

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Academic year: 2026/2027	
University: Comenius University Bratislava	
Faculty: Faculty of Law	
Course ID: PraF.KMPMV/ EnM17-3003/26	Course title: Private International Law 1
Educational activities: Type of activities: lecture / seminar Number of hours: per week: 2 / 2 per level/semester: 26 / 26 Form of the course: on-site learning	
Number of credits: 4	
Recommended semester: 1.	
Educational level: II.	
Prerequisites:	
Course requirements: Assessment consists of a mid-term examination (40%) and a final examination (60%). The midterm examination consists of a written theoretical test. The final examination is based on both a theoretical question and a simple case based examination. 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 %. In the exam, students can use all available sources of legal information, mainly legislation, commentaries, case-law, legal treatises, and legal information systems. Scale of assessment (preliminary/final): 40/60	
Learning outcomes: Knowledge: the student has a systematic theoretical overview and basic orientation in the field of the basic institutes and procedural aspects of private international law, including its sources, peculiarities and its relationship to other branches. Skills: the student can solve simple case studies focused on private international law, distinguish a purely national legal relationship from a legal relationship with links to several legal orders, elaborate a simple legal analysis. Responsibility and independence: The student can make recommendations on the basic institutes of private international law.	
Class syllabus: 1. Principles and fundamental concepts of private law. Introduction to the study of civil law in the European legal area. Concept, subject matter and subjects of private international law. The position of civil law and private international law within the system of private law in the EU Member States. 2. The foreign element in a legal relationship and in proceedings. International procedural law as part of private international law. 3. Sources of private international law. Unification and codification. International organisations and their significance for private international law. 4. The conflict-of-laws method and the direct method as methods for resolving conflicts of laws.	

5. The conflict-of-laws rule and its application – the problem of qualification, renvoi, and transmission.
6. Ascertainment of foreign law in private international law and international civil procedure; the public policy (ordre public) exception; overriding mandatory rules.
7. The legal status of foreign nationals in respect of their personal and property rights; their status in proceedings; reciprocity.
8. International jurisdiction and international competence in private international law; choice of law and choice of court.
9. Legal assistance in relations with foreign countries; service of documents and requests for judicial assistance in private international law.
10. Evidentiary value of foreign public documents.
11. Recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments.
12. Free movement of judgments within the European Union – the European Order for Payment and the European Small Claims Procedure.
13. International arbitration.

Recommended literature:

ROGERSON, P. - COLLIER, J.: Conflict of Laws. 4th Revised edition, Cambridge University Press, ISBN 9780521735056

BOGDAN, M. – MAUNSBACH, U.: EU Private International Law: An ECJ Casebook. Europa Law Publishing, 2012, ISBN 978 908 952 20005

BOGDAN, M.: Concise Introduction to EU Private International Law. Europa Law Publishing, 2012, ISBN 9789089521088

LYSINA, P. (ed.) Basic institutes of Slovak private international law. Bratislava (Slovensko) : Wolters Kluwer, 2023. – ISBN 978-80-571-0605-0

LYSINA, P., BURDOVÁ, K.: Slovak Republic. 1. vyd. Alphen aan den Rijn (Holandsko) : Wolters Kluwer. Kluwer Law International, 2023. SBN 978-90-411-1555-3.

LYSINA, P., BURDOVÁ, K., SLAŠŤAN, M.: Handbook for seminars of private international law. Bratislava (Slovensko) : Wolters Kluwer ; Univerzita Komenského v Bratislave. Právnická fakulta UK, 2023. 742 s. ISBN 978-80-571-0603-6

Languages necessary to complete the course:

English

Notes:

Past grade distribution

Total number of evaluated students: 0

A	ABS	B	C	D	E	FX
0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0

Lecturers: doc. JUDr. Katarína Burdová, PhD., doc. JUDr. Peter Lysina, PhD., JUDr. Lea Mezeiová, PhD., prof. JUDr. PhDr. Miroslav Slašťan, PhD., JUDr. Dominika Juck, PhD., Mgr. Regina Šťastová, PhD.

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