



COURSE UNIT (MODULE) DESCRIPTION

Course unit (module) title	Code
RESEARCH PAPER	

Lecturer(s)	Department(s) where the course unit (module) is delivered
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Study cycle	Type of the course unit (module)
Second	Compulsory

Mode of delivery	Course unit delivery period	Language (s) of instruction
Face-to-face	1 st semester	English/Russian

Requirements for students	
Prerequisites: -	Additional requirements (if any):-

Number of credits allocated	Total student's workload	Contact hours	Self-study hours
6	160	10	150

Purpose of the course unit: programme competences to be developed

The course unit aims at developing the competence to carry out an individual research: to identify, analyse and solve complex legal problem of both law making and application of law in the field of international and European Union law, to select and use scientific literature and legal sources, to apply research methods, to independently accomplish raised objectives, to formulate conclusions, solutions and recommendations (if possible), and to put the research in written form in a coherent and orderly way using proper scientific language and to clearly convey the results to the audience.

Learning outcomes of the course unit	Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
- Students will be able to properly apply the methodological requirements for research paper.	Personal consultations, individual work	Research paper and it's defence
- Students will be able to employ acquired interdisciplinary knowledge in an innovative and integral way in order to model strategies for appropriate problem solution taking into consideration possible social, ethical and legal consequences.		
- Students will be able to independently identify and formulate a complex scientific issue based on development of international and European Union law theory and practice (inter alia, interaction with national law), define a research object, select appropriate research methods.		
- Students will be able to autonomously choose legal sources and scientific literature, systemise collected material on the problem, summarise it, analyse and critically interpret, argue one's position and lay out a reasoned conclusion.		
- Students will be able to convey relevant information, both in written and orally, to audience in accordance with theoretical and practical knowledge and abilities.		
- Students will be able to plan a schedule and organise their work.		
- Students will be able to enhance acquired knowledge and abilities independently, inter alia, 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.		

Content: breakdown of the topics	Contact hours						Self-study: hours and assignments		
	Lectures	Consultations	Seminars	Practical sessions	Laboratory activities	Internship/work placement	Contact hours	Self-study hours	Assignments
Preparation of research paper		10					10	150	Preparation of research paper (literary studies, source analysis, presentation of research results, etc.), preparation for the defence.
Total		10					10	150	

Assessment strategy	Weight, percentage	Assessment period	Assessment criteria
The defence of a research paper	100	End of the semester	<p>Completed and properly formalized written research paper must be submitted to its supervisor for evaluation and orally defended. Research paper is assessed on the 1-10 grade scale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Max 8 points for the proper preparation of research work and the content of it (fulfilling the methodological requirements, coherent and proper scientific language, balance of structural parts, relevancy, consistency, validity, thoroughness, etc.). - Max 2 points for the presentation of the research work and its defence (clearness, constructiveness, conciseness, adhesive scientific language, etc.) and answering to questions.

Author	Year of publication	Title	Issue of periodical or volume of publication	Publishing place and house or web link
Compulsory reading				
	2015	Vilnius university Faculty of Law Methodological Requirements for Research Paper and Master's Thesis Preparation		http://www.tf.vu.lt/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/2017-01-17_TF_Rasto-darbu-metodiniai-nurodymai-EN.pdf
		International, European Union and national legislation		http://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html?locale=en
		The jurisprudence of the European Court of Justice, European Court of Human Rights and other international and national courts.		https://curia.europa.eu/jcms/jcms/j_6/en/; http://www.echr.coe.int/Pages/home.aspx?p=caselaw&c=
Other concrete scholarly literature is selected in accordance to the issue of a research paper.				