



Study plan of MA “International Law and Security Studies”

Semester	Coursew	ECTS	Aim of the subject
I	Philosophy and Methodology of International Law	6	To reveal, analyse and systematise the philosophical approaches to international legal reality, assisting the student in his/her doctrinal searches and popularising the results of these searches.
I	International Humanitarian Law	6	To ensure that students are able to analyse international law in the field of protection of victims of war, to evaluate international treaties in the field of protection of war victims, to use the norms of international humanitarian law in solving professional tasks, to understand the system of international humanitarian law, to assess the problems and features of the protection of war victims, to distinguish the categories of subjects of international humanitarian law.
I	International Criminal Law	6	To provide knowledge of international criminal law, to develop the ability to understand and apply in practice legal concepts of international crimes and international criminal responsibility and case law approaches of international criminal tribunals, including International Criminal Court (ICC), to be able to apply the rules of jurisdiction of the ICC as well as understand rules of establishment of international tribunals properly.
I	Systems and Models of International Security	6	To provide students with knowledge of the concept of international security systems, to develop the ability to analyse individual cases and identify systemic issues and challenges related to global security, and to critically evaluate established and traditional international security paradigms.

I	Sustainable Development and Implementation of International Obligations	6	To uncover and analyse the concept of sustainable development in international law, which has been central to many international resolutions, declarations, conventions and international court decisions, and as an innovation in the fields of human rights, environmental protection, etc. Be able to analyse and act upon the concept of sustainable development, in particular in the context of ensuring the implementation of international commitments
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II	International Security Law	6	Law of International Security provides a comprehensive overview of the legal framework within which states and other actors adopt decisions, exercise their policies, and establish cooperation in the context of international security.
II	The Law of European Convention of Human Rights and Security Issues	6	To identify and analyse the relationship between national security and human rights in the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights. Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to strike the right balance between national security and the right to life, privacy and freedoms of expression, assembly and association.
II	The Law and Practice of the United Nations	6	To give students in depth knowledge about the legal nature, structure, governance, powers and competences of the United Nations System and how it is different from bodies function, for example such bodies as UNESCO, UNICEF and the International Monetary Fund or the International Telecommunication Union.
II	<p><i>Students should select one course:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Theory and Practice of Diplomacy • Soft Power and Post Cold War Paradigm Change 	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide students with knowledge of classical and contemporary theories of diplomacy, an understanding of how different cultural and organisational environments influence diplomacy, as well as practical skills in public speaking, presentation and negotiation. • To discover and analyse the concept of Soft power and its systems, to develop the ability to analyse individual cases, identifying systemic global security problems and emerging challenges from the point of view of system-oriented theories. To develop the ability to think critically about the essential and traditional paradigms of international security.

II	<p><i>Students should select one course:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conflict Resolution in the European Neighbourhood • EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy 	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide an insight into Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine and its provocative politics in respect of the Republic of Finland, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Estonia, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, etc. by exploring conflict resolution efforts, a range of narratives and perspectives through diplomatic, academic and personal lenses. The course will explore the international legal history of the conflicts and offer an appraisal of the adherence to the international law in the conflicts in question, as well as reveal, analyse and systematise the contemporary approaches to international security studies, as well as assist students in their own doctrinal research. • To reveal, analyse and systematise the contemporary approaches to international security studies, as well as assist students in their own doctrinal research.
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III	Final Master's thesis	30	<p>The aim of the Master's thesis is to develop students' abilities to independently apply the theoretical and practical knowledge acquired during their studies, taking into account the contextuality of legal principles and legal institutions, to competently organise and carry out research in the field of law by reflecting on and applying the methodology of research appropriate to the field of law, demonstrating the competence of critical analysis in the examination and evaluation of normative legal acts, case law, scientific literature and other sources, anticipating the practical benefits of the results of legal research, interpreting the results of research and assessing their impact on social relations. The course aims to strengthen students' analytical and creative thinking, the use of scientific and technological innovations in professional practice, and to reinforce the observance of ethical and moral standards of conduct.</p>
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Total within the Programme: 90			