



## COURSE UNIT (MODULE) DESCRIPTION

Course unit (module) title	Code
<b>CURRENT ISSUES OF PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW</b>	

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

Mode of delivery	Course unit delivery period	Language(s) of instruction
Online	1 (autumn)/ 2 (spring) semester	English

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

Number of credits allocated	Total student's workload	Contact hours	Self-study hours
5	131	32	101

Purpose of the course unit (module): programme competences to be developed		
<p>The purpose of the course unit is to enable students to acquire advanced conceptual understanding of the Private International Law issues, to critically evaluate the legal doctrine and case law concerning the exercise and protection of rights in Private International Law sphere, to be able to analyse the latest Private International Law issues and trends and to propose effective solutions related to the emergence, modification and termination of private international relations.</p>		
Learning outcomes of the course unit (module)	Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
Students will be able to systematically analyse the main trends of development and application of conflict of laws rules and substantive Private International Law rules	A problematic method of teaching during lectures and seminars (the analysis of problematic practical issues, discussions), individual studies (critical literature reading)	Examination in written
Students will be able to critically analyse and ethically evaluate the legal doctrine and case law concerning the exercise and protection of rights in Private International Law sphere.	A problematic method of teaching during lectures and seminars (case analysis, working in group, discussions), individual studies (critical literature reading)	Examination in written
Students will be able to independently analyse, interpret and provide solutions for complex legal problems related to the emergence, modification and termination of private international relations, to provide suggestions that would enable the reduction of the future conflicts, as well as to consult and give recommendations due to these problems to concerned person or institution.	A problematic method of teaching during lectures and seminars (the analysis of problematic practical issues, case analysis), individual studies (critical literature reading).	Examination in written
Students will be able to systemically analyze scientific and practical international, EU and Ukrainian material related to Private International Law, to summarize and present it unambiguously.	A problematic method of teaching during lectures and seminars (the analysis of problematic practical issues, case analysis), individual studies (critical literature reading).	Examination in written
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.	A problematic method of teaching during lectures and seminars (the analysis of problematic practical issues, case analysis), individual studies (critical literature reading).	Examination in written

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. Introduction. Some Issues of Making and Application of Private International Law Sources	2		2				4	18	Reading academic literature and main legal sources. Analysis of relevant cases in the court practice.
2. Characterization in Modern Private International Law	2		2				4	12	Reading academic literature and main legal sources. Analysis of relevant cases in the court practice.
3. Some Issues of Legal Regulation of International Contracts	2		2				4	12	Reading academic literature and main legal sources. Analysis of relevant cases in the court practice.
4. Some Issues of Legal Regulation of Non-Contractual Obligations	2		2				4	12	Reading academic literature and main legal sources. Analysis of relevant cases in the court practice.
5. Some Issues of International Succession Law	2		2				4	12	Reading academic literature and main legal sources. Analysis of relevant cases in the court practice.
6. Some Issues of International Family Law	2		2				4	12	Reading academic literature and main legal sources. Analysis of relevant cases in the court practice.
7. Some Issues of International Civil Procedure	2		2				4	12	Reading academic literature and main legal sources. Analysis of relevant cases in the court practice.
8. Some Issues of International Commercial Arbitration	2		2				4	11	Reading academic literature and main legal sources. Analysis of relevant cases in the court practice.
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>16</b>				<b>32</b>	<b>101</b>	

Assessment strategy	Weight, percentage	Assessment period	Assessment criteria
Examination in written	100	During the examination session	<p>Two practical situations related to be solved by the students in written, where students are expected to demonstrate the advanced theoretical knowledge of the issues studied during the course, conceptual understanding of the complexities of Private International Law Sources. Final exam is evaluated by the 10 points assessment criteria for the final evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 points (excellent), excellent knowledge and abilities;</li> <li>• 9 points (very good), strong, good knowledge and abilities;</li> <li>• 8 points (good), better than average knowledge and abilities;</li> <li>• 7 points (average), average knowledge and abilities, with minor mistakes;</li> <li>• 6 points (satisfactory), knowledge and abilities are lower than medium, includes some mistakes;</li> <li>• 5 points (weak), knowledge and abilities satisfies minimal requirements;</li> <li>• 4-1 points – unsatisfactory.</li> </ul>

<b>Author</b>	<b>Year of publication</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Issue of a periodical or volume of a publication</b>	<b>Publishing place and house or web link</b>
<b>Compulsory reading</b>				
Geert van Calster	2021	European Private International Law		Hart Publishing
Sir Richard Plender, QC; Michael Wilderspin.	2019	The European Private International Law of Obligations		Sweet & Maxwell
O. Bamodu, I. Carr, Y. Farah, G. Güneysu-Güngör, L. Heffernan, S. Hourani, D. Kenny, M. Koutsias, X.E. Kramer, P. Stone, E. Treppoz, A. Yilmaz-Vastardis, H.-L. Yu,	2017	Research Handbook on EU Private International Law		Edward Elgar Publishing
<b>Recommended reading</b>				
Basedow Jurgen	2015	The Law of Open Societies		Brill
Alex Mills	2018	Party Autonomy in Private International Law		Cambridge University Press
Trevor C. Hartley, International Commercial Litigation, Cambridge University Press, 2020, 1022 p.	2020	International Commercial Litigation		Cambridge University Press