



COURSE UNIT (MODULE) DESCRIPTION

Course unit (module) title	Code
Human Rights in Europe	14468

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

Mode of delivery	Period when the course unit (module) is delivered	Language(s) of instruction
Face-to-face	Autumn	English

Requirements for students	
Prerequisites: None	Additional requirements (if any):

Course (module) volume in credits	Total student's workload	Contact hours	Self-study hours
5	130	32	98

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)	Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
An understanding of the legal mechanisms and procedures of the European Convention on Human Rights.	Lectures, seminars, team and individual work.	Discussion questions, case-study, written tests/quizzes.
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.		
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.		
An improved ability to conduct research on international human rights law.		
An improved ability to identify, retrieve and use the		

full range of library-based and electronic resources efficiently and autonomously.		
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Content: breakdown of the topics	Contact hours							Self-study work: time and assignments	
	Lectures	Tutorials	Seminars	Exercises	Laboratory work	Internship/work placement	Contact hours	Self-study hours	Assignments
1. Introductory lecture. Introduction to the lecturer and fellow students. Explanation of the course assignments. Formation of working groups.	2						2		
2. Human rights concept. Development of protection under the Convention	2						2	4	
3. Convention system: history, catalogue of rights, interpretation methods.	2						2	4	Watching the videos
4. Procedure under the Convention. European Court of Human Rights	1.5			0.5			2	10	Watching the public hearing. Quiz
5. Right to life	1.5			0.5			2	6	Presentation of case (team 1) and discussion
6. Prohibition of torture	2						2	6	Presentation of case (team 2) discussion
7. Prohibition of slavery	1			1			2	10	Test
8. Right to liberty and security				2			2	10	Case-studies
9. Fair trial and right to an effective remedy	1.5			0.5			2	6	Presentation of case (team 3) and discussion
10. Legal certainty	1.5			0.5			2	6	Presentation of case (team 4) and discussion
11. Right to private and family life. Right to marry	1.5			0.5			2	6	Presentation of case (team 5) and discussion
12. Freedom of thought, conscience and religion	1.5			0.5			2	6	Presentation of case (team 6) and discussion
13. Freedom of expression	1.5			0.5			2	6	Presentation of case (team 7) and discussion
14. Freedom of assembly and association	1.5			0.5			2	6	Presentation of case (team 8) discussion
15. Prohibition of discrimination	1			1			2	8	Simulation of the proceedings
16. Additional protocols	2						2	4	
Total	24			8			32	98	

Assessment strategy	Weight, %	Deadline	Assessment criteria
Team research – presentation of the case	20	During semester	Presentation of the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights
Case-studies, discussions, simulation exercise	5	During semester	Analysis of cases, participation in the discussions, simulation of the court hearing.
Tests, quizzes	5	During semester	At the beginning of the course students will have short quiz, at the mid of the course students will have a test – multiple choice questions and case-study.
Written examination	70	During exam	Multiple choice test – 15 questions. Case study.

Author	Year of publication	Title	Issue of a periodical or volume of a publication	Publishing place and house or web link
Compulsory reading				
Case-law of the ECtHR		As indicated during the lecture		
Thematic fact-sheets prepared by the ECtHR		As indicated in advance of the lecture		
Optional reading				
Harris, D. J.; O'Boyle, M; Bates, E; Buckley, C.	2009	Harris, O'Boyle & Warbrick law of the European Convention on Human Rights		Oxford: Oxford University Press
Mowbray, A.	2012	Cases, materials, and commentary on the European Convention on Human Rights		Oxford: Oxford University Press