

## DESCRIPTION OF COURSE UNIT

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Course unit title	Code
Problems of European Union Law	100219

2.

Name of lecturer(s) (providing information as to how, when and where they can be in contact)	Department(s)
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Cycle of course unit	Level of course unit	Type of course unit
Third cycle	Not applicable	Elective

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Mode of delivery	Year of study and semester when the course unit is delivered	Language of instruction
distance learning	I-III study year	Lithuanian, English

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Study requirements	
<b>Prerequisites:</b> Master's or equivalent degree	<b>Co-requisites:</b> Not applicable

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Recommended optional programme components

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Number of ECTS credits allocated	Student's workload	Contact work hours	Independent work hours
6	162	4	158

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Purpose of the course unit: programme competences to be developed			
Deepen the knowledge of EU law and develop the capacity of a systemic understanding of currently most significant issues concerning the subject			
Learning outcomes of the programme	Learning outcomes of the course unit	Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
Demonstrate a systematic understanding of law, mastery of the language and of the written presentation associated with law;	Demonstrates a systemic understanding of EU law; Masters the professional EU law language both orally and in writing	Independent work hours	Written and oral examination
Demonstrate a capability of critical reasoning, evaluation and synthesis of new and complex legal issues and ideas.	Demonstrates a capability of critical reasoning Is capable of evaluation and synthesis of new and complex legal issues and ideas.		

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Course contents										
Topics	Contact work hours and planned learning activities							Independent work hours and tasks		
	Lectures	Consultations	Seminars	Training exercises	Laboratory work	Internship	Assessment	All contact work hours	Independent work hours	Tasks
1. Challenges to EU integration. Brexit. Further possibilities of EU expansion									17	Independent work hours
2. Implementation of EU constitutional values in the member states, in particular Poland and Hungary									18	
3. Challenges of globalization on the protection of fundamental rights. Ensuring fundamental rights protection in EU criminal law.									18	
4. Trends of developing the judicial and institutional practice on the free movement of goods: integrating human rights, the environmental considerations and international trade framework									18	
5. Challenges to free movement of persons at the time of globalization									17	
6. The trends of judicial interpretation of the notion of EU citizenship.									17	
7. Challenges of ensuring free movement of capital in the EU									17	
8. Trends of developing EU competition law in the institutional and judicial practice									18	
9. Challenges of globalization to the EU legal system on EU trade policy, including foreign direct investment									18	
<b>Overall</b>							2	2	158	Written examination

10.

Assessment strategy	Weighting percentage	Period or date of assessment	Assessment criteria
Written and oral examination	100		Systematicity of understanding of EU law, mastery of the language and of the written presentation associated with EU law; capability of critical analysis, evaluation and synthesis of new and complex EU law issues and ideas.

**Required reading**

1. Craig P., de Burca P.. The Evolution of EU Law. Oxford, 2nd ed., 2011.
2. Leal Arcas R., EU Trade Law, Elgar, 2019.
3. Mitsilegas, V. EU criminal law after Lisbon: trust and the transformation of justice in Europe, 2018.
4. Reid, Balancing human rights, environmental protection and international trade :lessons from the EU experience, 2015.
5. Schütze, R., From international to federal market the changing structure of European law, 2017.
6. Schweitzer, H., Patel, K.K. The Historical Foundations of EU Competition law, 2013.
7. Shuibhne, N. The coherence of EU free movement law :constitutional responsibility and the Court of Justice, 2013.
8. Solidarity in EU law: legal principle in the making, Edward Elgar, 2018.

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1. Craig P., de Burca G., Text, Cases and Materials. Oxford, 6th ed., 2015.
2. Barnard C., The substantive law of the EU :the four freedoms: Cambridge, 5<sup>th</sup> ed., 2016.

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