & Code	<b>Law of the Sea – LAW598</b>
Instructor	Pr. Erik Franckx Admiral Alain Oudot de Dainville
Date	8Jan-18Jan
Course Format	2-week mission
Credits	4(SD)
Level	Graduate- Master 2
Semester offered	2
Contact Hours	30h
Course Description	<p>This course covers the legal regime applicable to two-thirds of our planet. Starting point is the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, which entered into force in 1994, as well as its implementing agreements of 1994 and 1995. The objective of this course is to familiarize the student with this conventional framework and the delicate interaction it has with the actual practice of states.</p> <p>Starting from the principle of the freedom of the high seas, this one-week course will include the study of some of the maritime zones existing today, which all possess a distinct legal regime, namely the internal waters, the territorial sea, the contiguous zone and the high seas. The notions of exclusive economic zone, continental shelf and the Area will be clarified, but not studied in any detail. Since all these maritime zones, in one way or another, fall back on the baseline for their measurement and often need to be delimited in case of adjacent or opposite states, introductory chapters on both issues are provided.</p>
Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Class participation assessment by Admiral Alain de Dainville – 50%</li> <li>- Written evaluation given by Pr. Erik Franckx – 50%</li> </ul>

Course Title & Code	<b>Master Thesis – LAW585</b>
Instructor	Dr. Derek El Zein
Date	
Course Format	
Credits	10
Level	Graduate- Master 2
Semester offered	2
Contact Hours	
Course Description	Final project of the master program
Evaluation	Master Thesis defence in front of the panel (including the evaluation of writing from the student adviser) – 100%

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