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COURSE SYLLABUS

INTRODUCTION TO PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW: THEORETICAL AND HISTORICAL ASPECT

course title

Recommended by the Didactic Council for the Education Field of:

40.04.01 JURISPRUDENCE

field of studies / speciality code and title

The course instruction is implemented within the professional education programme of higher education:

INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE LAW

higher education programme profile/specialisation title

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Competence code	Competence descriptor	Competence formation indicators (within this course)
		UC-1.3. Critically evaluates the reliability of information sources, works with conflicting information from different sources; 8 K1.4. Develops and substantively argues a strategy for solving a problem situation based on a systematic and interdisciplinary approach, sets out an assessment of the prospects and risks of implementing this strategy; UC-1.5. Uses logical and methodological tools for a critical assessment of modern concepts of a philosophical and social nature in his subject area.
UC-5	8 K5. Able to analyze and take into account the diversity of cultures in the process of intercultural interaction	UC-5.1. Analyzes the most important ideological and value systems formed in the course of historical development; substantiates the relevance of their use in social and professional interaction; UC-5.2. Builds social professional interaction, taking into account the characteristics of the main forms of scientific and religious consciousness, business and general culture of representatives of other ethnic groups and confessions, various social groups; UC-5.3. Ensures the creation of a non-discriminatory environment for interaction when performing professional tasks.
UC-7	8 K7. Able to: search for the necessary sources of information and data, perceive, analyze, memorize and transmit information using digital means, as well as using algorithms when working with data received from various sources in order to effectively use the information received to solve problems; evaluate information, its reliability, build logical conclusions based on incoming information and data	UC-7.1. Searches for the necessary sources of information and data, perceives, analyzes, memorizes and transmits information using digital means, as well as using algorithms when working with data received from various sources in order to effectively use the information received to solve problems; UC-7.2. Evaluates information, its reliability, builds logical conclusions based on incoming information and data.
GPC-4	GPC-4. Able to argue in writing and orally the legal position on the case, including in adversarial processes	GPC-4.1. Knows the content of basic and specific legal concepts, terms and definitions, is able to use them to build an oral and written position on a specific legal problem;
GPC-5	GPC-5. Able to independently draw up legal documents and develop drafts of normative (individual) legal acts	GPC-5.1. Possesses general and specific legal knowledge necessary for the preparation of legal documents for various purposes and the development of draft normative (individual) legal acts;
GPC-7	GPC-7. Able to apply information technologies and use legal databases to solve problems of professional activity, taking into account the requirements of information security	GPC-7.1. Knows the basic information technologies and legal bases for solving problems in various areas of legal activity; GPC-7.2. Applies information technologies and uses legal databases to solve the problems of professional activity, taking into account the requirements of information security;

Competence code	Competence descriptor	Previous courses/modules*	Subsequent courses/modules*
	cultures in the process of intercultural interaction		Current Issues of Private International Law / Educational Internship (Teaching) /
UC-7	8 K7. Able to: search for the necessary sources of information and data, perceive, analyze, memorize and transmit information using digital means, as well as using algorithms when working with data received from various sources in order to ef1 0 ively use		

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			Private International Law Issues in the Field of Protection of Intellectual Property Rights / Digital Methods of Disputes between Resolution in Russia and Abroad / World Trade Organisation Law / Civil Procedural Law and Private International Law in The European Union: Issues of Unification / Legal Regulation of Transactions with Foreign Assets / Law of International Trade / Art and Cultural Heritage Law / Law of International Banking Transactions / Cross-Border Mergers and Acquisitions / Cyberspace: Jurisdiction and Dispute Resolution/ Private International Law Issues in the Field of Transnational Insolvency / Notarial System / Private International Law Issues in the Field of Insurance Law / Variable Component / Educational Internship (Teaching) / Academic Practice and Legal Consulting and Scientific Research Internship / Comparative Law Research / Current Issues of Private International Law / International Commercial Arbitration and Other ADR / Law Applicable to Cross-
GPC-5	GPC-5. Able to independently draw up legal documents and develop drafts of normative (individual) legal acts		

Type of academic activities		Total academic hours	Semesters/training modules			
			1/1	1/2	2/3	2/4
Contact academic hours		*36*	*36*			
including:						
Lectures (LC)		18	18			
Lab work (LW)						
Seminars (workshops/tutorials) (S)		108	18			
Self-studies		*104*	*104*			
Evaluation and assessment (exam/passing/failing grade)		*2*	*2*			
Course workload	academic hours	**144**	**144**			
	credits	**4**	**4**			

5. COURSE CONTENTS

Table 5.1. Course contents and academic activities types

Course module title	Course module contents (topics)	Academic activities types
1. Sphere and overview of the goals, objectives and principles of IPL	Under what circumstances in real life emerge social relations that cannot be regulated either by civil or international law. The sphere of IPL as a special living environment of the normal functioning and development of relations between countries and peoples. Problems solved by IPL in real life are reduced to the following functions: ±to promote sustainable international civil turnover, in which diversely beyond its legal system are the natural and legal persons, as well as states and international organizations in their relations with natural and legal persons; ±to reflect, as the objective reality the existence of different legal systems in the world based on different socio-economic types of states; ±to guarantee the protection and observance of civil, family, labor and civil procedural rights to foreign citizens and persons without citizenship in any foreign country where problems concerning these rights may arise; ±to seek harmony of court decisions and arbitration awards in cases burdened with a foreign element, regardless of the location of the disputed legal review. During the implementation of tasks facing IPL the goal of international private law is being achieved ± shaping the objective process of economic, scientific, cultural and educational approach of countries and peoples, and its transformation into a real force of world development. This definition takes into account the requirement of the theory of law, that the purpose of the right is not only a reflection and reinforcement of existing relations, but also a peculiar form of ³WKH ILQWWUHH SURVHQW´ Principles of IPL are called basic principles of IPL. They are:	LC S

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	- the principle of national regime; - the principle of most-favored nation treatment; - the principle of reciprocity; - The principle of retorsion; - The principle of comity; - Collision principle and limitation of its actions in the form of reservation of public order.	
2. Conceptual apparatus, the subject and the method of IPL	Arguments showing that IPL is law. 7KH WHUP ³LQWHUQDWLRQDO´ Spatial characteristics of IPL. 7KH PHDQLQJ RI WKH ZRUG ³SULJHQHVLV RI ³SULYDWH´ DQG LWV in the law [in IPL] - Civil relations [property and personal property], which contain a foreign element; - Family relations, containing a foreign element; - Labor relations, containing a foreign element; - Civil procedural relations arising out of international life. Composite character of IPL method and its difference from the methods of regulation in the international and national civil law: - Collision method of regulating relations of IPL-nature; - The method of direct action; - The method of unification of material regulation and conflict rules.	LCS
3. The concept of a		

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	Building formally consistent with the own concept, supported by practical examples, allows supporters of this and of the other points of view to doubt the correctness of any other views on international private law and the nature of its rules. However, if we take into account the dual nature of international private law relations [they always have a foreign element, i.e. the derivative of another legal system], and therefore, complex and contradictory nature of the international private law, it is clear that the analysis of such complex phenomena of the objective world, as is IPL, the method of formal logic must give way to the method of dialectical logic. The essence of such a dialectical approach to the analysis of private international law should be not so much finding the GLIIHUHQFHV EHWZHHQ ³QDWLRQ its provisions as a study of how this contradiction gets an opportunity to exist and to dialectically develop at the international and internal level of real relationship mediated by the rules of international private law. In the educational and scientific literature, a theory of the transformation of international law into the internal legal rules in regulating IPL relationships has spread erroneously. The	

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Type of academic activities