



Course Outline

Course number	RBE358				
Course title	Health Law and Human Rights in the European Union				
Credit points	3 ECTS				
Total hours	75				
Contact hours	32				
Independent studies	43				
Course level	Bachelor				
Prerequisites	None				
Category	Mandatory		Restricted elective	X	Free elective

COURSE RESPONSIBLE

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Laura Kadile	PhD in Law	Assistant Professor, Riga Graduate School of Law

COURSE TEACHERS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Laura Kadile	PhD in Law	Assistant Professor, Riga Graduate School of Law
Silvia Capikova	PhD in Law	Assistant Professor, Comenius University in Bratislava
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COURSE ABSTRACT

This course provides an introduction to the legal framework of health law in the European Union from a human rights perspective. It covers the European Union's overall regulatory framework, including definitions, historical development and main principles, as well as an overview of various aspects of health systems in Europe from a comparative perspective. The course will cover public health and private health law fields.

The intersections of health law and fundamental human rights will also be covered. The course will also address the right to health as a fundamental right, the rights of patients and health practitioners, and the protection of vulnerable patients. To provide insight into the latest developments in this field, the second part of the course will also explore end-of-life decisions and health law in times of emergency. The final stage of the course will highlight future challenges of EU health law.

GRADING CRITERIA

<i>Criteria</i>	<i>Weighting</i>
Group presentations	40%
Closed-book, in-class examination	60%

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

In order to pass the course, a student has to participate in classes, also in the group presentation and pass the exam (based on the 40% - 60% proportion).

1. Class participation

Students are expected to take active participation in lectures and seminars, as the structure of the lecture itself will include also interaction with students and discussions. In order to pass the course, attendance is a mandatory element of the course. The attendance will be registered by signing the students list after the lecture. Students are allowed to miss 5 out of 16 sessions. Group presentations are mandatory element of passing the course.

2. Group presentations

During the course, students are required to present their research in form of a presentation during the planned seminars for group presentations. Groups will consist of 3-5 students and groups will be assigned by course responsible in the beginning of the course. If a student does not participate in the group project, the student receives a grade "0" for the respective component, and the student is not admitted to the exam. If one of the group members is absent due to justified reasons, the group presentation can be presented during another day and prior acceptance of course responsible. If a student receives a negative grade for the

group project (1 – 3), it is not possible to re-take this component. However, the student is still admitted to the exam.

3. Final Exam

The final examination will be closed-book, in-class written examination. It will consist of 2 different, open - ended questions for each of the student. If a student fails the final exam, the student is entitled to take a re-exam. However, the re-exam grade will still count only 60% towards the final grade. If after the re-exam the final grade is still negative, unfortunately the student has to re-take the course.

COURSE PLAN – MAIN SUBJECTS

No.	<i>Main subjects</i>	<i>Planned hours</i>
1.	Overview of the EU legal framework and health systems	8
2.	Biomedical ethics, vulnerable patients, mental health and reproductive rights	8
3.	Cross-border healthcare, telemedicine	8
4.	Pharmaceutical law	4
5.	End of life care, health law innovations	4
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