

DESCRIPTION OF COURSE UNIT

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Course unit title	Code
The Problematics of International Public Law	100224

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Name of lecturer(s) (provoid information as to how, when and where they can be in contact)	Department(s)
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Cycle of course unit	Level of course unit	Type of course unit
Third cycle	Not applicable	Elective

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Mode of delivery	Year of study and semester when the course unit is delivered	Language of instruction
Face-to-face and (or) distance learning	I-III study year	Lithuanian, English

5.

Study requirements	
Prerequisites: Master's or equivalent degree	Co-requisites: Not applicable

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Recommended optional programme components
Not applicable

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Number of ECTS credits allocated	Student's workload	Contact work hours	Independent work hours
6	162	4	158

8.

Purpose of the course unit: programme competences to be developed			
The main purpose of the course is to provide students with a thorough knowledge of public international law.			
Learning outcomes of the programme	Learning outcomes of the course unit	Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
Demonstrate a systematic understanding of law, mastery of the language and of the written presentation associated with law;	Demonstrates a systemic understanding of Public International Law	Individual learning	Written examination
	Masters the professional EU law language both orally and in writing		
Demonstrate a capability of critical reasoning, evaluation and synthesis of new and complex legal issues and ideas.	Demonstrates a capability of critical reasoning		
	Is capable of evaluation and synthesis of new and complex legal issues and ideas.		

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Course contents										
Topics	Contact work hours and planned learning activities							Independent work hours and tasks		
	Lectures	Consultations	Seminars	Training exercises	Laboratory work	Internship	Assessment	All contact work hours	Independent work hours	Tasks
1. The Nature of Public International Law: Theoretical Problems and Aspects									9	Reding of academic literature and case analysis of law
2. Critical Overview of the Sources of International Law									9	Reding of academic literature and case analysis of law
3. Relationship Between International Law and Municipal Law: Theories, Status, and Related Aspects									10	Reding of academic literature and case analysis of law
4. Traditional and emerging Subjects of International Law: problematic aspects									10	Reding of academic literature and case analysis of law
5. Tendencies related to recognition of states and succession of states									10	Reding of academic literature and case analysis of law
6. Fundamental principles of International Law: theory, practice and the role of international organisations									10	Reding of academic literature and case analysis of law
7. Modern Challenges of International Responsibility									10	Reding of academic literature and case analysis of law
8. Future of International Organisations in changing world									10	Reding of academic literature and case analysis of law

9. Beyond Human Rights - The Legal Status of the Individual in International Law										10	Reding of academic literature and case law analysis
10. International protection of human rights: theory, problems, practice.										10	Reding of academic literature and case law analysis
11. International Treaty Law and practical problems										10	Reding of academic literature and case law analysis
12. Territory in International Law and territorial claims: latest developments										10	Reding of academic literature and case law analysis
13. Law of the Sea: UNCLOS implantation problems										10	Reding of academic literature and case law analysis
14. Problems Diplomatic and Consular Law										10	Reding of academic literature and case law analysis
15. Theoretical and Practical Problems of International Criminal Law										10	Reding of academic literature and case law analysis
16. International Humanitarian Law and the Challenges of Contemporary Armed Conflicts										10	Reding of academic literature and case law analysis
Overall		2							2	158	Examination

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Assessment strategy	Weighting percentage	Period or date of assessment	Assessment criteria
Written examination	100		Systematicity of understanding of EU law, mastery of the language and of the written presentation associated with EU law; capability of critical analysis, evaluation and synthesis of new and complex EU law issues and ideas.

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Required reading

1. Crawford J. Brownlie's Principles of Public International Law. 9th ed. Oxford University Press, 2019.
2. Dixon M., McCorquodale R., Williams S. Cases & Materials on International Law. 6th ed. Oxford University Press, 2016.
3. Evans M. (ed.) International law. 5th edition, Oxford University Press: 2018.
4. Katuoka S. Tarptautinės teisės šaltiniai. VĮ Registrų centras, 2013.
5. Shaw M. N. International law. 8th edition Cambridge University Press: 2017.
6. Vadapalas V. Tarptautinė teisė. Vilnius: Eugrimas, 2006.
7. Verdross A., Simma B. Universelles Völkerrecht: Theorie und Praxis. Berlin, 2010.

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1. Aust A. Modern Treaty Law and Practice. 3rd edition. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013.
2. Bantekas, I. and Nash, S. International criminal law. Fourth edition. Oxford: Hart Publishing, 2010.
3. Crawford J., Pellet A. and Olleson S., The Law of International Responsibility. Oxford, OUP, 2010.
4. Craven M., The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. A Perspective on its Development (Oxford: 1995).
5. Feltham R.G. Diplomatic handbook. 8th edition. London, New York: Longman, 2004.
6. Folsom R., Gordon M., Spanogle J., International Trade and Investment (St. Paul: 2000)
7. Jackson J., Davey W., Sykes A., Legal Problems of International Economic Relations (Cases, Materials and Text) 3rd ed. (West: 2000).
8. Jakulevičienė L. Tarptautinių sutarčių teisė. Vilnius: VĮ Registrų centras, 2011.
9. Katuoka S. Tarptautinė jūrų teisė. V., 1997.
10. Klabbers J. The concept of treaty in international law. Leiden, Boston: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2006.
11. Petrauskas Z., Žalimas D., Žaltauskaitė – Žalimienė S. Diplomatinė teisė. Vilnius: Teisinės informacijos centras, 2003.
12. Petrauskas Z. Konsulinė teisė. Vilnius: Teisinės informacijos centras, 2007.
13. Žilinskas J., Marozas T. Tarptautinė humanitarinė (ginkluotojo konflikto) teisė. VĮ Registrų centras, 2016.

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