



The University of Pécs, Faculty of Law, is pleased to offer a distance-learning educational programme for professionals who wish to specialise in international and European law and are already building their careers.

Next starting date: September 2026

Title of the programme: Master's Programme in International and European Law

Duration of training: 3 semesters

Language of instruction: English

Start of the application period: 01 April 2026

Deadline of application: 31 May 2026

Next starting date: September 2026

Tuition fee per semester: 1500 EUR

Tuition fee per semester for EU students: same as above

Application fee: 100 EUR

Entrance exam fee: 100 EUR

Intake: Autumn

Program Overview

The "Master's in International and European Law" is an innovative English-language distance learning program offered by the University of Pécs, Faculty of Law. This master's program addresses the growing international dimension of legal practice and the increasingly dominant role of International Law and European Union law in the legal employment market. The program reflects on these challenges and opportunities through a comprehensive and practice-oriented approach, enabling students to deepen their knowledge in both general and specialised areas of international and EU law, with particular attention to current developments in legal application.

Program Format and Structure

The **three-semester Master's** is delivered exclusively through **distance learning**, combining asynchronous and synchronous elements. The **predominantly asynchronous** format provides students with the flexibility to study regardless of their geographical location and according to their own schedule. Students maintain continuous contact with instructors and peers through digital educational platforms and interactive learning materials while accessing up-to-date legal applications and theoretical questions.

The synchronous **consultation sessions**, on the other hand, allow students to consult with the lecturers and staff directly regarding any substantive or administrative questions. The curriculum incorporates foundational public law knowledge, international law expertise, European Union law expertise and a thesis, resulting in a well-rounded professional education.

Faculty and Educational Approach

Courses are taught by a combination of University of Pécs Law Faculty instructors and carefully selected domestic and international external educators with **theoretical knowledge and practical experience** in various fields of European and international law. The integration of **international faculty** ensures that students are exposed to multiple perspectives and diverse legal cultures, which is essential for a deeper understanding of the legal subject analysed in the programme. This multidisciplinary approach enhances graduates' labour market competitiveness and professional mobility opportunities in a significant way.

Professional Competencies and Career Opportunities

Graduates develop comprehensive and up-to-date knowledge of international law and EU law. The program develops critical analytical skills and prepares students for employment. These competencies position graduates excellently for careers in international organisations, non-governmental organisations, diplomatic service, global business environments, and European Union institutions.

Target Audience and Entry Requirements

The program is particularly beneficial for professionals already building their careers who wish to specialise in international and European law. The distance learning format accommodates those balancing educational advancement with professional commitments. Prospective students must have B2 level English language proficiency to allow participation in this exclusively English-language program.



Students who wish to apply need to possess a Bachelor's or Master's diploma in one of the following fields:

- Law
- International Relations
- Political Science
- Criminology
- Sociology
- European Union studies

The entrance exam is based on a point system and includes a professional interview.

Teaching Philosophy

The program emphasises developing theoretical knowledge and practical skills, fostering continuous professional development and general self-improvement. Students cultivate an openness to innovation and independent task performance while developing quality-oriented and precise work habits. The curriculum encourages cooperative professional relationships and commitment to organisational goals when working within international frameworks.

Planned curriculum

Term 1 (28 ECTS)	Term 2 (32 ECTS)
Public International Law 6 ECTS	Law of Diplomatic and Consular Relations 8 ECTS
Public Law of the European Union 6 ECTS	Protection of Fundamental Rights in Europe: The Council of Europe and the EU 8 ECTS
International Human Rights Law 6 ECTS	EU Internal Market Law 8 ECTS
Law of International Organisations 6 ECTS	EU Justice- and Home Affairs Law 8 ECTS
Multi-layered Constitutionalism and The Role of the States 4 ECTS	

Term 3
International and European Environmental Law * 6 ECTS
International Business Law* 6 ECTS
International and European Tax Law* 6 ECTS
European Union Criminal Law* 6 ECTS
Introduction to the Laws of War** 6 ECTS
International Police Cooperation** 6 ECTS
Master's thesis 12 ECTS

* 2 courses must be completed from the list of compulsory elective courses.

** 1 course must be completed from the list of freely elective courses.



Curriculum Table

FIRST SEMESTER Total Credits: 28							
Course Title	Prerequisite	Course Coordinator	Assessment	Type of Class	Classification	Contact Hours	Credits
Public International Law	-	Prof. Dr Erzsébet Szalayné Sándor	exam	lecture	compulsory	14	6
Public Law of the European Union	-	Dr habil. Ágoston Mohay PhD	exam	lecture	compulsory	14	6
International Human Rights Law	-	Dr Marija Daka PhD	exam	lecture	compulsory	14	6
Law of International Organisations	-	Prof. Dr Erzsébet Szalayné Sándor	exam	lecture	compulsory	14	6
Multi-layered Constitutionalism and the Role of the States	-	Dr Gábor Mészáros PhD	exam	lecture	compulsory	12	4
SECOND SEMESTER Total Credits: 32							
Course Title	Prerequisite	Course Coordinator	Assessment	Type of Class	Classification	Contact Hours	Credits
Law of Diplomatic and Consular Relations	Public International Law	Dr habil. Endre Domaniczky PhD	exam	lecture	compulsory	14	8
Protection of Fundamental Rights in Europe: The Council of Europe and the EU	International Human Rights Law	Prof. Dr Erzsébet Szalayné Sándor	exam	lecture	compulsory	14	8
EU Internal Market Law	Public Law of the European Union	Dr Cherry James PhD	exam	lecture	compulsory	14	8
EU Justice and Home Affairs Law	Public Law of the European Union	Dr habil. Ágoston Mohay PhD	exam	lecture	compulsory	14	8
THIRD SEMESTER Total Credits: 18 (completion of 3 courses required)							
Course Title	Prerequisite	Course Coordinator	Assessment	Type of Class	Classification	Contact Hours	Credits
International and European Environmental Law*	Public International Law; Public Law of the European Union	Dr Attila Pánovics PhD	practical grade	seminar	compulsory elective	14	6
Introduction to the Laws of War*	Public International Law	Dr Bence Kis Kelemen PhD	practical grade	seminar	compulsory elective	14	6
International Business Law*	Public International Law	Dr Zsolt Bujtár PhD	practical grade	seminar	compulsory elective	14	6
International and European Tax Law*	Public International Law; Public Law of the European Union	Alexander Szívós	practical grade	seminar	compulsory elective	14	6
European Union Criminal Law*	EU Justice and Home Affairs Law	Dr Dávid Tóth PhD	practical grade	seminar	compulsory elective	14	6
International Police Cooperation*	EU Justice and Home Affairs Law	Dr Jorn van Rij PhD	practical grade	seminar	compulsory elective	14	6
Thesis: 12 credits							

* From the compulsory elective courses, completion of three is required.



Semester I

Course Title: Public International Law

Course Director: Dr Erzsébet Szalayné Sándor

Lecturers: Dr Bence Kis Kelemen, Dr Ágoston Csanád Mohay, Dr Erzsébet Szalayné Sándor

Theoretical knowledge to be acquired:

The system and characteristics of international law

The subjects of international law

International law-making and the sources of international law

The application of international law and its relationship to national law

Dispute resolution in international law by diplomatic and judicial means

The prohibition on the use of force and its consequences

The law of international responsibility: states and international organisations

Compulsory literature:

Jan Klabbers: International Law (4th ed.), Cambridge University Press, 2023, ISBN: 9781009304306

Sué González Hauck, Raffaella Kunz, Max Milas (eds.): Public International Law: A Multi-Perspective Approach, Routledge, 2024, ISBN: 9781032587448

Recommended literature:

Malcolm Shaw: International Law (9th ed.), Cambridge University Press, 2021, ISBN: 9781108477741

Emily Crawford, Alison Pert, Ben Saul: Public International Law, Cambridge University Press, 2023, ISBN: 9781009055888

Ratio of theory to practice:

Theoretical hours: 14

Practical hours: 0

Teaching methods applied:

Video lectures, directed readings, self-check questions

Method of assessment: Colloquium

Students will develop the ability to critically analyse and apply international law in solving complex legal problems. They will enhance their legal reasoning and interpretation skills, enabling them to identify connections between international and domestic legal frameworks and apply relevant legal norms. The course fosters independent analytical thinking in assessing international legal responsibility and the resolution of legal disputes at the global level. It also strengthens students' legal comprehension, application, and problem-solving skills, equipping them with practical competencies for their future professional careers.

Course Title: Public Law of the European Union

Course Director: Dr Ágoston Csanád Mohay

Lecturers: Dr Ágoston Csanád Mohay, Dr Attila Pánovics, Dr István Szijártó

Theoretical knowledge to be acquired:

The constitutional characteristics of the European Union

The interplay of national and EU competences

Institutions and law-making in the EU

The autonomous legal order of the EU

Judicial review in EU law: direct and indirect actions

The EU as an external actor: the standard commercial policy and the common foreign and security policy

Compulsory literature:

Damian Chalmers, Gareth Davies, Giorgio Monti, Veerle Heyvaert: European Union Law (5th ed.), Oxford, 2024

Koen Lenaerts, Piet Van Nuffel: EU Constitutional Law, Oxford, 2021

Recommended literature:

Steve Peers, Catherine Barnard: European Union Law (4th ed.), Oxford, 2023, ISBN: 9780192863836

Robert Schütze: European Constitutional Law (3rd ed.), Cambridge, 2021, ISBN: 9781316503942



Ratio of theory to practice:

Theoretical hours: 14

Practical hours: 0

Teaching methods applied:

Video lectures, directed readings, self-check questions

Method of assessment: Colloquium

Students will acquire foundational knowledge of the constitutional principles of the European Union and understand the interaction between EU and national competences. They will be able to analyse the institutional and legislative framework of the EU, as well as the distinctive features of its autonomous legal order. Studying judicial review mechanisms, including direct and indirect actions, will enhance their legal reasoning and analytical skills. Students will be capable of evaluating the EU's external activities, focusing on the common commercial, foreign and security policies.

Course Title: International Human Rights Law

Course Director: Dr Marija Daka

Lecturer: Dr Marija Daka

Theoretical knowledge to be acquired:

The system of human rights in international law

The historical development of human rights

The universal level of human rights protection

Regional human rights systems

Practical knowledge to be acquired:

The implementation of human rights obligations

The enforcement of human rights before international forums

The judicial enforcement of human rights

Compulsory literature:

Olivier De Schutter: International Human Rights Law, Cambridge University Press, 2019, ISBN: 1108463568

International Law Handbook – Collection of Instruments, United Nations, 2017 (Book One, Chapter VIII), available as: book_1.pdf

Recommended literature:

Philip Alston and Ryan Goodman: International Human Rights, Oxford University Press, 2012, ISBN: 9780199578726

Ilias Bantekas, Lutz Oette: International Human Rights Law and Practice, Cambridge University Press, 2024, ISBN: 9781009306379

Ratio of theory to practice:

Theoretical hours: 9

Practical hours: 5

Teaching methods applied:

Video lectures, directed readings, self-check questions

Method of assessment: Colloquium

The course enables students to understand the basic substantive and procedural mechanisms of human rights protection, understand the context of human rights, and apply the human rights normative system.

Course Title: Law of International Organisations

Course Director: Dr Erzsébet Szalayné Sándor

Lecturer: Dr Erzsébet Szalayné Sándor

Theoretical knowledge to be acquired:

The emergence of international organisations and their role in international relations

Characteristics and classification of international organisations – legal personality, membership, financing, dissolution

Internal structure and administration of international organisations

External relations of international organisations – participation in international law-making, responsibility

The role of regional international organisations and non-state actors in international relations



Practical knowledge to be acquired:

The United Nations – the central actor in international relations
International organisations in the service of peace and security
International organisations in the service of economic well-being
International organisations in the service of human rights
International organisations in the service of environmental protection
International humanitarian organisations

Compulsory literature:

Sué González Hauck, Raffaella Kunz, Max Milas (eds.): *Public International Law: A Multi-Perspective Approach*, Routledge, 2024, ISBN: 9781032587448 (Chapter)

Bak McKenna M.: *Designing for International Law: The Architecture of International Organizations 1922–1952*. *Leiden Journal of International Law*, 2021;34(1):1-22.

Anne Peters: *International Organizations as Constitution-Shapers: Promoting or Undermining a Transnational Rule of Law?* In: G. Shaffer, W. Sandholtz (eds.), *The Rule of Law under Pressure: A Transnational Challenge*. Cambridge University Press, 2025: 153–181.

Margaret P. Karns, Tana Johnson, Karen A. Mingst: *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance* (4th ed.), Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2023, ISBN: 9781685859800.

Available at: <https://www.rienner.com/uploads/655641fb4f4df.pdf>

Recommended literature:

Ian Hurd: *International Organisations – Politics, Law, Practice* (5th ed.), Cambridge University Press, 2024, ISBN: 9781009414074

Jan Klabbers: *An Introduction to International Organisations Law* (4th ed.), Cambridge University Press, 2022, ISBN: 9781108842204

Ratio of theory to practice:

Theoretical hours: 10

Practical hours: 4

Teaching methods applied:

Video lectures, directed readings, self-check questions

Method of assessment: Colloquium

Students will develop the ability to analyse international organisations' characteristics and legal status. Their critical thinking skills will be enhanced by evaluating the functioning of international organisations and their external relations, with a particular focus on international law-making and responsibility. Students will be familiar with the international organisations operating in key areas of global politics. They will be able to assess, interpret, and evaluate the role of a given international organisation in specific situations. In addition to theoretical knowledge, they will refine their applied legal analysis skills, enabling them to examine the functioning and impact of international organisations in practice.

Course Title: Multi-layered Constitutionalism and the Role of the States

Course Director: Dr Gábor Mészáros

Lecturers: Dr Gábor Mészáros

Theoretical knowledge to be acquired:

Multi-layered Constitutionalism and Supranational Constitutional Actors

Limitations on Constitutional Sovereignty

Recent Questions on Global Constitutionalism

Transnationalization and Migration of Constitutional Interpretation

A Return of Sovereignty? – The Limits of Multilevel Constitutionalism

Practical knowledge to be acquired:

Responding to Challenges of Multi-layered Constitutionalism: 'Dialogue of Courts'

Negotiating Function of the European Court of Human Rights and the EU Court of Justice

Constitutional Adjudication in the European Legal Space

Compulsory literature:

András Sajó and Renáta Uitz (eds.): *The Constitution of Freedom – An Introduction to Legal Constitutionalism*, Oxford University Press, 2017, ISBN 9780198732174, ch. 12.

Michel Rosenfeld and András Sajó (eds.): *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Constitutional Law*, Oxford University Press, 2012, ISBN 9780199689286, ch. 2, 5, 9.



Roger Masterman and Robert Schütze (eds.): The Cambridge Companion to Comparative Constitutional Law, Cambridge University Press, 2019, ISBN 9781316716731, ch. 5.

Recommended literature:

Armin von Bogdandy, Peter M Huber and Christoph Grabenwarter (eds.): The Max Planck Handbooks in European Public Law Volume IV: Constitutional Adjudication: Common Themes and Challenges, Oxford University Press, 2023, ISBN 9780192846693

Zoltán Szente and Fruzsina Gárdos-Orosz (eds.): New Challenges to Constitutional Adjudication in Europe – A Comparative Perspective, Routledge, 2018, ISBN 9781138057890

Ratio of theory to practice:

Theoretical hours: 9

Practical hours: 3

Teaching methods applied:

Video lectures, analysis of relevant legal cases, and reading assignments

Method of assessment: Colloquium

The course focuses on structural issues of national constitutions and international constitutionalism. Students will be able to interpret constitutional law, global constitutionalism, understand the issue of sovereignty and multi-level constitutionalism, and the migration of constitutional ideas.

Semester II

Course Title: Law of Diplomatic and Consular Relations

Course Director: Dr Endre Domaniczky

Lecturer: Dr Endre Domaniczky

Theoretical knowledge to be acquired:

The History of Diplomacy

The History of Consular Activity

The Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (1961): system and main institutions)

The Vienna Convention on Consular Relations (1963): system and main institutions

Immunities and privileges in diplomatic law

Practical knowledge to be acquired:

The application of the Vienna Conventions in practice

Implementation of relevant international agreements in the national law

Foreign missions and their staff

Immunities and privileges in practice

Main features of consular work in practice

Compulsory literature:

Luke T. Lee – John Quigley: Consular Law and Practice (3rd ed.), Oxford University Press, 2008, ISBN: 9780198298519

Eileen Denza: Diplomatic Law: Commentary on the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (4th ed.), Oxford University Press, 2016, ISBN: 9780191773198

Recommended literature:

Bába, Iván – Sáringer, János (eds.): An Encyclopaedia of Diplomacy I-II. (Bp., Kairosz, 2021)

Henry Kissinger: Diplomacy (Simon & Schuster, New York, 1994)

Kissinger, Henry: World Order (New York: Penguin, 2014)

Ratio of theory to practice:

Theoretical hours: 9

Practical hours: 5

Teaching methods applied:

Video lectures, directed readings, self-check questions

Method of assessment: Colloquium

Students will acquire comprehensive knowledge of the historical development of diplomacy and consular activity and the relevant international treaties. They will be able to analyse and interpret the provisions of the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic and Consular Relations, as well as their practical application. Students will understand the system of diplomatic and consular immunities and privileges, as well as their role in international relations and legal practice.



They will enhance their ability to analyse the implementation of specific international agreements in national legal systems, focusing on the operation of foreign missions. Students will be able to assess the characteristics of diplomatic and consular work based on practical examples and case studies and draw independent conclusions regarding the application of relevant legal regulations.

Course Title: Protection of Fundamental Rights in Europe: The Council of Europe and the EU

Course Director: Dr Erzsébet Szalayné Sándor

Lecturers: Dr Erzsébet Szalayné Sándor, Dr Marija Daka, Dr Bence Kis Kelemen

Theoretical knowledge to be acquired:

Introduction: The place of European fundamental rights protection in the international system of human rights – principles, achievements and challenges

Normative and institutional frameworks of European fundamental rights protection – within the framework of the Council of Europe and the European Union: sources of law, monitoring and levels of jurisdiction

The European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) – the legal interpretation practice of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)

Sources of EU fundamental rights protection – the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and general legal principles – the practice of the Court of Justice of the EU (CJEU)

The dual nature of European fundamental rights protection – the EU's accession to the ECHR

Practical knowledge to be acquired:

Analysis of selected cases from the ECtHR's case law on Articles 1-7 of the ECHR

Analysis of selected cases from the ECtHR's case law on Articles 8-14 of the ECHR

Analysis of selected cases from the ECJ's case law on fundamental rights I.

Analysis of selected cases from the ECJ's case law on fundamental rights II.

Analysis of selected cases from the ECJ's case law on EU law

Compulsory literature:

Public International Law: a multi-perspective approach / edited by Sué González Hauck, Raffaella Kunz, and Max Milas. Abingdon, Oxon [UK]; New York, NY: Routledge, 2024., Chapter 21: International Human Rights Law (531-614. o.)

Bosko Tripkovic, Alain Zysset, Uncovering the Nature of ECHR Rights: An Analytical and Methodological Framework, Human Rights Law Review, Volume 24, Issue 1, March 2024

Steven Wheatley, Interpreting the ECHR in Light of the Increasingly High Standards Being Required by Human Rights: Insights from Social Ontology, Human Rights Law Review, Volume 24, Issue 1, March 2024

Letsas, George, The ECHR as a Living Instrument: Its Meaning and its Legitimacy (March 14, 2012). <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2021836>

Recommended literature:

Fink M, ed. Redressing Fundamental Rights Violations by the EU: The Promise of the 'Complete System of Remedies'. Cambridge University Press; 2024.

Schmahl, Stefanie, and Marten Breuer (eds), The Council of Europe: Its Law and Policies (2017; online edn, Oxford Academic), <https://doi.org/10.1093/law/9780199672523.001.0001>

De Burca, Grainne, The EU, the European Court of Justice and the International Legal Order after Kadi. Harvard International Law Journal, Vol. 1, No. 51, 2009

Corina Heri, Deference, Dignity and 'Theoretical Crisis': Justifying ECtHR Rights Between Prudence and Protection, Human Rights Law Review, Volume 24, Issue 1, March 2024

Lenaerts K. Limits on Limitations: The Essence of Fundamental Rights in the EU. German Law Journal. 2019;20(6):779-793.

Greer S, Gerards J, Slove R. Human Rights in the Council of Europe and the European Union: Achievements, Trends and Challenges. Cambridge University Press; 2018

Mohay Ágoston, Once more unto the breach? The resumption of negotiations on the EU's accession to the ECHR. Pécs Journal of International and European Law No. I (2021)

Ratio of theory to practice:

Theoretical hours: 9

Practical hours: 5

Teaching methods applied:

Video lectures, directed readings, self-check questions



Method of assessment: Colloquium

With the help of this subject, students of the course will be able to understand the multi-layered levels of European fundamental rights protection, recognise their connections, explore and critically assess specific problems. At the same time, they will be able to objectively evaluate and analyse specific fundamental rights situations that demonstrate national-regional/international-EU complexity.

Course Title: EU Internal Market Law

Course Director: Dr Cherry James

Lecturers: Dr Cherry James, John Koo

Theoretical knowledge to be acquired:

Introduction: what is the EU internal market?

The EU legal framework relating to the free movement of goods

The EU legal framework relating to the free movement of persons

The EU legal framework relating to the free movement of services

The EU legal framework relating to the free movement of capital

Political considerations relating to the EU internal market

Practical knowledge to be acquired:

Applying, implementing and enforcing the law relating to EU free movement of goods, using case studies and/or relevant scenarios.

Applying, implementing, and enforcing the law relating to EU free movement of persons, using case studies and/or relevant scenarios.

The application, implementation and enforcement of the law relating to EU free movement of services, using case studies and/or relevant scenarios.)

Applying, implementing and enforcing the law relating to EU free movement of capital, using case studies and/or relevant scenarios.

Compulsory literature:

Damian Chalmers, European Union Law, 2024, ISBN: 9781009230322

Paul Craig and Gráinne de Burca, EU law: Text, Cases and Materials, 2024, 9780198915522

Recommended literature:

Catherine Barnard, The Substantive Law of the EU: The Four Freedoms, 2022, ISBN 9780192857880

Stephen Weatherill, Law and Values in the European Union, 2016, ISBN 9780199557271

Ratio of theory to practice:

Theoretical hours: 10

Practical hours: 4

Teaching methods applied:

Video lectures, directed readings, self-check questions

Method of assessment: Colloquium

Students will learn the operational foundation of the EU internal market. They will be required to identify, read, and analyse relevant primary and secondary law and to apply it to factual situations. In so doing, they will develop their self-learning capacity and become autonomous learners.

Course Title: EU Justice and Home Affairs Law

Course Director: Dr Ágoston Mohay

Lecturers: Dr Ágoston Mohay, Dr István Szijártó

Theoretical knowledge to be acquired:

The evolution of Justice and Home Affairs Cooperation in the European Union. The Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (AFSJ)

The regulation of visas and border control in the EU

Migration law of the EU: regulating legal and illegal migration

Asylum law of the EU

Cooperation in criminal matters and combating terrorism in the EU

The Protection of Fundamental Rights in the AFSJ



Practical knowledge to be acquired:

The relevance of case law in the AFSJ as demonstrated by the following case-law examples:

1. M.S.S. v. Belgium & Greece, App. no. 30696/09
2. Case C-410/11 NS & ME
3. A.D. v. GREECE, App. no. 55363/19
4. Case C-404/15 and C-659/15 PPU Aranyosi & Caldaru

Compulsory literature:

Steve Peers: EU Justice and Home Affairs Law (5th ed.), Oxford, 2023, ISBN: 9780198890256

Maria Fletcher, Ester Herlin-Karnell, Claudio Matera: The European Union as an Area of Freedom, Security and Justice, Routledge, 2017, ISBN 9780367193454

Recommended literature:

Vincent Chetail, Philippe De Bruycker and Francesco Maiani: Reforming the Common European Asylum System Reforming the Common European Asylum System, Brill, 2016, ISBN: 9789004308657

Valsamis Mitsilegas: EU Criminal Law, Hart, 2022, ISBN: 9781509904167

Ratio of theory to practice:

Theoretical hours: 9

Practical hours: 5

Teaching methods applied:

Video lectures, directed readings, self-check questions

Method of assessment: Colloquium

Students will learn to analyse and evaluate the law of the EU's Area of Freedom, Security and Justice. They will gather knowledge on EU treaty law and the EU's relevant secondary acts pertaining to justice and home affairs cooperation in the EU, focusing on the current legal framework and prevalent legal challenges. They will further learn to understand and draw conclusions from the relevant case law of the Court of Justice of the EU.

Semester III

Course Title: International and European Environmental Law

Course Director: Dr Attila Pánovics

Lecturers: Dr Attila Pánovics

Theoretical knowledge to be acquired:

The Role of Law in the Protection of the Environment

The Development and Effectiveness of Environmental Law

The Environmental Obligations of States

EU Environmental Policy and Law

Environmental Responsibility and Liability

Practical knowledge to be acquired:

Dispute Settlement in Environmental Matters

Compliance Procedures

The Enforcement of the Polluter Pays Principle

Right to Environment

Sustainable Finance

Compulsory literature:

Stuart Bell – Donald McGillivray – Ole Pedersen – Emma Lees – Elen Stokes: Environmental Law (Tenth Edition), Oxford University Press, 2024, ISBN: 9780192847690

J.H. Jans – H.H.B. Vedder: European Environmental Law (5th edition), Treaty-Based Law, Europa Law Publishing, 2024, ISBN: 9789462513341

Alan Boyle – Catherine Redgwell: Birnie, Boyle, and Redgwell's International Law and the Environment (Fourth Edition), Oxford University Press, 2021, ISBN: 9789462513341

Recommended literature:

Ludwig Krämer – Christopher Badger: Krämer's EU Environmental Law (Ninth Edition), Hart Publishing, 2024, ISBN: 9781509974443

Stefan E. Weishaar – Kars J. de Graaf (eds.): The Future of Environmental Law – Ambition and Reality, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2024, ISBN: 9781035314638



Daniel Bodansky – Harro van Asselt: The Art and Craft of International Environmental Law (Second Edition), Oxford University Press, 2024, ISBN: 9780199594016

Ratio of theory to practice:

Theoretical hours: 9

Practical hours: 5

Teaching methods applied:

Video lectures, self-check questions

Method of assessment: Colloquium

The course introduces students to the possibilities of reducing the factors limiting effective environmental regulation and the system of relationships between various (international and EU-level) regulatory instruments. It enables them to select and effectively apply the legal instruments necessary to resolve environmental conflicts.

Course Title: International Business Law

Course Director: Dr Zsolt Bujtár

Lecturers: Dr Zsolt Bujtár, Dr Barnabás Ferencz

Theoretical knowledge to be acquired:

Challenges arising from the differences in legal systems

Sources of law in international economic relations: *lex mercatoria*

The main institutions of international commerce

Foreign Direct Investment and its regulation

International trade finance

Ethics in international business law

Practical knowledge to be acquired:

The main instruments and techniques used in international trade

Contracting in international commerce

Risk management in international transactions

Foreign investments and investment protection

International trade finance tools - documentary transactions, letter of credit, bank guarantee

National import export regulation, free trade agreements, trade war

Compulsory literature:

DiMatteo, L. A. (2021). International business law and the legal environment: a transactional approach (Fourth edition). Routledge. ISBN 9780367477370

Wang, Z. J., & Chen, J. (2023). International trade regulation: evolving dynamics and shifting foundations. Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003275510>

Recommended literature:

Herdegen, M. (2016). Principles of international economic law (Second edition). Oxford University Press. ISBN 9780198790563

McMillan, R. E. (2022). Investor-state dispute settlement: back to the basics. Wake Forest Journal of Business and Intellectual Property Law, 22(3), 399-427.

Ratio of theory to practice:

Theoretical hours: 9

Practical hours: 5

Teaching methods applied:

Video lectures, self-check questions, and project teamwork

Method of assessment: Colloquium

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to present the institutions and regulatory system of international trade, argue professionally for their own position in the context of a global trade transaction, and present their legal case solution in a multimedia presentation prepared in a team.

Course Title: International and European Tax Law

Course Director: Dr Alexander Szívós

Lecturers: Dr Alexander Szívós

Theoretical knowledge to be acquired:

The basics of taxation

The interaction between the European Union and the Member States' tax laws



The fundamentals of international taxation
International tax planning
Fighting against tax evasion on an international level

Practical knowledge to be acquired:

Tax planning in practice
International taxation case law
ECJ case law on direct taxes
ECJ case law on indirect taxes
Summary

Compulsory literature:

OECD: International Tax Avoidance and Evasion: Four Related Studies, Issues in International Taxation, No. 1, OECD Publishing, Paris, 1987. <https://doi.org/10.1787/g2ghgbf6-en>.

Emmanuel Saez, Gabriel Zucman: The Triumph of Injustice: How the Rich Dodge Taxes and How to Make Them Pay. W. W. Norton & Company, 2019. ISBN: 978-1324002727

Case law of the ECJ: https://curia.europa.eu/jcms/jcms/P_106308/hu/

Recommended literature:

IBFD: European Tax Handbook 2024.

Nexia International: The International Tax Handbook, 6th edition, Bloomsbury Professional, 2017.

http://iberglobal.com/files/20172/International_Tax_Handbook.pdf

Kirill A. Tasalov, Svetlana G. Sokolova, Dina M. Osina: Countering the Corporate Tax Avoidance in the Court of Justice of the European Union Practice. Law Enforcement Review 2021, vol. 5, no. 3, pp. 178–194

Ratio of theory to practice:

Theoretical hours: 9

Practical hours: 5

Teaching methods applied:

Video lectures, self-check questions

Method of assessment: Colloquium

The course enables the student to interpret the European and international tax law environment and understand the connections between international, European Union, and Member State tax issues. It provides an insight into the methods of legal tax planning, tax optimisation and the global conditions for tax compliance.

Course Title: European Union Criminal Law

Course Director: Dr Dávid Tóth

Lecturers: Dr Dávid Tóth, Dr István Szijártó

Theoretical knowledge to be acquired:

The definition of European criminal law and its status in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

Criminal law harmonisation in the European Union

The principle of mutual recognition in European criminal law

The institutional framework of European criminal law: Europol, OLAF, Eurojust, and the European Public Prosecutor's Office

Jurisdictional issues in European Criminal Law: competences and conflicts

Instruments of European criminal cooperation: mutual legal assistance measures, European Arrest Warrant, and European Investigation Order

Practical knowledge to be acquired:

The protection of fundamental rights in European criminal law: the ECHR, the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, and the ECJ's case law in connection with judicial cooperation in criminal matters

European criminal cooperation in practice: case studies and legal challenges

Eurocrimes I – organised crime and human trafficking

Eurocrimes II – financial and technological crimes: corruption, money laundering, counterfeiting, and cybercrime



Compulsory literature:

Jacob Öberg: *The Normative Foundations for EU Criminal Justice: Powers, Limits and Justifications*, Hart Publishing, 2024, ISBN 978-1-50996-233-4 (print), 978-1-50996-235-8 (ePDF), 978-1-50996-234-1

Libor Klimek: *Mutual Recognition of Judicial Decisions in European Criminal Law*, Springer International Publishing, 2017, ISBN 978-3-319-44375-1 (print), 978-3-319-44377-5 (eBook).

Auke Willems: *The Impact on National Sovereignty of Mutual Recognition in the AFSJ: Case-Study of the European Arrest Warrant*, German Law Journal, Vol. 22, Issue 1, 2021, pp. 45–64.

Leandro Mancano: *What About Fundamental Rights? Security and Fundamental Rights in EU Criminal Law*, New Journal of European Criminal Law, Vol. 13, Issue 4, 2022, pp. 498–515.

Recommended literature:

Annika Suominen: *What Role for Legal Certainty in Criminal Law Within the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice in the EU?* Bergen Journal of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice, Vol. 2, Issue 1, 2014, pp. 1–31..

Athina Giannakoula: *Cross-Border Access to Electronic Evidence in Criminal Matters*, New Journal of European Criminal Law, Vol. 15, Issue 1, 2024, pp. 112–130.

Merita Kettunen: *Legitimizing European Criminal Law*, Springer International Publishing, 2019, ISBN 978-3-030-16173-6 (print), 978-3-030-16174-3 (eBook)..

Tommaso Rafaraci & Rosanna Belfiore (Eds.): *EU Criminal Justice: Fundamental Rights, Transnational Proceedings and the European Public Prosecutor's Office*, Springer International Publishing, 2019, ISBN 978-3-319-97318-0 (print), 978-3-319-97319-7 (eBook).

Ratio of theory to practice:

Theoretical hours: 10

Practical hours: 4

Teaching methods applied:

Video lectures, self-check questions, case studies and group legal analyses.

Method of assessment: Colloquium

The course contributes to developing students' legal analytical skills, as it provides comprehensive knowledge of the principles, institutions and instruments of European criminal law and criminal cooperation. Through theoretical and practical training, students will be able to critically analyse legislation and case law, with particular attention to the functioning of the European arrest warrant, legal assistance and cross-border investigations. The knowledge acquired during the course will help students understand the relationship between European criminal law and the Member States' legal systems, as well as their practical application in the field of international law enforcement.

Course Title: Introduction to the Laws of War

Course Director: Dr Bence Kis Kelemen

Lecturers: Dr Bence Kis Kelemen

Theoretical knowledge to be acquired:

War in International Relations

Development of the legal régime of the prohibition on the use of force

Theoretical background of the system of the prohibition on the use of force

Development of the field of international humanitarian law

Theoretical background of international humanitarian law

Development of the field of international criminal law

Theoretical background of international criminal law

Practical knowledge to be acquired:

Practical applicability of the exceptions of the prohibition on the use of force

Practical applicability of the general principles of international humanitarian law

Case law of international criminal law

Compulsory literature:

Stuart Casey-Maslen: *Jus ad Bellum – The Law on Inter-State Use of Force*. Hart, 2020. ISBN: 978-1-50993-09-2

Yoram Dinstein: *The Conduct of Hostilities under the Law of International Armed Conflict*. Cambridge University Press, 2016. ISBN: 9781316389591



Robert Cryer – Darryl Robinson – Sergey Vasiliev: An Introduction to International Criminal Law and Procedure. Cambridge University Press, 2019, ISBN: 9781108680455

Recommended literature:

Yoram Dinstein: War, Aggression, and Self-Defence. Cambridge University Press, 2017, ISBN: 978-1-107-19114-3

Yoram Dinstein: Non-International Armed Conflicts in International Law. Cambridge University Press, 2021. ISBN: 9781108864091

Ratio of theory to practice:

Theoretical hours: 11

Practical hours: 3

Teaching methods applied:

Video lectures, directed readings, self-check questions

Method of assessment: Colloquium

Upon completing the course, the student will have knowledge of the international legal framework applicable to armed conflicts. They will be able to identify international legal issues related to armed conflicts. They will be capable of objectively evaluating and analysing the problems identified. Additionally, they can propose legal solutions to emerging practical matters.

Course Title: International Police Cooperation

Course Director: Dr Jorn van Rij

Lecturers: Dr Jorn van Rij

Theoretical knowledge to be acquired:

Policing transnational organised crime in modern states

Theoretical and legal basis of international police cooperation

The legal framework of Europol

The legal framework of Interpol

The legal framework of Frontex

Practical knowledge to be acquired:

Policing in practice: case study THB LOTUS Europol

New perspectives: Cooperation on Preventive programs

The work of a police liaison officer - OC drug trafficking in the Balkans

Fundamental rights, privacy and security issues: pushbacks by Frontex

Data sharing, intelligence and technology in police cooperation

Compulsory literature:

G. Šetka & P. Đukić, The Police System Of A Modern State, In: Security Science Journal, Vol. 5, No. 3/2024, Pp. 136 - 152

K. Tryfon, International Law Enforcement Cooperation In: European Scientific Journal, No. 10/2014, Pp. 355 - 367

T. Jakabović, Theoretical And Legal Basis Of International Police Cooperation, In: Proceedings Of Security Forum 2022, 15th Annual International Scientific Conference, Pp. 60 - 70

V. Terziev, M. Petkov & D. Krastev, Operative Mode For Police Cooperation Between The Member States Of The European Union, In: Proceedings Of Socioint 2018- 5th International Conference On Education, Social Sciences And Humanities, Pp. 473 - 476

Recommended literature:

M. Barnett & L. Coleman, Designing Police: Interpol And The Study Of Change In International Organizations, In: International Studies Quarterly No. 49/2005, pp. 593 - 619

M. Busuioc & M. Groenleer, Beyond Design: The Evolution Of Europol And Eurojust, In: Amsterdam Centre For European Law And Governance Working Paper No. 03/2011, pp. 3 - 33

G. Calcara, Balancing International Police Cooperation: Interpol And The Undesirable Trade-Off Between Rights Of Individuals And Global Security, In: Liverpool Law Review No. 42/2021, pp. 111 - 142

G. Calcara, Rethinking Legal Research on Matters of International Police Cooperation: Issues, Methods And Raison D'être, In: Liverpool Law Review No. 40/2019, Pp. 95 - 111

Ratio of theory to practice:

Theoretical hours: 9

Practical hours: 5



Teaching methods applied:

Video lectures, directed readings, self-check questions

Method of assessment: Colloquium

International police cooperation will be examined from a European and international (legal) perspective, explaining the treaties and articles providing a legal basis for police cooperation beyond national limitations. As Serious Organised Crime does not stop at State Borders, International Police Cooperation is needed to secure safety and an effective and successful way to fight crime, not overlooking future challenges. To show how this works in practice, the course will be divided into a theoretical section and a practical section, consisting of case study examples highlighting the possibilities and successes of International Police Cooperation, but at the same time, address legal and practical limitations and difficulties. It will also discuss new methods of policing and fighting (organised) crime, which combines the international and the local elements of crime.

