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## Study program **International Law (2023-2024)**

Faculty	Law
Study Cycle	Third Cycle (PhD)
ECTS	180
Code	N-PhDLAWIL180C
Title	Doctor of Legal Sciences / Module: International Law
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## Description of the program

The International Law study program aims to provide a range of modules that will form the basis of information and advanced knowledge on International Law matters for the purpose of training students to basic legal professions related to this field by providing solid knowledge, the specific and systematic institutes and concepts of International Law and on the situation and their prospects in the region and world.

## Career

The Diploma of the study program will enable PhD students to conduct scientific research work in the field of International Law sciences, as well as teaching at universities in the country and abroad, and also will be actively involved in the process of strengthening the resources of government activities in terms of the country's Euro-Atlantic integration process.

## Learning outcomes

### Knowledge and understanding

- Has solid knowledge of the disciplines that conceive of international law including the Law of the international organizations, human rights, international public law, international private law, international criminal law, international economic law and international relations;
- Has depth knowledge of advanced techniques and methods of research in the field of international law.

### Applying knowledge and understanding

- Interprets in a critical way the theories of international law and relevant cases from practice;
- Applies theoretical knowledge in practical situations that arise in the field of international law as the protection of human rights, diplomacy, disputes and Collision of laws including the negotiations and mediation;
- Synthesize knowledge gained and apply them in specific circumstances;

## **Making judgement**

- Performs more critical thinking through methods of analyzing and comparing.
- Develops skills of solving problems through case-law practices of more complex national and international cases.

## **Communication skills**

- Utilizes proper terminology for complex and specific issues in the area of International Law sciences.
- Is involved in research based legal argumentation and debate.
- Utilizes the official languages of the University as well as more advanced computer skills in the research work.

## **Learning skills**

- Develops a regulation of research to be used in their profession.
- Creates a practice of lifelong learning and service through being involved in training persons that work in the state institutions of crime prevention.

## **List of courses**

### **Semester 1**

- [DLAW0101] [10.0 ECTS] **Research Methodology**
- [DIL0102] [10.0 ECTS] **International Public Law - depth program**
- [E2775] [10.0 ECTS] **International Law for Environmental Protection**
- [10.0 ECTS] **Elective course**

### **Semester 2**

- [DIL0103] [10.0 ECTS] **International Private Law - depth program**
- [C2369] [10.0 ECTS] **EU Law**
- [10.0 ECTS] **Elective course**

### **Semester 3**

- [DIL0104] [10.0 ECTS] **Review and Approval of the Doctoral Dissertation Plan**
- [C2378] [30.0 ECTS] **Scientific Research Work**

### **Semester 4**

- [PHD-S3-S4-03] [15.0 ECTS] **Publications I**
- [C2019] [5.0 ECTS] **Student Mobility**

### **Semester 5**

- [DIL0105] [20.0 ECTS] **Presentation of Research Results**
- [PHD-S5-01] [10.0 ECTS] **Publications II**

### **Semester 6**

- [IL-PhD-THESIS] [30.0 ECTS] **Doctoral Dissertation**

## **Description of courses**

### **Core courses**

- **Research Methodology**  
This course is designed for students who are preparing to carry out a doctoral thesis project. The main objective of the course is to offer students tools conceptualising their thesis regarding research issue and the creation of data

collection methods and qualitative analysis. The course is focused on problems of the quantitative methods and techniques, such as statistical analysis, texts related to theory and testing hypotheses. Then, the meaning and topics of descriptive and causal inference are of a great importance, longitudinal comparative research and case study. Advanced information data collection will be offered for working with text. The goal is to analyze the quality of data and incorporate all theoretical and practical performances in the function of designing and writing of the thesis.

- **International Public Law - depth program**

By the end of the program, students will gain knowledge and understanding of all segments of international law such as: human rights, international organizations, the United Nations and their bodies, the functioning of the institutions of international law and its creation, diplomatic law, international criminal law, humanitarian law, essential rules relevant to key areas of international law, theoretical perspectives and academic debates that substantially emphasize legal areas, key aspects, policy issues and principles related to the ratification of certain international conventions in the member states. The student will be able to successfully apply the knowledge gained in international law in the many situations in which relevant practical or theoretical problems are considered. The student will be able to assess the problems according to their context, relevance and significance and to link the relevant information and key sources offered through electronic or other means. The student will be able to assess problems and find solutions related to the implementation of international law in the states, to formulate arguments for the main problems and controversial areas and to present rational thinking based on relevant materials. The student will be able to identify potential alternative arguments and conflicting evidence in their own opinion and present them. The student will be able to demonstrate open-mindedness and the ability to offer a critical challenge after gaining knowledge of individual problems. The student will be able to give a constructive reflection of scientific progress.

- **International Law for Environmental Protection**

The main objective of this course is to provide a basic understanding of the main features and development of Environmental Law in an international perspective. The relevant specific objective is to ensure an understanding of the interrelationship between international and European regulation. By the end of the course, students should have knowledge of: •International governance through a multilateral environmental environment contracts, including compliance and enforcement; •Complexity around environmental principles; •The value and shortcomings of current human rights arrangements for environmental protection, including procedural rights in relation to government environmental decision-making; •Regulation of greenhouse gases at international and EU level.

- **International Private Law - depth program**

The aim of this course is to teach students how to identify the foreign element in a private law relation and to train them how to apply legal methods to resolving them. The aim of the course is to cover a wide range of legal sources at national, European and international level and to analyze them according to their corresponding hierarchy. Another aim of this course is to teach students with the basic methods, principles and institutes of private international law; to emphasize the specifics of each part of private law where the foreign element may appear (status, family, real, inheritance, contracts, torts and labor relations). The aim of this course is also to guide students with the legal principles for settling private law relations that have a foreign element, through contentious and noncontentious procedure, as well as arbitration and conciliation.

- **EU Law**

The main goal of the course European Union Law - Applied Program is to acquaint students with the *acquis communautaire*, on the one hand, as well as the procedural part in creating, adopting and implementing the same law, on the other hand. More specifically, students will have the opportunity to get acquainted with the legal system of the European Union as well as with the law that that system generates in relation to the union itself, the member states and their citizens. At the same time, students will be introduced to the sources of this specific first, its types, as well as the work of the Union institutions. Particular attention will be paid to the procedural part in the adoption of new legislation as well as the work of the European Court of Justice as a court and a body that indirectly created law through its judgments.

- **Review and Approval of the Doctoral Dissertation Plan**

After the second semester, the student begins his/her activities for the development of the plan on his/her doctoral dissertation. Activities include the definition of literature, defining hypothetical framework, the definition of the work methodology and determination of the individual plan as well as the first public presentation. If necessary, can be held elective courses for this purpose.

- **Scientific Research Work**

In the second year (semester 3 and 4) the candidate continues with research activity by approved individual plan. Mentor provides assessment on these activities in the form of a report to the Scientific-Teaching Council of the Faculty.

- **Publications I**

Publication of research activities under the table relevant to the media for publication. Publication activities and successes of the candidate checked before scientific audience by area and the relevance of the research.

- **Student Mobility**

The aim of PhD students' mobility is to request candidates to present, exchange and discuss their research work with their colleagues from other European countries for improving the quality of their dissertation.

- **Presentation of Research Results**

At the end of the 5th semester, after the research activities under the individual plan, overall results of this phase of the paper and the research will be presented publicly by the candidate.

- **Publications II**

Publication of research activities under the table relevant to the media for publication. Publication activities and successes of the candidate checked before scientific audience by area and the relevance of the research.

- **Doctoral Dissertation**

Continuing the work of doctoral dissertation. Submitted thesis (dissertation), accepted by the Scientific-Teaching Council of the Faculty and submitted to committee members and begin the procedure of public defence.

## **Elective courses**

- **International Humanitarian Law**

In the context of this module, the focus will be on the fundamental institutions of international law in armed conflicts, which cover internal armed conflicts and civil wars. Emphasis will be placed on its resources, namely the Geneva Conventions on international humanitarian law and additional protocols. In conditions of extremely rapid development of this discipline in order to include multiple internal conflicts and their legal regulation of the humanitarian aspect, special emphasis will be placed in internal armed conflicts.

- **International Organizations**

By studying the subject International Organizations students will get acquainted with the universal international organizations, regional, primarily European, international organizations, their location, functions and their way of working.

- **International Law of Human Rights**

This course analyses the international law on human rights, the appearance and development of this course in history and today. The course analyses the most important international instruments in this regard, such as: the European Convention on Human Right, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Convention on protection of women from all forms of discrimination, etc. This course also analyses the mechanisms for implementation of these instruments.

- **International Criminal Law**

This course will endeavour to analyse systematically the current state of International Criminal Law. The course's objectives are: to develop students' knowledge of International Criminal Law through critical assessment of the jurisprudence underpinning such law; and to develop students' discipline in the advocacy of International Criminal Law.