

BIP on International Arbitration (MOOT)

3 ECTS

Blended learning activities are a combination of virtual/online learning activities and physical learning activities in the legal field. This study course was created to offer for the students an opportunity to be involved in an arbitral proceeding and take experience of the basics of international commercial arbitration.

The use of international arbitration has evolved to allow parties from different legal, linguistic and cultural backgrounds to resolve their disputes in a final and binding manner, typically without the formalities of the procedural rules of their own legal systems.

It offers several advantages over foreign litigation, including the right to a single, neutral forum and to receive an award that is readily enforceable in almost any jurisdiction.

Therefore, it is important to provide students with a combination of both basic and up-to-date knowledge, skills, competences, values and attitudes, enabling them to understand the reasons for selecting international arbitration over foreign litigation and how a typical arbitration proceeding unfolds. In the light of the above a moot court competition, simulating a court hearing, offers to the participants an opportunity to analyse a problem, research the relevant law, prepare written submissions, and present oral argument.

Course coordinator:

- Katolicki Uniwersytet Lubelski Jana Pawła II – Prof. Paweł Wrzaszcz
- Università Europea di Roma - Prof. Aniello Merone

Partners:

- Università Europea di Roma – Prof. Marco Farina;
- Universidad Francisco de Vitoria – Prof. Blas Pilar;

Assessment of the program:

The main assessment is a teamwork where students (3 for each team) are engaged with and thought deeply about interesting and topical legal issues. They will enhance their advocacy, legal research attitude, written and oral skills, working closely with and learn from their peers.

The problem is the same for all the participating teams and concerns an international sales contract governed by the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG), as well as issues of international civil procedure and international commercial arbitration. Participants are requested to draft, within the half of March, of a written Memorandum for Claimant and, within the end of March, of a written Memorandum for Respondent. Both memoranda shall be written in English. The oral hearings will take place in Madrid and are held in English as well. Each team shall plead both for the Claimant and for the Respondent, before Arbitration Tribunals composed by real arbitrators, lawyers and professors.

This project will be a great opportunity to work with your colleagues from other countries, to share your experience and gain knowledge.

Online lectures (10.01.2025 -31.03.2025), 11 weeks, MS TEAMS platform.

LECTURES	LECTURER	TIME	PARTICIPANTS
Introductory lecture: Nature and Importance of International Arbitration.	Prof. Aniello Merone	10.01.2025; 17:00 (duration - 80 min)	All groups
Sources of International Arbitration - New York Convention and Uncitral ML Arbitration Agreement	Prof. Blas Pilar	17.01.2025; 17:00 (duration - 80 min)	All groups
Arbitration Agreement	Prof. Aniello Merone	24.01.2025; 17:00 (duration - 80 min)	
Applicable Law to the Arbitration agreement	Prof. Marco Farina	31.01.2025; 17:00 (duration - 80 min)	All groups
Different types of decisions	Prof. Aniello Merone	07.02.2025; 15:00 (duration - 80 min)	All groups
Presentation of the Case (Moot-Court): brief analysis of procedural and substantive issues	Prof. Farina e Merone, Wrzaszcz, Pilar	17.02.2025; 15:00 (duration - 80 min)	All groups
General introduction to	Prof. Artemis	28.02.2025; 15:00 (duration - 80 minutes)	All groups
Recognition and Enforcement of the award	Prof. Paweł Wrzaszcz	07.03.2025; 17:00 (duration - 80 minutes)	All groups
Teams work to prepare memorandums for claimant	Proff. Farina e Merone, Wrzaszcz, Pilar	March, the exact day will specify later (duration - 60 minutes)	Teams from same university with their coach
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Teams work to prepare memorandums for respondent	Proff. Farina e Merone, Wrzaszcz, Pilar	March, the exact day will specify later (duration - 60 minutes)	Teams from same university with their coach
Teams work to prepare memorandums for respondent	Proff. Farina e Merone, Wrzaszcz, Pilar	March, the exact day will specify later (duration - 60 minutes)	Teams from same university with their coach

2. Short-term physical presence in Poland, Catholic University JPII of Lubin (21.04.2025 - 25.04.2025):

APRIL				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Arriving to Poland, Lublin, accommodation	10:00-11:30 Seminar: Guest*	10:00-11:30 Seminar: Guest*	10:00-13 :00 Visit to European Commission	10:30-12:00 FINAL ROUND
	11:30-12:00 Coffee break*	11:30-12:00 Coffee break*	13:30-15:00 Lunch*	12:00-13:30 Final evaluation and certificate award
	12:00-13:30 Students Presentation and exchange of the Statements	12:00-13:30 ROUND 2	15:00-16:30 ROUND 5	13:30-15:00 Lunch and farewell
	13:30-15:00 Lunch*	13:30-15:00 Lunch*	16:30-18:00 ROUND 6	
	15:00-17:00 Work in groups for moot rounds	15:00-16:30 ROUND 3	18:00 – 22.00 Excursion and dinner in Lublin	
17:00 – 18:30 Mentoring Workshop	17:00-18:30 ROUND 1	16:30-18:00 ROUND 4		
19:00 - 21:00 Lublin visit		18:00 – 20:00 Free time/Personal study		