Common Module
Military Ethics (B)
Module Description

Implementation Group
Doc.:
Date :
Origin: HAFA

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

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

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.
- Military Ethics (A) is a pre-condition for this Module.

Goal of the Module

- Focus on the practical problems faced by actors (individuals, military organisations, states, intergovernmental organisations) in adhering to ethical principles during the course war.
- Provide virtual experience using simulations, war games, and role playing under time-pressure.

Learning outcomes		
	Know-ledge	• Examine the moral dimensions of war and terrorism using both contemporary case studies and scenarios especially prepared to cover hard ethical dilemmas that armed forces deal with during military operations. • Explore consequentialist and deontological justifications for actions before/during/after war. • Demonstrate empirical knowledge and ethical awareness of a range of military practices and technologies (AI, security robotics, use of drones.
	Skills	• Analyse and evaluate moral problems arising from the conduct of various types of military operations. • Address the practical ethical problems faced in battle by the armed forces with reference to contemporary and historical examples. • Work independently and unsupervised on complex tasks displaying effective time management.
	Compe-tences	• Receive virtual experience of ethical leadership through simulation and role-playing. • Understand the course of action of the each command level when it comes to the decision of using non-lethal or lethal means. • Practice on how to act in an ethical and legal manner during critical situations and how to confront life-and-death ethical dilemmas that might arise during war and military operations. • Trainees are able to respect the Law of Armed Conflict, International Humanitarian Law and the ROE.

Verification of learning outcomes

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

Tactical scenario: Active participation in one simulation and tactical scenario training.

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 tactical scenario and achieve the grade pass with distinction on the written assignment.
- To pass, the cadet has to participate actively in the tactical scenario and achieve the grade pass on the written assignment.

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Main Topic	Recom-mended WH	Details
Lectures	10	• Ethical reasoning and decision making in extremis. • Separating right from wrong under pressure and how to deal with ethical dilemmas in a grey area: pacifist ethics, realism, just war theory, IHL and the use of force. • Unethical/unlawful orders and the duty to (dis)obey. • The ethics of killing: self-defence and its limits. • Non-Combatant immunity and the moral equality of soldiers. • Military ethics and weapons used (NBC weapons, inhumane, and non-lethal weapons). • New technologies, their applications, and ethics: AI, robots and drones, space-based war.
Simulation and tactical scenario training	15	• The principle of discrimination when combat is conducted in urban areas (tactics, weapons and methods used) (simulation). • Play in groups the engage in extremis scenario (real time war game). • The ticking time bomb scenario and how to confront with terrorism (role playing).
Writing	15	• Writing of individual paper.
Self-studies	15	• 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
CEFR	Common European Framework of Reference for Languages
ECTS	European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System
IHL	International Humanitarian Law
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
STANAG	Standardization Agreement
WH	Working Hour