



COURSE UNIT DESCRIPTION

Course Unit Title	Code
INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN UNION CRIMINAL 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	2 nd semester (spring)	English/ Russian

Requirements for students	
Pre-requisites: Knowledge of (national) criminal law	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 international and EU criminal law, their implementation in national context (case of Lithuania); to develop abilities to understand and interpret the national rules of criminal law, to compare them with the requirements of international and EU law, apply them appropriately, and critically analyse case-law as well as to develop interpersonal and communication skills.

Learning outcomes of the course unit	Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students will be able to understand and explain the sources of international and EU criminal law, as well as the meaning and purpose of legal norms of international and EU criminal law. - Students will be able to individually identify, analyse, and appropriately apply sources of international and EU criminal law while providing legal services. 	Lectures, seminars, individual work	Exam (open ended questions), group (individual) research work and its' presentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students will be able to critically evaluate human behaviour as well as that of social institutions in the light of international and EU criminal law. 	Lectures, seminars, individual work	Exam (open ended questions), group (individual) research work and its' presentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students will be able to apply knowledge in an innovative and integral manner, using latest trends of legal doctrine and case law of international and EU criminal law in independently modelling of strategies for appropriate solutions. 	Lectures, seminars, individual work	Exam (open ended questions), group (individual) research work and its' presentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students will be able to systemically analyse case-law and ethically interpret it in support of their legal decisions. 	Lectures, seminars, individual work	Exam (open ended questions), group (individual) research work and its' presentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 international and EU criminal law, as well as on the case-law analysis. 	Lectures, seminars, individual work	Exam (open ended questions), group (individual) research work and its' presentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students will be able to actively participate and efficiently collaborate in team as well as to ensure group members 	Seminars, individual work	Group research work and its' presentation

integration by applying ethical values and moral sensibility in respect to cultural and social diversity.		
- 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.	Lectures, seminars, individual work	Exam (open ended questions), group (individual) research work and its's presentation

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	Assignments
1. The Concept of International and EU Criminal Law	2		-				2	4	Analysis of relevant law doctrines and legal acts
2. Sources of International and EU Criminal Law and Their Significance for Domestic Criminal Law	2		2				4	4	Analysis of relevant law doctrines and legal acts
3. Relation of International and EU Criminal Law with Domestic Law; Implementation of International and EU Criminal Law in Domestic Law	2		2				4	20	Analysis of relevant law doctrines and legal acts, writing of research work and preparation for presentation
4. Methods, procedures and control of implementation of international and EU criminal law in the national law.	4		2				6	20	Analysis of relevant law doctrines and legal acts, writing of research work and preparation for presentation
5. Issues of the general part of international and EU criminal law (jurisdiction, stages, complicity, previous conviction(s), penalties, etc.).	6		4				10	6	Analysis of relevant law doctrines and legal acts; case-law analysis
6. Issues of the special part of EU criminal law and features of particular crimes (trafficking in human beings, euro counterfeiting, fraud, etc.).	6		-				6	30	Analysis of relevant law doctrines and legal acts; case-law analysis
7. International Crime and Its Classification; Cross-Border Crime	2		2				4	10	Analysis of relevant law doctrines and legal acts; case-law analysis
								30	Preparation for examination
Total	24		12				36	124	

Assessment strategy	Weight, percentage	Assessment period	Assessment criteria
Group (individual) research work	40	During semester	A group (individual) research work relating to the analysis of the implementation of international or EU criminal law in domestic law; 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, answering to questions.
Examination	60	At the end of the course	Responses to 2 open ended questions from the question list, submitted in advance, that reflect student's knowledge in the problematics of international and EU criminal law, conceptual understanding and assessment based on such knowledge, as well as of 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				
	2009	The evaluation of European criminal law. The example of the Framework Decision on combating trafficking in human beings		Brussels
	2004	Enlarging the fight against fraud in the European Union: penal and administrative sanctions, settlement, whistleblowing and Corpus Juris in the candidate countries		Cologne
SATZGER H.	2012	International and European Union criminal law		Munich
ASP P.	2012	The substantive criminal law competence of the EU		Stockholm
KLIP A.	2012	European Criminal Law: An Integrative Approach. 2 nd ed.		Cambridge: Intersentia
ABRAMAVIČIUS A., PRAPIESTIS J.	2014	The influence of European Union law on the institutes of the special part of Lithuanian criminal law// <i>in</i> Lithuanian legal system under the influence of European Union law : collection of scientific articles on the influence of European Union law on Lithuanian constitutional, administrative and environment protection, criminal, civil and civil procedure, labour and social protection, finance law.		Vilnius: Vilniaus universitetas
Recommended reading				
	2000-2001	The implementation of the Corpus Juris in the member states.	Volumes I-IV	Cambridge: Intersentia
BILLIS E.	2016	The European Court of Justice: A "Quasi-Constitutional Court" in Criminal Matters?	New Journal of European Criminal Law 2016/1	http://www.njecl.eu/pdf_file/ITS/NJECL_07_01_0020.pdf
BLOMSMA J.	2012	Mens rea and defences in European criminal law		Cambridge: Intersentia
KEILER J.	2013	Actus reus and participation in European criminal law		Cambridge: Intersentia
MIETTINEN S.	2014	Criminal law and policy in the European Union		Routledge
MITSOLEGAS V.	2014	From Overcriminalisation to Decriminalisation. The Many Faces of Effectiveness in European Criminal Law	New Journal of European Criminal Law 2014/3	http://www.njecl.eu/pdf_file/ITS/NJECL_05_03_0416.pdf
MITSOLEGAS V.	2016	EU criminal law after Lisbon: rights, trust and the transformation of justice in Europe		Hart Publishing

PARISI N., RINOLDI D.	2015	Principles of the European Criminal Policy	eucrim 3/2015	https://eucrim.mpicc.de/archiv/eucrim_15-03.pdf
RITLENG D.	2014	The Contribution of The Court of Justice to the Structuring of the European Space of Fundamental Rights	New Journal of European Criminal Law 2014/4	http://www.njecl.eu/pdf_file/ITS/NJECL_05_04_0507.pdf
SCALIA V.	2015	Protection of Fundamental Rights and Criminal Law	eucrim 3/2015	https://eucrim.mpicc.de/archiv/eucrim_15-03.pdf
VERVAELE J.	2006	European criminal law and general principles of Union law. – Current issues in European criminal law and the protection of EU financial interests		Zagreb