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Dear Commandants, Dear Rectors,

"Nicolae Bălcescu" Land Forces Academy of Sibiu has the pleasure and privilege of inviting you to the first edition of the common module *Law of Armed Conflict*, which will be organized between the **31st of March and the 11th of April 2025**.

The module aims to reflect on the impact of the legal international and national framework on the effectiveness of military operations in various types of conflict. Upon completion of the module, all participants are awarded with 2 ECTS.

It is our pleasure to invite students to participate in this module in order to take the initiative in formulating basics of Law of Armed Conflict and performing review of the legal context of military operations.

LFA offers the participants free lodging and meals throughout the duration of the module. Sending institutions are responsible for their delegations' transport expenses to Sibiu. No participation fee is required. All EU participants should bear the European Health Insurance card with them or any valid insurance.

The deadline for registration is the **14th of February 2025**. We kindly request you to submit the attached Registration Form at the e-mail address: international.relations@armyacademy.ro / armyacademy.erasmus@gmail.com (POC: Col. Răzvan BARBU).

Please find attached further details about the module, a short description and other administrative information.

Looking forward to welcoming your students at "Nicolae Bălcescu" Land Forces Academy of Sibiu!

Sincerely,

Brigadier General Prof. Eng. Ghiță BĂRSAN, PhD

Commandant (Rector) of "Nicolae Bălcescu" Land Forces Academy of Sibiu



Common Module
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Law of Armed Conflict
Module Description

Country RO	Institution LFA	Module Law of Armed Conflict	ECTS 2.0
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Service ALL	Minimum Qualification for Lecturers (Officers and/or NCOs)		
Language English, Romanian¹	Officers or Civilian Lecturers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English: Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) Level B2 or NATO STANAG 6001 Level 3. Thorough knowledge of LOAC . Adequate knowledge of international relations issues. Thorough knowledge of the topic taught. 		
SQF MILOF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competence area – Military service member Learning area – National and international law Organization level – Joint/Multiple Services 		

Prerequisites for international participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English: Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) Level B1 or NATO STANAG Level 2. At least 1 year of national (military) higher education. <u>Basic</u> knowledge of National (constitutional) Law and International Law. 	Goal of the Module <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impact of the legal framework (international and national law, ROE...) on the effectiveness of military operations in various types of conflict. Reflections in planning for military operations at all levels of operations.
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Learning outcomes	Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formulate basics of LOAC and relates issues. Perform review of the legal context of military operations.
	Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manage creatively and flexibly service specific forces respecting LOAC at all its spectrum. Apply Rules of Engagement on the level being responsible after graduation.
	Responsibility and autonomy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take the initiative and assume responsibility to apply LOAC in military operations. Solve problems and deal with ROE.

Verification of learning outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observation: Throughout the Module students are to discuss given topics within syndicates and in the plenary. During these work students are to be evaluated to verify their competences. Test: Written examination at the end of the module. The type of the test is up to the Course Director. If needed, more tests may be conducted during the Module.

¹ **Remark:** If the Module or parts of the Module are conducted in Romanian language, international participants are to be informed in advance to react properly.



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Module Details (the content is an example and depends on the course director's decision)		
Main Topic	Recommended WH ²	Details
E-learning (Basic Principles of the LOAC)	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical Background of LOAC. • Definition of Armed Conflict. • Types of Armed Conflict. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Principles of LOAC. • Relationship between LOAC and Human Rights Law.
E-learning (Definitions in LOAC)	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armed Forces, Combatants, Prisoners of War, Military Objectives. • Means and Methods of Warfare. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protected Persons and Objects (civilians, wounded, sick and shipwrecked, cultural property, etc.)
E-learning (International Criminal Justice)	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Criminal Tribunals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Criminal Responsibility and Command Responsibility.
Entry Level Test	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To determine the entrance level of participants according to the learning outcomes of the e-learning – if e-learning is used
Introduction to LOAC	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Principles of LOAC. • Terms and Definitions of LOAC.
Syndicate Work	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increase the understanding of LOAC principles. • To increase the understanding of the context of definitions in LOAC on the basis of specific examples.
Case Studies and Discussions	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To illustrate the basic rules (Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols). • Each case study comprises a description of a situation followed by questions.
Legal Context of Military Operations	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Law in Military Operations (e.g.: UN Charter, Chapter VI and Chapter VII). • Rules of Engagement (ROE). • Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA).
Final Test	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To determine the achieved level of knowledge, skills and competences.
Total	34	
Additional hours (WH) to increase the learning outcomes³		
Self-Studies	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflection of the E-learning modules. • Preparation for the upcoming lessons and for exam(s). • Reflection of the topics issued.
Total	50	<p>The amount of hours for the use of the developed e-learning is up to the module director. He/she may replace the e-learning hours/topics with residential phases.</p> <p>The detailed amount of hours for the respective main topic is up to the course director according to national law or home institution's rules.</p>

² **Remark:** Detailed working hours are up to the Module Director. The total amount of hours has to fit to the national law concerning working hours for 2 ECTS.

³ **Remark:** Parts of these hours may be taken by the Module Director to teach or to discuss more detailed the listed topics or an additional relevant topic referring to the LOAC for example: Cyber Warfare (Introduction to Cyber Terrorism and Information Warfare; the General Concept of Cyber Warfare and International Law).



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List of Abbreviations:

B1, B2	Common Reference Levels
CEFR	Common European Framework of Reference for Languages
ECTS	European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System
ESDC	European Security and Defence College
IG	Implementation Group
IHL	International Humanitarian Law
LFA	Land Forces Academy
LOAC	Law of Armed Conflict
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
RO	Romania
ROE	Rules of Engagement
SOFA	Status of Forces Agreement
SP	The strategic Partnership
SQF MILOF	Sectoral Qualification Framework for Military Officers
STANAG	Standardization Agreement
LFA	Land Forces Academy
UN	United Nations
WH	Working Hour



Registration Form



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Your data will be used for necessary internal administrative procedures only.
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Remarks: - Please fill in the yellow fields only or mark with an X - Fill in 1 form for 1 person - Send this application form to: international.relations@armyacademy.ro armyacademy.erasmus@gmail.com	I want to participate in the:
	Law of Armed Conflict Common Module 31 March – 11 April 2025*

Arrival date in Sibiu	Arrival time in Sibiu (if possible)	By plane	By train	By car	By bus	Need local transport to the LFA location	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Departure date from Sibiu	Departure time from Sibiu (if possible)	By plane	By train	By car	By bus	Need local transport from the LFA location	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Gender	Rank	Family name / Surname	First name / Given name

Date of birth	Nationality	Passport (ID) number*	Passport validity until

Branch of Service (if available)	Sending institution	I want to participate as		
		Officer	N.C.O.	Cadet
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

My phone number (if available)	My e-mail address

Postal address

Special dietary or food requirements due to medical or religious reasons		If yes, please specify food you cannot eat	Additional remarks (Need for special equipment, special travel arrangements)
No	Yes		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

* **Deadline for submitting the Registration form: 14th of February 2025**

* Please enclose the photo of your Passport/ID on the next page of this registration form:



Registration Form



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They will not be published in any case!

Please integrate a copy of your passport / ID hereinafter:

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