MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE OF UKRAINE WEST UKRAINIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY LAW FACULTY



Work program discipline

«International information law»

Higher education degree - bachelor Field of knowledge - 29 International relations Specialty - 293 International law Educational and professional program – «International law»

Department of International Law and Migration Policy

Form of study	Study year	Semester	Lectures	Practical classes	Individual work	Training, CPIT	Student- self study	Total	Exam/ Credit
Full- time	4	8	24	24	3	6	93	150	Credit

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STRUCTURE OF THE WORK PROGRAM OF EDUCATIONAL DISCIPLINE «International information law»

1. Description of the discipline «International information law»

Discipline «International information law»	Field of knowledge, specialty, educational and professional program, higher education degree	Characteristics of the educational discipline
Number of ECTS credits - 5	Field of knowledge - 29 «International relations»	Discipline status: selective Language of study: English
Number of credit modules – 3	Specialty – 293 «International law»	Year of study - 4 Semester - 8
Number of content modules – 2	Educational and Professional Program - 293 International Law	Lectures - 24 hours. Practical classes - 24 hours.
Total number of hours – 150	Higher education degree – Bachelor	Student-self study - 93 hours. Training and CPIT - 6 hours. Individual work – 3 hours.
Weekly hours – 10 hours, of which classroom hours – 3 hours		Type of final control - credit

2. The purpose and tasks of the discipline «International information law»

2. 1. The purpose of studying the discipline:

The goal of the discipline «International information law» is a deep and thorough study by students of the peculiarities of legal regulation of private law and public law relations in the field of information activities in the conditions of the information society and the active development of information technologies and artificial intelligence.

2. 2. The task of studying the discipline:

- assimilation of basic concepts of international information law by students;
- creation of scientific prerequisites for students to carry out their own critical analysis of information relations;
- identifying the place and significance of international information law in the system of legal sciences;
 - critical analysis of the interaction between theory and practice.

2. 3. Results of studying the study discipline «International information law»:

- learn and freely operate special legal terminology in the field of international information law;
- to know the main provisions of acts of international information law;
- know the practice of applying international information law;
- characterize the essence of informational legal relations;
- to interpret current information legislation and norms of international information law;
- apply the norms of international and national information law in practice.

3. Program of the study discipline «International information law» Content module 1

Topic 1: The concept of international information law

Information as an object of legal regulation. International information and its sources. The concept of international information law. Sources of international information law. Principles of international information law. Correlation of IPR and national information law.

Topic 2: Informational legal relations: concept, content and types

The concept of informational legal relations and their content. Subject and objects of informational legal relations. Concepts, legal signs and types of information. Legal status of information as an object of civil rights. Information as an object of ownership. The content of the subjective right to information. Subjects of informational legal relations. Classification of informational legal relations.

Topic 3. International organizations in the field of international information

Activities of the UN in the field of information and communication. Activities of UNESCO in the field of information and communication. The Universal Postal Union and its role in ensuring the exchange of information between states, legal entities and individuals. Activities of the Council of Europe and the European Union in the international information sphere. OSCE activity in the information sphere. Development of information processes on the territory of the CIS. International non-governmental organizations in the field of information.

Topic 4. International standards on access, use and dissemination of information. Legal regulation of access to public information

The history of the development of information rights. Universal international acts on standards of access, use and dissemination of information. Prohibition of distribution of certain types of information. General characteristics of European standards of freedom of speech

The concept of citizens' access to information and national legislation regulating the procedure for access to information. The right to request information. Access to legal information. Access to environmental information rights of citizens as subjects of the election process. Information requests and appeals from citizens. Legal grounds for denying citizens access to information. Appealing decisions, actions or inaction regarding violation of citizens' right to access to information.

Topic 5: Information security in the international information sphere

The concept of security in the information sphere. State and international information security. Information security and information wars.

Legal principles of information security. Protection of information. The history of the formation of the national security and "national interests" categories. Concept of national interests and national security. Concepts and legal principles of information security of Ukraine. Definition of the competence of state authorities in the Constitution of Ukraine regarding the regulation and protection of information relations in the Ukrainian state. Types of threats to the security of subjects of information legal relations in the information sphere. Legal principles of protection of objects of information legal relations from threats in the information sphere. Information security of man and society. Legal principles of protection of commercial, bank secrecy and personal data in Ukraine. Legal protection of information, information resources and information systems against threats of unauthorized and unlawful influence of third parties. Ensuring information security on the Internet.

Content module 2

Topic 6. Legal regulation of information relations in the field of mass information

Guarantees of freedom of mass information under the Constitution of Ukraine. Peculiarities of the regulation of information relations arising in the production, distribution and consumption of mass information in Ukraine. Ensuring guarantees of freedom of mass information. Organization of activities of mass media. Dissemination of mass information. Relations of mass media with citizens and organizations.

Legal status of a journalist. General characteristics of international acts in the field of journalistic ethics: European Code of Professional Conduct in PR (public relations) in 1978 (with additions in 1989); Resolution 1003 of the Council of Europe on journalistic ethics of 1993 and other codes of journalistic ethics.

Rights and obligations of mass media from the standpoint of state (national) security. Limits of state control over the activities of mass media.

Topic 7. Legal regulation of information relations in the field of intellectual property and in the scientific and technical field. A trade secret

The main sources of intellectual property law. Peculiarities of the regulation of information relations by the copyright institute. Peculiarities of the regulation of information relations by the know-how institute. Regulation of information relations in the field of intellectual property in Ukraine.

The application of the norms of the law of obligations in the regulation of information relations: the emergence of obligations in information relations; fulfillment of obligations in information relations; ensuring the fulfillment of obligations in information relations. Contractual law in information relations. Legal regime of commercial secrecy. Protection of commercial secrets in labor relations. Protection of commercial secret rights.

Topic 8. Legal regime of information with limited access

The concept of information with limited access. Types of information with limited access. Place of information with limited access in the activities of state authorities of Ukraine. Information with limited access in the economic activity of economic entities.

Peculiarities of informational legal relations arising in the informational sphere in relation to information that constitutes a state secret. Subjects and objects of informational legal relations in the sphere of state secrets. A list of information that constitutes a state secret in Ukraine and information that cannot be considered a state secret. Registration of information as a state secret and its classification. The issue of ownership in connection with information constituting a state secret.

Disposition of information constituting a state secret. Protection of state secrets.

Topic 9: Legal regime of personal information. Protection of personal data

Emergence and development of the concept of the right to privacy. Peculiarities of informational legal relations that arise during the production, transmission and consumption of personal data. Subjects and objects of information legal relations in the field of personal data. Legal principles of working with personal data. Rights of the subject of personal data.

Rights and obligations of the owner in relation to work with arrays of personal data. State regulation of work with personal data. Protection of natural persons regarding the automated processing of personal data. Legal regulation of protection of the right to privacy and cross-border flows of personal data. The experience of the EU in regulating the protection of personal data.

Topic 10. Liability for offenses in the field of information relations

Protection of the rights of individuals and legal entities to information. State protection of information relations against offenses. The concept of tort in information relations. Basic provisions of legal delictology regarding informational legal relations. Legal torts: concept and structure. Objects and subjects of legal torts in informational legal relations. Problems of multiobjectivity in legal delictology in the field of information relations. Types of legal torts in informational relations in the fields of law: administrative, disciplinary (labor), civil, criminal.

4. The structure of credit in the study discipline «International information law»

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n/p	Topic	S	1	nt-self	al work	CPIT	events		
			classes	study					
	Content module 1								
1.	Topic 1: The concept of international information law	2	2	3					
2.	Topic 2: Informational legal relations: concept, content and types	2	2	10					
3.	Topic 3. International organizations in the field of international information	4	4	10	1	3	questions, essay		
4.	Topic 4. International standards on access, use and dissemination of information. Legal regulation of access to public information	4	4	10					
5.	Topic 5: Information acquirity in the		2	10					
	•	Content n	odule 2						
6.	Topic 6. Legal regulation of information relations in the field of mass information	2	2	10					
7.	Topic 7. Legal regulation of information relations in the field of intellectual property and in the scientific and technical field. A trade secret	2	2	10	2	3	questions, essay		

8.	Topic 8. Legal regime of information with limited access	2	2	10			
9.	Topic 9: Legal regime of personal information. Protection of personal data	2	2	10			
10. Topic 10. Liability for offenses in the field of information relations		2	2	10			
	Total	24	24	93	3	6	

5. Topics of practical classes Practical class 1

Topic: The concept of international information law

Purpose: To study the concept of international information law

Questions for discussion:

- 1. Information as an object of legal regulation.
- 2. International information and its sources.
- 3. The concept of international information law.
- 4. Sources of international information law.
- 5. Principles of international information law.
- 6. Correlation of IPR and national information law.

Practical class 2

Topic: Informational legal relations: concept, content and types

Purpose: To study the informational legal relations: concept, content and types

Questions for discussion:

- 1. The concept of informational legal relations and their content.
- 2. Subject and objects of informational legal relations.
- 3. Concepts, legal signs and types of information.
- 4. Legal status of information as an object of civil rights.
- 5. Information as an object of ownership.
- 6. Content of the subjective right to information.
- 7. Subjects of informational legal relations.
- 8. Classification of informational legal relations.

Practical class 3-4

Topic: International organizations in the field of international information Purpose: To study the international organizations in the field of international information Questions for discussion:

- 1. Activities of the UN in the field of information and communication.
- 2. Activities of UNESCO in the field of information and communication.
- 3. The Universal Postal Union and its role in ensuring the exchange of information between states, legal entities and individuals.
- 4. Activities of the Council of Europe and the European Union in the international information sphere.
- 5. Activities of the OSCE in the information sphere.
- 6. International non-governmental organizations in the field of information.

Practical class 5-6

Topic: International standards on access, use and dissemination of information. Legal regulation of access to public information

Purpose: To study the international standards on access, use and dissemination of information. Legal regulation of access to public information

Questions for discussion:

- 1. History of information rights development.
- 2. Universal international acts on standards of access, use and distribution of information.
- 3. Prohibition of distribution of certain types of information. General characteristics of European standards of freedom of speech
- 4. The concept of citizens' access to information and national legislation regulating the procedure for access to information. The right to request information.

- 5. Access to legal information. Access to environmental information. Information rights of citizens as subjects of the election process.
- 6. Information requests and appeals from citizens.
- 7. Legal grounds for denying citizens access to information. Appealing decisions, actions or inaction regarding violation of citizens' right to access to information.

Practical class 7

Topic: Information security in the international information sphere

Purpose: To study the information security in the international information sphere **Questions** for discussion:

- 1. The concept of security in the information sphere. State and international information security. Information security and information wars.
- 2. Legal principles of information security. Protection of information.
- 3. The history of the formation of the national security and "national interests" categories. Concept of national interests and national security.
- 4. Concepts and legal principles of information security of Ukraine. Definition of the competence of state authorities in the Constitution of Ukraine regarding the regulation and protection of information relations in the Ukrainian state.
- 5. Types of threats to the security of subjects of information legal relations in the information sphere. Legal principles of protection of objects of information legal relations from threats in the information sphere.
- 6. Information security of man and society.
- 7. Legal principles of protection of commercial, banking secrecy and personal data in Ukraine.
- 8. Legal protection of information, information resources and information systems against the threats of unauthorized and unlawful influence of third parties.
- 9. Ensuring information security on the Internet.

Practical class 8

Topic: Legal regulation of information relations in the field of mass information Purpose: To study the legal regulation of information relations in the field of mass information Questions for discussion:

- 1. Guarantees of freedom of mass information under the Constitution of Ukraine. Peculiarities of the regulation of information relations arising in the production, distribution and consumption of mass information in Ukraine. Ensuring guarantees of freedom of mass information. Organization of activities of mass media. Dissemination of mass information. Relations of mass media with citizens and organizations.
- 2. Legal status of a journalist. General characteristics of international acts in the field of journalistic ethics: European Code of Professional Conduct in PR (public relations) in 1978 (with additions in 1989); Resolution 1003 of the Council of Europe on journalistic ethics of 1993 and other codes of journalistic ethics.
- 3. Rights and obligations of mass media from the standpoint of state (national) security. Limits of state control over the activities of mass media.

Practical class 9

Topic: Legal regulation of information relations in the field of intellectual property and in the scientific and technical field. A trade secret

Purpose: To study the legal regulation of information relations in the field of intellectual property and in the scientific and technical field and a trade secret

Questions for discussion:

- 1. Main sources of intellectual property law and features of regulation of information relations.
- 2. Application of the norms of the law of obligations in the regulation of information relations: the emergence of obligations in information relations; fulfillment of obligations in information relations; ensuring the fulfillment of obligations in information relations. Contractual law in information relations.
- 3. Legal regime of commercial secrecy. Protection of commercial secrets in labor relations. Protection of commercial secret rights.

Practical class 10

Topic: Legal regime of information with limited access

Purpose: To study the legal regime of information with limited access

Questions for discussion:

- 1. The concept of information with limited access. Types of information with limited access. Place of information with limited access in the activities of state authorities of Ukraine.
- 2. Peculiarities of informational legal relations arising in the informational sphere regarding information that constitutes a state secret. Subjects and objects of informational legal relations in the sphere of state secrets.
- 3. List of information that constitutes a state secret in Ukraine and information that cannot be considered a state secret. Registration of information as a state secret and its classification.
- 4. Issues of ownership in connection with information constituting a state secret.
- 5. Disposition of information constituting a state secret. Protection of state secrets.

Practical class 11

Topic: Legal regime of personal information. Protection of personal data Purpose: To study the legal regime of personal information. Protection of personal data Questions for discussion:

- 1. The emergence and development of the concept of the right to privacy.
- 2. Peculiarities of information legal relations that arise during the production, transfer and consumption of personal data.
- 3. Subjects and objects of information legal relations in the field of personal data.
- 4. Legal principles of working with personal data. Rights of the subject of personal data.
- 5. Rights and obligations of the owner in relation to work with arrays of personal data. State regulation of work with personal data.
- 6. Protection of natural persons regarding automated processing of personal data.
- 7. Legal regulation of protection of the right to privacy and cross-border flows of personal data. The experience of the EU in regulating the protection of personal data.

Practical class 12

Topic: Liability for offenses in the field of information relations Purpose: To study the liability for offenses in the field of information relations Ouestions for discussion:

- 1. Protection of the rights of individuals and legal entities to information. State protection of information relations against offenses.
- 2. The concept of tort in information relations. Basic provisions of legal delictology regarding informational legal relations.
- 3. Legal torts: concept and structure. Objects and subjects of legal torts in informational legal relations. Problems of multiobjectivity in legal delictology in the field of information relations.
- 4. Types of legal torts in informational relations in the fields of law: administrative, disciplinary (labor), civil, criminal.

6. Complex practical individual task

Complex practical individual task (CPIT) is a form of organization of education, which aims to deepen, generalize and consolidate the knowledge that students receive in the process of learning, as well as the application of this knowledge in practice. CPIT is performed by students independently under the guidance of teachers, it is a completed theoretical or practical work within the curriculum of the course, which is performed on the basis of knowledge, skills and abilities acquired in the course of lectures and practical classes.

CPIT in the discipline «International information law» consists of two components:

- 1. The theoretical part.
- 2. Practical part.
- **I.** Theoretical part complex practical individual task. The theoretical part of CPIT (essay, scientific article, theses) is devoted to the narrow problems of the course (the topic of the scientific work can be proposed by the student himself and agreed with the scientific supervisor) or can be chosen by the student from the topics listed below.
- 1. International legal guarantees of citizens' right to information and access to information
- 2. National legislation guaranteeing the right of citizens to access information
- 3. Basic principles of access to information
- 4. The procedure for providing information based on requests, oral and written appeals of citizens.
- 5. Access to public information.
- 6. Fee for information services

- 7. Legal grounds for denying citizens access to information.
- 8. Appealing decisions, actions or inaction regarding violation of citizens' right to access to information
- 9. Licensing and state control of technical and cryptographic information protection works.
- 10. National system of confidential communication.
- 11. Functions and powers of the State Service for Special Communications and Information Protection of Ukraine regarding ensuring information security.
- 12. Ensuring information security on the Internet.
- 13. International cooperation in the field of information relations.
- 14. Ukraine's international activities in the field of information protection.
- 15. Certain aspects of legal regulation of public information relations in Western European countries and the USA.

The work is presented in the form of a presentation and defended using multimedia tools in the presence of other students.

I. The practical part of the complex practical individual task involves the student creating a glossary of terms from the studied scientific topic, developing tests, solving a situational problem from the chosen topic.

7. Student-self study

Student-self study, as one of the forms of assimilation of educational material in the time free from compulsory classes and without the participation of the teacher, involves a personally-oriented organization of the student's self-education. The organization of Student-self study requires special attention, because part of the questions of each topic are submitted for independent study by students, and the material intended for learning during independent work is submitted for the exam. Student-self study is ensured by the necessary educational and methodical means (including lecture notes, educational and methodical developments for independent study of the discipline, periodicals). Students have the opportunity to study the educational material independently in the library, classrooms and computer classrooms using the Internet, as well as at home (when receiving the appropriate package of educational and methodological literature).

No	Topic
1	Topic 1: The concept of international information law
2	Topic 2: Informational legal relations: concept, content and types
3	Topic 3. International organizations in the field of international information
4	Topic 4. International standards on access, use and dissemination of information. Legal regulation
	of access to public information
5	Topic 5: Information security in the international information sphere
6	Topic 6. Legal regulation of information relations in the field of mass information
7	Topic 7. Legal regulation of information relations in the field of intellectual property and in the
	scientific and technical field. Commercial secret
8	Topic 8. Legal regime of information with limited access
9	Topic 9: Legal regime of personal information. Protection of personal data
10	Topic 10. Liability for offenses in the field of information relations

8. Discipline training Organization and training

Training is a planned process of modifying (changing) the attitude, knowledge or behavioral skills of a learner through the acquisition of educational experiences in order to achieve effective performance in one activity or in a certain field.

Training procedure

The introductory part is conducted to familiarize students with the topic of the training session.

The organizational part consists in creating a working mood in the team of students, determining the rules for conducting a training class. It is possible to have handouts in the form of tables, document forms.

The practical part is implemented by performing tasks in groups of students on certain problematic issues of the topic of the training class.

Summing up. The results of completed tasks are discussed in groups. Exchange of opinions on the issues raised at the training sessions.

The topic of the training

Protection of personal data in accordance with the norms of international and national law.

9. Evaluation tools and methods of demonstrating learning outcomes

In the process of studying the discipline «International information law», the following evaluation tools and methods of demonstrating learning results are used: standardized tests; current survey; credit module testing and survey; cross-cutting projects; team projects; abstracts, essays; presentations of the results of completed tasks and research; evaluation of the results of CPIT; student presentations and performances at scientific events; modular control work.

10. Criteria, forms of current and final control

The final score (on a 100-point scale) in the discipline «International information law» is determined as a weighted average value, depending on the specific weight of each credit component:

Credit module 1	Credit module 2	Credit module 3	Total
30%	40%	30%	100%
Oral survey during classes (1-5	Oral survey during classes (6-	Preparation of CPIT -	100
topics) - 5 points per topic -	10 topics) – 5 points per topic -	max. 40 points.	
max 25 points.	max. 25 points.	Protection of CPIT -	
Modular control work -	Modular control work -	max. 40 points	
max. 75 points.	max. 75 points.	Participation in	
		trainings - max. 20	
		points.	

Rating scale

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90-100	perfectly	A (excellent)
85-89		B (very good)
75-84	fine	C (good)
65-74		D (satisfactory)
60-64	satisfactorily	E (enough)
35-59		FX (unsatisfactory with possibility of reassembly)
1-34	unsatisfactorily	F (unsatisfactory with mandatory repeat course)

11. Tools, equipment and software, the use of which provides for the educational discipline

No	Name	Topic number
1.	Flipchart	1-10
2.	Laptop	1-10
3.	Projector	1-10

RECOMMENDED SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

- 1. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948.
- 2. Convention on the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of 1950.
- 3. Convention on the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automated Processing of Personal Data of January 28, 1981.
- 4. Convention on environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context dated February 25, 1991.
- 5. Directive 95/46/EU of the European Parliament and the Council of Europe "On the protection of natural persons during the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data".
- 6. Directive 97/66/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of Europe "Regarding the processing of personal data and protection of the right to non-interference in private life in the telecommunications sector".

- 7. The Okinawan Charter of the Global Information Society dated July 22, 2000.
- 8. Convention on cybercrime of November 23, 2001
- 9. Declaration of principles "Building an information society a global task in the new millennium" dated 12.12.2003.
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- 13. Raymond T. Nimmer. (2023).Information Law. Thomson Reuters.
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Information sources

- 1. The official web portal of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. URL: http://portal.rada.gov.ua/
- 2. Official online representation of the President of Ukraine. URL: http://www.president.gov.ua/
- 3. The single web portal of executive authorities of Ukraine. URL: http://www.kmu.gov.ua/
- 4. Official web portal of the judicial authorities of Ukraine. URL: http://court.gov.ua/
- 5. Unified State Register of Court Decisions URL: https://reyestr.court.gov.ua/