

LEARNING MODULE DESCRIPTION (SYLLABUS) Academic Year 2015/2016

I. General information

- 1. Module title
European Convention of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms
- 2. Module code
10-ECHRFF-w-Erasm
- 3. Module type – compulsory or optional
optional
- 4. Programme title
ERASMUS
- 5. Cycle of studies (1st or 2nd cycle of studies or full master’s programme)
other
- 6. Year of studies (where relevant)
n/a
- 7. Terms in which taught (summer/winter term)
summer
- 8. Type of classes and the number of contact hours (e.g. lectures: 15 hours; practical classes: 30 hours)
Lectures – 30h
- 9. Number of ECTS credits
8
- 10. Name, surname, academic degree/title of the module lecturer/other teaching staff
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- 11. Language of classes
English

II. Detailed information

- 1. Module aim (aims)

The aim of the module is to provide the students with theoretical knowledge regarding the content and interpretation of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (European Convention pot. Human Rights, ECHR) and practical knowledge regarding the the scope of the proceedings before the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) and the preparation of a complaint to the ECtHR. After successfully completing the module the student should possess basic ability to interpret the provisions of the Convention and of the relevant case law as well and be able to draft an admissible complaint to the Court.

- 2. Pre-requisites in terms of knowledge, skills and social competences (where relevant)

The module requires a basic knowledge of jurisprudence, international law, constitutional law, human rights and freedoms, and the proceedings before the national courts of law.

- 3. Module learning outcomes in terms of knowledge, skills and social competences and their reference to programme learning outcomes

Learning outcomes symbol	Upon completion of the course, the student will:	Reference to programme learning outcomes
ECHRFF _01	Place the European Convention on Human Rights in a national legal system	K_W04, K_W11, K_U03
ECHRFF _02	Interpret the provisions of the Convention and the Optional Protocols	K_U04
ECHRFF _03	Determine characteristics, structure, and the current state of the European Court of Human Rights	K_W16

ECHRFF _04	Draft a complaint to the ECtHR	K_U08
ECHRFF _05	Understand the conduct of the proceedings before the ECtHR and the possible consequences of the decisions of the Court	K_W16

4. Learning content

Module title		
Learning content symbol	Learning content description	Reference to module learning outcomes
TK_01	Presentation of the ECHR, the interpretation of its provisions, and the landmark rulings of the ECtHR.	ECHRFF _01, ECHRFF _02
TK_02	Discussion of the ECHR, its history, structure, properties.	ECHRFF _03
TK_03	Complaint to the ECtHR: the criteria of admissibility, the formal requirements, the preparation of the complaint.	ECHRFF _04
TK_04	The procedure before the ECtHR, the content and nature of the judgments of the Court, the possible effects of direct and indirect enforcement of judgments, the effect of decisions in the national legal system.	ECHRFF _05

5. Reading list

1. **Alistair Mowbray, *Cases and materials on the European Convention on Human Rights*, 2001**
2. **Iain Cameron, *An introduction to the European Convention on Human Rights*, 1998**

6. Information on the use of blended-learning (if relevant)

n/a

7. Information on where to find course materials

Relevant information will be presented during the initial lectures.

III. Additional information

1. Reference of learning outcomes and learning content to teaching and learning methods and assessment methods

Module title			
Symbol of module learning outcome	Symbol of module learning content	Methods of teaching and learning	Assessment methods of LO achievement
ECHRFF _01-05	TK_01-04	Lecture aided by multimedia materials and case studies.	Written or oral exam

Example assessment tasks (questions).

1. **Optional protocols to the Convention**
2. **Rights of detained persons in the ECHR**

3. **Margin of appreciation doctrine in ECtHR case law**
4. **Complaint admissibility criteria**
5. **Effects of ECtHR rulings**

2. Student workload (ECTS credits)

Module title:	
Activity types	Mean number of hours* spent on each activity type
Contact hours with the teacher as specified in the programme	30
Independent study - class preparation	10
Independent study – literature review	10
Independent study – essay writing	10
Total hours	60
Total ECTS credits for the module	8

3. Assessment criteria

1. **Understanding the principles of the ECHR and its place in the national and international legal order**
2. **The ability to interpret the provisions of the Convention**
3. **The scope of knowledge on the functioning of the ECHR**
4. **The ability to identify the most important elements of a complaint to the ECHR**
5. **The scope of knowledge about the judgments of the ECtHR and their consequences**