

University of Colombo, Sri Lanka
Faculty of Law
Department of Public and International Law

ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW (ACICL) -
2019/2020

1. Introduction

This is an Advanced Certificate Course offered by the Department of Public and International Law, Faculty of Law. It is one of the first external introductory level study programmes. The Advanced Certificate Course on International Criminal Law is designed for the interested persons in Sri Lanka who have the educational qualification of General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) Examination or above or any other equivalent qualification but could not obtain the basic knowledge in International Criminal Law by following a formal study programme offered by a University /tertiary academic institution.

2. Objectives

This course is designed to enable the participants to understand the basics/fundamentals of International Criminal Law. This course will cover the history and the development of ICL and also venture into its current relevance both from a global perspective as well as from a domestic perspective.

3. Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course, the participants is expected to:

- Assess the historical development of ICL
- Possess a sense of familiarity with instruments pertaining to ICL;
- Be able to apply theories of ICL to the practice of ICL;
- Be able to contextually place ICL within historical, philosophical, political, economic, moral, and ethical debates;
- have the ability to evaluate mechanisms of ICL and examine their efficacy in the light of the current debates pertaining to international relations and international politics;
- be able to list out and critically evaluate the domestic challenges that are faced by individual States when undertaking, applying, implementing, and enforcing human rights in the contemporary context;
- Critically evaluate the impact of ICL on international law in general.

4. Target Group

- Members of the Official and unofficial bar
- Officials from Ministries
- Policy Makers of the State
- Diplomatic and Consular Officers
- Officials from NGOs / INGOs / International Organizations with at least 3 years experience in a related field, i.e., human rights and a Bachelors Degree in Humanities / Social Sciences / Law or a related field
- Post Graduate Students
- Researchers

5. Language

The course will be conducted in English and the applicant should possess the required capacity to read and understand the subject materials given in English.

6. Admission Requirement

The applicants should possess a minimum of five credit passes, including in English, in one and the same sitting of the GCE (Ordinary Level) Examination. However, the Department of Public & International Law, Faculty of Law reserves the right to interview the applicants, if needed. Knowledge in the subject of law is not necessary.

7. Resource Persons

The lectures will be delivered by resource persons drawn from the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo as well as from outside.

8. Teaching & Learning Method

Participant centered teaching and learning methods will be adopted. Students are expected to actively participate in class room discussions and other forms of facilitative instructions conducted by the Department. Their active participation is necessary for meeting the learning objectives set out for the programme. 70% of attendance is mandatory for getting eligibility to sit for the examination.

9. Evaluation

i. Evaluation Structure:

The evaluation will comprise two forms, i.e., Continuous Assessment and End of Course Assessment

A) Continuous Assessment consists of minimum of two components :

- a) 10% for Active Class Participation on continued basis
- b) 20% for Assignment/s which take different forms, including, but not limited to, Take Home Assignments, Field Surveys & Report Presentation, Group work and Oral Presentation, etc.

B) End of Course Assessment – 70% [Course-End Examination (one paper) **OR** Submission of ‘Papers’ **and** viva voce examination]

ii. Achievement Structure:

The achievement structure will be as follows:

- Pass – 50% - 64% of total marks
- Merit pass – 65% - 74% of total marks
- Distinction pass – 75% or above of total marks

10. Number of Attempts:

A candidate who fails to secure a pass mark in the first attempt will be permitted to undertake additional TWO attempts only. Attendance will not be considered for the 2nd or 3rd attempt. In such an event, the candidate will be marked out of 20% for an assignment component which the candidate has to do afresh and he/she will be marked out of 80% for the Course-End Examination. The pass mark will remain the same as prescribed above.

However, such a repeat candidate will not be eligible for Merit Pass or Distinction Pass even though he/she might have secured marks equivalent to them. A candidate who could not sit for the Course-End Examination due to medical reasons or any other valid reasons, supported by documentary evidence acceptable to the University, may be excused from sitting the Course-End Examination and that Examination will not be considered as an attempt. However, the candidate shall take the Course-End Examination at the very next attempt when it is held.

11. Location & Duration

The proposed Certificate Course will be conducted in the premises of Faculty of Law, Philip Gunawardene Mawatha, Colombo-07. The duration of the programme of study is 50 hours in total in 16 weeks. Lectures will be conducted from 8.00 a.m. -12.30 p.m. on every Saturday.

12. Fees:

Total fees for this Course is Rs.30,000/-.[Rupees Thirty thousand] which include application fee, registration fee, tuition fee, course material fee and examination fee. It should be once and for all payment and charged as follows:

Application Fees:	Rs. 500/-
Registration Fees:	Rs. 1,000/-
Examination Fees:	Rs. 5, 000/-
Tuition Fees :	Rs. 20,000/-
Course Material Fees:	Rs. 3,500/-

13. How to Apply:

Application forms to be obtained from the Department of Public & International Law. Completed applications together with copies of relevant certificates should be posted to reach the Department of Public & International Law by post to the following address within the stipulated time frame. Late applications will not be entertained:

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