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Curricular Unit Sheet

Master's Degree in Law and Legal Practice Specialization International Law and International Relations

1. Curricular Unit Name:

International Justice

2. Complementary Information:

Duration: Semester ☒ Annual ☐
Work hours: 2h/week
Credits ECTS: 6

3. Responsible Academic staff and respective workload in the curricular unit:

Ana Rita Gil – 2hours/week

4. Other academic staff and respective workloads in the curricular unit:

n/a

5. Learning outcomes of the curricular unit:

Subject: Human Rights and International Courts

Nowadays, several International Courts may be called to decide on human rights violations. This happens not only on regional courts aimed at deciding these topics, but also in global Courts, such as the International Court of Justice and also the Criminal International Court. These perspectives are often parallel and rarely overlap since each Jurisdiction has a different mandates and actors. After learning on the functioning and competence of these International Courts, students will be challenged to research and discuss jurisprudence of different International Courts on human rights protection

6. Syllabus:

Part I – International Courts

1. International Human Rights Law: some basic concepts
2. International Court of Justice as a Human Rights Court
3. International Human Rights Regional Courts
4. International Criminal Court

Part II - Study of international jurisprudence on human rights

7. Demonstration of the syllabus coherence with the curricular unit's objectives:

Students will first learn the competences of each International Court, which are diverse and encompass different actors.

It is also intended that they develop autonomous investigative skills, having to analyse cases dealt with by different Courts, in terms of human rights litigation.

8. Teaching methodologies (including evaluation):

Classes will be divided in seminars, and will require an active role from the students

1. Part I will be developed with dialogues with the students, who will be in charge of preparing the theoretical classes of analysis of the competences of the three types of jurisdiction.
2. Part II will be developed through independent research: students will choose a case of human rights litigation. A moot court will be developed for each case

9. Demonstration of the coherence between the teaching methodologies and the learning outcomes:



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With this UC it is intended not only that the master's students know the jurisdiction of the various courts, but also that they research, autonomously, their functioning in practice. Thus, it is considered appropriate that they research specific jurisprudence in which the studied courts decided cases related to human rights.

10: Evaluation:

The evaluation will consist of student participation and jurisprudence discussion (50%) and final exam (50%).

11: Main Bibliography:

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12: Remarks:

NOTE: this map can be filled in as many times as necessary to describe the different curricular units.