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Course title: HUMAN RIGHTS

ECTS credit allocation (and other scores): 4

Semester: spring

Level of study: ISCED-6 - first-cycle programmes (EQF-6)

Branch of science: Social sciences

Language: English

Number of hours per semester: 15

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Type of classes: lectures

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Substantive content

CLASSES: -

LECTURES: Concept of human rights (HR) and its origins; origins of the legal protection of HR in domestic and international legal orders; general overview of the international law of HR – sources of the international law of HR, classification and special features of HR treaties, supervision procedures under HR treaties; general overview of the system of the European Convention on HR – history, parties, structure, values, obligations under ECHR, classification of rights, methods of limitation, complaint procedure; Selected problems of the contemporary international protection of HR - death penalty, euthanasia, prohibition of torture and terrorist threat, same-sex marriages, religious symbols in the public sphere, prohibition of collective expulsion of aliens.

Learning purpose: Introduction to the main themes of the international law of human rights with special attention to the standards of the European Convention on Human Rights

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On completion of the study programme the graduate will gain:

Knowledge: Knowledge of origins, theoretical foundations, sources and standards of the international law of human rights

Skills: Skills to analyze and interpret human rights documents and to use the jurisprudence of international human rights supervisory bodies

Social Competencies: Awareness of the importance of human rights in a democratic society and the need to comply with them

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Basic literature: Rhona K. M. Smith, *Textbook on International Human Rights*, 4th Edition, 2010.

Supplementary literature: Polly Vizard, *Antecedents of the Idea of Human Rights: A Survey of Perspectives*, Human Development Report 2000;

Barbara A. Rieffer, *Religion, Politics and Human Rights: Understanding the Role of Christianity in the Promotion of Human Rights*, Human Rights & Human Welfare 6/2006;

United Nations, *Human Rights: A Basic Handbook for UN Staff*.

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The allocated number of ECTS points consists of:

Contact hours with an academic teacher: 15

Student's independent work: 30