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Peoples' Friendship University of Russia  
NAMED AFTER PATRICE LUMUMBA  
RUDN University**

**Law Institute**

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educational division (faculty/institute/academy) as higher education programme developer

**COURSE SYLLABUS**

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**INTERNATIONAL LAW: ISSUES OF MIGRATION AND ASYLUM**

course title

**Recommended by the Didactic Council for the Education Field of:**

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**40.04.01 JURISPRUDENCE**

field of studies / speciality code and title

**The course instruction is implemented within the professional education programme of higher education:**

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**INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

higher education programme profile/specialisation title

**2026**

## 1. COURSE GOAL(s)

The goal of the discipline ‘International Law: Issues of Migration and Asylum’ is to give a comprehensive knowledge about international legal regulation of migration covering the issues of migration as a subject of international legal regulation, system and sources of international legal regulation of migration, specific forms (instruments and mechanisms) of international cooperation in respect of certain types of migration (human rights protection of migrants, labour migration, etc.), international refugee law in a wide sense.

The main objectives of the course ‘International Law: Issues of Migration and Asylum’ are to give knowledge and skills in the issues of instruments and mechanisms of international legal regulation of migration, as well as specific kinds of migration.

## 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR LEARNING OUTCOMES

Mastering the course (module) ‘International Law: Issues of Migration and Asylum’ intends to train and guide students to achieve the development of following competences (competences in part):

*Table 2.1. List of target competencies (parts of competencies)*

<b>Code (GC, GPC, PC)</b>	<b>Competence</b>	<b>Competence indicators</b>
GPC-2	Independently able to prepare expert legal opinions and carry out examination of normative (individual) legal acts.	GPC-2.1. Knows the rules of preparing expert legal opinions and the rules of of the examination of normative (individual) legal acts;
		GPC-2.2. Independently able to conduct a legal examination of normative (individual) legal acts
PC-4	Able skillfully to apply the sources of international law in specific areas of professional activity, apply universally recognised principles and norms of international law, treaty and customary rules, other sources of international legal obligations, as well as international legal means of procedure in his/her professional activity	PC-4.1 Aware of the specifics of international legal regulation and international law enforcement practice in specific areas of professional activity;
		PC-4.2. Applies international legal acts in specific areas of professional activity.

## 3. COURSE IN HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The course ‘International Law: Issues of Migration and Asylum’ refers to the core/variable/elective\* component of (B1) block of the higher educational programme curriculum.

\* - Underline whatever applicable.

Within the higher education programme students also master other (modules) and / or internships that contribute to the achievement of the expected learning outcomes as results of the course study.

*Table 3.1. The list of the higher education programme components/disciplines that contribute to the achievement of the expected learning outcomes as the course study results*

Competence code	Competence descriptor	Previous courses/modules*	Subsequent courses/modules*
GPC-2	Independently able to prepare expert legal opinions and carry out examination of normative (individual) legal acts.	Philosophy of Law / Философия права Human Rights, SDGs and Challenges of the XXI Century / Human Rights Treaty Bodies / Договорные органы по правам человека International Business and Human Rights / Международный бизнес и права человека Права человека, Цели в области устойчивого развития и вызовы XXI века	Educational Internship (Teaching) / Учебная практика (педагогическая) Internship / Производственная практика, в т.ч. преддипломная
PC-4	Able skillfully to apply the sources of international law in specific areas of professional activity, apply universally recognised principles and norms of international law, treaty and customary rules, other sources of international legal obligations, as well as international legal means of procedure in his/her professional activity	International Law: Issues of Migration and Asylum / Международное право: вопросы миграции и убежища African System of Human Rights / Африканская система защиты прав человека The Right to Health in International Law / Международно-правовые основы права на здоровье	Internship / Производственная практика, в т.ч. преддипломная

\* - filled in based on the competency matrix

#### 4. COURSE WORKLOAD AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

The total workload of the course ‘International Law: Issues of Migration and Asylum’ is 4 credits (144 academic hours).

Table 4.1. Types of academic activities during the periods of higher education programme mastering (**full-time training**) \*

Types of academic activities	TOTAL, academic hours	Semester / Module				
		1	2	3	4	
<i>Classroom learning, academic hours</i>	36			36		
including:						
Lectures (LC)	-	-	-	-	-	
Lab work (LW)	-	-	-	-	-	
Seminars (workshops/tutorials) (S)	36	-	-	36	-	
<i>Self-study (ies), academic hours</i>	99	-	-	99	-	
<i>Evaluation and assessment (exam or pass/fail grading)</i>	9	-	-	9	-	
<b>Course Workload</b>	academic hours	<b>144</b>	-	-	<b>144</b>	-
	credits	<b>4</b>	-	-	<b>4</b>	-

## 5. COURSE CONTENTS

Table 5.1. Course contents and academic activities types

Course module title	Course module topics	Course module contents	Academic activities types
Section 1. International legal regulation of migration: the sources, mechanisms. Specific issues of international legal cooperation in the field of migration.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Migration as a subject of international legal regulation.</li> <li>2. Statistics of migration.</li> <li>3. Migration and SDGs.</li> <li>4. Sources of international legal regulation of migration and their system.</li> <li>5. Mechanisms of international legal regulation of migration.</li> <li>6. International legal protection of the rights of migrants.</li> <li>7. Development of international legal migration management at the regional level.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Migration as a subject of international legal regulation.</li> <li>2. Statistics of migration.</li> <li>3. Migration and SDGs.</li> <li>4. Sources of international legal regulation of migration and their system.</li> <li>5. Mechanisms of international legal regulation of migration.</li> <li>6. International legal protection of the rights of migrants.</li> <li>7. Development of international legal migration management at the regional level.</li> </ol>	S
Section 2. International legal protection of refugees and other groups of forced migrants.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. International legal protection of refugees, genesis and sources.</li> <li>2. Definition of a refugee: inclusion clauses.</li> <li>3. Definition of a refugee: exclusion clauses.</li> <li>4. Definition of a refugee: cessation clauses.</li> <li>5. Status of refugees in accordance with international law, including the <i>non-refoulement</i> principle.</li> <li>6. Complementary protection.</li> <li>7. International law and internally displaced persons</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. International legal protection of refugees, genesis and sources.</li> <li>2. Definition of a refugee: inclusion clauses.</li> <li>3. Definition of a refugee: exclusion clauses.</li> <li>4. Definition of a refugee: cessation clauses.</li> <li>5. Status of refugees in accordance with international law, including the <i>non-refoulement</i> principle.</li> <li>6. Complementary protection.</li> <li>7. International law and internally displaced persons</li> </ol>	S

\* - to be filled in only for **full**-time training: *LC* - lectures; *LW* - lab work; *S* - seminars.

## 6. CLASSROOM EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

*Table 6.1. Classroom equipment and technology support requirements*

Type of academic activities	Classroom equipment	Specialised educational / laboratory equipment, software, and materials for course study (if necessary)
Lecture	Classroom for lectures, equipped with a set of specialized furniture; a set of devices including portable multimedia projector, laptop, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection.	Multimedia projector, laptop, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection. Software: Office 365 (MS Office, MS Teams), Chrome
Lab	Classroom for lab work, group and individual consultations, evaluation and assessment, equipped with a set of specialized furniture; a set of devices including portable multimedia projector, laptop, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection.	Multimedia projector, laptop, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection. Software: Office 365 (MS Office, MS Teams), Chrome
Seminars	Classroom for seminars, group and individual consultations, evaluation and assessment, equipped with a set of specialized furniture; a set of devices including portable multimedia projector, laptop, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection.	Multimedia projector, laptop, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection. Software: Office 365 (MS Office, MS Teams), Chrome
Computer classroom	Computer classroom for academic activity, group and individual consultations, evaluation and assessment, equipped with a set of specialized furniture; a set of devices including portable multimedia projector, 30 personal computers, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection.	Multimedia projector, laptop, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection. Software: Office 365 (MS Office, MS Teams), Chrome
Self-studies Classroom	Classroom for Self-studies, equipped with a set of specialized furniture; a set of devices including portable multimedia projector, laptop, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection.	Multimedia projector, laptop, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection. Software: Office 365 (MS Office, MS Teams), Chrome
Courtroom	Classroom for court hearing simulation equipped with a set of specialized furniture; a set of devices including portable multimedia projector, laptop, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection.	Multimedia projector, laptop, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection. Software: Office 365 (MS Office, MS Teams), Chrome

\* The premises for students' self-studies are subject to **MANDATORY** mention

## 7. RECOMMENDED SOURCES FOR COURSE STUDY

*Main reading (sources):*

1. Foundations of International Migration Law / ed. by [B.Opeskin](#), [R.Perruchoud](#), [J.Redpath-Cross](#). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012.
2. International Migration Law No. 34 - Glossary on Migration / IOM, 2019. URL: <https://publications.iom.int/books/international-migration-law-ndeg34-glossary-migration>
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4. Migration and Human Rights: The United Nations Convention on Migrant Workers' Rights / Ed. by Cholewinski R., Guchteneire P. de, Pécoud A. UNESCO, Cambridge University Press, 2009.
5. Basic Documents on International Migration Law / Ed. by Plender R. Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2007.
6. Compendium of International Migration Law Instruments / Ed. by Perruchoud, Tomolova K. T.M.C. Asser Press, 2007.

*Additional (optional) reading (sources):*

1. Addressing the Irregular Employment of Immigrants in the European Union: Between Sanctions and Rights / Ed. by Kupiszewski M., Mattila H. IOM, 2008.
2. Bo B.P. Immigration control, law and morality: Visa policies towards visitors and asylum seekers: An evaluation of the Norwegian visa policies within a legal and moral frame of reference. Oslo: Unipub, 2001.
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17. Higgins R. The right in international law of an individual to enter, stay in and leave a country // *International Affairs*. 1973. № 49. P. 341-357.
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21. *International Migration Law: Developing Paradigms and Key Challenges* / Ed. by Cholewinski R., Perruchoud R., MacDonald E. T.M.C. Asser Press, 2007.
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*Internet-(based) sources:*

1. Electronic libraries with access for RUDN students

- RUDN Electronic library system <http://lib.rudn.ru/MegaPro/Web>
- Electronic library system «University Library online» <http://www.biblioclub.ru>
- Electronic Library «URAIT» <http://www.biblio-online.ru>
- Electronic library system «Student. Consultant» [www.studentlibrary.ru](http://www.studentlibrary.ru)
- Electronic library system «Lan» <http://e.lanbook.com/>
- Electronic library system "Troitskyi most"

2. Databases and search engines:

- Electronic Legal and Regulatory Documentation Fund <http://docs.cntd.ru/>
- Search system Yandex <https://www.yandex.ru/>
- Search system Google <https://www.google.ru/>
- SCOPUS <http://www.elsevierscience.ru/products/scopus/>

*Training toolkit for self- studies to master the course* \*:

\* The training toolkit for self- studies to master the course is placed on the course page in the university telecommunication training and information system under the set procedure.

## **8. ASSESSMENT TOOLKIT AND GRADING SYSTEM\* FOR EVALUATION OF STUDENTS' COMPETENCES LEVEL UPON COURSE COMPLETION**

The assessment toolkit and the grading system\* to evaluate the competences formation level (competences in part) upon the course study completion are specified in the Appendix to the course syllabus.

\* The assessment toolkit and the grading system are formed on the basis of the requirements of the relevant local normative act of RUDN University (regulations / order).

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