

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Overview:

The primary objective of the course is to equip military officers, including operators and military lawyers, as well as civilians, with the knowledge and skills necessary to apply the principles and rules of the Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC).

Teaching Methodology:

The teaching methodology used for this course comprises a combination of central presentations and class work. The class work itself consists largely of a series of exercises conducted under the guidance of class leaders using classic current military planning and staff processes, leading the course through a series of IHL and other relevant legal issues arising during military operations at all levels of intensity.

Topics covered during the course:

1. Basic Rules and Principles of LOAC
2. Applicability of LOAC
3. Neutrality
4. Law of the Sea and Naval Warfare
5. Conduct of Hostilities & Methods and Means of Warfare
6. Legal Framework for Non-International Armed Conflict
7. Planning and Conduct of Military Operations
8. Rules of Engagement & Belligerent Occupation
9. The Role of the International Committee of the Red Cross
10. Detention Operations & Legal Framework for Peace Support Operations
11. Criminal Responsibility and the International Criminal Court (ICC)
12. Training of LOAC

Teaching Staff

Col. Jerry Lane <i>Ireland</i>	Senior Col. Faouzi Aloui <i>Tunisia</i>
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ADMINISTRATION

The registration fee is €2200. This should be remitted before the start of the course, or on arrival, in cash or by credit card through the website at the following link: <https://iuhl.org/payments/>

The registration fee covers:

- Course materials
- Transport from/to Nice Airport
- Lunches and coffee breaks on working days
- Reception drinks and a course dinner
- Course Photograph and Diploma

Transfers to/from Nice airport will be provided upon arrival. Details of timings for this service will be provided as part of the registration process.

The registration fee does not cover all other expenses incurred by the participant, such as hotel accommodation, laundry or telephone calls. Participants must ensure they bring sufficient funds to pay for such costs.

Registrations and administrative questions should be directed to military.department@iuhl.org. For any further information, please consult our website www.iuhl.org.



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(English, Arabic, Spanish and Portuguese)

27th April – 8th May
Villa Ormond, Sanremo

Course Director

Brigadier General Karl Edlinger
Austrian Armed Forces

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Monday, 27th April 2026

08:30 - 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 - 09:15 **Course Opening Ceremony**
Col. Nigel Heppenstall, Director of the Military Dep.

09:15 - 09:30 **Course introduction**

09:30 - 12:15 **Introduction to the Laws of Armed Conflict (LOAC)**
Course Director

12:15 - 13:30 **Lunch & Course Picture**

13:30 - 16:00 **Basic Rules and Principles of LOAC**
Class Leaders

16:00 **Welcome reception**

Thursday, 30th April 2026

09:00 - 12:15 (10:00 - 10:20 Coffee Break)
Legal Framework for Non-International Armed Conflict, followed by an Introduction to Staff Work and a Practical Exercise
Course Director and Class Leaders

12:15 - 13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 - 16:00 (14:40 - 15:00 Afternoon Tea)
Practical Exercise (Cont.)
Class Leaders

Wednesday, 6th May 2026

09:00 - 12:15 (10:00 - 10:20 Coffee Break)
Legal Framework for Peace Support Operations followed by Practical Exercise
Course Director and Class Leaders

12:15 - 13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 - 15:00 (15:00-15:20 Afternoon Tea)
Practical Exercise (Cont.)
Class Leaders

15:20 - 16:00 **Gender Based Violence in Armed Conflict**

Thursday, 30th April 2026

Friday, 1st May 2026

09:00 - 12:15 (10:00 - 10:20 Coffee Break)
Operation Planning - International Armed Conflict
Class Leaders

12:15 - 13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 - 16:00 (14:40 - 15:00 Afternoon Tea)
Practical Exercise (Targeting)
Class Leaders

Thursday, 7th May 2026

09:00 - 12:15 (10:00 - 10:20 Coffee Break)
International Criminal Court and Command Responsibility, followed by Practical Exercise
Course Director and Class Leaders

12:15 - 13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 - 16:00 (14:40 - 15:00 Afternoon Tea)
Training of LOAC followed by Final Exercise (Initiation)
Course Director

20:00 **Course Dinner**

Tuesday, 28th April 2026

09:00 - 12:15 (10:00 - 10:20 Coffee Break)
Applicability of LOAC followed by Practical Exercise
Course Director and Class Leaders

12:15 - 13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 - 16:00 (14:40 - 15:00 Afternoon Tea)
Law of the Sea and Neutrality, followed by Practical Exercise
Class Leaders

Monday, 4th May 2026

09:00 - 12:15 (10:00 - 10:20 Coffee Break)
Rules of Engagement (ROE) followed by Practical Exercise
Course Director and Class Leaders

12:15 - 13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 - 16:00 (14:40 - 15:00 Afternoon Tea)
Practical Exercise (Conduct of Operations)
Class Leaders

Friday, 8th May 2026

09:00 - 09:40 **Final Exercise (Preparation)**

09:40 - 10:00 **Coffee Break**

10:00 - 11:15 **Final Exercise (Joint Staff Meeting)**
Course Director

11:30 - 12:15 **Closing Ceremony**

12:15 **Lunch & Departure**

Wednesday, 29th April 2026

09:00 - 12:15 (10:00 - 10:20 Coffee Break)
Means and Methods of Warfare followed by Practical Exercise
Course Director and Class Leaders

12:15 - 13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 - 16:00 (14:40 - 15:00 Afternoon Tea)
Practical Exercise (Cont.)
Class Leaders

Tuesday, 5th May 2026

09:00 - 12:15 (10:00 - 10:20 Coffee Break)
Belligerent Occupation followed by Practical Exercise
Course Director and Class Leaders

12:15 - 13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 - 14:15 **Detention Operations**
Course Director

14:15 - 16:00 (14:15 - 14:45 Afternoon Tea)
Introduction to the ICRC
Course Director