

STUDY GUIDE

Organised by

INTERNATIONAL JUDICIAL COOPERATION IN CRIMINAL MATTERS

University of Catania

1. IDENTIFYING DATA.		
· Course Name.	INTERNATIONAL JUDICIAL COOPERATION IN CRIMINAL MATTERS	
· Coordinating University.	University of Catania	
· Partner Universities Involved.	-	
· Course Field(s).	Criminal law and procedure, International law	
· Related Study Programme.	Law	
· ISCED Code.		
· SDG.	Goal 16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	
· Study Level.	Bachelor	
· EUNICE Key Competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green – strongly • Orange - moderately • Red – partially • Blank cell - not at all 	
	Problem solving	
	Teamworking	
	Communication	
	Self-management	
	Cognitive flexibility	
	Digital competence	

	Technical competence	
	Global intercultural competence	

· Number of ECTS credits allocated.	7 ECTS credits
· Mode of Delivery.	"Online live" for EUNICE students, and "onsite" for UniCT students
· Language of Instruction.	English
· Course Dates.	October-December 2026
· Precise Schedule of the Lectures.	Two 2-hour lectures per week
· Key Words.	Criminal matters, International Judicial cooperation, EU judicial cooperation
· Catchy Phrase.	Mapping judicial cooperation in criminal matters: international frameworks, EU instruments, and key institutions shaping criminal justice today.

· Prerequisites and co-requisites.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Knowledge of the English language; - For Bachelor.
· Number of EUNICE students that can attend the Course.	30
· Number of EUNICE students that can attend the course per institution	5
· Course inscription procedure(s).	Via EUNICE Platform

2. CONTACT DETAILS.

· Department.	Law Department
· Name of Lecturer.	Rosanna Belfiore
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· Other Lecturers.	

3. COURSE CONTENT.

The module is focussed on the understanding of the most relevant measures of judicial cooperation in criminal matters both at international and EU level. It covers general principles of judicial cooperation and delves into the most typical features of traditional extradition and mutual legal assistance v. the European Arrest Warrant and the European Investigation Order. Bodies and institutions playing a significant role in the EU area of Freedom, Security and Justice are part of the understanding process of the evolution of judicial cooperation, especially as far as the European Public Prosecutor's Office is concerned.

4. LEARNING OUTCOMES.

Students will master principles and measures of judicial cooperation in criminal matters. Students will be able to articulate and examine, in a critical way, solutions elaborated by scholars and the jurisprudence, and will be able to elaborate personal solutions to the problems dealt with.

5. OBJECTIVES.

- Understanding of the most relevant measures of judicial cooperation in criminal matters, both at international and EU level.
- Getting familiar with the general principles of judicial cooperation and the most typical institutions of extradition and mutual legal assistance.
- Developing the ability to critically interpret and analyse laws, conventions and the international/supranational case-law.

6. COURSE ORGANISATION.

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| 1. | International judicial cooperation in criminal matters |
| 2. | EU judicial cooperation in criminal matters |

LEARNING RESOURCES AND TOOLS.

Most relevant legal sources, both international and EU.

PLANNED LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND TEACHING METHODS.

Frontal lectures

7. ASSESSMENT METHODS, CRITERIA AND PERIOD.

Written assessment in the first exam session (January-May). Oral assessment in all the other exam sessions.

OBSERVATIONS.

8. BIBLIOGRAPHY AND TEACHING MATERIALS.

Reading list:

- Bassiouni M.C., *Introduction to International Criminal Law*, Transnational Publishers, 2003, pp. 333-385;
- Weyembergh A., *History of the Cooperation*, in R.E. Kostoris, 'Handbook of European Criminal Procedure', Springer, 2018, pp. 173-197;
- Spencer J.R., *The Principle of Mutual Recognition*, in R.E. Kostoris, 'Handbook of European Criminal Procedure', Springer, 2018, pp. 281-294;
- Bargis M., *Personal freedom and Surrender*, in R.E. Kostoris, 'Handbook of European Criminal Procedure', Springer, 2018, pp. 297-349;
- Belfiore R., *The European Investigation Order in Criminal Matters: Developments in Evidence-gathering across the EU*, in *European Criminal Law Review*, 2015/3, pp. 312-324;
- Paulesu P.P., *Ne bis in idem and Conflicts of Jurisdiction*, in R.E. Kostoris, 'Handbook of European Criminal Procedure', Springer, 2018, pp. 393-419;
- Klip A., *Fair Trial Rights in the European Union: Reconciling Accused and Victims' Rights*, in T. Rafaraci-R. Belfiore (eds), 'EU Criminal Justice: Fundamental Rights, transnational Proceedings and the European Public Prosecutor's Office', Springer 2019, pp. 3-25;
- Rafaraci T., *Brief Notes on the European Public Prosecutor's Office: Ideas, Project and Fulfilment*, in T. Rafaraci-R. Belfiore (eds), 'EU Criminal Justice: Fundamental Rights, transnational Proceedings and the European Public Prosecutor's Office', Springer 2019, pp. 157-163.