Common Module **Military Ethics (A)** Module Description

Implementation Group

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Origin: HAFA

Country	Institution	Common Module	ECTS
GR	Hellenic Air Force Academy	Military Ethics (A)	2.0

Service ALL	Minimum Qualification for Lecturers PhD in ethics of war/IHL/war studies.
Language	 English: Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) Level B2 or NATO STANAG Level 3.
English	52 0.10.10 0.7.10.10

Prerequisites for international participants:

- English: Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) Level B1 or NATO STANAG Level 2.
- Basic knowledge of participants' national military law and international humanitarian law.
- At least 2 years of national military education.

Goal of the Module

- Identify and explain the relationship between different theoretical approaches employed in the ethics of war and the use of force.
- Explore the viability of the 'just war' framework for justifying actual wars and for regulating the conduct of hostilities.
- Discuss ethical dilemmas present in different forms of war (inter-state war, insurgency/counter-insurgency, terrorism/counter-terrorism, pre-emptive/preventive).

Learning outcomes	Know- ledge	 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of basic forms of moral reasoning and of diverse ethical conceptions of war.
		 Engage with and analyse the major traditions of thought pertaining to justice and warfare, i.e., realism, pacifism, and just war.
		 Discuss the continuing utility (or lack thereof) of the just war tradition in the context of the War on Terror and contemporary conflict.
	Skills	Analyse and evaluate moral problems arising from the conduct of hostilities.
		 Think cogently, critically and rigorously with particular reference to issues of war, terrorism, and peace.
		 Work independently and unsupervised on complex tasks displaying effective time management.
	Compe- tences	Think, decide, and plan for operational/tactical action in an ethical and legal manner.
		 Promote the respect of Law of Armed Conflict, International Humanitarian Law and the Rules of Engagement.

Verification of learning outcomes

Test: Written assignment consisting of 1500 words delivered at the end of the module.

Seminar: Active participation in the seminar.

Grading:

- The course module applies the following grading criteria: pass with distinction, pass, or fail.
- To pass with distinction, the cadet has to participate actively in the seminar and achieve the grade pass with distinction on the written assignment.
- To pass, the cadet has to participate actively in the seminar and achieve the grade pass on the written assignment.



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Module Details				
Main Topic	Recom- mended WH	Details		
Lectures	12	 Moral philosophy and ethical reasoning. The concept of a culture of war and the connection between ethics, law, politics, and religion. 		
Seminar	8	 Pacifist ethics, Realism, Just War theory, IHL and the use of force: When can a state resort to war? (Jus ad bellum). How may states wage war? (Jus in bello). Post-war justice (Jus post bellum). The ethics of terrorism and the ethics of a war against terror. 		
Writing	15	Writing of individual paper.		
Self-studies	20	For all the above mentioned topics trainees have to prepare themselves.		
Total WH	55	The detailed amount of hours for the respective topic is up to the course director according to national law or home institution's rules to achieve the learning outcomes.		

List of Abbreviations:

AI	Artificial Intelligence
	Common European Framework of Reference for Languages
ECTS	European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System
IHL	International Humanitarian Law
	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
	Standardization Agreement
WH	Working Hour