Comparative International and European Legal Studies Programme

COURSE CATALOGUE

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All Erasmus+ incoming students applying for mobilities at the Faculty of Law and Administration may now choose from the courses listed below. These courses have been granted either 8 ECTS for the obligatory courses and 4 ECTS for optional courses.

Rules for choosing courses:
You must choose at least two (2) of the obligatory courses and at least two (2) optional courses each semester, depending on the length of your mobility.

Faculty of Law and Administration will use all reasonable endeavours to deliver the courses accordingly. However, some changes may be made as part of the normal process of curriculum management.

You may also choose courses from the University of Gdańsk's general list of courses offered by other Faculties (to be found on UG website). Courses from other Faculties must constitute the minority of your overall ECTS score for a semester, and no more than 12 ECTS. Please remember that when choosing courses other than CIELSP, you must contact the relevant Departmental Coordinator to verify if the courses will open and obtain consent to attend these classes. Also we cannot guarantee that the timetables will not collide and your participation to these courses will be possible.

Please remember that your home university has to agree on your choices.

Language requirements:
All the courses listed below within the CIELSP programme are offered entirely in English, including any written or oral assignments expected to be completed individually by the student. The minimum level of English fluency is B1; however, at least B2 is strongly recommended

Course name	**FINANCIAL LAW: EUROPEAN BANKING AND INVESTMENT LAW**
Course code	CIELSP101
ECTS	8
Semester	Winter
Lecturer(s)	Assoc. Prof. Aleksandra Nadolska Damian Cyman, Ph.D.
Course description	This course provides an in-depth understanding of the European financial legal universe, covering key elements such as capital movement, banking integration, supervisory mechanisms, and EU governance models. Inspired by leading European programs, this course connects legal theory with real-world policy and prepares you to analyze, discuss, and apply EU financial law in practice. You'll not only learn the rules – you'll understand the logic behind them, the institutions that enforce them, and the impact they have on both banks and society — within the broader context of European integration, financial stability, and public law. Thus, this course will sharpen both your legal thinking and your ability to navigate the fast-changing world of European finance.
Exam	Presentation / project
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Course name	**INTRODUCTION TO IURISPRUDENCE AND POLISH LAW**
Course code	CIELSP102
ECTS	8
Semester	Winter
Lecturer(s)	Magdalena Glanc, Ph.D.
Course description	This course provides an introduction to the main ideas of jurisprudence, legal theory, and the philosophy of law. It is designed to introduce students to the law, the elements of legal language as well as to make them aware of key principles of the legal reasoning and argumentation, legal rights, law-making process, application of the law, its interpretation. It takes you into the fascinating world of jurisprudence viewed through the lenses of most complex, controversial and intriguing cases that happened or were made up by scholars. Student will also be introduced to the main disciplines of the Polish law. The participants will have a chance to test their argumentative skills, experience culturally different views on the law and discover the meaning and practical implications of the social responsibility of lawyers.
Exam	Written exam (test)
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Course name	**PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW: ARMED CONFLICTS, CRIMES AND CRIMINAL COURTS**
Course code	CIELSP103
ECTS	8
Semester	Winter
Lecturer(s)	Mgr Yana Chernopyshchuk
Course description	In light of today's severe geopolitical friction, CIELSP 103 is no longer just an academic review of history; it acts as a real-time diagnostic tool for current global warfare and the fracturing of the rules-based international order. This course combines the theoretical frameworks of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and Criminal Law (ICL) with practical insights into how international law has transitioned from state responsibility to individual criminal accountability within the operation of the International Criminal Court and ad hoc tribunals. Guided by the lecturer, course participants will explore potential answers to the following questions within the framework of public international law: 1. How is justice conceptualized and pursued in times of war? 2. What is the legal distinction between international and non-international armed conflicts? 3. Does every violation of international humanitarian law amount to a war crime? 4. Do modern methods and means of warfare alter the approach to criminal responsibility for war crimes? 5. Who constitutes a victim of war crimes under international law? 6. Refugees, displaced persons, and war migrants: what is their legal status outside their state of origin? 7. Are the armed conflicts the main reason of modern migration to the European Union? 8. International human rights courts and international criminal courts: What do they have in common? 9. What is the role of the International Criminal Court in ending armed conflicts? 10. State Responsibility vs. Individual Criminal Liability.
Exam	Multicultural Group Projects / Essay Presentations / Written Assignment
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Course name	**CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: INFLUENCING DECISION-MAKING PROCESS - LOBBYING, INTEREST GROUPS**
Course code	CIELSP202
ECTS	4
Semester	Winter
Lecturer(s)	Assoc. Prof. Marcin Wiszowaty
Course description	The phenomenon of lobbying still raises concerns and negative connotations. It is wrongly associated with unclear relations between the world of politics and business, and is even treated as a synonym for corruption. In fact, lobbying has nothing to do with corruption. If it is subject to proper legal regulation in accordance with the highest standards developed in the world, it is a valuable, useful and important enrichment of the decision-making process in the democratic state. It is a valuable addition to the political and geographical representation in the decision-making process with representation of interest groups and economic circles. Lobbying, deprived of appropriate control and legal regulations, not only will not be the source of benefits for the state and society, but may even lead to pathological practices. The course deals with the origin and essence of lobbying, the highest standards of its legal regulation, the practice of lobbying, the issues of façade regulation and its effects, and finally – the examples of the pathologies of lobbying.
Exam	TBA
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Course name	**CULTURAL HERITAGE PROTECTION LAWS**
Course code	CIELSP203
ECTS	4
Semester	Winter
Lecturer(s)	Prof. Kamil Zeidler
Course description	a. Introduction to Cultural Heritage Law b. International Legal Frameworks c. Protection of Cultural Heritage During Armed Conflicts d. Cultural Heritage and Property Law e. Intangible Cultural Heritage f. Digital Heritage and New Technologies g. Contested Heritage h. Case Studies and Legal Disputes
Exam	Assignment / project / oral exam
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Course name	**ADMINISTATIVE LAW: PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION**
Course code	CIELSP201
ECTS	4
Semester	Winter
Lecturer(s)	Dominika Tykwińska-Rutkowska, Ph.D. Michał Miłosz, Ph.D.
Course description	This course provides an introduction to the European Union data protections law as set forth in the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and other specific regulations. In particular the course: presents the origins and the functions of personal data protection laws in Europe and examines issues such as: notions of personal data and data processing, scope of the data protection regulations in EU, principles and transparency of personal data processing, as well as general overview of obligations of data controller and rights of data subjects. Various practical problems regarding data protection and cases are to be discussed.
Exam	Written exam (written work and test). The exam may take an oral form outside the main date of the written exam or on the second date set by the teacher.
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Course name	**EU LAW: COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**
Course code	CIELSP204
ECTS	4
Semester	Winter
Lecturer(s)	Prof. Tomasz Koncewicz
Course description	This course explores the role of the CJEU in the legal system of the European Union. In particular, it explains the jurisdiction, composition and types of direct actions handled. It refers to the case-law establishing some of the general principles and presents the role of the national courts in the judicial dialogue.
Exam	TBA
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Course name	**FINANCIAL LAW: TAX LAW IN EUROPE**
Course code	CIELSP205
ECTS	4
Semester	Winter
Lecturer(s)	Assoc. Prof. Edvardas Juchnievicius
Course description	The course explores the main features of tax systems across selected European countries and the harmonization of tax law within the European Union. Students will become familiar with direct and indirect taxes, including VAT, personal and corporate income tax, and environmental levies. Emphasis will also be placed on tax competition, anti-avoidance measures, and recent developments in EU tax policy. The course combines theoretical perspectives with practical case studies and a comparative approach.
Exam	Written and/or oral exam
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Course name	**INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW**
Course code	CIELSP206
ECTS	4
Semester	Winter
Lecturer(s)	Assoc. Prof. Maciej Nyka
Course description	The lecture provides a comprehensive overview of the central topics in international economic law, with the emphasis on the interplay between the different economic and political interests on both the international and domestic levels. Following recent tendencies, the course sets the classic topics of international economic law, like WTO law, monetary law, world bank law in context with aspects of human rights, environmental protection and the legitimate claims of developing countries. It provides also economic reason for development of multilateral, multicentric system of international economic law.
Exam	TBA
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Course name	**MARITIME LAW: SHIP CASUALTY AND INCIDENT INVESTIGATION**
Course code	CIELSP207
ECTS	4
Semester	Winter
Lecturer(s)	Dominika Wetoszka, Ph.D.
Course description	The primary aims of a marine casualty investigation is to gather information that could be used to prevent future accidents. The lecture aims to present the standards of international maritime law and the European Union shipping law in the context of preventing marine accidents as well as minimizing their consequences. The course covers several essential legal aspects of investigating the causes and circumstances of marine casualties and the appropriate formulation of safety recommendations by the investigating body appointed to investigate marine casualties to reduce the risk of an accident to an acceptable level, and discusses spectacular maritime accidents.
Exam	Project / presentation
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Course name	**POLISH AND COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW**
Course code	CIELSP208
ECTS	4
Semester	Winter
Lecturer(s)	Assoc. Prof. Anna Rytel-Warzocha
Course description	The constitutional system of Poland, determined by its Constitution, has been undergoing constant changes. Therefore, we will focus closely on the current "hot topics" in constitutional law, such as the rule of law, emergency measures, independent judiciary and constitutional justice., participatory democracy, or restrictions of human rights and liberties. The course will give you a glimpse into different aspects of Polish constitutional law examined from a comparative perspective.
Exam	TBA
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Course name	**PRIVATE LAW: THE REVOLUTION OF IP LAW**
Course code	CIELSP209
ECTS	4
Semester	Winter
Lecturer(s)	Anna Bober-Kotarbińska, Ph.D.
Course description	The course offers an overview of current challenges in intellectual property law within the context of rapid technological advancements, with a focus on artificial intelligence and digital innovation. It analyses how technological change influences intellectual property frameworks across different sectors and redefines traditional ideas of protection and regulation. The course also covers selected aspects of pharmaceutical law, including patent protection for medicinal products and regulatory exclusivities. Overall, it aims to enhance students' understanding of the shifting role of intellectual property law in response to technological, social, and economic developments.
Exam	Essay
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Course name	**DISPUTE SETTLEMENT IN COMMERCIAL LAW**
Course code	CIELSP301
ECTS	8
Semester	Summer
Lecturer(s)	Assoc. Prof. Nataliia Mushak
Course description	The course is to provide students with the basics of international commercial arbitration as a dispute resolution mechanism, to help students systematically acquire, expand, and apply knowledge and skills related to arbitration concepts, processes, and principles, while motivating them to analyse and reveal practical ways to use this expertise effectively in resolving international commercial disputes
Exam	Active participation (30%) / individual research project (20%) / open and closed test (50%)
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Course name	**ENERGY AND CLIMATE LAW**
Course code	CIELSP302
ECTS	8
Semester	Summer
Lecturer(s)	Assoc. Prof. Maciej Nyka
Course description	The course deals with modern problems of fossil fuels extraction, production and distribution, as well as ensuring energy security in the modern world. It focuses on regulatory measures applied on extraction of fossil fuels as well as the process of energy production and distribution. Above mentioned processes become global which involves international law as an instrument of supporting energy production but also as an instrument of regulation of this sector. One of the most important regulatory challenges discussed in the are connected with the climate change. The course shows law not only as an instrument of ensuring global energy security but also as a driving force for transition towards low-carbon, low-emission energetics, driven by the climate protection concerns. Course covers elements and interactions between international energy law, international trade law as well as international climate law, shown from international as well as EU law perspective.
Exam	TBA
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Course name	**MARITIME LAW: SAFER SHIPS AND CLEANER OCEANS**
Course code	CIELSP303
ECTS	8
Semester	Summer
Lecturer(s)	Dominika Wetoszka, Ph.D.
Course description	Modern maritime law aims to deal with global problems. The intention of the lecture is to present the essence of international maritime law and its unique role in the context of maritime safety and the prevention of pollution from ships. The course covers several basic areas of protection and ship management in accordance with the principle of sustainable development. The lecture covers important elements: global ocean law and policy for climate protection and sustainable ocean governance, inter alia legal standards building resilience to global ocean threats, as well as the role of the European Union in the ocean management process, sustainable shipping, marine spatial planning, combating illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing, as well as maritime security.
Exam	Project / presentation
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Course name	**INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS: LAW AND PRACTICE**
Course code	CIELSP401
ECTS	4
Semester	Summer
Lecturer(s)	Assoc. Prof. Tomasz Widłak Magdalena Glanc-Żabiełowicz, Ph.D.
Course description	This course offers a legal and theoretical perspective on international negotiations, focusing on how law both shapes and is shaped by cross-border negotiation processes. Students will examine the role of legal norms, institutional frameworks, and legal reasoning in various negotiation contexts - ranging from international contracts to treaty-making and diplomatic dialogue. Combining elements of legal theory, comparative law, and practical negotiation strategy, the course encourages critical reflection on the legal architecture behind international agreements. Interactive simulations and case studies will help students apply legal concepts in realistic, multicultural negotiation scenarios. Key topics include: • Legal frameworks of international negotiations (public and private) • Negotiation theory from a legal perspective • Comparative negotiation styles and legal cultures • Ethics and legality in negotiation • Simulation of a complex international legal negotiation
Exam	active participation in workshops (50%) / performance in the final negotiation simulation (50%).
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Course name	**EUROPEAN LABOUR LAW**
Course code	CIELSP402
ECTS	4
Semester	Summer
Lecturer(s)	Michał Szypniewski, Ph.D.
Course description	This course offers an in-depth and practice-oriented exploration of European labour law, with a special focus on the evolving case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU). It is designed for students who are curious about how EU law shapes labour relations, workers' rights, and employment standards across Member States. Through the analysis of landmark and recent CJEU judgments, we will explore key topics such as freedom of movement for workers, non-discrimination, working time, collective rights, and the balance between economic freedoms and social protection (including posting of workers). The course goes beyond textbook learning: students are encouraged to engage critically with legal developments, participate in structured debates, and examine the real-world implications of EU decisions. Discussions will also touch on topical issues such as platform work, remote employment, and the EU's role in shaping a fair labour market in the post-pandemic world. Ideal for students interested in EU law, labour rights, or policy-making, this course provides not only theoretical foundations but also the analytical tools to understand and challenge how labour law is created and applied in a European context. Join us for thought-provoking sessions where case law meets current challenges – and your voice matters!
Exam	Written exam (test)
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Course name	**FAMOUS TRIALS IN LEGAL HISTORY**
Course code	CIELSP403
ECTS	4
Semester	Summer
Lecturer(s)	Jacek Wałdoch, Ph.D.
Course description	Representatives of the entire spectrum of society have already been seen in the dock. From beggars to millionaires, from millionaires, from workers to businessmen, from atheists to deeply religious people. However, not every criminal trial deserved to be called the trial of the century, or even the decade. During the lecture, we will establish what criteria must be met in order for us to be able to talk about an exceptional process. On the basis of the most interesting cases, we will learn about the evolution of criminal law and the way of thinking about crime and the criminal. Why was a deceased pope brought to trial? Why was there a witch hunt at Salem? Why did Giordano Bruno and the Rosenbergs die? Was O.J. Simpson innocent? During the lecture we will try to answer these and other questions about the most famous criminal cases in the history of mankind.
Exam	TBA
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Course name	**FOOD, HEALTH AND CLIMATE IN EU LAW**
Course code	CIELSP404
ECTS	4
Semester	Summer
Lecturer(s)	Assoc. Prof. Monika Adamczak-Retecka Olga Śniadach, Ph.D. Marcin Michalak, Ph.D.
Course description	EU Food Law (5 hours) EU Health Law (5 hours) This module explores the role of the European Union in shaping health-related policies and legal frameworks, with a particular focus on the concept of One Health — a multidisciplinary approach recognizing the interconnection between human, animal, and environmental health. The course examines the EU's competences in public health, its regulatory and policy actions in this domain, and the evolving jurisprudence of the CJEU. Specific attention is devoted to the free movement of patients and healthcare providers across Member States, including cross-border healthcare rights and the legal challenges they entail. EU Climate Law (5 hours) Climate change is one of the main global problems. This module offers an insight into the climate law and the legal responses to the current climate crisis in the broad context of human rights. In particular, we discuss the impacts of climate change, the efforts of mitigation and adaptation, and the litigation before the international and domestic courts.
Exam	TBA
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Course name	**INSURANCE LAW**
Course code	CIELSP405
ECTS	4
Semester	Summer
Lecturer(s)	Assoc. Prof. Dorota Maśniak
Course description	Insurance Law is a course devoted to the functioning of the insurance market and the fundamental principles of insurance law in Poland and the European Union. The classes explain how insurance contracts operate, what rights and obligations arise for the parties, and how the EU single insurance market functions in practice. The course covers, among others, insurance contracts, liability and life insurance, insurance distribution, the role of brokers and agents, consumer protection, as well as the principles of freedom to provide services and freedom of establishment within the EU market. Particular attention is paid to EU insurance regulations, including the Solvency II framework and the Insurance Distribution Directive (IDD), as well as to the activities of insurance undertakings across Member States. Students will also analyse practical examples concerning bancassurance, remuneration of intermediaries, disclosure obligations, and the supervision of insurance institutions after the global financial crisis. The course combines legal analysis with practical aspects of the insurance sector and provides insight into contemporary financial market regulation within the European Union.
Exam	TBA
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Course name	**INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW**
Course code	CIELSP406
ECTS	4
Semester	Summer
Lecturer(s)	Assoc. Prof. Maciej Nyka
Course description	TBA
Exam	TBA
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Course name	**INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE AND EUROPEAN PRIVATE LAW**
Course code	CIELSP407
ECTS	4
Semester	Summer
Lecturer(s)	Izabela Adrych-Brzezińska, Ph.D.
Course description	This course offers an introduction to comparative and European private law, focusing on the diversity and convergence of legal solutions in areas such as contract law, tort law and selected topics in medical liability. The course examines core institutions of private law in major legal traditions (including German, French, English, and Polish law), as well as the growing impact of European harmonization initiatives. Special emphasis is placed on the concept of punitive damages from both the Anglo-American and European legal perspectives, and how different jurisdictions treat non-compensatory elements in civil liability. Students will also explore selected issues in medical law, particularly questions of medical liability, informed consent, and legal standards of care. Real-life case studies from various jurisdictions (e.g. UK, USA, France, Germany, Poland) will illustrate the practical functioning of legal systems and stimulate comparative analysis. This course is tailored to Erasmus and international students. No prior legal background is required, though basic understanding of legal systems is beneficial.
Exam	Participation and case discussions (20%) / final written or oral exam (80%)
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Course name	**INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL LAW IN EUROPE**
Course code	CIELSP408
ECTS	4
Semester	Summer
Lecturer(s)	Assoc. Prof. Krzysztof Woźniewski Tomasz Snarski, Ph.D.
Course description	"You can be a victim or… a defendant, too" Anyone can become a victim of crime or its perpetrator, even unintentionally. How to behave when you are stopped by the police, examined by the prosecutor or judges? What are your rights and obligations during the entire criminal proceedings? This lecture is an introduction to Polish criminal procedure. It also allows the student to get acquainted with Polish law enforcement agencies, terms of criminal responsibility, rules of evidence, coercive measures and the course of investigation, and trial.
Exam	TBA
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Course name	**LEGAL ASPECTS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**
Course code	CIELSP409
ECTS	4
Semester	Summer
Lecturer(s)	Anna Bober-Kotarbińska, Ph.D.
Course description	The course offers a critical examination of the legal and ethical issues arising from the development and deployment of artificial intelligence, viewed from European and international perspectives. It analyses the societal and institutional impact of AI technologies and the internet, with particular attention to their implications for legal systems and regulatory frameworks. Students explore the evolution of artificial intelligence tools and assess their potential consequences for the legal profession and broader governance structures. The course addresses emerging models of AI regulation, as well as the benefits and risks associated with technological progress, fostering analytical reflection on the future role of law in shaping responsible and sustainable AI development.
Exam	Essay
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