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GENERAL PART FOR ALL STUDENTS

I. Theory of International law

Subject № 1.

The Theories of International law: legal formalism and beyond

1. Legal formalism (positivism).
2. Overview of the main theories of contemporary International law.
3. The New Haven School; The New 'New Haven School'; International Legal Process.
4. Global governance. Constitutionalism in International Law. Global Administrative Law.
5. International Law and Economics approaches: price theory; game theory; public choice; behavioural economics and International law.
6. Critical Legal Studies. TWAIL. Feminism.
7. Theories of Compliance with International Law: realism, liberalism and constructivism. Game theory and compliance of States with International Law.

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Subject № 2.

International Law-Making and System-Design of International law.

1. International Law-Making: traditional and alternative approaches (substance-based; process-based; impact- or effect-based; “new formalism”).
2. Politics of International Law in the writings of M. Koskeniemi. Norms of International law between normativity and concreteness.
3. Formation and identification of international customary law: two-elements structure of international customs and its critique; methods of induction, deduction and assertion in identification of international customs. New / modern / deductive customs.
4. Concept of the *jus cogens* norms: origin; positivistic and natural law explanation of its nature; examples. Relationship between *jus cogens* norms, obligations *erga omnes* (partes, proper), diplomatic protection and *jus standi* (standing).
5. Fundamental human rights and obligations under the UN Charter. Approaches of the Court of the European Union, the UN Human Rights Committee, and the European Court of Human Rights.
6. Fragmentation of International law. Principle of systemic integration. Approach of the Working group of the ILC to fragmentation and conflicts of norms in International law.

Alternative approaches to fragmentation: MSEN doctrine, “conflict of laws” approach and legal pluralism.

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Subject № 3.

Relationship between International and Domestic Law

1. Monistic and dualistic approaches to the relationship between International and domestic law and their critique.
2. Approaches of states to the relationship between International and domestic law.
3. Ways of transformation of international norms at the domestic level.
4. International norms in Russian legal system.
5. The relationship between the Constitution of the Russian Federation and norms of international law. Implementation of decisions of international courts and interstate bodies in the Russian Federation.
6. Interaction between International and national courts: problem of strategic resistance.

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II. Law of International Treaties

Subject № 1.

Contemporary Law of Treaties

1. Sources of the International Law of Treaties: treaties, customs and general principles of law.
2. Definition and legal nature of international treaties. International treaties and non-binding agreements.
3. Scope of international treaties: temporal, personal, territorial. The relationship between jurisdiction and territory. Non-retroactivity rule and its exceptions. A 'federal clause' and its implications.
4. Provisional application of treaties. Application of treaties, which did not enter into force.

5. Means and methods of interpretation of treaties. Evolutionary interpretation of treaties.
6. Reservations and interpretative declarations: validity, objections, legal effects of reservations, procedural rules applicable to reservations.
7. Validity of a treaty. Withdrawal from a treaty. Termination and suspension of a treaty.

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III. Contemporary International Economic Law

Subject № 1.

States and International Organizations as Subjects of International Economic Law

1. Subjects of International Economic Law.
2. States as subjects of International Economic Law. Legal Criteria of Statehood
3. Recognition of States and their economic rights and obligations
4. Legal personality of International Organizations and International Economic Relations
5. Other subjects of international economic law relations.

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Subject №2.

Jurisdiction in international law. Jurisdictional immunities of States and their property in International law.

1. Meaning and principles of jurisdiction in International law.
2. Extraterritorial jurisdiction in International law. Universal (civil and criminal) jurisdiction.

3. Concept of Jurisdictional immunities of States in International law and national laws of selected States.
4. Legal sources of jurisdictional immunities. UN Convention on Jurisdictional Immunities and States and their property.
5. International case-law on jurisdictional immunities. International Court of Justice, Jurisdictional Immunities of the State (Germany v. Italy: Greece Intervening).
6. National case-law on jurisdictional immunities: recent trends and challenges.
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Subject № 3.

Responsibility of States for international wrongful acts in international economic relations

1. The nature and basis of State Responsibility.
2. Sources of International Law of State Responsibility.
3. The conditions for State Responsibility.
4. Responsibility for the Acts of State Organs, Officials, and others. Attribution in International Law.
5. Circumstance precluding wrongfulness. Countermeasures.

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Subject № 4.

International Economic Law and Human Rights

1. Concept of Human Rights in International law and its limits. Legal entities as holders of Human Rights. Legal entities as addressees of obligations under International Human Rights Law.
2. The “Protect, Respect and Remedy” Framework (2008). The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (2011).
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Subject № 5.

International economic law and environmental protection

1. Special characteristics of sources of international economic law
2. State sovereignty over their natural resources and the responsibility not to cause transboundary environmental damage
3. Principle of cooperation in international environmental law
4. Precautionary principle in international environmental law
5. International legal protection of biodiversity
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IV. Law and Jurisprudence of the WTO

Subject № 1.

Legal status of the WTO

1. Objectives and functions of the WTO.
2. The Marrakesh Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization.
3. Structure and Membership of the WTO.
4. Decision-making in the WTO.
5. Interpreting of WTO law.

Subject № 2.

Non-discrimination and exceptions

1. MFN under the GATT and under the GATS.
2. NT under GATT and under the GATS.
3. General exceptions under the GATT and the GATS.
4. Security exceptions under the the GATT and the GATS.

Subject № 3.

Trade in services and intellectual property rights

1. Scope of application of the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS).
2. The Modes of Supply under the GATS.
3. Schedules of concessions under the GATS.
4. The origins and objectives of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights 1994 (TRIPS).
5. Scope of application of the TRIPS Agreement.

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V. International Investment Law

Subject № 1.

Protection of Foreign Investment: Legal Framework and Scope of Applicable Treaties

1. Definition of investment and national laws, bilateral and multilateral treaties.
2. Definition of investor. Treaty structuring and abuse of process.
3. Temporal and territorial scope of protection.
4. Key mechanisms of investor-state dispute settlement. The role and status of ICSID.

Subject № 2. Expropriation

1. Definition of expropriation. Direct and indirect expropriation.
2. Conditions of lawful expropriation: public purpose, due process, non-discriminatory nature, compensation.
3. Police powers doctrine.
4. Compensation for expropriation: standards of compensation and valuation approaches.

Subject № 3. Standards of treatment (I): Fair and Equitable Treatment, Full Protection and Security, National Treatment and MFN

1. The plurality of standards of protection under BITs. Importance of the wording and other factors that affect interpretation.
2. Minimum standard of treatment under customary international law.
3. Fair and equitable treatment and prohibition on arbitrary measures.
4. Full protection and security.
5. National treatment and the doctrine of “like circumstances”.
6. Most-favored nation treatment, Applicability of MFN to procedural rights.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW
(for students of “International trade law” track)

Subject № 1

Dispute settlement in the WTO

1. Jurisdiction of the WTO Dispute Settlement Body.
2. Stages of the WTO dispute settlement.
3. Appellate Body Crisis.
4. Enforcement of the reports of the WTO Dispute Settlement Body. Suspension of concessions.

Subject № 2

SPS and TBT measures under WTO Law

1. The scopes of application of the SPS Agreement and the TBT Agreement.
2. Harmonization obligations under Article 3.1 of the SPS Agreement. The three international standard-setting organizations in the SPS sphere explicitly recognized in the SPS Agreement. The presumption of compliance under Article 3.2. Difference between measures ‘based on’ a standard and measures which ‘conform to’ a standard’. The ‘autonomous right’ under Article 3.3.
3. The concept of ‘risk assessment’ in the SPS Agreement for food/feed-borne as opposed to other risks. The difference between ‘risk assessment’ and ‘risk management’ in international SPS standards.
4. The concept of ‘appropriate level of protection’ (ALOP) and WTO members’ obligation to establish it. The relationship between an SPS measure and an ALOP.
5. The obligations of importing and exporting WTO members under Article 6 of the SPS Agreement. The ongoing obligation under Article 6.1 and the obligation to provide ‘effective opportunity’ to make a claim under Article 6.2.
6. The legal test under Article 2.3 of the SPS Agreement. The issue of ‘relevant conditions’ in *Korea – Radionuclides*.
7. The legal test under Article 2.1 of the TBT Agreement. The *US – Clove Cigarettes* dispute: the measure at issue and panel/Appellate Body findings under Article 2.1.
8. The legal test under Article 2.2 of the TBT Agreement. The *US – Tuna II* dispute: the measure at issue and panel/Appellate Body findings under Article 2.2.

Subject № 3

Economic integration

1. Legal, economic and political reasons behind regional trade agreements proliferation. Overview of the key ongoing negotiations in relation to regional trade agreements.
2. Free trade areas, customs unions and common (single) markets: common and distinctive features, major examples.
3. Modern trends in regional economic integration. Concepts of “mega-regionals” and “deep integration”.
4. Scope of Article XXIV of the GATT. Internal and external requirements addressed to regional economic integration agreements.
5. The Enabling Clause and its operation on the modern WTO framework. Flexibilities available to less developed countries in relation to regional trade agreements.

6. Outstanding issues in the interpretation of Article XXIV of the GATT. Possibility of making regional trade agreements with non-Members to the WTO. Application of trade remedies against a regional trading partner.
7. Eurasian Economic Union: basic principles and key institutions.

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INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION
(for students of “International dispute resolution” track)

Subject № 1.
International and Cross-Border Disputes

1. Interstate vs. transnational (cross-border) dispute resolution: main similarities and differences.
2. Main theoretical approaches to the scope of transnational litigation.
3. Jurisdiction of state courts in cross-border dispute resolution: common law vs. civil law approach.
4. Jurisdiction of international courts and tribunals: *ratione materiae*, *ratione personae*, *ratione temporis*, *ratione loci*.
5. Due Process concept in international dispute resolution: basic elements, importance and legal effects.
6. Interim and protective measures in international dispute resolution: goals, types and legal effects.
7. Enforcement of international courts and tribunals' judgments: main procedures and legal effects.
8. Recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments: legal and doctrinal basis in cross-border litigation.
9. Human Rights International Litigation: courts, parties and legal effects.
10. Legal instruments of parallel proceedings prevention in transnational litigation (*Lis Pendens* and *Res Judicata* rules).
11. Interstate dispute resolution: main features.
12. Transnational (cross-border) litigation: main features.
13. Procedure in interstate litigation: main pillars and issues.

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Subject № 2.

International Investment Disputes

1. Key features of the modern system of investor-state dispute settlement. Key sources of substantive rights of foreign investors and the nature of these rights. The role and status of ICSID.
2. The key features of ICSID arbitration and status of ICSID awards. Arbitration under the UNCITRAL Rules and other non-ICSID arbitrations.
3. Assessment of legality / illegality of investors' behavior in investor-state arbitration
4. Damages and compensation in investor-state arbitration. Valuation approaches. Factors mitigating the amount of compensation.
5. Recognition and enforcement of investor-state arbitral awards. Annulment of awards under the ICSID Convention.
6. The ongoing process of investor-state dispute settlement reform. The role of UNCITRAL and other institutions.

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Subject № 3.
International Commercial Arbitration

1. International commercial arbitration: principles, forms, essential characteristics.
2. Arbitration agreement: autonomy, formal and substantial requirements.
3. Seat of arbitration: importance and consequences of choice.
4. Parties to an arbitration agreement and non-signatures in proceedings.
5. Multiparty and multi-contract arbitration.
6. Arbitration procedure: major steps.
7. Arbitration award: types, content, confidentiality, correction.
8. Challenges to an award. Recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards.

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Subject № 4.
Contemporary problems of international dispute resolution

1. Justiciability and “Political Issue” doctrines in international dispute resolution.
2. Methods of interpretation of law by national and international tribunals; key interpretative canons. Modern textualism.
3. Concept of “Living” documents in the practice of international tribunals.

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Each student will get one question from the general part and one question from the special part depending on the track he/she studies. Answer to question(s) should contain (if appropriate) definition and main content of a legal concept, sources of regulation, contemporary issues, overview of the relevant case-law.

An overall assessment formula comprises a sum total of the following variables:
 $(\text{answer to the first question}) * 0.5 + (\text{answer to the second question}) * 0.5 = \text{final grade}.$

Assessment criteria for written exam

<i>10-point scale</i>	<i>Assessment criteria</i>
10 points	The answer is characterized by clear logic and knowledge of the material far beyond the obligatory content of the discipline. Excellent understanding of each question above scope of master program. Links to academic sources are given - monographs and articles. Its own position on certain problems of international economic law has been substantiated. Outstanding knowledge of the basic terminology of international economic law, excellent knowledge of relevant case-law
9 points	All questions are answered correctly and accurately. The knowledge of the problems of international economic law is persuasively demonstrated above scope of master program. Excellent and impressive knowledge of the basic terminology of international economic law, the ability to reveal and apply the legal concepts of international economic law, excellent knowledge of relevant case-law.
8 points	The questions are disclosed quite fully and correctly. Excellent knowledge of the basic terminology of international economic law, the ability to reveal and apply the legal concepts of international economic law, knowledge of relevant case-law
7 points	The questions are fully and correctly disclosed. Good knowledge of the basic terminology of international economic law. However, some defects in the logic and content of the answers still do not allow to evaluate it as “excellent”.
6 points	The questions are disclosed rather fully and correctly. The terminology of international economic law is well understood. But there was a number of defects in the logic and content of the answers
5 points	On the whole, the answers to the questions were given correctly, but a number of serious defects in the logic and content of the answers do not allow a good assessment. The basic terminology of international economic law is understood.

4 points	On the whole, the answers to the questions are correct, but incomplete. The logic of the answers is not well built. A number of important details are missing or, on the contrary, the answer raised extraneous questions. The basic terminology of international economic law is generally understood.
3 points	Some fragmentary correct thoughts still do not allow a positive assessment, since there are significant gaps in knowledge and the discipline as a whole has not been mastered.

2 points

Student does not know a single question to the end, gets confused in the basic concepts of international economic law, is not able to reveal the content of the basic terms.

0-1 point

Knowledge of the discipline is completely lacking.

LIST OF TOPICS FOR STATE EXAMINATION:

GENERAL PART

1. Legal formalism (positivism) as a mainstream theory of International law: history, content, strong and weak features, and functions.
2. The New Haven School, The New “New Haven School” and International Legal Process as Theories of International law: scholars, content, strong and weak features.
3. Global governance approaches to International law (constitutionalism in International Law and ‘Global Administrative Law’): scholars, content, strong and weak features.
4. International Law and Economics approaches in International law (price theory; game theory; public choice; behavioural economics and International law): scholars, content, strong and weak features.
5. Critical Legal Studies in International law: scholars, streams, content, strong and weak features.
6. Formation and identification of international customary law.
7. Concept of the *jus cogens* norms: origin; nature; examples. The relationship between *jus cogens* norms, obligations *erga omnes* (partes, proper), diplomatic protection and *jus standi* (standing).
8. Fragmentation of International law. Principle of systemic integration. MSEN doctrine, “conflict of laws” approach and legal pluralism.
9. Monistic and dualistic approaches to the relationship between International and domestic law and their critique. Approaches of states to the relationship between International and domestic law. Ways of transformation of international norms at the domestic level.
10. International norms in the Russian legal system. The relationship between the Constitution of the Russian Federation and norms of international law. Implementation of decisions of international courts and interstate bodies in the Russian Federation.
11. Theories of Compliance with International Law (realism, liberalism and constructivism): scholars, content, strong and weak features.
12. Sources of the Law of Treaties and their correlation. The scope of application of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties.
13. International treaties and non-binding agreements: notions and distinction.
14. Scope of international treaties: temporal, personal, territorial. Non-retroactivity rule and its exceptions. A ‘federal clause’ and its implications.
15. Provisional application of international treaties. Obligation not to defeat object and purpose of the treaty.
16. General rule of interpretation of international treaties. Means and methods of interpretation of international treaties.
17. Reservations and interpretative declarations: validity, objections, legal effects of reservations and objections, procedural rules applicable to reservations.
18. International treaties: validity, withdrawal, termination, suspension.
19. Subjects of International Economic Law. States as subjects of International Economic Law. Legal Criteria of Statehood. Recognition of States and their economic rights and obligations.
20. Meaning and types of jurisdiction in International law. Extraterritorial jurisdiction in International law.

21. Concept of Jurisdictional immunities of States in International law and national laws of selected States. Legal sources of jurisdictional immunities. The UN Convention on Jurisdictional Immunities and States and their property.
22. Exceptions to Jurisdictional Immunities. Terrorism exception.
23. The nature and legal basis of State Responsibility. Sources of International Law of State Responsibility.
24. The conditions for State Responsibility. Responsibility for the Acts of State Organs, Officials, and others. Attribution in International Law.
25. Circumstances precluding wrongfulness. Countermeasures. Relevant practice of states and recent challenges.
26. Concept of Human Rights in International law and its limits. Legal entities as holders of Human Rights. Legal entities as addressees of obligations under International Human Rights Law. Content of the Draft of a legally binding instrument on business and human rights.
27. The “Protect, Respect and Remedy” Framework (2008). The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (2011). Corporate human rights due diligence.
28. Interconnection between International Economic Law and International Environmental Law. Prevention of global environmental problems and transboundary environmental harm from economic activities.
29. Current inter-state economic disputes concerning environmental protection. Overview of the main case law, description of facts, main arguments and relevant conclusions.
30. Describe institutional structure of the WTO (including composition and authority of the bodies).
31. Decision-making in the WTO. Describe the process and main stages.
32. Most-favoured nation principle (MFN) under the GATT. Describe content of the principle, give examples.
33. National treatment (NT) under the GATT. Describe content of the principle, give examples.
34. Notion of “Like products” under WTO law. Describe content, give examples.
35. Notion of the “Single Undertaking” under the WTO law. Describe content, give examples.
36. General exceptions under the GATT. Provide definition, content, give examples.
37. Security exceptions under the WTO law. Provide definition, content, give examples.
38. Name and describe modes of supply under the GATS.
39. MFN treatment under the GATS (distinguish with the GATT, explain the difference).
40. NT under the GATS (distinguish with the GATT, explain the difference).
41. What are Schedules of specific commitments under the GATS? Provide definition, content, give examples.
42. General provisions and basic principles of the TRIPS Agreement.
43. Definition of investment in national laws, bilateral and multilateral treaties. Objective meaning of investment.
44. Definition of investor. Defining the nationality of foreign investors. Provide examples from case law.

45. Definition of expropriation. Direct expropriation, indirect expropriation, measures tantamount to expropriation. Conditions of lawfulness of expropriation and difference between lawful and unlawful expropriation.

46. Fair and Equitable Treatment. Correlation between FET and the minimum standard of treatment under customary international law. The doctrine of legitimate expectations. Police powers doctrine.

47. National treatment and MFN in investment treaties. The concept of like circumstances.

48. Assessment of legality / illegality of investors' behavior in investor-state arbitration

49. Damages and compensation in investor-state arbitration. Valuation approaches. Factors mitigating the amount of compensation.

50. Key mechanisms of investor-state dispute settlement.

51. Recognition and enforcement of investor-state arbitral awards. Describe possible ways and identify problems.

52. Consent of the state party to be bound by the arbitration agreement/award in investor-state arbitration. Arbitration without privity. Explain, give examples, provide case law.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW

1. Understanding of Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes: basic principles.

2. Jurisdiction of the WTO Dispute Settlement Body.

3. Access to the WTO dispute settlement system.

4. Stages of the WTO dispute settlement.

5. Future challenges to WTO dispute settlement.

6. Appellate Body Crisis. Reasons. Possible solutions.

7. Arbitration under Article 25 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding. Multiparty Interim Appeal Arbitration Arrangement.

8. Reform of the Dispute Settlement Understanding. Main issues.

9. Interim and final panel reports. Appellate Body report. Arbitration award.

10. Enforcement of the reports of the WTO Dispute Settlement Body. Suspension of concessions.

11. The scopes of application of the SPS Agreement and the TBT Agreement.

12. The relationship between Articles 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 of the SPS Agreement according to the Appellate Body jurisprudence.

13. The difference between 'risk assessment' and 'risk management' in international SPS standards ('the three sisters'). The role of risk management under Article 5.1 of the SPS Agreement according to the Appellate Body jurisprudence.

14. The legal test under Article 2.1 of the TBT Agreement according to the Appellate Body jurisprudence.

15. The elements of the assessment of 'necessity' under Article 2.2 of the TBT Agreement according to the Appellate Body jurisprudence.

16. Exceptions to the general MFN rule in the field of trade in goods.

17. Legal, economic and political reasons behind regional trade agreements proliferation. Overview of the key ongoing negotiations in relation to regional trade agreements.

18. Free trade areas, customs unions and common (single) markets: common and distinctive features, major examples.
19. Modern trends in regional economic integration. Concepts of “mega-regionals” and “deep integration”.
20. Differences between the EU customs union and the EEA. ‘Hard’ and ‘Soft’ Brexit. Other major economic integration agreements concluded by the EU.
21. Scope of Article XXIV of the GATT. Internal and external requirements addressed to regional economic integration agreements.
22. Restrictive regulations of commerce permitted to be implemented between parties to regional trade agreements in the field of trade in goods and services.
23. WTO rules on MFN and regional trade liberalization in the field of services trade. Article V of the GATS.
24. The Enabling Clause and its operation on the modern WTO framework. Flexibilities available to less developed countries in relation to regional trade agreements.
25. Outstanding issues in the interpretation of Article XXIV of the GATT. Possibility of making regional trade agreements with non-Members to the WTO. Application of trade remedies against a regional trading partner.
26. Major international organizations and agreements with the participation of the former USSR republics. The CIS Free Trade Agreement and the trade relations between the Russian Federation and Ukraine.
27. Eurasian Economic Union: basic principles and key institutions.
28. The Court of the Eurasian Economic Union and the WTO law within the system of the legal system of the Eurasian Economic Union.
29. Parallel proceedings before international trade tribunals. Applicability of *res judicata* and *lis pendens* principles.
30. Forum shopping before international trade tribunals and international investment tribunals: key legal issues and approaches.

INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION

1. Key features of the modern system of investor-state dispute settlement. Key sources of substantive rights of foreign investors and the nature of these rights. The role and status of ICSID.
2. The key features of ICSID arbitration and status of ICSID awards. Arbitration under the UNCITRAL Rules and other non-ICSID arbitrations.
3. Recognition and enforcement of ICSID awards. Annulment of awards under the ICSID Convention.
4. The ongoing process of investor-state dispute settlement reform. The role of UNCITRAL and other institutions.
5. Interstate dispute resolution: courts and tribunals, basic principles, legal effects.
6. Do you agree with the idea that there are «a classic» and «a new» generations of international courts and tribunals? Substantiate your answer.
7. International Human Rights Litigation: courts, parties and legal effects.
8. Procedures in interstate dispute resolution: legal bases and common principles.
9. Briefly describe the criteria of jurisdiction of international courts and tribunals: *ratione materiae*, *ratione personae*, *ratione temporis*, *ratione loci*.

10. Due Process and Fair Trial concept in international dispute resolution: what do they have in common?
11. Jurisdiction of domestic courts in cross-border dispute resolution: common law vs. civil law approach.
12. Legal instruments of parallel proceedings prevention in cross-border litigation.
13. Res judicata rules in common law and civil law jurisdictions: similarities and divergences.
14. Enforcement of interstate courts and tribunals' judgments: main procedures and legal effects.
15. Legal grounds for recognition and enforcement of domestic courts' judgments in cross-border disputes.
16. Public policy as a ground for refusal of recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards and domestic courts' decisions in cross-border disputes.
17. Strategic Litigation in International Context: origins, jurisdiction issues, impact on international law and politics.
18. Professional Ethics and Conduct in International Procedure: regulation and modern trends
19. International commercial arbitration: principles, forms, essential characteristics.
20. Arbitration agreement: autonomy, formal and substantial requirements.
21. Doctrine of separability in international commercial arbitration.
22. Seat of arbitration: importance and consequences of choice.
23. Parties to an arbitration agreement and non-signatures in proceedings.
24. Multiparty arbitration. Multi-contract arbitration.
25. Arbitration procedure: major steps.
26. Arbitration award: types, content, confidentiality, correction.
27. Challenges to an award. Recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards.
28. Justiciability and "Political Issue" doctrines in international dispute resolution.
29. Methods of interpretation of law by national and international tribunals; key interpretative canons. Modern textualism.
30. Concept of "Living" documents in the practice of international tribunals.