

Course manual  
Joint Master's Programme in  
International Humanitarian Action

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# Simulation exercise

Semester 3



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**Credits awarded:** 4 ECTS, equivalent to 100 work hours (1 ECTS = 25 hours)

**Period:** Third semester, block (II) Experiencing regional humanitarian action.

**Venue & hours:** Collegium Iuridicum I, room 117; Monday, 08:00 - 13:00

## 1. Introduction

The course is designed for the students of the Masters programme in Humanitarian Action. It consists of five intensive modules covering 30 teaching hours and provides students with the theoretical framework and practical, hands-on knowledge of the forensic and investigative sciences that can be applied in a diverse range of scenarios regularly experienced in the field work of humanitarian agencies, aid institutions and NGOs.

## 2. Learning outcomes

Course will provide students with the thorough theoretical knowledge and practical skills in forensic and investigative sciences, enabling them to utilize such experience in their future careers in humanitarian action.

## 3. Course material

Course material will be provided by the module coordinator in an electronic version or are to be found in the library of NOHA.

## 4. Teaching and learning methodology

The three modules (Week 1,2,4) offer the students an exhaustive knowledge on several forensic disciplines used for the purpose of human identification. The theoretical and exercise modules (Week 3 and Week 5) will focus mostly on their potential application in two areas of humanitarian action work: human identification for the purpose of forensic science applications for the cases of genocide crimes, terrorism and natural disasters and migration-related issues. Students will be confronted with different types of scenarios and they will work under the guidance and supervision of the course instructors and experts.

## 5. Programme and training activities

### Week 1 - Introduce to forensic science part 1

Date: 24 Oct. 2016r

This module will offer the students an exhaustive knowledge on several forensic disciplines used for the purpose of human identification like:

- fingerprinting analysis,
- footmark impression analysis,
- a wide range of biometric identification techniques,
- tactical side of forensic and investigative work,
- crime scene processing,
- criminal analysis.

### Week 2 - Introduce to forensic science part 2

Date: 14 Nov. 2016r

This module will offer the students an exhaustive knowledge on several forensic disciplines used for the purpose of human identification like:

- anthropology,
- archaeology,
- forensic dentistry,
- basics of forensic medicine,
- forensic documents analysis,
- forensic linguistics,
- a wide range of biometric identification techniques,
- forensic documentation holding an evidential value,
- intelligence gathering.

### Week 3 - Practical exercises - mock crime scene

Date: 28 Nov. 2016r

This practical module will focus on the application of forensic identification techniques to crime scenes that humanitarian action workers may experience in the course of their career. The mock scene will combine all of the previously learned methods for the purpose of genocide investigations (forensic archaeology, exhumation techniques, anthropological identification, DNA sampling) together with the skilful documentation collected in such way that it could later be used in the court of law.

Obligatory: Making PowerPoint presentation that will show results of examinations of mock scene, based on gathered material - deadline 12 Dec. 2016r.

### Week 4 Forensic psychology - interrogation and interview

Date: 12 Dec. 2016r

This module will cover topics related to forensic psychology, such as the issues of:

- the validity and reliability of witness' statements,
- techniques and tactics of interrogation,

- examination and interviewing (in theory and practice).

**Week 5 - Practical exercises - simulated border-checkpoint**

Date: 9 Jan. 2017r

This module will deal with the issues of human identification in the simulated border-checkpoint, where all types of techniques and tactical approaches will need to be applied (interviewing, interrogating, fingerprinting, use of biometric technologies, documents' analysis) quickly and efficiently. Such exercise will allow students to see what are the challenges and problems associated with this types of situations and what kinds of methods may be used to proficiently perform such duties, even in the most demanding situations.

**6. Workload**

Participation in classes	30	hours	1,2	ECTS
Reading assignments & preparation	60	hours	2,4	ECTS
Completion of exercises	10	hours	0,4	ECTS
Total	100	hours	4	ECTS

**7. Assessment methods**

Practical exercises - 80%  
Presentation about forensic findings - 20%

**8. Assessment criteria**

The quality of students work in practical exercises and quality of presentation.