The Executive Master in International Law in Armed Conflict is one of the few part-time, innovative and intellectually challenging programmes in the law of armed conflict offered today.

Designed for professionals with demanding jobs and responsibilities, it provides strong theoretical and practical knowledge and responds to the growing need for specialists to address complex humanitarian and human rights challenges and challenging processes such as criminal proceedings, international negotiations and humanitarian interventions.

Courses cover international law, international humanitarian law (IHL), international human rights law (IHRL), international criminal law (ICL) and the interplay between them. They also address current issues and challenges, including the repression of terrorism, peacekeeping and international refugee law.

Taught by Geneva-based law professors and world-renowned law experts and professors, the programme enables participants to gain specialized knowledge directly applicable to professional work.

Diplomats, lawyers, legal advisers, NGO staff, human rights advocates, professionals working in emergency situations, UN staff and staff from other international organizations share expertise, discuss pressing concerns and reflect on the application of international law to their work.

DURATION AND KEY MILESTONES

- Nine months (October to June) and the writing of a master’s paper
- On Thursdays (18:00 –20:00) and Fridays (15:30–17:30) and (18:00–20:00)
- When participants cannot attend a course for professional reasons, they can either follow the course remotely or afterwards.

DISTANCE LEARNING

Every year, we accept a limited number of practitioners who work in the field to follow the programme online.

MOVING ONE’S CAREER FORWARD

This programme responds to the growing need for specialists to address current humanitarian and human rights challenges.

By providing the necessary tools to apply the international legal framework – IHL, IHRL, ICL and international refugee law – in complex contemporary conflicts, it forms high-level professionals who want to acquire additional responsibilities or move their career forward.

ADMISSION

Candidates who apply must have:
- Work experience in a relevant field
- A bachelor’s degree
- Proficiency in English
- A valid visa or residence permit for those who follow the programme in Geneva

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- Applications open: 30 March 2020
- Applications end: 14 September 2020

TUITION FEES

- Full programme: 18,000 Swiss Francs with a 10 percent discount if participants pay this amount before 15 October 2020
- Participants following the programme entirely online benefit from a 10 percent discount, bringing the Executive Master’s tuition fee to 16,200 Swiss Francs

SCHOLARSHIP

We only provide one partial scholarship (tuition fees) for young professionals with a valid residence permit in Geneva.