

Course FSS 2022: “Data Protection Law”

Persons and companies can suffer harm in the case of unauthorized and wrongful processing of personal data, which is related to the breach of our fundamental rights guaranteed by law. We are sharing our data every day through social media, online banking, online shopping, etc. with the hope that our rights are safeguarded.

The main goal of this course is to familiarize students with the European legal framework, international cooperation on the protection of personal data, and its significance as a fundamental right. This area of law is based on the requirement to ensure control over the collection and processing of personal data, and to protect them from unauthorized disclosure, online abuse, identity theft, etc.

During this course, students will learn about the legal rules of the European Union on this matter, including an explanation of major Courts’ rulings and the most important jurisprudence. Furthermore, the legal rules on the international transfer of data will be explored.

Throughout the course there will be a focus on (structure according to class units):

- Introduction to the EU legal and institutional framework
- Development of the Data Protection Law in the EU and under the ECHR
- The right to personal data protection and its limitations
- The most important legal principles and rules of the EU data protection law
- Data Protection rules for Police and Criminal Justice in the EU and its Member States
- The rights of data subjects and their enforcement (remedies, liability, compensation)
- Case Law
- EU international relations with the third countries in regard to data protection
- International perspective: international flow of personal data
- Legal rules on specific types of data: electronic communications and health
- Role of the Court of Justice of the European Union
- Case law
- Seminar papers and presentations
- Case Law

The course will be conducted through lectures, discussions, and seminars which will allow students to work on legal cases from practice. Next to the results of the final written exam, the results from seminar papers will also contribute to the overall grade for this course.