

**COURSE DESCRIPTION (Group C)**

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

**Course title in Lithuanian**

**DIPLOMATINĖ IR KONSULINĖ TEISĖ**

**Course title in English**

**DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR LAW**

**Short course annotation in Lithuanian (up to 500 characters)**

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 (up to 500 characters)**

This course provides an overview of the rules and principles that comprise diplomatic and consular law. The following topics will be covered: the theoretical and historical basis for diplomatic law; diplomatic and consular immunity (including full and partial immunity); personal inviolability of diplomats (i.e., protection from arrest, imprisonment), inviolability of communications (the diplomatic bag), and diplomatic premises; and the taxation of diplomats.

**Prerequisites for entering the course**

Good knowledge of English; an introductory Political Science and International Relations course

**Course aim**

To provide students with an overview of the international legal rules protecting and regulating the conduct of diplomats and consuls

**Links between study programme outcomes, course outcomes and criteria of learning achievement evaluation**

<b>Study programme outcomes</b>	<b>Course outcomes</b>	<b>Criteria of learning achievement evaluation</b>
To be prepared to perform practical work in the field of international relations and diplomacy using gained theoretical background.	Understanding the various treaties that comprise diplomatic law, why states have agreed to these rules, and how breaches of and compliance with these rules affect international relations	Graded student presentation, encompassing this subject.

The ability to independently identify and analyse the main challenges in the practical sphere of international relations and diplomacy.	Understanding the theoretical basis of diplomatic law, including different theoretical approaches to the question of diplomatic immunity	Graded student presentation, encompassing this subject.
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#### Link between course outcomes and content

Course outcomes	Content (topics)
1. Understanding the theoretical basis of diplomatic law, including different theoretical approaches to the question of diplomatic immunity	1. Historical basis for diplomatic law. 2. Theoretical basis for diplomatic law. 3. Sources and development of diplomatic and consular law
2. Understanding the different categories of immunity, and which diplomats/consuls/staff are covered by these rules	4. Diplomatic immunity 5. The sources of granting certain immunities and privileges to diplomatic agents (1). 6. The sources of granting certain immunities and privileges to diplomatic agents (2). 7. The sources of granting certain immunities and privileges to diplomatic agents (3). 8. Diplomatic immunity of UN and other international organizations.
3 Understanding the principles of diplomatic inviolability, including inviolability of person, premises and communications	9. Diplomatic inviolability ; personal inviolability. 10. Inviolability of diplomatic officers, freedom of communication and transportation. 11. Inviolability of records, archives, documents and correspondence. 12. Customs privileges, exemption from taxation and various jurisdictional privileges.

#### Study (teaching and learning) methods

A mixture of lecture and class discussion

#### Methods of learning achievement assessment

Student presentation at the end of the course; evaluation of class participation

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

A mix of class attendance, consultation with professor by appointment, independent readings, preparation of final student presentation.

Lectures and seminars - 60 h.;

Independent readings/study - 100 h.

Total – 160h.

#### Structure of cumulative score and value of its constituent parts

The final score is based upon class attendance and the quality of the final presentation. Attendance is required, except for good reason and the professor's approval. Students must attend a majority of the classes to pass, unless exceptional circumstances apply. Otherwise, 50% of the grade is based upon the final presentation and 50% on class participation.

**Recommended reference materials**

No.	Publication year	Authors of publication and title	Publishing house	Number of copies in		
				University library	Self-study rooms	Other libraries
<b>Basic materials</b>						
1.	2008 (3d ed)	Eileen Denza, Diplomatic Law	Oxford		1	
2.	2010	Mark Sammut, The Law of Consular Relations	XPL		1	
3.	1991	Lee L. T. Consular Law and Practice	Oxford		1	
4.	1992	Dembinski L. (ed). Diplomatic and Consular Law	P. Long		1	
5.	1996	Barker J. C. The Abuse of Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities	Dartmouth		1	
<b>Supplementary materials</b>						
1.	2003	Petrauskas Z., Žalimas D., Žaltauskaitė-Žalimienė S. Diplomatinė teisė.	Teisine informacijos centras	VMU library		

**Course programme designed by**

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