



COURSE UNIT (MODULE) DESCRIPTION

Course unit (module) title	Code
INTRODUCTION TO THE EUROPEAN CIVIL PROCEDURE	14464

Lecturer(s)	Department(s) where the course unit (module) is delivered
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Study cycle	Type of the course unit (module)
First	Optional

Mode of delivery	Period when the course unit (module) is delivered	Language(s) of instruction
Face-to-face	Autumn semester	English

Requirements for students	
Prerequisites: Basics of Civil Law, Civil Procedure, EU Law	Additional requirements (if any): -

Course (module) volume in credits	Total student's workload	Contact hours	Self-study hours
5	130	32	98

Purpose of the course unit (module): programme competences to be developed
<p>The main objective of the course is gaining theoretical knowledge about the institutions of European Civil Procedure Law, aims of their application and implementation. The course aims to enable the student to evaluate the position of European Civil Procedure in the overall system of Civil Procedural Law, its basic operating principles and basic issues of court jurisdiction, recognition and enforcement of judgments, service of documents, taking of evidence, functioning of the special (“autonomous”) procedures and harmonization of national law by means of EU procedural Directives.</p> <p>To achieve a deeper analysis of European Civil Procedure and considering the importance of practical use of knowledge, special focus is given to continued examination of relevant case law of the European Court of Justice and recent EU legislative proposals in the given area.</p>

Learning outcomes of the course unit (module)	Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
Students will gain knowledge of the sources of European Civil Procedure and will be able to analyse more extensively their contents and reasons for their adoption.	Lectures, seminars, individual work	Problematic issues, individual analysis of scholarly literature, its discussion in seminars, individual analysis of EU legislation and its discussion in lectures and seminars; independent solutions of problems and their discussion in seminars
Students will be able to interpret legal sources and meaning of European Civil Procedure and appropriately apply sources and norms in support of their legal decisions.	Lectures, seminars, individual work	Problematic issues, individual analysis of scholarly literature, its discussion in seminars, individual analysis of EU legislation and its discussion in lectures and seminars; independent solutions of problems and their discussion in seminars
Students will be able to innovatively and integrally use their knowledge in applying the latest trends of European Civil Procedure legal doctrine and case law in the modern context.	Lectures, seminars, individual work	Problematic issues, individual analysis of scholarly literature, its discussion in seminars, individual analysis of EU legislation and its

		discussion in lectures and seminars; independent solutions of problems and their discussion in seminars
<p>Students will be able to argue their position in writing or orally based on the theoretical knowledge of European Civil Procedure and knowledge gained through case law analysis, and convey their ideas in a critical and reasonable manner;</p> <p>Students will be able to analyse and make ethic evaluation of case law;</p> <p>Students will be able to independently analyse, comprehend and appropriately apply sources of European Civil Procedure and legal norms established in case law.</p>	Lectures, seminars, individual work	Problematic issues, individual analysis of scholarly literature, its discussion in seminars, individual analysis of EU legislation and its discussion in lectures and seminars; independent solutions of problems and their discussion in seminars
Students will be able to work independently, making use of legal information databases and other relevant sources for enhancing their knowledge (for further studies) in European Civil Procedure.	Lectures, seminars, individual work	Problematic issues, independent solutions of problems and their evaluation in seminars

Content: breakdown of the topics	Contact hours						Self-study work: time and assignments		
	Lectures	Tutorials	Seminars	Exercises	Laboratory work	Internship/work placement	Contact hours	Self-study hours	Assignments
1. Concept, System and Sources of European Civil Procedure	2						2	8	Analysis of relevant legal doctrine and legal acts
2. Rules of Jurisdiction in European Civil Procedure	2		2				4	6	Analysis of relevant legal doctrine and legal acts
3. Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments in European Civil Procedure	2		2				4	6	Analysis of relevant legal doctrine and legal acts
4. Judicial Assistance in European Civil Procedure: Taking of Evidence and Service of Documents	1		1				2	8	Analysis of relevant legal doctrine and legal acts
5. European Enforcement Order for Uncontested Claims	1		1				2	8	Analysis of relevant legal doctrine and legal acts; delivery of presentations
6. European Order for Payment Procedure	1		1				2	8	Analysis of relevant legal doctrine and legal acts; delivery of presentations
7. European Small Claims Procedure	1		1				2	8	Analysis of relevant legal doctrine and legal acts; delivery of presentations
8. European Account Preservation Order	1		1				2	8	Analysis of relevant legal doctrine and legal acts; delivery of presentations
9. Insolvency Proceedings in European Civil Procedure	1		1				2	8	Analysis of relevant legal doctrine and legal

									acts; delivery of presentations	
10. Maintenance Proceedings in European Civil Procedure	1		1					2	8	Analysis of relevant legal doctrine and legal acts; delivery of presentations
11. Succession Proceedings in European Civil Procedure	1		1					2	8	Analysis of relevant legal doctrine and legal acts; delivery of presentations
12. Proceedings Relating to Matrimonial Property and Property of Registered Partnerships in European Civil Procedure	1		1					2	8	Analysis of relevant legal doctrine and legal acts; delivery of presentations
13. Directives in the Field of European Civil Procedure	1		1					2	3	Analysis of relevant legal doctrine and legal acts; delivery of presentations
14. Recent Trends in European Civil Procedure	1		1					2	3	Analysis of relevant legal doctrine and legal acts
Total	17		15					32	98	

Assessment strategy	Weight, %	Deadline	Assessment criteria
Individual (group) research work	40	During the semester (September – December)	Delivery of presentations on individual (group) topics covered in the course unit; discussions on different issues.
Examination	60	During the examination session (in January)	A written single-choice test with 30 questions. The test will demonstrate the knowledge acquired during the semester, and the understanding of the problematics of the European Civil Procedure, developed on the basis of that knowledge, as well as new skills and competencies gained.

Author	Year of publication	Title	Issue of a periodical or volume of a publication	Publishing place and house or web link
Compulsory reading				
VĚBRAITĚ V.	2014	Study Material. Introduction to European Civil Procedure		Vilnius: Vilniaus universiteto leidykla
STORSKRUBB E.	2008	Civil Procedure and EU Law: A Policy Area Uncovered (Oxford Studies in European Law).		Oxford: Oxford University Press
MAGNUS U.; MANKOWSKI R.	2011	Brussels I Regulation		Munich: Sellier
MAGNUS U.; MANKOWSKI R.	2012	Brussels IIbis Regulation		Munich: Sellier
KRAMER X.	2013	Procedure Matters: Construction and Deconstructivism in European Civil Procedure		The Hague: Eleven International Publishing
HAZELHORST M.	2017	Free Movement of Civil Judgments in the European Union and the Right to a Fair Trial		Dordrecht: Springer
Optional reading				
LAZIĆ V.; STUIJ, S.	2017	Brussels Ibis Regulation: Changes and Challenges of the Renewed Procedural Scheme		Dordrecht: Springer

HESS B.	2002	The Integrating Effect of European Civil Procedure Law	Vol. 4	European Journal of Law Reform
van RHEE C.H.	2000	Civil Procedure: a European <i>ius commune</i> ?	-	European Review of Private Law
KRUGER T.	2016	The Disorderly Infiltration of EU Law in Civil Procedure	Vol. 63	Netherlands International Law Review