

COURSE INFORMATION

This introductory course teaches the fundamental principles and rules of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and the Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC).

It is intended for military personnel (both operators and legal advisers) as well as civilians who are new to IHL. The course provides a broad foundation to support further specialized study and helps students understand how IHL applies across all types and levels of conflict.

The online programme uses the Sanremo approach, combining lectures, group discussions, and scenario-based exercises. It runs for six weeks, with two live 120-minute sessions each week, and includes access to study materials on the Institute's online platform.

Teaching Staff

To be defined

COURSE ADMINISTRATION

Participation quota amounts to € 500. It must be remitted before the start of the course by bank transfer or, at the latest, upon arrival in cash or Euro currency cheque. Visa and/or Mastercard are also accepted either on the website or at the Institute.

Officers and practitioners interested in attending this course are invited to apply by submitting the application form that can be found on the website.

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Introduction to International Humanitarian Law

25th January – 22nd February 2027
(Online)

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Monday, 25 January 2027

15:00 – 15:30 Course Introduction

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15:30 – 17:00 Introduction to the Laws of Armed Conflict (LOAC)

Wednesday, 27 January 2027

15:00 – 16:00 Conflict Classification

16:00 – 17:00 Means and Methods of Warfare

Monday, 1 February 2027

15:00 – 16:00 Distinction

16:00 – 17:00 Proportionality and Precautions

Wednesday, 3 February 2027

15:00 – 16:00 Military Objective and Military Advantage

16:00 – 17:00 Detention in Armed Conflict

Monday, 8 February 2027

15:00 – 17:00 Targeting of Persons and Objects in Armed Conflict

17:00 – 18:00 Introduction to Cyber Operations and the Law

Wednesday, 10 February 2027

15:00 – 16:00 Introduction to Law of Naval Warfare

16:00 – 17:00 Rules Regulating Humanitarian Relief Operations during Active Hostilities

Monday, 15 February 2027

15:00 – 16:00 Investigating Violations of IHL

16:00 – 17:00 IHRL and the Relationship to IHL

Wednesday, 17 February 2027

15:00 – 16:00 Command Responsibility

16:00 – 17:00 AI and Autonomous Weapons Systems

17:00 – 18:00 Article 36 Weapon Reviews

Monday, 22 February 2027

15:00 – 16:00 Keynote Address TBD

16:00 – 17:00 Course Summation & Closing