# Course Unit (Module) Description

## Course Unit (Module) Title
Human Rights in Europe

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<th>Lecturer(s)</th>
<th>Department(s) where the course unit (module) is delivered</th>
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<td>Coordinator: Lina Urbaitė</td>
<td>Department of Public Law, Faculty of Law, Vilnius University, Saulėtekio av. 9, Building 1, LT-10222, Vilnius, Room 405, tel. (85)2366175; e-mail: <a href="mailto:vtkatedra@tf.vu.lt">vtkatedra@tf.vu.lt</a></td>
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## Study Cycle
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## Type of the Course Unit (Module)
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## Mode of Delivery
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## Period When the Course Unit (Module) is Delivered
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## Language(s) of Instruction
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## Requirements for Students
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<th>Additional requirements (if any):</th>
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## Course (Module) Volume in Credits
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## Total Student’s Workload
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## Contact Hours
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## Self-Study Hours
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## Purpose of the Course Unit (Module): Programme Competences to be Developed
To develop understanding of the human rights protection mechanism under the European Convention on Human Rights. The course aims at training of application of theoretical knowledge in practice, developing of analytical thinking. Students should be able to demonstrate knowledge about the main principles of the human rights protection under the European Convention of Human Rights, interpretation methods and jurisprudential tools applied by the European Court of Human Rights, also to construct a human rights law model instrument and justify choice of provisions.

## Learning Outcomes of the Course Unit (Module)

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<tr>
<td>An understanding of the legal mechanisms and procedures of the European Convention on Human Rights.</td>
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<td>Ability to demonstrate deep and systematic knowledge and understanding of the nature of human rights in international law also critical understanding of the procedural and substantive law under the European Convention on Human Rights.</td>
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<td>An improved ability to think analytically about the implementation and development of international human rights law under the European Convention on Human Rights and critically analyse specific areas.</td>
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<td>An improved ability to conduct research on international human rights law.</td>
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<td>An improved ability to identify, retrieve and use the</td>
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## Teaching and Learning Methods
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<td>Lectures, seminars, team and individual work.</td>
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## Assessment Methods
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<td>Discussion questions, case-study, written tests/quizzes.</td>
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full range of library-based and electronic resources efficiently and autonomously.

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<th>Content: breakdown of the topics</th>
<th>Contact hours</th>
<th>Self-study work: time and assignments</th>
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<td>Lectures</td>
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<td>1. Introductory lecture. Introduction to the lecturer and fellow students. Explanation of the course assignments. Formation of working groups.</td>
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<td>2. Human rights concept. Development of protection under the Convention</td>
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<td>3. Convention system: history, catalogue of rights, interpretation methods.</td>
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<td>4. Procedure under the Convention. European Court of Human Rights</td>
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<td>5. Right to life</td>
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<td>6. Prohibition of torture</td>
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<td>7. Prohibition of slavery</td>
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<td>8. Right to liberty and security</td>
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<td>9. Fair trial and right to an effective remedy</td>
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<td>10. Legal certainty</td>
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<td>11. Right to private and family life. Right to marry</td>
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<td>16. Additional protocols</td>
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<td>Team research – presentation of the case</td>
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<td>Harris, D. J.; O'Boyle, M; Bates, E; Buckley, C.</td>
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