

Name of university, Name of faculty: Trnava University
Faculty of Law

INFORMATION SHEET OF THE SUBJECT

Code: YNMPm456_en		Name: Private International Law	
Cover: Department of Civil and Commercial Law			
Type of educational activity: Lecture, Practise		Number of credits: 4	Recommended semester: WT
Scope of educational activity (in hours): Weekly: 2/2 For term of study: ZS 46,46/,24			Study grade: Master
Method of educational activity: Combined			
Underlie subjects:			
Conditions for passing the course: Method of evaluation: Completion by taking an examination Continuous evaluation: Final evaluation: oral exam Finished: By exam.			
Learning outcomes: One aspect of state sovereignty is that each state has the legal capacity to make rules and to enforce them within its national territory. The activities of individuals and corporate entities, however, transcend national frontiers and this is increasingly so in a globalised world. A contract can be signed in one country and breached in another; the emission of pollution in one country can cause damage in another; and so on. Transnational activities may have contact points in several different countries and if the national courts in each of them were to exercise jurisdiction and apply their own national law to such activities, then there would be chaos. The role of private international law is to avoid that state of affairs. Apart from providing an introduction to the fundamental techniques and principles of private international law from a comparative perspective, this course also explores the complex relationship between private and public international law. After completing this course, students will be familiar with the basic and advanced knowledge of Private International Law and related topics, principles, sources and the historical development. Students will be able to deal with cases involving foreign element and to further develop their abilities to learn and apply theoretical knowledge to actual and/or presumed legal issues.			
Schedule of subject: 1. Introduction to PIL - definition of the Private International Law, historical development, the legal nature and basis, conflict of laws. 2. Relationships between private parties with a foreign element - types and causes of conflicts of laws, solution of the conflicts of laws. 3. The application of foreign law - nature, characterization (classification) and renvoi. 4. Public Policy (Ordre Public). 5. The law applicable - legal capacity. 6. The law applicable to marriage and related matters. 7. The law applicable to property, succession and wills. 8. The law applicable to contractual and non-contractual obligations. 9. The proof and interpretation of foreign law. 10. Determining the international jurisdiction of courts. 11. The recognition and enforcement of foreign court judgments and arbitral awards.			
Recommended reading: Basic recommended literature: 1. ROZEHNALOVÁ, N. - DRLIČKOVÁ, K. et al. Czech Private International Law. 1st edition. Brno : Masaryk University, Faculty of Law, 2015. 313 p. ISBN 978-80-210-8122-2 (selected chapters). Available at: https://is.muni.cz/repo/1340211/Czech_Private_International_Law.pdf . 2. ŠTEFANKOVÁ, N. International Private Law. Trnava : Trnavská univerzita v Trnave, Právnická fakulta, 2013. 113 p. ISBN: 978-80-8082-722-9. 9. Available at: http://iuridica.truni.sk/sites/default/files/dokumenty/zahranicne-vztahy/en/publications/pdf/10International%20Private%20Law.pdf . Compendium of EU Legislation: 1. European Commission, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers: Compendium of European Union legislation on judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters. 2018 edition. Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union, 2019. ISBN 978-92-79-62974-7. Available at: https://op.europa.eu/s/syeM . Legal acts: 1. The Act No. 97/1963 Coll. on the private international and procedural law, as amended. 2. Regulation (EU) No 1215/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2012 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters (Brussels I bis). 3. Council Regulation (EU) 2019/1111 of 25 June 2019 on jurisdiction, the recognition and enforcement of decisions in matrimonial matters and the matters of parental responsibility, and on international child abduction (Brussels II ter). 4. Regulation (EC) No 593/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2008 on the law applicable to contractual obligations (Rome I). 5. Regulation (EC) No 864/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July 2007 on the law applicable to non-contractual obligations (Rome II). 6. Regulation (EC) No 805/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 creating a European Enforcement Order for uncontested claims. 7. Regulation (EC) No 1896/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 creating a European order for payment procedure. 8. Regulation (EC) No 861/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July 2007 establishing a European Small Claims Procedure.			

9. Regulation (EU) 2020/1784 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2020 on the service in the Member States of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil or commercial matters (service of documents) (recast).

10. Regulation (EU) 2020/1783 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2020 on cooperation between the courts of the Member States in the taking of evidence in civil or commercial matters (taking of evidence) (recast).

11. Regulation (EU) 2016/1191 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 2016 on promoting the free movement of citizens by simplifying the requirements for presenting certain public documents in the European Union and amending Regulation (EU) No 1024/2012.

12. Convention of 4 May 1971 on the Law Applicable to Traffic Accidents (The Hague Conference on Private International Law).

13. Convention of 5 October 1961 Abolishing the Requirement of Legislation for Foreign Public Documents (The Hague Conference on Private International Law).

Language requirements: English

Notes:

Student's workload: 100 hours

Combined study (P, C, K): 48 hours

Preparation for exercises, exams and studying materials in Moodle (self-study): 52 hours

Course evaluation:

Assessed students in total: 16

A	B	C	D	E	FX
19%	31%	6%	19%	25%	0%

Lecturers:

prof. JUDr. Kristián Csach, PhD., LL.M., lecturer, examiner, instructor

Mgr. Bc. Martin Bulla, PhD., lecturer, examiner, instructor

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