Course name	**Political Criteria of Accession to the European Union And Candidate Countries Legal challenges**
Course status	Faculty: Law Level of education: Higher education level/Master's degree Educational program: Law Semester: First Status: Mandatory
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Educational Course Miss Ani	Educational Course The goal is to the student to provide Deep And Systematic Knowledge In the Political Criteria for membership in the European Union, as well as Georgia Europeanization Legal Challenges. Students will study In the European Union Membership Copenhagen criteria , in particular political criteria (democracy , rule of law) Supremacy , Human Rights And Minorities Respect And protection) , as well as related issues such as Institutions Stability , European Integration History (1945-2023), European integration Theories , European Union Institutions And European Union Agreement : Membership Conditions And Principles of the European Union Membership Benefits Candidate Countries And Member For countries , integration Problems , Democratic Deficit And Euroscepticism , candidate Countries National Legal And Political Systems Europeanization, Acquis - in the European Union Membership Common Rights And Obligations in the European Union Membership Process : Basic Steps to join Preliminary Help Tool , association Agreements , Georgia , Ukraine , Moldova and the European Union : legal And Political Reforms , myths European Union About , Populism , Russia Propaganda And Disinformation European integration Against , candidate Countries (Albania , Moldova , Montenegro , North Macedonia , Serbia , Turkey , Ukraine) – legal And Political System Challenges : Comparative Perspective , Georgia – European Perspective And Home Challenges With Europe For integration . Course Study The goal is To the student To develop Practical Skills , theoretical With knowledge together , which It is necessary His/Her Future Professional For activities . Course The goal is Also Student Values Development Democratic And Liberal On values Based .
Number of credits and distribution of hours according to student workload	**ECTS CREDITS: 5** NUMBER OF CONTACT HOURS: 60 HOURS; NUMBER OF HOURS FOR INDEPENDENT WORK: 65 HOURS
Course format	**Contact - 60 hours** a) Lecture – 14 hours. (weeks I-XV); b) Group work/ practical work/ – 28 hours (weeks I-XV); c) Midterm exam - 1.5 hours (IX week) d) Final exam - 2.5 hours (XV-XIX weeks) **Independent work – 80 hours;** a) Preparation for group work / practical work – 40 hours; b) Preparation Intermediate For the exam – 1 0 hours; d) Preparation Final For the exam – 3 p.m.
Admission Prerequisites	**There is no prerequisite.**
Content	**See Appendix 1**

Content

Sunday	Topic	Hours Quantity		Literature
		Lectures	Practical works	
I	Course Goals , content , teaching And Evaluation Methods Introduction	1	1	
II	European Integration History (1945-2023)	1	1	
III	European integration Theories, European Union Institutions And Supranational Governance	1	1	
IV	Treaty on European Union: Conditions and Principles of Membership	1	1	
V	Benefits of EU membership for candidate countries and member states	1	1	
VI	Problems in the integration process: democratic deficit, populism and euroscepticism	1	1	
VII	Europeanization of the national legal and political systems of candidate countries	1	1	
VIII	Copenhagen Criteria (political criteria): Stability of institutions guaranteeing democracy, the rule of law, human rights and respect for and protection of minorities	1	1	
IX	**Intermediate Exam**		1	
X	Acquis - common rights and obligations of membership in the European Union	1	1	
XI	The EU accession process: key steps, Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance	1	1	
XII	Association Agreements of Georgia, Ukraine, Moldova with the European Union: Legal and Political Reforms	1	1	
XIII	The ten most common myths about the European Union , Russian propaganda and disinformation against European integration	1	1	
XIV	Current Candidate Countries (Albania, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine) – Legal and Political System Challenges: A Comparative Perspective	1	1	
XV	Georgia – European Perspective and Key Challenges of European Integration	1	1	
XVI-XX	**Final exam**	2		