

COURSE DESCRIPTION (Group C)

Course code	Course group	Volume in ECTS credits	Course valid from	Course valid to	Reg. No.
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Course type (compulsory or optional)	Compulsory
Course level (study cycle)	Master's
Semester the course is delivered	autumn
Study form (face-to-face or distant)	Face-to-face

Course title in Lithuanian

Diplomatinė ir konsulinė teisė

Course title in English

Diplomatic and Consular Law

Short course annotation in Lithuanian

Kursas skirtas pagilinti studentų turimas tarptautinių santykių ir tarptautinės teisės disciplinų žinias, susipažinti su diplomatinės ir konsulinės teisės ypatumais ir problematika, nacionalinės ir tarptautinės teisės aktais, bei jų taikymo ypatybėmis.

Short course annotation in English

Objectives of the course (expressed in terms of learning outcomes and competences)

Provides an introduction to central topics in diplomatic and consular law practice. After the completion of the course student will be able to start service in MFA as well as in an embassy's consular section.

Course Contents

Survey of sources of international law. Codification of international law. Vienna convention on diplomatic relations. Establishing and maintenance of diplomatic relations between states. Obligations of the receiving state.. Diplomatic immunity. Duties of foreign diplomatic staff in the receiving country. Vienna convention on consular relations. Establishment and conduct of consular relations. Persons declared non grata. Institution of honorary consuls. Diplomatic law for international organizations. Foundations of the law of treaties. Diplomatic settlement of international disputes: negotiations, arbitration, good offices and mediation, facts finding, reconciliation. New traditions and new trends in diplomatic and consular legislation and their implementation.

Prerequisites for entering the course

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Course aim

The course provides an introduction to central topics in diplomatic and consular law practice. Objectives of the course are to get students acquainted with the basic documents that codify diplomatic and consular activities, including international conventions, and national laws, to review the practices and problems diplomatic institutions face while implementing those laws. Besides, there will be overviewed the European legal basis of diplomatic services, practices and cases.

Study (teaching and learning) methods

Lectures and seminars. There will be 15 lectures of 3 hours' duration each and 5 seminars and 6 hours' duration each. The seminars are arranged at regular intervals of three weeks. During seminars students deal with various consular and legal situations. Students are expected to study independently in between seminars.

Methods of learning achievement assessment

Written examination with open questions. Assessment consists of mid-term examination - 25%, one hour's final examination - 50%, and student's individual activity - 25% of the final mark.

Distribution of workload for students (contact and independent work hours)

Lecture – 45 hours., seminar – 15 hours., individual study and course material preparation – 100 val.

Structure of cumulative score and value of its constituent parts

Homework, presentations, group work, etc. – 20 %.; Midterm exam – 30 %.; final exam – 50 %.

Recommended reference materials

No.	Publication year	Authors of publication and title	Publishing house	Number of copies in		
				University library	Self-study rooms	Other libraries
Basic materials						
1.	2003	Petrauskas Z., Žalimas D., Žaltauskaitė-Žalimienė S. Diplomatinė teisė.	Vilnius. Teisinės informacijos centras	1	1	
2.	2000	Akehrst M., Malanchuk P. Šiuolaikinis tarptautinės teisės įvadas	Vilnius. Eugrimas	13	1	
3.	2009	Feltham R.G. Diplomatijos vadovas	Vilnius. Versus aureus	9	1	
4.	2006	V.Vadapalas. Tarptautinė teisė	Vilnius. Eugrimas	3	2	
5.	2007	Z.Petrauskas. Konsulinė teisė.	Vilnius. Teisės informacijos centras.	2	1	
Supplementary materials						
6	1999	Walter Cairns. Europos Sąjungos teisės įvadas.	Vilnius, Eugrimas			
7.	2000.	Vaišvila A. Teisės teorija.	Vilnius. Justitia			

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