

STUDY GUIDE

International Labour Standards

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1. IDENTIFYING DATA.											
• Course Name.	International Labour Standards										
• Coordinating University.	Univeristy of Zielona Góra										
• Partner Universities Involved.	N/A										
• Course Field(s).	Law and Economics										
• Related Study Programme.	Law and Economics										
• ISCED Code.	0421 – Law										
• SDG.	8, 17										
• Study Level.	B- Bachelor M-Master D-Doctorate										
• EUNICE Key Competencies	[Indicate the Key Competencies offered by the course.] • Green – strongly • Orange - moderately • Red – partially • Blank cell - not at all <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Problem solving</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Teamworking</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Communication</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Self-management</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cognitive flexibility</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Problem solving		Teamworking		Communication		Self-management		Cognitive flexibility	
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	Digital competence	
	Technical competence	
	Global intercultural competence	

• Number of ECTS credits allocated.	6 ECTS
• Mode of Delivery.	Online live / synchronous online course,
• Language of Instruction.	English
• Course Dates.	The course will be delivered from 1 March 2027 to 21 June 2027.
• Precise Schedule of the Lectures.	The course will consist of 15 lecture meetings , held on Mondays or Tuesdays . Each meeting will last 2 academic hours , i.e. 90 minutes . The total duration of the course will be 30 academic hours , corresponding to 22.5 clock hours .
• Key Words.	International Labour Standards (ILS) International Labour Organization (ILO) Labour Law Decent Work Agenda Human Rights at Work Global Labour Markets Freedom of Association Collective Bargaining Child Labour Forced Labour Gig Economy Social Justice International Governance
• Catchy Phrase.	Fair Work, Global Rules: Understanding International Labour Standards

• Prerequisites and co-requisites.	This course is available for Students with Basic knowledge of law or international relations; Bachelor, Master, PhD
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	Required linguistic skills -English B2 Level
· Number of EUNICE students that can attend the Course.	Around 20
· Number of EUNICE students that can attend the course per institution	around 2
· Course inscription procedure(s).	Standard registration procedures

2. CONTACT DETAILS.

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· Other Lecturers.	N/A

3. COURSE CONTENT.

This course explains International Labour Standards (ILS) and the role of the International Labour Organization (ILO). It covers how labour rules are made, how they are used, and how they are checked in different countries. Students learn about important topics such as forced labour, child labour, equal treatment, workers' rights, and freedom to join unions. The course also looks at the Decent Work Agenda. It discusses modern problems like globalization, the gig economy, and digital work. Through seminars and case studies, students learn how labour standards work in real life and how they support fair and safe working conditions.

4. LEARNING OUTCOMES.

Understand the basics of International Labour Standards (ILS) and the role of the ILO.
Explain how labour standards are created, applied, and monitored.
Identify key ILO conventions on workers' rights and equality.
Analyze main global labour issues such as forced labour and child labour.
Evaluate the impact of globalization and digitalization on work.
Apply basic analysis to case studies in international labour law.

5. OBJECTIVES.

To introduce students to International Labour Standards and the role of the ILO.
To explain how global labour rules are developed and applied. To develop understanding of workers' rights and key labour conventions.

To analyze major global labour challenges such as inequality and exploitation.
To explore the impact of globalization and digital transformation on labour markets.
To develop basic analytical skills through case studies in international labour law.

6. COURSE ORGANISATION.

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| 1. | Introduction to International Labour Standards (ILS) |
| 2. | Structure and Governance of the ILO |
| 3. | Core Labour Conventions and implementation and Monitoring of ILS |
| 4. | Contemporary Labour Market Challenges |
| 5. | Case Studies and Seminars |

LEARNING RESOURCES AND TOOLS.

Lecture slides and course materials provided by the instructor
International Labour Organization (ILO) official documents and conventions
Univeristy articles and textbooks on labour law and international relations

PLANNED LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND TEACHING METHODS.

Interactive lectures
Case study analysis
Group work and collaborative tasks
Student presentations
Group debates on contemporary labour issues

7. ASSESSMENT METHODS, CRITERIA AND PERIOD.

Students in small groups (2-3 persons) work on a task to solve “the problem” (which is legal situation of given subjects – to give a few examples: it might be complaint about violation of freedom of association, examined earlier by the Committee of Freedom of Association described by the teacher).

The course is non-graded, on a pass/fail basis.

OBSERVATIONS.

8. BIBLIOGRAPHY AND TEACHING MATERIALS.

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6. Xavier Beaudonnet (ed.), International Labour Law and Domestic Law. A training manual for judges, lawyers and legal educators, ILO 2014.
7. Nicolas Valticos, International Labour Law, Springer 1979.