



**COURSE ON**  
**INTERNATIONAL LAW**  
**FOR MILITARY LEGAL ADVISERS 2024/2025**



**PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

**1. Dates and location**

**Module I** 2 - 6 December 2024

International Operational Law

Module I of the course will take place at Austrian MoD facility in **Vienna**.

**Module II** 24 - 28 March –2025

International Humanitarian Law

Module II of the course will take place at Austrian MoD facility in **Seebenstein**.

**Module III** 5 - 9 May 2025

Extended Practical Exercise

Module III of the course will take place at an Austrian MoD facility in **Reichenau**.

**2. Seats & nominations**: a maximum of 30 participants is envisaged. Typically, one seat per Member State/ Institutions will be allocated. However, depending on the total number of requests, one additional seat could be allocated.

**3. Application**: applications from the EU Member States and EU bodies are to be sent via e-mail to **[int.law@bmlv.gv.at](mailto:int.law@bmlv.gv.at)**, by designated nominators, no later than **Friday, 25 October 2024**. A list with relevant ENLIST nominators can be retrieved from the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>.

The application should indicate: the full name of the candidate (as in official documents used for accessing course venue), personal e-mail address (functional mailboxes will not be accepted), nationality, passport number, the validity of the passport, date of birth, institution, reason how this course benefits the applicant.

**Please use the designated application form!** A scanned copy of the application form should be sent via email (**[int.law@bmlv.gv.at](mailto:int.law@bmlv.gv.at)**). Given the limited number of places available, the Austrian MoD will finalize the selection of applicants and inform them by the end of October of 2024.

4. **Attendance:** participants' attendance during the course is mandatory on all days. Participants who have completed the full course of three modules, including the e-learning modules, will receive a ESDC certificate.

Please be aware that the **dress code** for the **military personnel** is **class-A uniform** for the **first and second Module** and **field uniform** for the **third Module**. **Civilian** participants are requested to **dress adequately**.

5. **E-learning:** the course consists of an eLearning part to be completed on the ESDC eLearning platform ILIAS before each module starts. Details on the e learning will be provided in due time to all registered participants.

6. **Course materials**

English-language material for the course, including all relevant treaty instruments in hard copy, will be provided to all participants. A working library with selected reading materials on relevant aspects of International Law will also be available for the participants' use.

7. **Costs, accommodation and subsistence**

There will be no **participation fee** for the entire course because of new budgetary and legal regulations.

For **Module I**, participants will be accommodated at the Austrian MoD facility "*Wohnheim Breitensee*", Breitenseer Straße 102-104, 1140 Vienna, e-mail: [whwien@hbv.gv.at](mailto:whwien@hbv.gv.at) (at own expenses)

For **Module II**, participants will be accommodated at the Austrian MoD facility "*Seminarzentrum SEEBENSTEIN*", Alter Postweg 6, 2824 Seebenstein, e-mail: [semzseebenstein@hbv.gv.at](mailto:semzseebenstein@hbv.gv.at). (at own expenses)

For **Module III**, participants will be accommodated at the Austrian MoD facility "*Seminarzentrum Reichenau an der Rax*", Hinterleiten 22, 2651 Reichenau an der Rax, e-mail: [semzreichenau@hbv.gv.at](mailto:semzreichenau@hbv.gv.at). (at own expenses)

**Please note that we have arranged a pre-reservation for the accommodation in Vienna; each participant has to take care of the reservation on his own. To be able to assign your reservation, the subject "11. Internationaler Rechtsberaterlehrgang 2024" must be indicated.**

The **costs** for a single room are approximately **50.00 EUR** per night. Breakfast and lunch will also be available at own expenses. The costs for breakfast and lunch are approximately 15.00 EUR per day, excluding drinks. There is also a cafeteria available. Dinner is at own arrangement.

## 8. Travel arrangements and transport

Participants are expected to make their **own travel arrangements** considering that the course starts on Monday, 08.30 am, and lasts until Friday, 16.00 pm. Participants from abroad are generally expected to arrive on Sunday prior to the course start.

For **Module I** it will unfortunately not be possible to provide **transport** from Vienna City Airport to the accommodation. Participants will receive information how to get to the *Wohnheim Breitensee* using Vienna's public transportation system.

For **Module II** there will be a **bus transport** available from the Vienna International Airport to the course facility and back.

### Transport to "Seminarzentrum Seebenstein"

Schedule for Austrian MoD buses:

	Bus Nr. 1		Bus Nr. 2	
	Airport	Seebenstein	Airport	Seebenstein
Sunday, 23 March	15:00 pm	16:30 pm	18:30 pm	20:00 pm

For **Module III** there will be a **bus transport** available from the Vienna International Airport to the course facility and back.

### Transport to "Seminarzentrum Reichenau an der Rax"

	Bus Nr. 1		Bus Nr. 2	
	Airport	Reichenau	Airport	Reichenau
Sunday, 4 May	15:00 pm	16:30 pm	18:30 pm	20:00 pm

### Transport from "Seminarzentrum Reichenau an der Rax" to „Vienna International Airport"

	Reichenau	Airport
Friday 9 May	14:30 pm	16:00 pm

### **Parking situation:**

It is necessary to know, that there is a very small amount of parking spots at “WH Breitensee”. Members of the Ministry of Defense and the Austrian Armed Forces can use the parking lot at the army barracks, which is located directly on the opposite of WH Breitensee for free.

We urge all participants to plan their travel arrangements accordingly, since we will **not** be able to provide any other form of transport or cover any additional costs (such as taxi or train).

The course language will be **English**. During the course, **you will receive** English-language **materials**, including all relevant treaty instruments in hard copy. If you would like to have some materials, in particular treaties, in your language, this remains your own responsibility. You are also expected to bring your own language dictionary to the course, if needed.

As this Course is conducted under the umbrella of the ESDC, it is mandatory to complete a set of “distant learning units” (**Autonomous Knowledge Units - AKU**) via internet before the start of Module I. You will receive further information well ahead.

In case you have any questions, please do not hesitate to **contact**:

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**PART I – INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONAL LAW**

**02 – 06 December 2024**

**Programme**

**Monday 02 December - The legal basis of international military crisis management operations (CMO)**

0830-0900	Registration of Participants
0900-0930	<i>Welcome and Introduction to the Course and the ESDC</i>
0930-1000	Lecture 1: <i>International Operational Law: an introduction</i>
1000-1015	Break
1015-1115	Lecture 2: <i>Legal basis for military operations on foreign territory; general aspects under Public International Law</i>
1115-1130	Break
1130-1215	Lecture 3: <i>Legal basis for military operations on foreign territory; general aspects under Public International Law (cont.)</i>
1215-1315	Lunch break
1315-1320	Briefing on legal working method and presentation format; distribution of tasks for class work
1320-1545	Class work
1545-1630	Plenary presentations of conclusions from class work
1645	Departure by bus to a <b>sightseeing tour of Vienna</b>
1830	<b>Welcome reception</b> at the Federal Ministry of Defence ( <b>Mr Arnold Kammel</b> , Secretary-General of Defence)

**Tuesday 03 December - The actors in international CMOs**

0830-0930	Lecture 1: <i>States as actors in international CMOs</i>
0930-0945	Break
0945-1045	Lecture 2: <i>The UN as actor in international CMOs</i>
1045-1115	Break
1115-1215	Lecture 3: <i>The UN as actor in international CMOs (cont.)</i>
1215-1315	Lunch break
1315-1400	Lecture 4: <i>The EU as actor in international military CMOs; the Common Security and Defence Policy under the Lisbon Treaty</i>
1400-1415	Distribution of tasks for class work
1415-1545	Class work (Ursula Hann)
1545-1630	Plenary presentations of conclusions from class work

### **Wednesday 04 December - Use of force in international military CMOs**

0830-0930	Lecture 1: <i>The role of humanitarian actors in international CMOs – a comparison</i>
0930-0945	Break
0945-1045	Lecture 2: <i>Operation Plan (OPLAN) and Rules of Engagement (ROE); use of force issues at EU policy level</i>
1045-1115	Break
1115-1215	Lecture 3: <i>Operation Plan (OPLAN) and Rules of Engagement (ROE); use of force issues at force level</i>
1215-1315	Lunch break
1315-1400	Lecture 4: <i>Operation Plan (OPLAN) and Rules of Engagement (ROE); use of force issues at force level (cont.)</i>
1400-1415	Distribution of tasks for class work
1415-1545	Class work
1545-1630	Plenary presentations of conclusions from class work

### **Thursday 05 December - Status of Forces Agreements**

0830-0930	Lecture 1: <i>Military forces abroad - basic concepts</i>
0930-0945	Break
0945-1045	Lecture 2: <i>The NATO SOFA &amp; the PfP SOFA</i>
1045-1115	Break
1115-1215	Lecture 3: <i>The NATO SOFA &amp; the PfP SOFA (cont.)</i>
1215-1315	Lunch break
1315-1400	Lecture 4: <i>Status of forces issues in military CMOs</i>
1400-1415	Distribution of tasks for class work
1415-1545	Class work
1545-1630	Plenary presentations of conclusions from class work
1745	Departure by bus
1830 start	Visit of Military History Museum

**Friday 06 December - Human Rights Law in international military operations**

- 0830-0930 Lecture 1: *International & European Human Rights Law; a general overview*  
0930-0945 Break  
0945-1045 Lecture 2: *International & European Human Rights Law; extraterritorial application; ECHR practice*
- 1045-1115 Break  
1115-1215 Lecture 3: *International & European Human Rights Law; application in international CMO; specific operational impact*  
1215-1315 Lunch break  
1315-1400 Lecture 4: *International & European Human Rights Law; application in international CMO; specific operational impact (cont.)*  
1400-1515 **Panel discussion on human rights issues and the military**  
By 1515 Close – Departure by bus to Vienna International Airport

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**PART II – INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW**

**24 – 28 March 2025**

**Programme**

**Monday 24 March – Legal framework of International Humanitarian Law (IHL)**

0830-0930	Lecture 1: Introduction to IHL; historical development and sources
0930-0945	Break
0945-1015	Lecture 2: Introduction to IHL; basic principles
1015-1100	Lecture 3: Scope of application of IHL
1100-1115	Break
1115-1215	Lecture 4: Scope of application of IHL (cont.)
1215-1315	Lunch
1315-1330	Distribution of tasks for class work
1330-1530	Class work (Reka)
1530-1630	Plenary presentations of conclusions from class work
1645 start	Departure by bus for Tour and Social activity in Theresian Military Academy, Wiener Neustadt

**Tuesday 25 March – Protection of persons in IHL**

0830-0930	Lecture 1: <i>Personal status in armed conflicts</i>
0930-0945	Break
0945-1045	Lecture 2: <i>Protection of Persons</i>
1045-1115	Break
1115-1215	Lecture 3: <i>Protection of Persons (cont.)</i>
1215-1315	Lunch
1315-1415	Lecture 4: <i>Protection of Persons - the role of the ICRC</i>
1415-1430	Distribution of tasks for class work
1430-1545	Class work
1545-1630	Plenary presentations of conclusions from class work
1730 start	Film screening



### **Wednesday 26 March – Means and methods of warfare**

0830-0930	Lecture 1: The principle of distinction and direct participation in hostilities
0930-0945	Break
0945-1045	Lecture 2: Targeting and use of weapons
1045-1115	Break
1115-1215	Lecture 3: Targeting and use of weapons (cont.)
1215-1315	Lunch
1315-1330	Distribution of tasks for class work
1330-1530	Class work
1530-1630	Plenary presentations of conclusions from class work

### **Thursday 27 March – Implementation and Enforcement of IHL**

0830-0930	Lecture 1: Implementation and Enforcement of IHL: an Overview
0930-0945	Break
0945-1045	Lecture 2: Implementation and Enforcement of IHL (cont.)
1045-1115	Break
1115-1215	Lecture 3: Command Responsibility – Legal Doctrine
1215-1315	Lunch
1315-1345	Lecture 4: Command Responsibility – a Legal Adviser’s Perspective
1345-1400	Distribution of tasks for class work
1400-1600	Class work
1600-1700	Plenary presentations of conclusions from class work
1730	Departure by bus
1800 start	„Heurigen“ in Neudörfl (Piribauer)

### **Friday 28 March – International and National Criminal Courts and Tribunals**

0830-0945	Lecture 1: War Crimes and National Jurisdiction
0945-1000	Break
1000-1045	Lecture 2: War Crimes and National Jurisdiction (cont.)
1045-1100	Break
1100-1145	Lecture 3: International Criminal Courts and Tribunals – an Overview
1145-1200	Break
1200-1245	Lecture 4: International Criminal Courts and Tribunals – an Overview
1245-1330	Lunch
1345	Close – Departure by bus



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**MODULE III – EXTENDED PRACTICAL EXERCISE**

**05 – 09 May 2025**

**Programme**

**Monday 05 May**

- 0830-0845 Plenary:  
*Introduction to Part III*
- 0845-0915 Multiple Choice Test
- 0915-0925 Break
- 0925-0945 *Introduction to the Country Scenario*
- 0945-1015 *TBD Legal Advisers in multinational HQs*
- 1015-1025 *Background Briefing and Instructions to Participants for Task 1*
- 1025-1030 *Briefing on working methods*
- 1030-1215 Working Groups (all): Reading of Exercise documents; Preparation for Task 1
- 1215-1220 **Group Photo**
- 1220-1320 Lunch break
- 1320-1415 Working Groups (all): Preparation for Task 1 (cont.)
- 1415-1430 Break
- 1430-1500 Working Group 1: Task 1 (Jury 1)  
Working Group 2: Task 1 (Jury 2)  
Working Group 3: Task 1 (Jury 3)
- 1500-1530 Working Group 4: Task 1 (Jury 1)  
Working Group 5: Task 1 (Jury 2)  
Working Group 6: Task 1 (Jury 3)
- 1530-1545 Break
- 1545-1630 Plenary: Debriefing on Task 1

## **Tuesday 06 May**

0830-0845	<u>Plenary</u> : <i>Background Briefing and Instructions to Participants for Task 2</i>
0845-1015	<u>Working Groups (all)</u> : <i>Preparation for Task 2</i>
1015-1030	Break
1030-1050	<u>Working Group 4</u> : <i>Task 2</i> (Jury 3) <u>Working Group 5</u> : <i>Task 2</i> (Jury 1) <u>Working Group 6</u> : <i>Task 2</i> (Jury 2)
1050-1110	<u>Working Group 1</u> : <i>Task 2</i> (Jury 3) <u>Working Group 2</u> : <i>Task 2</i> (Jury 1) <u>Working Group 3</u> : <i>Task 2</i> (Jury 2)
1110-1130	Break
1130-1215	<u>Plenary</u> : <i>Debriefing on Task 2</i>
1215-1315	Lunch break
1315-1330	<u>Plenary</u> : <i>Background Briefing and Instructions to Participants for Task 3</i>
1330-1450	<u>Working Groups (all)</u> : <i>Preparation for Task 3</i>
1450-1510	<u>Working Group 1</u> : <i>Task 3</i> (Jury 2) <u>Working Group 2</u> : <i>Task 3</i> (Jury 3) <u>Working Group 3</u> : <i>Task 3</i> (Jury 1)
1510-1530	<u>Working Group 4</u> : <i>Task 3</i> (Jury 2) <u>Working Group 5</u> : <i>Task 3</i> (Jury 3) <u>Working Group 6</u> : <i>Task 3</i> (Jury 1)
1530-1545	Break
1545-1630	<u>Plenary</u> : <i>Debriefing on Task 3</i>

## **Wednesday 07 May**

0830-0845	<u>Plenary</u> : <i>Background Briefing and Instructions to Participants for Task 4</i>
0845-1015	<u>Working Groups (all)</u> : <i>Preparation for Task 4</i>
1015-1030	Break
1030-1050	<u>Working Group 4</u> : <i>Task 4</i> (Jury 1) <u>Working Group 5</u> : <i>Task 4</i> (Jury 2) <u>Working Group 6</u> : <i>Task 4</i> (Jury 3)
1050-1110	<u>Working Group 1</u> : <i>Task 4</i> (Jury 1) <u>Working Group 2</u> : <i>Task 4</i> (Jury 2) <u>Working Group 3</u> : <i>Task 4</i> (Jury 3)
1110-1130	Break
1130-1215	<u>Plenary</u> : <i>Debriefing on Task 4</i>
1215-1315	Lunch break
1315-1330	<u>Plenary</u> : <i>Background Briefing and Instructions to Participants for Task 5</i>
1330-1450	<u>Working Groups (all)</u> : <i>Preparation for Task 5</i>
1450-1510	<u>Working Group 1</u> : <i>Task 5</i> (Jury 3) <u>Working Group 2</u> : <i>Task 5</i> (Jury 1) <u>Working Group 3</u> : <i>Task 5</i> (Jury 2)
1510-1530	<u>Working Group 4</u> : <i>Task 5</i> (Jury 3) <u>Working Group 5</u> : <i>Task 5</i> (Jury 1) <u>Working Group 6</u> : <i>Task 5</i> (Jury 2)
1530-1545	Break
1545-1630	<u>Plenary</u> : <i>Debriefing on Task 5</i>
1930 start	Nations' Evening

## **Thursday 08 May**

- 0830-0845 Plenary: Background Briefing and Instructions to Participants for Task 6  
0845-1015 Working Groups (all): Preparation for Task 6  
1015-1030 Break  
1030-1050 Working Group 4: Task 6 (Jury 2)  
Working Group 5: Task 6 (Jury 3)  
Working Group 6: Task 6 (Jury 1)  
1050-1110 Working Group 1: Task 6 (Jury 2)  
Working Group 2: Task 6 (Jury 3)  
Working Group 3: Task 6 (Jury 1)  
1110-1130 Break  
1130-1215 Plenary: Debriefing on Task 6  
1215-1315 Lunch break  
1315-1330 Plenary: Background Briefing and Instructions to Participants for Task 7  
1330-1450 Working Groups (all): Preparation for Task 7  
1450-1510 Working Group 1: Task 7 (Jury 1)  
Working Group 2: Task 7 (Jury 2)  
Working Group 3: Task 7 (Jury 3)  
1510-1530 Working Group 4: Task 7 (Jury 1)  
Working Group 5: Task 7 (Jury 2)  
Working Group 6: Task 7 (Jury 3)  
1530-1545 Break  
1545-1630 Plenary: Debriefing on Task 7

## **Friday 09 May**

- 0830-0845 Plenary: Background Briefing and Instructions to Participants for Task 8  
0845-1015 Working Groups (all): Preparation for Task 8  
1015-1030 Break  
1030-1050 Working Group 4: Task 8 (Jury 3)  
Working Group 5: Task 8 (Jury 1)  
Working Group 6: Task 8 (Jury 2)  
1050-1110 Working Group 1: Task 8 (Jury 3)  
Working Group 2: Task 8 (Jury 1)  
Working Group 3: Task 8 (Jury 2)  
1110-1130 Break  
1130-1215 Plenary: Debriefing on Task 8  
1215-1325 Lunch break  
1330-1430 Plenary: Final ceremony  
1600 Departure by bus to VIE Airport

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**Vienna Course**  
**on**  
**International Law for Military Legal Advisers 2024/2025**

**Module 1: from 2 – 6 December 2024 in Vienna (AUT)**

**Module 2: from 24 – 28 March 2025 in Seebenstein (AUT)**

**Module 3: from 5 – 9 May 2025 in Reichenau/Rax (AUT)**

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**APPLICATION to be sent **NO LATER THAN 25. October 2024****  
to the Austrian MoD via email: [int.law@bmlv.gv.at](mailto:int.law@bmlv.gv.at)

Last Name:

First Name:

Rank:

Nationality:

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth:

Sex:

female

male

Function:

Past deployment(s):

Prospects for future deployment(s):

Phone:

Passport No.:

Place of Issue:

Date of Issue:

Date, Signature:

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