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TITLE OF THE COURSE:	Diplomatic and Consular Law
Course code:	POD6003
Course group:	C
Faculty:	Political Science and Diplomacy
Study program:	
Level:	Master's
Semester:	Autumn
ECTS credits:	6
Language of instruction	English
Course lecturer/s:	Prof. Charles F. Szymanski
Short course description:	This course is an introduction to the main principles of diplomatic and consular law. Special attention is given to diplomatic and consular immunity, inviolability of person and premises (embassies and consulates), diplomatic bags and taxation. Current developments, such as the Assange case and diplomatic expulsions will also be addressed.
Course content:	1) Diplomatic law as part of public international law, 2) The historical development of diplomatic law, 3) Terms and definitions in diplomatic law, 4) Diplomatic immunity, 5) Personal inviolability, 6) Diplomatic communications, 7) Inviolability of premises/diplomatic asylum, 8) Taxation of diplomats and consuls, 9) Particular state reservations and practices
Grading and evaluating student work in class and/or at the final exam:	The final grade is based on a final presentation and class participation
Required reading and additional study material	The Vienna Convention for Diplomatic Relations and the Vienna Convention for Consular Relations, as well as various international and national court decisions (provided to the students)
Additional information (if applicable)	