



Common Module  
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**Law of Armed Conflict**  
Module Description



Country <b>RO</b>	Institution <b>LFA</b>	Module <b>Law of Armed Conflict</b>	ECTS <b>2.0</b>
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Service <b>ALL</b>	<b>Minimum Qualification for Lecturers (Officers and/or NCOs)</b>  <b>Officers or Civilian Lecturers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English: Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) Level B2 or NATO STANAG 6001 Level 3.</li> <li>• Thorough knowledge of LOAC .</li> <li>• Adequate knowledge of international relations issues.</li> <li>• Thorough knowledge of the topic taught.</li> </ul>
Language <b>English, Romanian<sup>1</sup></b>	
<b>SQF MILOF</b>	

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

<b>Verification of learning outcomes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Observation:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Test:</b> 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.</li> </ul>
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<sup>1</sup> **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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<b>Module Details</b> (the content is an example and depends on the course director's decision)		
Main Topic	Recommended WH <sup>2</sup>	Details
E-learning (Basic Principles of the LOAC)	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historical Background of LOAC.</li> <li>• Definition of Armed Conflict.</li> <li>• Types of Armed Conflict.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Principles of LOAC.</li> <li>• Relationship between LOAC and Human Rights Law.</li> </ul>
E-learning (Definitions in LOAC)	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Armed Forces, Combatants, Prisoners of War, Military Objectives.</li> <li>• Means and Methods of Warfare.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protected Persons and Objects (civilians, wounded, sick and shipwrecked, cultural property, etc.)</li> </ul>
E-learning (International Criminal Justice)	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Criminal Tribunals.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual and Criminal Responsibility and Command Responsibility.</li> </ul>
Entry Level Test	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To determine the entrance level of participants according to the learning outcomes of the e-learning – if e-learning is used</li> </ul>
Introduction to LOAC	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Principles of LOAC.</li> <li>• Terms and Definitions of LOAC.</li> </ul>
Syndicate Work	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To increase the understanding of LOAC principles.</li> <li>• To increase the understanding of the context of definitions in LOAC on the basis of specific examples.</li> </ul>
Case Studies and Discussions	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To illustrate the basic rules (Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols).</li> <li>• Each case study comprises a description of a situation followed by questions.</li> </ul>
Legal Context of Military Operations	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Law in Military Operations (e.g.: UN Charter, Chapter VI and Chapter VII).</li> <li>• Rules of Engagement (ROE).</li> <li>• Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA).</li> </ul>
Final Test	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To determine the achieved level of knowledge, skills and competences.</li> </ul>
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	
<b>Additional hours (WH) to increase the learning outcomes<sup>3</sup></b>		
Self-Studies	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflection of the E-learning modules.</li> <li>• Preparation for the upcoming lessons and for exam(s).</li> <li>• Reflection of the topics issued.</li> </ul>
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<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>

<sup>2</sup> **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.

<sup>3</sup> **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