



COURSE UNIT DESCRIPTION

Course Unit Title	Code
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION	

Lecturer(s)	Department(s)
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Study cycle	Type of the course unit
Second	Optional

Mode of delivery	Course unit delivery period	Language (s) of instruction
Face-to-face	2 nd semester (spring)	English/Russian

Requirements for students	
Pre-requisites: Knowledge of (national) criminal procedure	Co-requisites (where they are): -

Number of credits allocated	Total student's workload	Contact hours	Self-study hours
6	160	36	124

Purpose of the course unit: programme competences to be developed		
The course unit aims to provide profound knowledge on the sources of EU criminal procedure, their implementation in EU member countries (case of Lithuania), mutual legal assistance in criminal proceedings, their forms and the procedure of provision thereof. It also aims at the formation of abilities to understand and interpret the national rules of criminal procedure in a critical manner, to compare them with the requirements of EU law, apply them appropriately, and analyse case-law; the development of interpersonal and communication skills.		
Learning outcomes of the course unit	Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
- Students will be able to define, explain and analyse the sources of EU criminal procedure, as well as the content, meaning and purpose of legal norms regulating mutual legal assistance in criminal proceedings and to appropriately apply them in support of legal decisions.	Lectures, seminars, individual work	Problematic issues, preparation and presentation of an individual (group) research work
- Students will be able to evaluate human behaviour as well as that of social institutions in the light of legal norms regulating mutual legal assistance in criminal proceedings. - Students will be able to analyse and critically evaluate case-law.	Lectures, seminars, individual work	Problematic issues, preparation and presentation of an individual (group) research work
- Students will be able to apply knowledge in an innovative and integral manner, using the latest trends of EU criminal procedure and mutual legal assistance in criminal proceedings legal doctrine and case law in independently modelling of strategies for appropriate solutions.	Lectures, seminars, individual work	Problematic issues, preparation and presentation of an individual (group) research work
- Students will be able to convey ideas and thoughts in an argumentative, critical and logical manner in both, verbal and written form, basing their knowledge on theory of the EU criminal procedure and mutual legal assistance in criminal proceedings, as well as on the case-law analysis.	Lectures, seminars, individual work	Problematic issues, preparation and presentation of an individual (group) research work
- Students will be able to enhance acquired knowledge and abilities independently, <i>inter alia</i> , to use legal information data bases and other sources, to select relevant theoretical and practical material, and to substantiate their own conclusions by the achievements of jurisprudence.	Lectures, seminars, individual work	Problematic issues, preparation and presentation of an individual (group) research work

Content: breakdown of the topics	Contact hours						Self-study: hours and assignments	
	Lectures	Consultations	Seminars	Training exercises	Laboratory work	Internship/work placement	Contact hours	Self-study hours
1. The Concept of EU Criminal procedure	2		-				2	4
2. Sources of EU Criminal procedure and Their Significance for Domestic Criminal procedure	2		-				2	4
3. Relation of EU Criminal procedure with Domestic Law; Implementation of EU Criminal procedure in Domestic Law	4		3				7	20
4. Concept, Legal Basis and Forms of International Legal Assistance in Criminal Proceedings; Content and Form of Requests	2		3				5	20
5. Extradition, the European Arrest Warrant, Transfer of an Individual to the International Criminal Court	6		3				9	20
6. Transfer of Offenders Serving Sentence of Imprisonment and other punishments to Further Serve their Sentence;	6		3				9	20
7. Transfer of Criminal Prosecution and Other Forms of Legal Assistance	2						2	6
								30
Total	24		12				36	124

Assessment strategy	Weight, percentage	Assessment period	Assessment criteria
Individual (group) research work	40	During semester	<p>An individual (group) work relating to the analysis of the implementation of EU criminal procedure in domestic law; presentation of the work.</p> <p>Assessment consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - work content (comprehensive problem analysis, proper source application, critical analytical thinking, conclusion/recommendation formulation); - work structure and style (clear structural parts, scientific language style, exact wording, source references, proper and ethical citation use); - work presentation (concentrated work presentation, adhesive scientific language, the use of informative visual aids); - efficient and active participation in discussion, answering to questions.
Examination	60	At the end of the course	<p>Responses to 2 questions from the question list, submitted in advance, that reflect student's advanced knowledge in the problematics of EU criminal procedure, conceptual understanding and assessment based on such knowledge, as well as newly acquired competences. When answering, students should provide all the necessary information in an argumentative, coherent and clear manner.</p>

Author	Year of publication	Title	Issue of periodical or volume of publication	Publishing place and house or web link
Compulsory reading				
G. VERMEULEN, W. DE BONDT, CH. RYCKMAN	2012	Rethinking international cooperation in criminal matters in the EU		Maklu-Publishers, Antwerp, Apeldoorn
	2004	Enlarging the fight against fraud in the European Union: penal and administrative		Koln

		sanctions, settlement, whistleblowing and Corpus Juris in the candidate countries		
SATZGER H.	2012	International and European Union criminal law		Munich
ZWIERS M.	2011	The European Public Prosecutor		Intersentia
	2009	The future of mutual recognition in criminal matters in the European Union		Brussels
Recommended reading				
	2000-2001	The implementation of the Corpus Juris in the member states. Volumes I-IV		Intersentia