

DISCIPLINE DESCRIPTION

1. General Information

1.1 Institution of Higher Education	West University of Timișoara
1.2 Faculty / Department	The Faculty of Law
1.3 Department	Public Law Department
1.4 Area of study	Law
1.5 Study Level	MA Studies
1.6 Study Programme / Qualification	European Union Law

2. Course Description

2.1 Title of the course		Law and Technology in the European Union D2UE1112					
2.2 Responsible for class activities		Assoc. Prof. Andreea Verțeș-Olteanu					
2.3 Responsible for seminar activities							
2.4 Year of Study	I	2.5 Semester	I	2.6 Assessment requirements	C	2.7 Status of the course	OS

3. Estimated total number of hours (teaching hours per semester)

3.1 Number of hours per week	2	of which: 3.2 course	2	3.3 seminar/laboratory	0
3.4 Total number of hours in the curriculum	28	of which: 3.5. course	28	3.6 seminar/laboratory	0
Distribution of time:					hours
Study using textbooks, support materials, bibliography and lecture notes					24
Additional research in the library, by electronic resources / field research					20
Preparation of seminars / laboratories, themes, papers, portofolios and essays					-
Tutorials					1
Exams					2
Other activities					-
3.7 Total number of hours individual study	47				
3.8 Total number of hours per semester	75				
3.9 Credit points	3				

4. Requirements for enrolment in the course (as the case may be)

4.1 curriculum related	• -
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4.2 competences related	• -
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5. Requirements (as the case may be)

5.1 course related	• -
5.2 seminar/laboratory related	• -

6. Discipline objectives (expected results of the learning process to which the discipline contributes)

Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proper understanding and use of specialized terminology; - Knowledge of course related bibliography; - Ability to formulate arguments and to engage in debates on European, national and international law on free access to public information, protection of classified information, protection of personal data, limits and protection of privacy of a person etc.
Abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ability to analyze characteristics of national, European and international legal provisions concerning communications and new technologies - Ability to critically reflect on public policy proposals in the field of communications and new technologies, and the consequences of their implementation - Ability to analyze, interpret and evaluate national case law and that of the European Court of Human Rights in the field <p>Explanation and Interpretation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Studied concepts will complement the knowledge provided by other law courses. <p>Instrumental - practical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use of a rich audio-visual material that will make the course more accessible and interesting - Students will write essays based on the recommended bibliography <p>Attitude related</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participation in own professional development - Promoting a system of cultural, moral and civic values
Responsibility and autonomy	Developing the capacity to conduct, individually and autonomously, analyses of given factual situations and to operate with the relevant concepts of EU law at a level similar to that required in a legal professional environment.

7. Contents

7.1 Course	Teaching methods	Remarks
1. Communication rights. The current stage of development. The relationship communication rights - democracy, media or fundamental rights	Oral presentation with interactive sections	2 hours
2. The natural person - subject of rights and obligations in	Oral presentation	2 hours

the communication related legal relationship	with interactive sections	
3. Public authorities - subjects of rights and obligations in the communication related legal relationship	Oral presentation with interactive sections	2 hours
4. The means of mass communication. General considerations. Mass media - the fourth power in a state. Print media and the Internet - the rights and obligations of their subjects.	Oral presentation with interactive sections	2 hours
5. Communication ethics.	Oral presentation with interactive sections	2 hours
6. Legal framework of electronic communications.	Oral presentation with interactive sections	2 hours
7. What is the Internet. The notion of Internet law. Sources and fundamental principles of the Internet.	Oral presentation with interactive sections	2 hours
8. Internet and fundamental rights and freedoms (1). a. Human rights and equity in cyberspace b. Freedom of expression c / right to privacy. Freedom of expression and crimes against dignity.	Oral presentation with interactive sections	2 hours
9. Internet and fundamental rights and freedoms (2). a. filters and blocking access to the internet - guards or censors? Firewalls and power - a comprehensive analysis of state censorship of the Internet. b. The right to information and access to culture c / intellectual property on the Internet. c. Protection of children and young people - negative content in the digital environment.	Oral presentation with interactive sections	2 hours
10. Internet and personal data a. protection of personal data b. The reform of Directive 95/46 / EC i. General principles and requirements of the legality of data processing ii. Criteria for making data processing legitimate iii. Right of access to data of the person concerned iv. Exemptions and restrictions v. Notification vi. The transfer of personal data to third countries	Oral presentation with interactive sections	2 hours
11. Internet and contracts a. Specific contracts related to the Internet (with technical finality)	Oral presentation with interactive sections	2 hours

b. Contracts concluded by electronic media: e-commerce		
12. Internet and Intellectual Property a. The Internet and copyright b. Internet, brand and domain name	Oral presentation with interactive sections	2 hours
13. Internet and tort liability of service providers a. Cases of exemption from liability b. Cases of tort liability of internet service providers	Oral presentation with interactive sections	2 hours
14. 14. Internet and international law. Internet and security. a. International Internet law b. Private international law applied to the Internet c. Security of Internet network d. Fight against cybercrime e. European Initiatives	Oral presentation with interactive sections	2 hours
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8. Corroborating the subject contents with the expectations of the epistemic community representatives, professional associations and relevant employers in the program related field

The course contents corresponds to the approach to these issues in Romanian schools.

9. Assessment

Type of activity	9.1 Assessment criteria	9.2 Assessment methods	9.3 Percent of the final mark
9.4 Course	- students' answers during written / oral examination	written examination	80%
	- activities like homework, essays, translations, projects		20%
9.5 Seminar / laboratory			
10.6 Minimum performance standards			
- Passing the final exam			

Date of completion
15.09.2023

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