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2 years full-time

Number of students:  
max. 100

Number of ECTS credits:  
120

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# Public International Law 1

## Mandatory Course

1<sup>st</sup> semester / winter term

5 ECTS

The aim of the course is to introduce to students the core institutes and principles of public international law as well as its interaction with national law on the one hand and international integration on the other.

- Introduction to international law, historical development, basic concepts and the UN
- Relationship between international law and national law
- Sources of international law (types, origins, codification)
- Sources of international law (mutual relationship, hierarchy and application problems)
- Rules and principles of international law; codification
- The state as a subject of international law (sovereignty, jurisdiction, succession, recognition)
- Other subjects of international law (nations and rebels, international organizations, non-state actors, individuals)
- Dispute settlement
- International responsibility 1 (origin, types, content, consequences)
- International responsibility 2 (disclaimer, nationality of claims - diplomatic protection)
- Enforcement in international law
- Use of force in international law; self-defense

# EU Law 1

## Mandatory Course

1<sup>st</sup> semester / winter term

5 ECTS

The course is intended to provide students with a systematic overview and orientation in European Union institutional, procedural and substantive law so that lessons learned from this course are the basis for further study of European Union law in specific legal fields.

- Division of powers in the EU
- Institutional system in the EU
- Democracy in the EU
- Sources and characteristics of European Union law
- Sources of European Union Law
- Legislative procedure (ordinary and special legislative procedure)
- Legislative procedure; comitology, implementation of European Union law
- Legislative procedure (legislative technics)
- Legislative procedure (Treaty revisions, ordinary revision procedure, simplified revision procedure)
- Judicial system of the EU (institutional questions)
- Judicial system of the EU (actions before the Court of Justice of the EU)
- Judicial system of the EU (procedural rules)
- International treaties of the EU
- Specific questions of the European Union law

## Private International Law 1

### Mandatory Course

1<sup>st</sup> semester / winter term

4 ECTS

The course is intended to provide students with an introduction to the study of civil law in the European area, including a systematic overview and orientation in the issue of solving private-law relationships with a foreign element. Selection of applicable law. Procedural Rules for Private Law Relationship with a foreign element.

- Principles and principles of private law. Introduction to the study of civil law in the European area. The status of civil law and private international law in the system of private law in the EU Member States
- A foreign element in the legal relationship and a foreign element in the proceedings
- Sources of private international private law
- The collision method and the direct method as a method for solving the law collision.
- Collision norm and its application
- Reservation of public order, imperative norms
- The legal position of foreigners in the field of their personal and property rights, the legal status of foreigners in proceedings, the reciprocity.
- International jurisdiction in private international law, choice of law
- Legal assistance in dealing with outland, service and solicitation in private international law
- Foreign public documents
- Recognition and enforcement of foreign decisions
- Free movement of judgments in the European Union - European order for payment, European Small Claims Procedure
- International arbitration proceedings
- The impact of European Union legislation on Slovak private international law

## Legal Skills (Interpretation and Argumentation in Legal Practice)

### Mandatory Course

1<sup>st</sup> semester / winter term

3 ECTS

The aim of the course is to provide students with a comprehensive overview and understanding of the basic methods of argumentation and interpretation in law, with the ability to correctly use various arguments and interpretative methods in practice.

- Introduction to problems of interpretation and argumentation in law
- Legal language and interpretation
- Methods of interpretation 1
- Methods of interpretation 2
- Methods of applying the case law
- Selected aspects of legal argumentation
- Introduction to legal writing methodology
- Legal language and written text
- Legal recognition
- Writing legal texts in practice (legal analysis)
- Writing of legal texts in practice 2 (proposal for a contract)
- Writing legal texts in practice 3 (action)
- Final student presentations

## Human Rights

### Mandatory Course

1<sup>st</sup> semester / winter term

4 ECTS

The course is focused on human rights and freedoms with emphasis on the European dimension of the protection of these values. Upon successful completion of this subject, the student will understand the importance of human rights, the mechanism of their application as well as the limitations. The student will be familiar with the principles and rules of the proceedings before the ECtHR and the UN Human Rights Committee, as well as with the most recent case law of the ECHR in this area.

- Theoretical background to human rights protection
- Protection of human rights at the UN level
- The European Convention on Human Rights
- Right to life
- Prohibition of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
- Right to liberty and security
- Right to a fair trial
- Right to respect for private and family life
- Freedom of thought, conscience and religion
- Freedom of expression
- Freedom of assembly and association
- Prohibition of discrimination
- Protection of property
- Protection of human rights at the EU level

## International and European Labour Law and Social Security Law

### Mandatory Course

1<sup>st</sup> semester / winter term

4 ECTS

The purpose of this course is to get student acquainted with the issues of international and European social law, international and European labour law as well as international and European social security law.

- Introduction to international and European labour law and social security law (sources, principles and the most important concepts)
- The institutional and legislative framework of the UN, the ILO, the Council of Europe and the European Union
- Free movement of workers and protection of their social
- Posting of workers and international private labor law (jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments, the law applicable to contractual obligations and protest actions in collective bargaining)
- Anti-Discrimination Law 1 (introduction, sources, basic terms, forbidden reasons: race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion and belief)
- Anti-discrimination law 2 (prohibition of sex)
- Atypical work (working for shorter working hours, fixed-term work, temporary agency work)
- Adaptation of working conditions for specific groups (women, youth workers, family members)
- Working time and holidays, and health and safety at work
- Protection of employees in collective redundancies, transfers of undertakings and businesses and insolvency of employers
- Social dialogue and collective labor law (collective bargaining, employee participation)
- Introduction to international and European social security law (sources, principles and key concepts)
- EU social security law (coordination of systems, equal treatment)

**Public  
International  
Law 2 and  
International  
Criminal Law**

**Mandatory Course**

**2<sup>nd</sup> semester / summer term**

**5 ECTS**

**The aim of the subject is to deepen students' knowledge of general public international law institutes and to extend it to specific areas. Students will gain basic orientation in international law on territory and international spaces, jurisdiction, contracts, protection of human rights, diplomatic, consular and multilateral relations, international criminal law, international security and humanitarian law.**

- The origin, extinction, continuity and sovereignty of states; state territory
- International sites - marine law; law of space
- Nationality in the context of international law
- International human rights protection
- International treaties 1
- International treaties 2
- International treaties 3
- External relations of the state
- The status of international organizations
- International criminal Law 1
- International criminal Law 2
- International security and prevention of International crime
- International humanitarian law

**EU Law 2**

**Mandatory Course**

**2<sup>nd</sup> semester / summer term**

**5 ECTS**

**The aim of the course is to deepen the knowledge in selected aspects of procedural and substantive law of the EU, which have particular importance for legal practice as well as for awareness about advantages stemming from EU membership to the citizens.**

- Application and enforcement EU law before national courts
- Citizenship of the EU
- Internal market – free movement of persons
- Internal market – free movement of persons (workers)
- Internal market – free movement of persons (workers) – practical aspects
- Internal market – free movement of goods
- Internal market – free movement of services
- Internal market – freedom of establishment
- Internal market – free movement of capital
- Protection of competition – introduction of
- Selected policies of the EU (commercial, energy, environmental)
- Selected policies of the EU (tax, education and culture)
- External relations
- Specific questions of the European Union law

## Private International Law 2

### Mandatory Course

2<sup>nd</sup> semester / summer term

5 ECTS

The subject is intended to provide students with a systematic overview and orientation in the issue of solving private-law relationships with a foreign element. Selection of applicable law. Procedural rules for the handling of foreign-law private relations and the recognition and enforcement of judgments by statutes.

- Statutes and their place in private international law
- Personal statute in private international law - applicable law, jurisdiction, recognition and enforcement of foreign decisions
- Statute in rem - jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of foreign decisions
- Ownership relations with foreign element, contractual and non-contractual relations
- Consumer
- Labour statute - jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions
- Inheritance status - jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of alien decisions
- Family status - relations between spouses
- Family status - relationships between parents and children
- Family status - maintenance obligation
- Free movement of foreign decisions and the impact of the normative activity of the European Union
- Use of foreign public documents
- Alternative dispute resolution.

## EU Competition Law and State Aid

### Mandatory Course

3<sup>rd</sup> semester / winter term

6 ECTS

After completing the course the student will acquire the basics of competition law, with particular emphasis on competition law of the European Union, and will build a solid basis for further study of this issue, focusing especially on anti-competitive behavior of competitors (abuse of dominant position, agreements restricting competition).

- Competition Law - Basic concept and economic theory
- Restriction of competition - overview
- Definition of the relevant market, market power, barriers to entry
- Competition law - legislative and institutional Framework
- Mergers
- Merger control - procedure, regulatory and approval mechanisms
- Abuse of a dominant position 1 (pricing practices)
- Abuse of a dominant position 2 (non-pricing practices)
- Horizontal (cartel) agreements and leniency program
- Vertical agreements
- Competition policy vs. Other public interests and state aid
- Application of competition law in various sectors
- Enforcement of competition law by means of public law
- Enforcement of competition law by means of private law

# Legal Ethics

## **Mandatory Course**

**4<sup>th</sup> semester / summer term**

**3 ECTS**

**The course focuses on professional and practical knowledge of legal ethics and ethical relations of various professions.**

**The course explains the ethical principles of the various legal professions (conflict of interest, duty of secrecy, lawyer-lawyer or judge-judge, judge and public, prosecutor and the public).**

- Basics of legal ethics
- Justice, Ethics and Law 1
- Justice, Ethics and Law 2
- Models and Rules of Ethics 1
- Models and rules of ethics 2
- Ethics and professionalism of legal professions, professional liability and professional standards - lawyers 1
- Ethics and Professionalism of Legal Professions, Professional Responsibility and Professional Standards – lawyers 2
- Ethics and Professionalism of Legal Professions, Professional Accountability and Professional Standards - Judges and Prosecutors 1
- Ethics and Professionalism of Legal Professions, Professional Accountability and Professional Standards - Judges and Prosecutors 2
- Ethics and professionalism of legal professions, professional responsibility and professional standards - other legal professions
- Professional duties, professional rules and codes of ethics
- Client-Lawyer Relationship