

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Academic year: 2026/2027	
University: Comenius University Bratislava	
Faculty: Faculty of Law	
Course ID: PraF.KSEP/bPRV17-1264/25	Course title: Legal aspects of climate change
Educational activities: Type of activities: seminar Number of hours: per week: 2 per level/semester: 26 Form of the course:	
Number of credits: 2	
Recommended semester:	
Educational level:	
Prerequisites:	
Course requirements: Continuous assessment: two written exams (50% + 50%) Classification scale: A/1 = 91 – 100 %; B/1,5 = 81 – 90 %; C/2 = 73 – 80 %; D/2,5 = 66 – 72 %; E/3 = 60 – 65 %; FX = 0 – 59 %. The subject is taught and tested with uncommented legal regulations. Scale of assessment (preliminary/final): 100/0	
Learning outcomes: By completing the subject, the student will gain orientation in the basic principles, terminology and legal regulations in the field of combating climate change. The subject is aimed at clarifying the phenomenon of climate change and its impacts on various areas of social life. After completing the subject, the student will be able to characterize the concept of the fight against climate change, the most important international, European and national legal instruments and define the biggest challenges associated with legal regulation. The subject has an interdisciplinary character as it deals with international law, European law and national law in several areas. Knowledge: the student will get a systematic overview of the individual instruments for combating climate change and the basic legal regulations in this area. Skills: the student can identify the most important legal regulations from international law, the law of the European Union and the national regulation of Slovakia in the field of combating climate change and can describe these regulations. Responsibility and independence: the student can identify the basic legal tools for combating climate change, can clearly formulate his opinion on climate change and its effects on legal order. The student can describe individual areas of law that respond to this phenomenon.	
Class syllabus: 1) Climate change – the biggest global threat of the 21st century, international law and legal 2) principles of combating climate change. 3) Mitigation measures. 4) Adaptation measures. 5) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. 6) Kyoto Protocol and documents adopted by the Conference of the Parties.	

7) The Paris Agreement. 8) Climate law of the European Union I. 9) Climate law of the European Union II. 10) Climate engineering (geoengineering). 11) Responsibility for climate change - analysis of court proceedings and decisions. 12) Climate change and human rights. 13) The Slovak Republic in the battle against climate change. 14) Renewable energy sources.
Recommended literature: BODANSKY, D., et al.: International Climate Change Law. (Oxford University Press, 2017). Carlarne, C. P., Gray, K. R., Tarasofsky, R.: The Oxford Handbook of International Climate Change Law, (Oxford: OUP, 2016). Philander, S. G.: Encyclopedia of global warming and climate change. Second edition. (SAGE: 2013). Klein, D. a kol.: The Paris agreement on Climate Change. Analysis and Commentary. (Oxford University Press, 2017). Luterbacher, U., Sprinz, D. F.: International relations and global climate change. (Cambridge, 2001). Müllerová, H. a kol: Klimatické právo. (Wolters Kluwer ČR, 2023). Selected magazine literature (Judicial review, Czech environmental law). Legal regulations (international agreements, legal regulations of the European Union and legal regulations of the Slovak Republic).
Languages necessary to complete the course: Slovak language, English language The subject is taught in Slovak or English, the other languages listed are the languages of literature.
Notes: Students cannot enrol in this course in their master's programme if they have already completed it in their bachelor's programme.
Past grade distribution Total number of evaluated students: 0
Hodnotenie predmetu sa zobrazí až v prípade zaradenia predmetu do nejakého študijného plánu.
Lecturers: Mgr. Martin Dufala, PhD., JUDr. Matúš Michalovič, PhD., Mgr. Jana Šmelková, PhD.
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