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Dear Commandants, Dear Rectors,

"Nicolae Bălcescu" Land Forces Academy of Sibiu has the pleasure and privilege to invite you to the common module ***Law of Armed Conflict***, which will be organized between the **19th to 23th of April 2027.**

The module aims to provide participants with an understanding of how the international and national legal framework, including Rules of Engagement (ROE), influences the planning and conduct of military operations in different types of conflict. Upon successful completion of the module, participants will be awarded 2 ECTS credits.

We are pleased to invite students to take part in this module, which will provide them with the opportunity to explore the fundamental principles of the Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC), examine the legal context of military operations, and develop their ability to apply LOAC and Rules of Engagement in operational scenarios.

LFA offers the participants free lodging and meals throughout the duration of the module. Sending institutions are responsible for their delegations' transport expenses to Sibiu.
No participation fee is required. All EU participants should bear the European Health Insurance card with them or any valid insurance.

The deadline for registration is the **12th of March 2027**. We kindly request you to submit the attached Registration Form at the e-mail address: international.relations@armyacademy.ro (POC: Assoc.prof. Sabin GUŢAN, PhD).
Please find attached further details about the module, a short description and other administrative information.

Looking forward to welcoming your cadets at "Nicolae Bălcescu" Land Forces Academy of Sibiu!

Sincerely,

Colonel Dumitru TODOSIUC
Commandant (Rector) of "Nicolae Bălcescu" Land Forces Academy of Sibiu



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Land Forces Academy - Sibiu



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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

1.	**Dates and Location**
	Participants are **cadets/young officers** who are willing to take part in the "Law of Armed Conflict" Common Module. The module will takes place in the period ***19th to 23rd of April 2026.*** ▪ Basic knowledge on English (B1 level acording to CEFR) or NATO STANAG Level 2 ▪ Have basic knowledge of military organization, structure and functions of the armed forces. ▪ Have a general understanding of military operations and the role of armed forces in national and international security **Up to 20 participants will be admitted.**
2.	**Accommodation, meals and other details**
	The participants who will choose to stay in the Academy's buildings will be offered accommodation and meals **free of charge**. **NOTE:** There is no WIFI available in the Academy`s buildings.
3.	**Costs**
	Accommodation and meals are provided free of charge for all participants who decide to stay inside the Academy. No participation fee is required.
4.	**Transportation**
	Participants are requested to make their own travel arrangements to and from "Nicolae Bălcescu" Land Forces Academy of Sibiu (Arrival on the 18th of April, departure on the 24th of April 2027). Prices for using taxis from the airport/railway station/bus station to the academy rate between 10-15 EUR. Another option is to use public transportation.
5.	**Registration**
	Please use the attached application form (if you do not have your transport details on this stage, you can send them later) and send it to the POC (Assoc.prof. Sabin GUȚAN, PhD), at the e-mail address: international.relations@armyacademy.ro Deadline for registration is **12th of March 2027.**
6.	**POC**
	Assoc.prof. Sabin GUȚAN, PhD "Nicolae Bălcescu" Land Forces Academy 3-5 Revolutiei Street, Sibiu, Romania, 550170 Tel: +40 269 432 990/int. 1322 (office) Mob : +40 740 238 291 E-mail: international.relations@armyacademy.ro
7.	**Dress code**
	Participants are expected to wear service uniform or equivalent for civilians during working hours. Civilian clothes are to be worn outside working hours and outside the Academy.

Registration Form

Data protection:
Your data will be used for necessary internal administrative procedures only.
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Remarks: - Please fill in the yellow fields only or mark with an **X** - Fill in 1 form for 1 person - Send this application form to: international.relations@armyacademy.ro	I want to participate in the: **Law of Armed Conflict Common Module** **19 – 23 April 2027***

Gender	Rank	Family name / Surname	First name / Given name

Date of birth	Nationality	Passport (ID) number*	Passport validity until

Branch of Service (if available)	Sending institution	I want to participate as		
		Officer	N.C.O.	Cadet
		☐	☐	☐
Year of study				

My phone number (if available)	My e-mail address
Postal address	

Arrival date in Sibiu	Arrival time in Sibiu (if possible)	By plane	By train	By car	By bus
		☐	☐	☐	☐

Departure date from Sibiu	Departure time from Sibiu (if possible)	By plane	By train	By car	By bus
		☐	☐	☐	☐

Need for accommodation in LFA campus	
Yes ☐	No ☐

Special dietary or food requirements due to medical or religious reasons		**If yes**, please specify food you cannot eat	**Additional remarks** (Need for special equipment, special travel arrangements ….)
No	Yes		
☐	☐		

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* Please enclose the photo of your Passport/ID on the next page of this registration form:

Please integrate a copy of your passport / ID hereinafter:

Common Module

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Law of Armed Conflict

Module Description

Country	Institution	Module	ECTS
RO	**LFA**	**Law of Armed Conflict**	**2.0**

	Minimum Qualification for Lecturers
Service **ALL**	• English: Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) Level B2 or NATO STANAG 6001 Level 3.
Language **English, Romanian**[1]	• Thorough knowledge of LOAC . • Adequate knowledge of international relations issues. • Thorough knowledge of the topic taught.
SQF MILOF	• **Competence area** – Military service member • **Learning area** – National and international law • **Organization level** – Joint/Multiple Services

Prerequisites for international participants:	**Goal of the Module**
• English: Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) Level B1 or NATO STANAG Level 2. • At least 1 year of national (military) higher education. • Basic knowledge of National (constitutional) Law and International Law.	• Analyse the impact of the legal framework (international and national law, ROE, …)on the effectiveness of military operations in various types of conflict and how this is reflected in planning for military operations at all levels of operations.

Learning outcomes		
	Knowledge	• Formulate basics of LOAC and relates issues. • Perform review of the legal context of military operations.
	Skills	• Manage creatively and flexibly service specific forces respecting LOAC at all its spectrum. • Apply Rules of Engagement on the level being responsible after graduation.
	Responsibility and autonomy	• Take the initiative and assume responsibility to apply LOAC in military operations. • Solve problems and deal with ROE.

Verification of learning outcomes

- **Observation**: Throughout the Module students are to discuss given topics within syndicates and in the plenary. During these work students are to be evaluated to verify their competences.
- **Test:** Written examination at the end of the module. The type of the test is up to the Course Director. If needed, more tests may be conducted during the Module.

[1] **Remark**: If the Module or parts of the Module are conducted in Romanian language, international participants are to be informed in advance to react properly.

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Module Details (the content is an example and depends on the course director's decision)		
Main Topic	**Recommended WH[2]**	**Details**
E-learning (Basic Principles of the LOAC)	4	• Historical Background of LOAC. • Definition of Armed Conflict. • Types of Armed Conflict. • Basic Principles of LOAC. Relationship between LOAC and Human Rights Law.
E-learning (Definitions in LOAC)	4	• Armed Forces, Combatants, Prisoners of War, Military Objectives. • Protected Persons and Objects (civilians, wounded, sick and shipwrecked, cultural property, etc.) • Means and Methods of Warfare.
E-learning (International Criminal Justice)	2	• International Criminal Tribunals. • Individual Criminal Responsibility and Command Responsibility.
Entry Level Test	1	• To determine the entrance level of participants according to the learning outcomes of the e-learning – if e-learning is used
Introduction to LOAC	2	• Basic Principles of LOAC. • Terms and Definitions of LOAC.
Syndicate Work	8	• To increase the understanding of LOAC principles. • To increase the understanding of the context of definitions in LOAC on the basis of specific examples.
Case Studies and Discussions	8	• To illustrate the basic rules (Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols). • Each case study comprises a description of a situation followed by questions.
Legal Context of Military Operations	4	• International Law in Military Operations (e.g.: UN Charter, Chapter VI and Chapter VII). • Rules of Engagement (ROE). • Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA).
Final Test	1	• To determine the achieved level of knowledge, skills and competences.
Total	**34**	
Additional hours (WH) to increase the learning outcomes[3]		
Self-Studies	16	• Reflection of the E-learning modules. • Preparation for the upcoming lessons and for exam(s). • Reflection of the topics issued.
Total	**50**	The amount of hours for the use of the developed e-learning is up to the module director. He/she may replace the e-learning hours/topics with residential phases. The detailed amount of hours for the respective main topic is up to the course director according to national law or home institution's rules.

[2] **Remark**: Detailed working hours are up to the Module Director. The total amount of hours has to fit to the national law concerning working hours for 2 ECTS.

[3] **Remark**: Parts of these hours **may** be taken by the Module Director to teach or to discuss more detailed the listed topics or an additional relevant topic referring to the LOAC for example: Cyber Warfare (Introduction to Cyber Terrorism and Information Warfare; the General Concept of Cyber Warfare and International Law).

List of Abbreviations:

B1, B2 ..... Common Reference Levels
CEFR ..... Common European Framework of Reference for Languages
ECTS ..... European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System
ESDC ..... European Security and Defence College
IG ..... Implementation Group
IHL ..... International Humanitarian Law
LFA ..... Land Forces Academy
LOAC ..... Law of Armed Conflict
NATO ..... North Atlantic Treaty Organization
RO ..... Romania
ROE ..... Rules of Engagement
SOFA ..... Status of Forces Agreement
SP ..... The strategic Partnership
SQF MILOF ..... Sectoral Qualification Framework for Military Officers
STANAG ..... Standardization Agreement
UN ..... United Nations
WH ..... Working Hour

