



INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW DEFENCE SEMINAR

ADVANCED TRAINING COURSE ON INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL DEFENSE

Dates: **30 March – 2 April 2026**

Location: **UN Campus, Turin, Italy**

Overview

The **United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute** (UNICRI), in collaboration with the **Office of Public Counsel for the Defence** (OPCD) of the **International Criminal Court** (ICC), is organizing an advanced training course on the aspects and strategies of criminal defence in international law.

The fourteenth edition of the International Criminal Law Defence Seminar will take place in person **from 30 March to 2 April 2026** at the **UNICRI premises (UN Campus, Turin)**. The Seminar is organized within the framework of the Master of Law in Transnational Crime and Justice.

The Seminar is aimed at lawyers, law students, and professionals seeking to enhance their expertise in international criminal law practices, both before domestic and international jurisdictions.

Schedule and Topics

The four-day seminar will take place **from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.** (including a lunch break and two coffee breaks).

The seminar will be conducted **entirely in English**. Participants are therefore required to have a good command of both written and spoken English.

Course topics include:

- Basic principles of International Criminal Law
- Punishable conducts and modes of liability
- Introduction to the ICC Rules of Procedure and Evidence
- Introduction and overview of International Criminal Defence
- Defence Counsel qualifications and training – setting up a defence team
- Lawyer-client relationship Defence investigations and strategies
- Sources of case law
- How to structure and present legal arguments
- Direct and cross-examination by the Defence
- Execution phase

Credits

The Turin Bar Association will recognize **20 professional training credits** for Italian lawyers participating in the Seminar. Further information on attendance requirements for accreditation can be provided upon request..

Registration Fee

Registration fee amounts to **1,000 Euro**. Registration fees do not cover expenses related to travel, meals, accommodation, and visa.

Application Details

Participation in the course is open to lawyers/legal professionals who meet the required professional and language qualifications. Applications must be submitted using the dedicated application form available at the following [link](#) by **15 March 2026**.

For any questions or requests for further information, please contact us at **unicri.ilm@un.org**