

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Academic year: 2026/2027	
University: Comenius University Bratislava	
Faculty: Faculty of Law	
Course ID: PraF.KTPKK/mPRV17-948/25	Course title: European Criminal Law
Educational activities: Type of activities: lecture / seminar Number of hours: per week: 1 / 2 per level/semester: 13 / 26 Form of the course:	
Number of credits: 2	
Recommended semester:	
Educational level:	
Prerequisites:	
Course requirements: Continuous assessment 100% (e.g. it consists of activities at seminars, case studies, legal analyzes as assigned by teachers). Classification scale: A/1 = 91–100%; B/1.5 = 81–90%; C/2 = 73–80%; D/2.5 = 66–72%; E: 60–65%, Fx: 0–59% Scale of assessment (preliminary/final): 100/0	
Learning outcomes: A) Knowledge: After completing the course, students will have an overview of the nature of European criminal law and its relationship to national criminal law, understand its principles and functioning, and know how European criminal law affects the national legal system. They will master the basic principles of the functioning of criminal law at the EU level and the basic institutions of international judicial cooperation. They will have an overview of European criminal law bodies and their competences in relation to national authorities. B) Skills: In particular, students know how to use European judicial cooperation tools in national proceedings, can act as experts in judicial cooperation, and are able to provide passive or active legal assistance. They are able to perform the necessary actions within the framework of a European arrest warrant, a European investigation order, the seizure of financial resources in cross-border relations, and are able to cooperate in recognition proceedings. They are able to argue correctly in the area of the principle of specialty and the derivation of criminal liability in cross-border crimes. C) Responsibility and independence: Students are particularly qualified to work in individual legal professions (judge, prosecutor, defense attorney) and can effectively propose the use of European instruments in cross-border cooperation, submit relevant proposals for the implementation of European instruments, carry out the requirements of foreign authorities, and, in particular, distinguish between the need to use international, European, and national judicial instruments.	
Class syllabus: 5. Introduction 6. Development of the European Criminal Law 7. Principles of European Criminal Law 8. European Criminal Substantial Law 1 – general part	

9. European Criminal Substantial Law 2 – special part – selected crimes 1 10. European Criminal Substantial Law 3 – special part – selected crimes 2 11. European Criminal Procedural Law 1 - general 12. European Criminal Procedural Law 2 – individual rights of accused 13. European Criminal Procedural Law 3 – rights of victims 14. Mutual Cooperation in Criminal Matters 1 - general 15. Mutual Cooperation in Criminal Matters 2 – EAW and EIO 16. Mutual Cooperation in Criminal Matters 3 – mutual recognition of decisions 17. EPPO, EUROPOL, INTERPOL, EUROJUST 18. Other forms of judicial cooperation, future development
Recommended literature: Kordík, M; Gorylová, M.; Turáková, V.; European Criminal Law, Akadémia Policajného zboru, CD-ROM, 2016 Andre Klip; European Criminal Law: An Integrative Approach (Second Edition) (Ius Communitatis); Publisher: Intersentia; 4th edition (June 25, 2021) Andre Klip; Materials on European Criminal Law ; 4th edition, Publisher: Intersentia (January 12, 2022); Andre Klip; Substantive Criminal Law of the European Union; Publisher: Maklu Publishers (May 15, 2011); Martijn Zwieters; The European Public Prosecutor's Office: Analysis of a Multilevel Criminal Justice System Intersentia; First Edition (October 28, 2011); Jeroen Blomsma; Mens rea and defences in European criminal law (School of Human Rights Research); Publisher: Intersentia (December 31, 2012) Alexandru Boroi, Ion Rusu, Minodora-Ioana Balan-Rusu; The Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters in the European Union: EU Judicial Cooperation ; Publisher: LAP LAMBERT Academic Publishing (May 8, 2012) Annika Suominen; The Principle of Mutual Recognition in Cooperation in Criminal Matters: A Study of the Principle in Four Framework Decisions and in the Implementation ... (Supranational Criminal Law: Capita Selecta); Publisher: Intersentia (December 31, 2011) Mitsilegas, Valsamis: EU criminal law, Portland: Hart Publishing, 2009 Mitsilegas, Valsamis, Bergström, Maria, Konstadinides, Theodore: Research handbook on EU criminal law, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2016 Esser, Robert: Europäisches und International Strafrecht, Heidelberg: C. F. Müller, 2009 Ambos, Kai: Internationales Strafrecht Strafanwendungsrecht - Völkerstrafrecht - Europäisches Strafrecht, München: C. H. Beck, 2008
Languages necessary to complete the course: English
Notes: The course opens when at least five students enroll.
Past grade distribution Total number of evaluated students: 0
Hodnotenie predmetu sa zobrazí až v prípade zaradenia predmetu do nejakého študijného plánu.
Lecturers: doc. JUDr. Marek Kordík, PhD., LL.M., doc. JUDr. Radovan Blažek, PhD.
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