



COURSE UNIT DESCRIPTION

Course unit title	Code
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND SUPRANATIONAL INSTITUTIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN UNION LAW	

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

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

Requirements for students	
Pre-requisites: Knowledge of legal theory, international law, constitutional law	Co-requisites (if any): -

Number of credits allocated	Total student's workload	Contact hours	Self-study hours
6	160	48	112

Purpose of the course unit: programme competences to be developed		
The course unit aims at providing systemic understanding about the legal nature, principles of the functioning and competence of different intergovernmental and supranational institutions; developing abilities to critically interpret and properly apply legal provisions of international and the EU organizations, to analyse the interaction between national and supranational law, various (inter alia, competing) mechanisms of cooperation of supranational legal systems and the tendencies of their development as well as to solve complex legal issues in the field of interaction between these systems. Interpersonal and communication skills are developed.		
Learning outcomes of the course unit	Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students will be able to explain the meaning and features of the intergovernmental and supranational organizations, mechanisms of their interaction and application within national legal systems as well as the tendencies of their development. - Students will understand the EU as an organization and will be able to analyze the interaction between EU institutions, the main political and/or legislative decision-making process, and the human rights protection mechanisms. 	Lectures, seminars, individual work	Exam (problematic issues), participation in discussion, group (individual) research work and its' presentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students will be able to assess the activity of the states in international organizations and their institutions. 	Lectures, seminars, individual work	Exam (problematic issues), participation in discussion, group (individual) research work and its' presentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students will be able to critically interpret the legal sources of the law of international organizations and the meaning of legal rules, and will be able to appropriately apply national and supranational legal sources while independently solving complex legal problems taking into consideration possible social, ethical and legal consequences. 	Lectures, seminars, individual work	Exam (problematic issues), participation in discussion, group (individual) research work and its' presentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students will be able to systemically analyse and make ethic evaluation of national and international case law in support of their legal decisions. 	Lectures, seminars, individual work	Exam (problematic issues), participation in discussion, group

		(individual) research work and its' presentation
- Students will be able to innovatively and integrally apply knowledge using the latest trends of the modern legal doctrine and case law of national and supranational law while identifying scientific legal issues and modeling strategies for possible solutions.	Lectures, seminars, individual work	Exam (problematic issues), participation in discussion, group (individual) research work and its' presentation
- Students will be able to convey ideas and thoughts in a critical and argumentative manner, in both verbal and written form, basing on the acquired theoretical and practical (case law) knowledge in the field of international organizations and institutions of the EU.	Lectures, seminars, individual work	Exam (problematic issues), participation in discussion, group (individual) research work and its' presentation
- Students will be able to actively participate and collaborate in team as well as to ensure group members integration by applying ethical values and moral sensibility in respect to cultural and social diversity.	Seminars, individual work	Group research work and its' presentation
- 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	Exam (problematic issues), group (individual) research work and its' presentation

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
1. The notion of international law, subjects, system, special features of the system of international law.	2						2	4	Analysis of relevant legal doctrine
2. The concept and the characteristics of intergovernmental organizations, classification, specifics and competences of international juridical personality, membership in international organizations.	2		2				4	16	Analysis of relevant legal doctrine, writing of research work and preparation for presentation
3. The legal basis of international treaties concluded by international organizations, the structure of international organizations, the budget and internal law.	2						2	4	Analysis of relevant legal doctrine
4. The system of the United Nations. The most important regional organizations.	2		2				4	4	Analysis of relevant legal doctrine
5. The historical development of European integration process and the deepening of its specific (<i>sui generis</i>) features. Theories of integration. Supranational, federative and intergovernmental foundations in the process of integration. The character and the nature of public EU law implementation: international, supranational and subnational levels.	4		2				6	16	Analysis of relevant legal doctrine, writing of research work and preparation for presentation
6. Institutional system of the EU, legal sources of the EU, legislative process in the EU, implementation of the EU legislation, legal mechanism of protection in the EU.	10		4				14	8	Analysis of relevant legal doctrine, case-law analysis
7. Process of the constitutionalization of the EU and the constitutional character of the EU treaties. Interaction between European and national constitutional law. EU as a supranational organization: natural and	6		2				8	8	Analysis of relevant legal doctrine, case-law analysis

functional theories; theories, characterizing the relation between European and national law. National case law, recognizing the specific features of the European legislation at the level of national theory.									
8. Membership of the national state in intergovernmental organizations and in the EU. The influence of international and European law on the national constitutions, their internationalization and Europeanization. The impact of national constitutions on international and European law. Interrelation and tendencies of development of national legal systems and supranational law.	4		4				8	16	Analysis of relevant legal doctrine, case-law analysis, writing of research work and preparation for presentation
								36	Preparation for examination
Total	32		16				48	112	

Assessment strategy	Weight, percentage	Assessment period	Assessment criteria
Group (individual) research work	30	During the semester	During semester a group (individual) work, related to analysis of the process of implementation of the supranational (international or EU) law within the national law as well as presentation of the work. Assessment consists of: - 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, responses to questions posed.
Examination	70	At the end of the course	Response to 2 questions (problematic issues) in which the students need to demonstrate their advanced understanding and assessment of the problems of interaction between national and supranational legal systems formed on its basis, as well as their newly acquired competences. When answering, students should provide all the necessary information in an argumentative, coherent and clear manner.

Author	Year of publication	Title	Issue of periodical or volume of publication	Publishing place and house or web link
Compulsory reading				
AMERASINGHE, C. F.	1998	Principles of the Institutional Law of International Organizations		Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
CRAIG, P.; DE BÚRCA, G.	2011	EU Law: Text, Cases, and Materials	5 th edition	Oxford: Oxford University Press
SANDS, P. Q. C.; KLEIN, P.	2009	Bowett's Law of International Institutions		London: Sweet & Maxwell
WALLIS, R.	2007	Guide to European Union Law and Institutions		Brighton: Straightforward Publishing
Recommended literature				
HURD, I.	2010	International Organizations: Politics, Law, Practice		Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
KLABBERS, J.	2002	An Introduction to		Cambridge,

		International Institutional Law		Cambridge University Press
VON BOGDANDY, A.; BAST, J. (eds.)	2011	Principles of European Constitutional Law		Oxford: Hart Publishing
MULLERSON, R.	2000	Constitutional Reforms and International Law in Central and Eastern Europe		