Data Protection and Privacy in the EU
Educational subject description sheet

Basic information

Study programme European Legal Studies	**Didactic cycle** 2023/24
Speciality -	**Subject code** 10ELSS.120N.05511.23
Organizational unit Faculty of Law and Administration	**Lecture languages** English
Study level First-cycle programme	**Course type** Obligatory
Study form Full-time	**Block** Subjects not assigned
Education profile General academic	

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Period Semester 6	Activities and hours • Lecture: 30, Graded credit	Number of ECTS points 4

Goals

Code	Goal
C1	Enabling students to gain insight into the European mechanisms for the protection of privacy and personal data, with a special focus on challenges stemming from the digital era (a.o. artificial intelligence, facial recognition, Internet of Things, smart devices).

Subject learning outcomes

Code	Outcomes in terms of	Learning outcomes	Examination methods
Knowledge – Student:			
W1	is able to explain the essence of privacy and personal data protection, and their place in the EU legal system	ELS_K1_W02, ELS_K1_W03, ELS_K1_W04	Oral colloquium
W2	is able to explain and characterize the legal acts concerning the protection of personal data and privacy in the EU	ELS_K1_W03, ELS_K1_W11, ELS_K1_W12	Oral colloquium
W3	indicates the basic principles of personal data protection and their functions	ELS_K1_W04, ELS_K1_W11	Oral colloquium
W4	is able to identify the key EU case-law related to protection of privacy and personal data	ELS_K1_W04, ELS_K1_W07	Oral colloquium
W5	is able to interpret relevant EU provisions on the protection of privacy and personal data	ELS_K1_W03, ELS_K1_W09, ELS_K1_W11	Oral colloquium
W6	is able to apply privacy and personal data protection institutions to solve a specific legal problem	ELS_K1_W11, ELS_K1_W12	Oral colloquium
W7	is able to explain the changes taking place in the field of privacy and data protection in the EU	ELS_K1_W02, ELS_K1_W04	Oral colloquium
W8	is able to relate privacy and data protection institutions to contemporary social challenges	ELS_K1_W02	Oral colloquium
W9	is able to present and justify ones views on problematic issues	ELS_K1_W11	Oral colloquium, Essay
W10	asks specific research questions and know research methods to address them	ELS_K1_W12	Oral colloquium, Essay
Skills – Student:			
U1	is able to explain the essence of privacy and personal data protection, and their place in the EU legal system	ELS_K1_U01	Oral colloquium
U2	indicates the basic principles of personal data protection and their functions	ELS_K1_U01	Oral colloquium
U3	is able to apply privacy and personal data protection institutions to solve a specific legal problem	ELS_K1_U04, ELS_K1_U05	Oral colloquium
U4	is able to explain the changes taking place in the field of privacy and data protection in the EU	ELS_K1_U01	Oral colloquium
U5	is able to relate privacy and data protection institutions to contemporary social challenges	ELS_K1_U01, ELS_K1_U04	Oral colloquium
U6	is able to present and justify ones views on problematic issues	ELS_K1_U01, ELS_K1_U02, ELS_K1_U06	Oral colloquium
U7	asks specific research questions and know research methods to address them	ELS_K1_U01, ELS_K1_U02, ELS_K1_U10	Oral colloquium
Social competences – Student:			
K1	is able to explain and characterize the legal acts concerning the protection of personal data and privacy in the EU	ELS_K1_K01	Oral colloquium
K2	is able to relate privacy and data protection institutions to contemporary social challenges	ELS_K1_K01	Oral colloquium

Code	Outcomes in terms of	Learning outcomes	Examination methods
K3	is able to present and justify ones views on problematic issues	ELS_K1_K01, ELS_K1_K02	Oral colloquium
K4	asks specific research questions and know research methods to address them	ELS_K1_K01	Oral colloquium

Study content

No.	Course content	Subject learning outcomes	Activities
1.	Sources and background of protection of privacy and personal data in the EU	W1, W2, U1, K1	Lecture
2.	Principles of personal data protection	W10, W3, W4, W9, U2, K3, K4	Lecture
3.	Privacy and personal data protection in the context of: face recognition, automated decision-making and profiling, Internet of Things, smart cities and big data, pharmaceutical sector, mass surveillance and data retention	W10, W4, W5, W6, W7, W8, W9, U3, U4, U5, U6, U7, K2, K3, K4	Lecture
4.	Privacy and data protection in the EU cooperation with third countries	W2, W4, W5, K1	Lecture
5.	Privacy and data protection in the context of development of artificial intelligence	W10, W2, W3, W8, W9, U2, K1, K2, K3, K4	Lecture

Additional information

Activities	Teaching and learning methods and activities
Lecture	Lecture with a multimedia presentation of selected issues, Problem-based lecture, Discussion, Work with text, Problem-based learning, Research method (scientific inquiry), Audio and/or video demonstrations

Activities	Credit conditions
Lecture	excellent (A ; 5,0): a) excellent knowledge of the EU framework in privacy and data protection, as well as its application to the contemporary social issues b) very good background for the principles of personal data processing very good (B+; 4,5): c) very good knowledge of the EU framework in privacy and data protection, as well as its application to the contemporary social issues d) verygood background for the principles of personal data processing good (B ; 4,0): a) good knowledge of the EU framework in privacy and data protection, as well as its application to the contemporary social issues b) good background for the principles of personal data processing average (C+,3,5) a) average knowledge of the EU framework in privacy and data protection, as well as its application to the contemporary social issues b) average background for the principles of personal data processing satisfactory (C; 3,0): a) satisfactory knowledge of the EU framework in privacy and data protection, as well as its application to the contemporary social issues b) satisfactory background for the principles of personal data processing unsatisfactory (D ; 2,0): a) unsatisfactory knowledge of of the EU framework in privacy and data protection, as well as its application to the contemporary social issues c) unsatisfactory background for the principles of personal data processing

Literature

Obligatory

1. • G. Vermeulen, E. Lievens, Data Protection and Privacy under Pressure, Maklu 2017 • S. Gutwirth, R. Leenes, P. De Hert, Data Protection on the Move, Springer 2016 • G. Gonzalez Fuster, The Emergence of Personal Data Protection as a Fundamental Right of the EU, Springer 2014 • H. Hijmans, The European Union as Guardian of Internet Privacy. The Story of Art 16 TFEU, Springer 2016

Calculation of ECTS points

Activities	Activity hours*
Lecture	30
Preparation for classes	20
Reading the indicated literature	20
Preparation of a demonstration	20
Preparation for the exam	30

Student workload	**Hours** 120
Number of ECTS points	**ECTS** 4

* academic hour = 45 minutes

Efekty uczenia się dla kierunku

Kod	Treść
ELS_K1_K01	The graduate is ready to critically appraise his or her knowledge, particularly in the context of the changing aquis on the regulation and critical assessment of the acquired knowledge, especially in view of the changing acquis on the regulation and application of law
ELS_K1_K02	The graduate is ready to fulfil social commitments and to contribute to the social environment through involvement in various forms of activity involving legal initiatives of European scope
ELS_K1_U01	The graduate can interpret social phenomena (cultural, political, legal, economic) within legal science
ELS_K1_U02	The graduate can use the basic theoretical knowledge and independently procure data to analyse individual processes and social phenomena (cultural, political, legal and economic) within legal science
ELS_K1_U04	The graduate can predict basic social processes and social phenomena (cultural, political, legal, economic) using standard research methods and tools within legal science
ELS_K1_U05	The graduate can use basic EU normative systems and selected norms, rules and regulations (legal, professional, moral) to solve a specific task
ELS_K1_U06	The graduate can use the knowledge gained to resolve dilemmas at work arising during their professional career as well as throughout pursued lifelong learning
ELS_K1_U10	The graduate can read with understanding, and be capable of preparing, standard texts in English on European Union law, pertaining to detailed issues or specific subjects, using basic theoretical approaches and source materials
ELS_K1_W02	The graduate knows and understands the basic assumptions of integration processes analysed on the example of the European Union, in the social, cultural and economic context
ELS_K1_W03	The graduate knows and understands the concept and scope of European Union law, including a deepened understanding of its sources approached in a systematic way
ELS_K1_W04	The graduate knows and understands a deepeed understanding of the European Convention for the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms against the background of international systems of human rights protection
ELS_K1_W07	The graduate knows and understands the main institutions of the European Union and the relationships among them, including their respective competences
ELS_K1_W09	The graduate knows and understands the mechanisms of legal cooperation between the European Union and external subjects including states and international organisations
ELS_K1_W11	The graduate knows and understands EU public law regulations, including criminal law, in selected sectors
ELS_K1_W12	The graduate knows and understands methods and tools, including techniques, of obtaining data on the existing EU legislation and related to it institutionalised structures