



COURSE UNIT DESCRIPTION

Course unit title	Code
Gender in Law	

Annotation
<p>The aim of the Gender in law study subject is to acquaint students with the importance of gender in law. This course examines the relationship between gender and law, how concept of gender influences law and human rights. During this course students will learn: the main concepts, legal acts on gender equality and nondiscrimination; how to recognize various forms of discrimination on gender; to understand their rights and responsibilities under various laws on gender and apply them in practice. The course will develop their skills solving problems in the field of discrimination against gender. The study subject consists from such topics: Gender equality and nondiscrimination, Gender identity, Sexual orientation and expression in law, Issues of the rights of sexual minorities.</p>

Lecturer(s)	Department, Faculty
Coordinating: dr. Daiva Petrėnaitė Other:-	Faculty of Communication

Study cycle	Type of the course unit
I / II	Elective

Mode of delivery	Semester or period when it is delivered	Language of instruction
On campus / Remote	Autumn	English

Requisites	
Prerequisites:	Co-requisites (if relevant):

Number of ECTS credits allocated	Student's workload (total)	Contact hours	Individual work
5	130	34	96

Purpose of the course unit: programme competences to be developed		
<p>To become familiar with importance of gender in law To know the main concepts, legal acts on gender equality and nondiscrimination To develop the skills solving problems in the field of discrimination against gender To know the criteria for the specificity of sexual minorities in law To work and communicate in diverse social environment</p>		
Learning outcomes of the course unit	Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
To demonstrate knowledge and evaluation of the relationship and importance between gender and law	Lecture, analysis of legal acts, discussions, work in groups	Evaluation of practical situations, evaluation of vocal participation during seminars
Will be able critically evaluate challenges in relation to gender and law	Lecture, case law studies, discussions, work in groups, group presentations	Final testing, evaluation of vocal participation during seminars

To recognize and solve legal issues that have gendered aspects and implications in society	Lecture, case law studies, discussions, analysis of video material	Evaluation of practical situations, final testing, evaluation of vocal participation during seminars
To learn specific areas of legal doctrine that are relevant to society helping to understand gender	Lecture, case law studies, analysis of legal acts, discussions, work in groups, analysis of video material	Evaluation of practical situations, final testing, evaluation of vocal participation during seminars
To understand rights and responsibilities under various laws on gender and apply them in practice	Lecture, case law studies, analysis of legal acts, work in groups, analysis of video material	Evaluation of practical situations, evaluation of vocal participation during seminars

Course content: breakdown of the topics	Contact hours						Individual work: time and assignments		
	Lectures	Tutorials	Seminars	Workshops	Laboratory-work	Internship/work placement	Contact hours, total	Individual work	Assignments
1.Introduction to gender in law: the main concepts, principles, subjects, legal regulation	4		2				6	22	Reading law and academic literature: 1 2 (p. 1-20) 3
2.Gender equality and nondiscrimination: types of discrimination, exceptions, legal acts, the main institutions, case law	4		4				8	20	Reading academic literature: 2 (p. 25-46)
3.Gender identity: gender identity and transsexuality; gender identity as a part of the right to dignity; gender identity as a part of the right to private life	4	2	2				8	24	Reading academic literature: 2 (p. 47-64) 4 5 (p.1-101)
4. Sexual orientation and expression in law: the problem of a balance between freedom of expression and incitement to hatred	2		2				6	12	Reading academic literature: 2 (p. 113-124)
5. Issues of the rights of sexual minorities: right to family, right to marriage, right to change gender, right to be non-binary gender, right to health services	2		4				6	18	Reading academic literature: 6
Total	16	2	16	-	-	-	34	96	

Assessment strategy	Weight %	Deadline	Assessment criteria
Participation during lectures and seminars	20%	During the semester	2 points: actively participates in all lectures and seminars, raises problematic questions, bases arguments on academic literature they have read; 1 point: participates in discussions but has a hard time relating the questions being analysed with the

			mandatory reading (e.g., arguments are based on private experience, etc.); 0 points: does not participate in discussions or has missed more than one third of all lectures and seminars.
Analysis of practical situations	30 %	During the semester	The analysis of practical situations consists of 3 situations, each one being assessed on a point basis (1 point) and rounded off to give a percentage mark. 3 points. Excellent knowledge and abilities. 2 points. Average knowledge and abilities, some errors. 1 point. Poor knowledge and abilities, some (fundamental) errors. 0 points. Minimal requirements not met.
Test	50 %	During the examination period	The exam consists of 20 open and closed questions, each one being assessed on a point basis (0.25 points) and rounded off to give a percentage mark. 5 points. Excellent knowledge and abilities. 4 points. Good knowledge and abilities, may have made some non-critical errors. 3 points. Average knowledge and abilities, some errors. 2 points. Poor knowledge and abilities, some (fundamental) errors. 0 – 1 points. Minimal requirements not met.

Author	Publishing year	Title	Issue of a periodical or volume of a publication; pages	Publishing house or internet site
Required reading				
1. Judith Bourne, Caroline Derry	2018	Gender and the Law		Routledge
2. International Commission of Jurists	2019	Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and International Human Rights Law, Practitioners Guide No. 4		http://www.icj.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/07/sexual-orientation-international-law-Practitioners-Guide-2009-eng.pdf
3.-		Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, 1978		https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments-mechanisms/instruments/convention-elimination-all-forms-discrimination-against-women
4. David B. Cruz, Jillian Weiss	2021	Gender Identity and the Law		Carolina Academic Press
5. Kerry O'Halloran	2019	Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and International Human Rights Law		Routledge
6. Marjolein van den Brink, Peter Dunne	2018	Trans and intersex equality rights in Europe – a comparative analysis		https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/trans_and_intersex_equality_rights.pdf
Recommended reading				

European Commission	2010	Compilation of caselaw on the equality of treatment between women and men and on non-discrimination in the European Union		https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/e8711e0f-767c-466e-9fae-325dd6d2544f
Laura Palazzani	2013	Gender in Philosophy and Law		SpringerBriefs in Law
Michael O'Flaherty, John Fisher		Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and International Human Rights Law: Contextualising the Yogyakarta Principles	Human Rights Law Review, Volume 8, Issue 2, 2008, Pages 207–248	https://academic.oup.com/hrlr/article-abstract/8/2/207/677801
Maria Elisa Castro-Peraza, Jesús Manuel García-Acosta, Naira Delgado, Ana María Perdomo-Hernández, Maria Inmaculada Sosa-Alvarez, Rosa Llabrés-Soléand Nieves Doria Lorenzo-Rocha	2019	Gender Identity: The Human Right of Depathologization		file:///C:/Users/aurio/Desktop/3%20Season/L2%20play/sitas/ijerph-16-00978-v2.pdf
Zaborovskyy, V ; Fridmanskyy, R ; Manzyuk, V ; Vashkovich, V ; Stoika, A	2021	The Boundaries of Gender Tolerance in the Modern Society and Legal State (Review).	Georgian medical news, 2021-02 (311), p.178-184	https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=e5h&AN=149675753&site=ehost-live
Angelo Schillaci	2022	Back at It. Italy's Struggle for a Law against Homophobia and Transphobia		https://brill.com/view/journals/iric/1/2/article-p454_014.xml
Rubenstein, Kim ; Young, Katharine G; Rubenstein, Kim ; Young, Katharine G	2016	The Public Law of Gender: From the Local to the Global		https://virtualbiblioteka.vu.lt/primo-explore/fulldisplay?docid=TN_cdi_askewsholts_vlebooks_9781316547625&vid=VU&search_scope=VU_IG_ALL&tab=default_tab&lang=lt-LT&context=PC
		European Parliament resolution of 18 December 2019 on public discrimination and hate speech against LGBTI people, including LGBTI free zones		https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2019-0101_EN.html
European Court of Human Rights	2022	Gender identity issues		https://www.echr.coe.int/Documents/FS_Gender_identity_ENG.pdf
		The Court of Justice and Equal Treatment		https://curia.europa.eu/jcms/jcms/p1_3287489/en/
		TGEU		https://tgeu.org/
		Lithuanian Office of the Equal		https://lygybe.lt/en/about

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