

Module name	Local Self-Government in Europe
Studies cycle	1
Semester	1 (winter semester)
ECTS	4
ECTS points hour equivalents	Contact hours (work with an academic teacher): 15 Total number of hours with an academic teacher: 15 Total number of ECTS points for the module: 4
Website	
Language of instruction	English
Short description	The module covers the knowledge in the area of the comparative local self-government systems in the European Union. It includes the characteristics of the local self-governing communities, sub-national government areas of activity and sub-national public finances. It presents the review of the fundamental terms and institutions of local self-government, the role of the European Union in the field of sub-national governance. The course will analyze the concepts of territorial, political, administrative and fiscal decentralization in countries of the European Union. The module develops the ability of comparative analysis of different law systems and distinct legal solutions, mutual relations of the authorities, concepts of local self-government, sub-national governance, and fiscal decentralization doctrine.
Full description	The class covers the following issues: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Concept and basic features of local self-governing communities in European union. 2. European Charter of Local Self-Government: importance, subject matter, implementation. 3. The concept of state (limitation of authority, the principle of subsidiarity, decentralization, harmonization of systems of local self-government in Europe). 4. Territorial, political, administrative and fiscal decentralisation. 5. The institutional landscape at the sub-national level. 6. Sub-national government areas of activity.
Reading list	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brezovnik, B., Trpin, G. & Pličanič, S. (2019) Public Administration System (Maribor: Institute for Local Self-Government Maribor). 2. Loughlin, J., Hendriks, F. & Lindstrom, A. (eds.) The Oxford Handbook of Local and Regional Democracy in Europe (New York: Oxford University Press). 3. Mureno, A.-M. (ed.) Local Government in the Member States of European Union: A Comparative Legal Perspective (Madrid: INAP).

Educational out-comes	<p><u>Student who passes the course is able to:</u></p> <p>KNOWLEDGE:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. define terms from the scope of comparative law, comparative local self-government systems, indicated where and in what context they are being used- K_W_01; 2. indicate the law regulated relations between sub-national institutions and inhabitants- K_W_04; 3. the student has an ordered and clarified knowledge of decisions making subjects, having regard to applying the law- K_W_09; 4. indicate the laws and obligations of the local communities- K_W_13; <p>SKILLS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to interpret and apply the Comparative Administrative Law and other enactments regulating the issues on local self-government administrative bodies - K_U_02; <p>ATTITUDES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to work in a group taking different roles- K_K_05; 2. to set the priorities necessary to carry out, appointed by himself or others, tasks- K_K_09.
Assessment methods and criteria	<p>Frequency of attendance; Effort in class; Final paper.</p>
Teaching methods	<p>Lecture, optional with Powerpoint presentation; Case study; Legal and comparative analysis; Legal acts study; Active learning methods (Learning-by-doing); Group discussion.</p>
Educational out-comes verification methods	<p>K_W_01, class – final paper; K_W_04, class – final paper; K_W_09, class – final paper; K_W_13, class – final paper; K_U_02, class – final paper; K_K_05, class – final paper; K_K_09, class – final paper.</p>
Prerequisites	<p>None</p>
Comments	<p>None</p>