



COURSE UNIT (MODULE) DESCRIPTION

Course unit (module) title	Code
INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC LAW OF LITHUANIA	

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

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

Requirements for students	
Pre-requisites: proficiency in English is recommended	Co-requisites (if any): No

Number of credits allocated	Total students' workload	Contact hours	Self-study hours
5	133	32	101

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

The aim of the course is to provide students with comprehensive knowledge about the specific areas of public law of Lithuania. Students will gain a systematic view of Lithuanian constitutional law and administrative law systems, develop the ability to analyze and assess related legal framework.

Learning outcomes of the course unit (module)	Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
Students will gain systematic and practical understanding of the purpose of Lithuanian constitutional law (specific knowledge of the foundations of the constitutional order, of the Lithuanian state and its institutions, of the constitutional status of persons)	Lectures and practical sessions (group discussion, critical analysis, application of legal sources, case law, doctrine analysis) requiring prior individual analysis of literary and legal sources (referred in advance). The method of delivery involves issue spotting, analytic (inter alia, search and analysis of information) systematic, teleological, critical, and practical learning	Written examination (multiple choice questions).
Students will gain systematic and practical understanding of the Lithuanian administrative law (specific knowledge of the public administration, the system of public administrative entities, its competencies, activities, what is the system of defense against illegal actions of public administration entities).	Lectures and practical sessions (group discussion, critical analysis, application of legal sources, case law, doctrine analysis) requiring prior individual analysis of literary and legal sources (referred in advance). The method of delivery involves issue spotting, analytic (inter alia, search and analysis of information) systematic, teleological, critical, and practical learning	Written examination (multiple choice questions).
Students will be able to explain the concept and classification of human rights and freedoms, as well as conditions for restrictions in this field in Lithuania.	Lectures and practical sessions (group discussion, critical analysis, application of legal sources, case law, doctrine analysis) requiring prior individual analysis of literary and legal sources (referred in advance). The method of delivery involves issue spotting, analytic (inter alia, search and analysis of information) systematic, teleological, critical, and practical learning	Written examination (multiple choice questions).
Students will understand and assess the reasoning and rules of court decisions in the	Lectures and practical sessions (group discussion, critical analysis, application of legal	Written examination (multiple choice

interpretation and application of the Lithuanian constitutional and administrative law, will be able to analyze related legal framework.	sources, case law, doctrine analysis) requiring prior individual analysis of literary and legal sources (referred in advance). The method of delivery involves issue spotting, analytic (inter alia, search and analysis of information) systematic, teleological, critical, and practical learning	questions).
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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. BASICS OF LITHUANIAN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: 1. History of Lithuanian constitutionalism: Lithuanian Statutes, the 1791 constitution, interwar constitutions. 2. 1918-1949-1990 acts of independence as constitutional acts. 3. Adoption of the 1992 Constitution.	2		2				4	17	Reading of the relevant academic literature
2. THE STATE POWER AND ITS INSTITUTIONS UNDER LITHUANIAN CONSTITUTION: 1. The constitutional concept of separation of state powers. 2. Constitutional status of the Seimas (parliament); 3. Constitutional status of the President of the Republic of Lithuania; 4. The constitutional status of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania; 5. The constitutional status of the judiciary	2		2				4	12	Reading of the relevant academic literature
3. THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA AND ITS COMPETENCIES: 1. The status and competence of the Constitutional Court; 2. The right of access to the Constitutional Court; 3. Individual constitutional complaint; 4. Objects of constitutional review; 5. Acts of the Constitutional Court; 6. The most important cases were decided by the Constitutional Court.	2		2				4	12	Reading of the relevant academic literature
4. HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS IN THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA: 1. The concept of human rights and freedoms; 2. Classification of human rights and freedoms: fundamental (right to life and human dignity, freedom of expression); political (right to free election, freedom of assembly); economic (freedom of economic activity, right to choose occupation); social (right to a healthy and clean environment, right to receive old-age pension); cultural (right to education). 3. Conditions for restriction of human rights and freedoms in accordance with the doctrine of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania	2		2				4	12	Reading of the relevant academic literature
5. THE CONCEPT OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW: 1. Administrative law system (general, special and procedural parts); 2. Models of administrative law in Europe; 3. Influence of both international and European Union law on national administrative law.	2		2				4	12	Reading of the relevant academic literature
6. PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTS: 1. Public Administration: Competence and authorization of public administration powers; Public administration entities; Principles of public administration; Public administration entities activities. 2. Administrative acts: Administrative decision; Normative administrative act; Administrative contract; Other acts.	2		2				4	12	Reading of the relevant academic literature

7. THE SYSTEM OF THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL RIGHTS AGAINST THE ACTIVITY OF THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ENTITIES: 1. Administrative Procedure; 2. Ombudsmen; 3. Pre-trial resolution of administrative disputes; 4. Administrative Courts: Legal review of administrative decisions; Legal review of normative administrative acts.	2	2				4	12	Reading of the relevant academic literature
8. ADMINISTRATIVE LIABILITY: 1. Concept and Principles for the application of administrative liability; 2. Liability of natural persons under the Code of Administrative Offenses; 3. Liability of economic operators under special laws.	2	2				4	12	Reading of the relevant academic literature
Total	16	16				32	101	

Assessment strategy	Weight, percentage	Assessment period	Assessment criteria
Examination	100%	At the end of the course	Maximum 10 points. The exam questions will reflect topics discussed in the lectures and practical sessions and will consist of 20 multiple choice questions that will have the same weight for the exam grade (maximum 0,5 points each, threshold 1).

Author	Year of publication	Title	Issue of a periodical or volume of a publication	Publishing place and house or web link
Compulsory reading				
SEERDEN, J.G.H. Rene	2012	Administrative Law of the European Union, its Member States and the United States. A Comparative Analysis. Third edition		Intersentia Ltd
PAUŽAITĖ-KULVINSKIEN Ė, Jurgita AND STRIKAITĖ-LATUŠINSKAJ A, Goda	2022	Automated Administrative Order in the Context of the Code of Administrative Offences	<i>Changements démocratiques et électroniques dans l'action publique locale en Europe: REvolution ou E-volution? Democratic and Electronic Changes in Local Public Action in Europe: REvolution or E-volution?</i> , Vol. 11.	Kultura: Institut Francophone pour la Justice et la Démocratie
PAUŽAITĖ-KULVINSKIEN Ė, Jurgita	2014	The principle of effective legal remedies in administrative law (right to access to administrative court) of Lithuania under the influence of the European legal order	<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</i>	Vilniaus universitetas
PAUŽAITĖ-KULVINSKIEN Ė, Jurgita AND ANDRIJAUSKA ITĖ, Agnė	2020	Pan-European General Principles of Good Administration in Lithuania – A Success Story with Caveats	Good Administration and the Council of Europe: Law, Principles, and Effectiveness.	Oxford University Press
PAUŽAITĖ-KULVINSKIEN	2019	Right to good administration in European legal framework	Przemysław, scientific eds. <i>Administrative Law</i>	Wydawnictwo Naukowe

Ė, Jurgita AND LIMANTĖ, Agnė			<i>and Science in the European Context</i>	Uniwersytetu Szczecińskiego
PAUŽAITĖ-KULVINSKIEN Ė, Jurgita	2017	The Principle of Effective Legal Protection in Administrative Law of Lithuania.	The Principle of Effective Legal Protection in Administrative Law – A European Comparison	Routledge
VAIČAITIS Vaidotas	2022	Lithuania. In: International Encyclopaedia of Laws: Constitutional Law. Eds. Alen, André; Haljan, David ; Colucci, Michele; Blanpain, Roger; Hendrickx, Frank. Alphen aan den Rijn,		The Netherlands: Kluwer Law International, 2022. https://www.tf.vu.lt/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/IEL-Const-Lithuania.pdf
Recommended reading				
	2017	Lithuanian Constitutionalism. The Past and the Present		https://lrkt.lt/data/public/uploads/2017/12/lithuanian-constitutionalism.pdf?fbclid=IwARIEuG57f0XkADXIR6pZqysLJulyPo2KCiWzTliMUL2rBbwQ3Y_k3I6Jmiw
PAUŽAITĖ-KULVINSKIEN Ė, Jurgita AND ANDRIJAUSKA ITĖ, Agnė	2020	Pan-European General Principles of Good Administration in Lithuania – A Success Story with Caveats	Good Administration and the Council of Europe: Law, Principles, and Effectiveness.	Oxford University Press
PAUŽAITĖ-KULVINSKIEN Ė, Jurgita AND LIMANTĖ, Agnė	2019	Right to good administration in European legal framework	Przemysław, scientific eds. <i>Administrative Law and Science in the European Context</i>	Wydawnictwo Naukowe Uniwersytetu Szczecińskiego
PAUŽAITĖ-KULVINSKIEN Ė, Jurgita	2017	The Principle of Effective Legal Protection in Administrative Law of Lithuania.	The Principle of Effective Legal Protection in Administrative Law – A European Comparison	Routledge
ŠVEDAS, Gintaras AND MURASUSKAS Donatas (Editors)	2021	Legal Developments During 30 Years of Lithuanian Independence Overview of Legal Accomplishments and Challenges in Lithuania		https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-030-54783-7