



## Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2017

### 7,495: Moot Court International Law: International Criminal Court - Part I

ECTS credits: 9

#### Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - Moot court (100%)

#### Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[7,495,1.00 Moot Court International Law: International Criminal Court - Part I](#) -- Englisch -- [Fassbender Bardo](#)

#### Course information

#### Course prerequisites

Very good command of the English language and good knowledge of public international law.

#### Course content

About the ICC Moot Court:

Every year, around 60 teams from all over the world participate in the ICC Moot Court Competition in The Hague, a moot court focusing on the field of international criminal law and simulating the proceedings of the International Criminal Court (ICC). Each team consists of three to five students and has to argue on behalf of the Prosecutor, the Defense Counsel, the Government Counsel, or the Legal Representative of the Victims. The teams compete with one another in writing memorials and in pleading in front of the judges. Hence, besides legal skills also presentation and debating skills of the participating students are promoted and strengthened. The ICC Moot Court is a unique chance to gain valuable practical experience in international criminal law and general international law. Furthermore, students get a first-hand knowledge of the working of the most important institutions in international criminal law. They meet distinguished international jurists and practitioners who give helpful guidance and feedback. Further, the competition unites law students from all over the world who share an interest in international criminal law and related fields of international law (like human rights law and international humanitarian law). Students learn from each other, while forging strong international bonds which can promote their future careers and create new friendships. If you are interested in international law, and in particular in international criminal law, this is now your opportunity to apply and participate in this great competition. See the chair's website for more information (including previous cases and experience reports): <https://www.unisg.ch/en/universitaet/schools/law/ueber+ls/lehrstuehle/lehrstuhl+fassbender/moot+court>

The HSG Moot Court Team consists of five regular HSG students from the master programmes MIA, MLS, MLE or MIL. The HSG team is supervised by Prof. Dr. Bardo Fassbender and coached by Isabelle Maurer, assistant at the Chair of International Law and European Law. Three out of the five team members are speakers and two researchers. During the first semester, all five team members write the three memorials together. In spring, the speakers train to present the arguments in the oral rounds in The Hague while the researchers provide them with the necessary research in order to support their arguments with legal sources. The course involves two semesters (autumn semester and the following spring semester). It is necessary that all of the students are in St. Gallen and regularly participate in the weekly sessions during the whole year (autumn and spring semester). During the course, students improve their abilities in legal research and argumentation as well as their oral presentation abilities.

Interested students cannot enroll for the course in the bidding system but have to apply with letter of motivation, CV and other relevant documents until 31. August 2017 to [isabelle.maurer@unisg.ch](mailto:isabelle.maurer@unisg.ch). Please indicate in your application whether you prefer to



be a speaker or researcher.

## Course structure

A copy of the case which will form the basis of the competition will be available at the beginning of November. Before this time, the students will acquaint themselves with the subject of international criminal law and prepare themselves for the moot court. By February, written memorials, consisting of max. 10'000 words of arguments in favor of the Prosecution, the Defense Counsel and the Government Counsel/Victims' Counsel, respectively, shall be submitted. Thus, from November to February the students participating in this course will be concerned with intensive legal research, discussions of the particular legal issues of the case and drafting of the written memorials. For further information about the ICC Moot Court, see: <http://icc moot.com>

## Course literature

Depending on the case in question, the course literature consists of all materials the students consider necessary for drafting the memorials.

## Additional course information

Participants: 5 regular HSG students

15 credits for regular HSG students

The following two issues must be taken into consideration in connection with moot court credits:

1. The accounts to which the credits are allocated.
2. The point in time at which the credits are credited.

The accounts to which the credits are allocated differ from programme to programme. The common denominator is the fact that 9 credits out of 15 are credited to Leadership Skills (autumn semester). The remaining 6 credits (spring semester) are allocated to different core elective accounts depending on the programme.

The 6 Credits from the spring semester will be credited as follows:

- MLS: Juristic courses (1th priority); Independent Electives (2nd priority)
- MLE: Core electives: Electives in law (1th priority); Electives in business and economics (2nd priority)
- MIA: Core electives: Practical project (1th priority); Independent electives (2nd priority)
- MIL: Cluster courses (1th priority); Independent electives (2nd priority)



## Examination information

### Examination sub part/s

#### 1. Examination sub part (1/1)

##### Examination time and form

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##### Remark

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##### Examination-aid rule

Practical examination

No examination-aid rule is necessary for such examination types. The rules and regulations of the University of St. Gallen apply in a subsidiary fashion.

##### Supplementary aids

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##### Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

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## Examination content

Written memorials (autumn semester), pleadings (spring semester) and team effort. The evaluation takes into consideration:

- organisation, structure, and analysis of the issues
- use of facts and legal principles
- use of authorities and citations
- persuasiveness, ingenuity, logic and reasoning
- grammar, style and clarity.

## Examination relevant literature

According to the case all materials the students consider necessary for drafting the memorials.



### Please note

We would like to point out to you that this fact sheet has absolute priority over other information such as StudyNet, faculty members' personal databases, information provided in lectures, etc.

When will the fact sheets become binding?

- Information about courses and examination time (central/decentral and grading form): from the start of the bidding process on 24 August 2017
- Information about decentral examinations (examination-aid rule, examination content, examination relevant literature): after the 4th semester week on 16 October 2017
- Information about central examinations (examination-aid rule, examination content, examination relevant literature): from the start of the enrolment period for the examinations on 06 November 2017

Please look at the fact sheet once more after these deadlines have expired.