



## COURSE UNIT (MODULE) DESCRIPTION

Course unit (module) title	Code
<b>GLOBAL LAW AND LEGAL ETHICS</b>	

Lecturer(s)	Department(s)
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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 (autumn) semester	English

Requirements for students	
<b>Pre-requisites:</b>	<b>Co-requisites (if any):</b> none

Number of credits allocated	Total student's workload	Contact hours	Self-study hours
10	268	48	220

### Purpose of the course unit (module): programme competences to be developed

Students should obtain profound knowledge about the main values and principles of the law both in domestic, European and international levels; furthermore should develop abilities to apply legal reasoning, interpret and assess various practical situations related to the global law values, principles and legal ethics, as well as complex legal situations where there are no established regulation or existing legal precedents. The course unit aims at developing the competence to carry out an individual research: to identify, analyze and solve complex legal problems of both law making and application of law in the field of international and European law.

Learning outcomes of the course unit (module)	Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
Students will gain in-depth legal knowledge on complex global law issues at domestic, European and international levels and will be able to critically analyze and assess various legal, economical and ethical consequences of the developments in the global law sphere.	An interactive method of teaching during lectures and seminars (oral presentation, cooperative learning methods, including discussion forums, the analysis of problematic issues, case studies), individual studies (analysis of the relevant legal framework, policy and case-law, reading of academic literature)	Preparation of individual research paper
Students will be able to explicate the nature and ethical foundations of the core legal principles and values of international community.	An interactive method of teaching during lectures and seminars (oral presentation, cooperative learning methods, including discussion forums, the analysis of problematic issues, case studies), individual studies (analysis of the relevant legal framework, policy and case-law, reading of academic literature)	Preparation of individual research paper
Students will gain theoretical and practical understanding of legal ethics, its application to practical situations, as well as to provide solutions for complex legal problems related to it.	An interactive method of teaching during lectures and seminars (oral presentation, cooperative learning methods, including discussion forums, the analysis of problematic issues, case studies), individual studies (analysis of the relevant legal framework, policy and case-law, reading of academic literature)	Preparation of individual research paper
Students will be able to analyze and interpret national, supranational (including European Union) and international regulation, policy and	An interactive method of teaching during lectures and seminars (oral presentation, cooperative learning methods, including	Preparation of individual research paper

case-law of supranational courts on various global law and legal ethics issues.	discussion forums, the analysis of problematic issues, case studies), individual studies (analysis of the relevant legal framework, policy and case-law, reading of academic literature)	
Students will be able to apply their knowledge of global law issues to practical situations related to various human rights, tech law and business law issues.	An interactive method of teaching during lectures and seminars (oral presentation, cooperative learning methods, including discussion forums, the analysis of problematic issues, case studies), individual studies (analysis of the relevant legal framework, policy and case-law, reading of academic literature)	Preparation of individual research paper and presentation and defense of individual research paper
Students will be able to actively and productively participate and collaborate in cross-cultural team activities.	An interactive method of teaching during seminars (oral presentation, cooperative learning methods, including discussion forums, the analysis of problematic issues, case studies), individual studies (analysis of the relevant legal framework, policy and case-law, reading of academic literature)	Presentation and defense of individual research paper
Students will professionally communicate orally and in written, unambiguously and reasonably convey own well-grounded ideas, arguments and conclusions based on theoretical and practical knowledge and will be able to trigger or to contribute to the discussion with specialists and non-specialists providing their own insights in an international context.	An interactive method of teaching during seminars (oral presentation, cooperative learning methods, including discussion forums, the analysis of problematic issues, case studies), individual studies (analysis of the relevant legal framework, policy and case-law, reading of academic literature)	Presentation and defense of individual research paper
Students will be able to independently identify and formulate a complex scientific issue based on development of European and international law theory and practice (inter alia, interaction with national law), define a research object, select appropriate research methods.	An interactive method of teaching during lectures and seminars (oral presentation, cooperative learning methods, including discussion forums, the analysis of problematic issues, case studies), individual studies (analysis of the relevant legal framework, policy and case-law, reading of academic literature)	Preparation of individual research paper and presentation and defense of individual research paper
Students will be able to critically evaluate own accomplishments and to enhance acquired knowledge and abilities independently, <i>inter alia</i> , by using legal information data bases and other sources, selecting relevant theoretical and practical material, and to substantiate their own conclusions by using relevant research methods.	Preparation of individual research paper dealing with various global law issues in European and/or international levels	Preparation of individual research paper
Students will be able to autonomously choose legal sources and scientific literature, systemize collected material on the problem, summarize it, analyze and critically interpret, argue one's position and lay out a reasoned conclusion.	Preparation of individual research paper dealing with various global law issues in European and/or international levels	Preparation of individual research paper

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. Fundamental principles and values of global law	3		2				5	25	Participation in the discussion. Analysis of the relevant legal framework and case-law, preparation of individual project; reading of academic literature
2. The conception and structure of legal consciousness in	1		1				2	20	Participation in the discussion. Analysis of the relevant legal

European and international context									framework and case-law, preparation of individual project; reading of academic literature	
3. Global perspective of the relationship between law, religion and morality	2		2					4	15	Participation in the discussion. Analysis of the relevant legal framework and case-law, preparation of individual project; reading of academic literature
4. Human rights and freedoms in European and international context	3		3					6	30	Participation in the discussion. Analysis of the relevant legal framework and case-law, preparation of individual project; reading of academic literature
5. European and international law principles, values and argumentation in judicial process	3		3					6	30	Participation in the discussion. Analysis of the relevant legal framework and case-law, preparation of individual project; reading of academic literature
6. Legal discretion in international adjudication	2		2					4	20	Participation in the discussion. Analysis of the relevant legal framework and case-law, reading of academic literature.
7. Practical and theoretical aspects of legal ethics	1		2					3	10	Participation in the discussion. Analysis of the relevant legal framework and case-law, reading of academic literature.
8. Global law, justice and markets	1		1					2	10	Analysis of the relevant legal framework and case-law, reading of academic literature. Participation in the discussion
9. Individual research paper	1		15					16	60	Preparation of the research paper. Analysis of the relevant legal framework and case-law, reading of academic literature. Preparation for presentation and defense of research paper.
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>		<b>31</b>					<b>48</b>	<b>220</b>	

Assessment strategy	Weight, percentage	Assessment period	Assessment criteria
Participation in class activities	10	During the semester	Students will be expected to demonstrate both the knowledge gained during the course as well as their abilities to apply it in a given situation. Assessment of participation in class activities consists of participation in discussions (capability to provide correct answers to questions, formulate problems and suggest (search for) solutions, offer thoughtful critical remarks, contribute to other participants' ideas).
Preparation of individual research paper	50	During the semester	Every student will have to prepare an individual research paper which will have to be prepared during the semester. The research projects will have to cover topics discussed during the class activities. The topic of the research project is subject to the approval of the coordinator. The evaluation of the paper will be based on: - 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); - demonstration of broad and in-depth knowledge of the topics which will be discussed during the class The maximum number of points that may be received for the written paper is 5 (i.e. 5 points out of the final grade, which is 10 points).
Presentation and defense of individual research paper	40	At the end of the course	Every student will have to present their individual research papers during the class at the end of the course. The evaluation of the presentation will be based on: - work presentation (concentrated work presentation, adhesive scientific language, the use of informative visual aids);

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- efficient and active participation in discussion, answering to questions, contribution to other participants' ideas;</li> <li>- demonstration of broad and in-depth knowledge of the topics which will be discussed during the class</li> </ul> <p>The maximum number of points that may be received for the presentation of the paper is 5 (i.e. 5 points out of the final grade, which is 10 points).</p>
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Author	Year of publication	Title	Issue of a periodical or volume of a publication	Publishing place and house or web link
<b>Compulsory reading</b>				
Cordozo, B. N.	1925	The Nature of Judicial Process		New Haven: Yale University Press
Gumbis, J.	2018	Legal Reasoning: A Realistic Approach		Available: <a href="http://web.vu.lt/tf/j.gumbis/en/legal-reasoning-en/">http://web.vu.lt/tf/j.gumbis/en/legal-reasoning-en/</a>
Posner, R. A.	1939	The Problems of Jurisprudence		London: Harvard University Press
Schabas, W. A.	2015	The European Convention on Human Rights: A Commentary		Oxford University Press
<b>Recommended reading</b>				
Barak, A.	2015	Human dignity: The Constitutional Value and the Constitutional Right		Cambridge University Press
Barak, A.	2006	The Judge in a Democracy		Princeton University Press
Berman, H. J.	1983	Law and Revolution: The Formation of the Western Legal Tradition		Harvard University Press
Craig, P. and De Búrca G.	2015	EU Law: Text, Cases and Materials		Oxford University Press
Fuller, L. L.	1958	Positivism and Fidelity to Law: A Reply to Professor Hart	Vol. 71(4)	Harvard Law Review
Hart, H. L. A	1958	Positivism and the Separation of Law and Morals	Vol. 71(4)	Harvard Law Review
Summers, R.	1999	Formal Legal Truth and Substantive Truth in Judicial Fact-Finding – Their Justified Divergence in Some Particular Cases	Vol.18(5)	Law and Philosophy