



ANTI-CORRUPTION STUDIES

THE MASTER'S PROGRAM

COURSE

**INTERNATIONAL
ANTI-CORRUPTION
STANDARDS AND
GOOD PRACTICES**

2024/25



Цей навчальний курс став можливим завдяки фінансовій підтримки Міжнародного фонду «Відродження». Зміст цього навчального курсу не обов'язково відображає погляди Міжнародного Фонду «Відродження».

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Course description:

The aim of the course is to learn about international anti-corruption standards, as well as their implementation. To be more specific, the students are going to have an in-depth study of the cases of the globally recognised good practices of addressing corruption by foreign countries. Likewise, the course focuses on brainstorming the best solutions currently applicable to Ukraine, especially at the regional level.

Course objectives

At the completion of the course, you will:

- ▷ (1) know international anti-corruption legal instruments, likewise other relevant documents, the anti-corruption standards (ACS) are rooted from;
- ▷ (2) understand how these instruments as well as their monitoring mechanisms work;
- ▷ (3) have a clear vision of the ways of hands-on implementing the international ACS to particular national, or local, context;
- ▷ (4) be able to evaluate the compliance with the international ACS, and to form specific recommendations for addressing non-compliance found.

Extra points are not allowed in this course except the ones that are foreseen in the course.

SCHEDULE

Class	Topic	Date and time	
1-2	Democracy, Rule of Law, and Anti-corruption. OECD Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions Council of Europe's anti-corruption conventions, and other relevant documents. United Nations Convention against corruption.	14 Feb 2025	18:00 – 20:50 Kyiv time
3-4	Conventional monitoring mechanisms: OECD, GRECO, UNODC.	28 Feb 2025	18:00 – 20:50
5-7	Anti-Corruption Policy	15 March 2025	10:00 – 14:50
8-10	Anti-Corruption Bodies Codes of conduct Civil service	29 March 2025	10:00 – 14:50
11-12	Political funding Management of public finance Anti-corruption awareness raising and education	18 April 2025	18:00 – 20:50
13-14	Civil society involvement Private sector	26 April 2025	10:00 – 12:50
15	Final Test	26 April 2025	13:30-14:50

Course Format

The course will combine lectures, case studies, workshops, presentations.

Course materials

Power-Point slides
Handouts

COURSE TOPIC OUTLINE

The list of topics is tentative. The speed at which material is covered and to some extent content will be determined endogenously as the course progresses. Therefore, I reserve the right to make any changes to the course outline at any time. Announcements will be made in class for upcoming topics to be covered.

The approach to generalization of the international anti-corruption standards, that is applied by the course developer to the formulation of the course structure and context (in particular topics for the classes 7-12), reflects solely the course developer's view, and the ACREC is not responsible for any sign of criticism in that regard.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

All students in this course are expected to adhere to standards of academic integrity. Cheating, plagiarism, misrepresentation, and other forms of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to: turning in written work that was prepared by someone other than you, making minor modifications to the work of someone else and turning it in as your own, or engaging in misrepresentation in seeking a postponement or extension, presenting somebody's else thoughts, ideas, conclusions, findings etc. as your own, manipulation with information, non-fact-checking, failure to refer to the resources of information (idea, thought, finding etc). Ignorance will not be permitted as an excuse to ask for clarification.

Rules during the lesson:

Please, turn off your phones during the classes and come in kindly in time. Do your best to express your comments, suggestions, arguments, concerns in absolutely polite, not abusive manner. Give reasonable grounds. Be tolerant and open for opposite views.

Ethical rules for writing tasks:

All students must work on researches individually. Students are required to make references in their work and cite all sources and publications. Research without references is considered to be plagiarism. Plagiarism is unacceptable and will lead to the loss of the right to receive credits for the course.

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COURSE RULES AND REQUIREMENTS:

Unlike the Bachelor's Program, the Master's Program attendance policy at the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy imposes on students the obligation to attend classes regularly and punctually. I will take attendance. You will be required to sign in at each class session. My teaching experience proves that there is a strong connection between poor attendance and poor performance which consequently leads to low class grades. Chronic absence (three or more classes) will result in a failing grade, regardless of your performance on individual assignments. Make up opportunities for missing classes are not allowed.

The course will be conducted largely as a workshop, which means that most of our class time should be devoted to training. In addition, the course involves much brainstorming discussions, and the writing and presenting a research project. Class participation is absolutely essential. Although no particular background in the best anti-corruption practices is expected. It is also absolutely essential that you participate actively in class deliberations. Class participation will be graded and the quality of participation will be instrumental in improving the final grade for the class. It is very important to clarify your thoughts and concerns.

Among the main objectives of this course are not only to help you develop your understanding of the materials through Socratic dialogue and class discussion, but also to help you to argue and defend a position before your peers.

The grades will be based on the following distribution:

Assignments accomplished during classes	Scores
14 Feb 2025	10
28 Feb 2025	10
15 March 2025	15
29 March 2025	15
18 April 2025	10
26 April 2025	15
Final Test	25
Total grade	100

Evaluation. Course rules and requirements. Grade for the course:

ECTS Grade	Scores (Points)	Signification
A	91-100	Excellent
B	81-90	Very Good
C	71-80	Good
D	66-70	Satisfactory
E	60-65	Sufficient
F	30-59	Insufficient
F	0-29	Failed



PLAN OF THE COURSE

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CLASS 1-2.

DEMOCRACY, RULE OF LAW, AND ANTI-CORRUPTION. OECD CONVENTION ON COMBATING BRIBERY OF FOREIGN PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S ANTI-CORRUPTION CONVENTIONS, AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS. UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION.

Plan:

- ① Introduction into the course.
- ② What do we mean by international anti-corruption standards? What are they defined by?
- ③ OECD Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions
- ④ Case study of the recognized best practices of its implementation: Lithuania, the Netherlands, Germany, Norway, the United Kingdom, the United States, Finland, Switzerland.
- ⑤ Council of Europe's anti-corruption conventions, and other relevant documents.
- ⑥ United Nations Convention against corruption

Resources

- ① On combating bribery of foreign public officials in international business transactions and Related Documents : Convention of 21.11.1997. URL: https://www.oecd.org/daf/anti-bribery/ConvCombatBribery_ENG.pdf (date of access: 02.05.2021).
- ② Про міжнародні договори України : Закон України від 29.06.2004 р. № 1906-IV. URL: https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/1906-15?find=1&text=конвенція#w1_1 (дата звернення: 14.05.2021).
- ③ A Resource Guide to the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act Second Edition By the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice and the Enforcement Division of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
- ④ <https://www.justice.gov/criminal-fraud/fcpa-resource-guide> and <https://www.sec.gov/spotlight/fcpa/fcpa-resource-guide.pdf>. <https://www.justice.gov/criminal-fraud/file/1292051/download>
- ⑤ Revised recommendation of the Council on combating bribery in international business transactions : of 23.05.1997 no. C/M(97)12/Prov. URL: [https://www.oecd.org/officialdocuments/publicdisplaydocumentpdf/?cote=C\(97\)123/FINAL&docLanguage=En](https://www.oecd.org/officialdocuments/publicdisplaydocumentpdf/?cote=C(97)123/FINAL&docLanguage=En).
- ⑥ On Twenty Guiding Principles for the Fight Against Corruption: Resolution of the Council of Europe of 06.11.1997 no. [97]24. URL: <https://rm.coe.int/16806cc17c> (date of access: 30.04.2021).
- ⑦ Council of Europe Criminal Law Convention on Corruption: Convention of 27.01.1999 no. ETS No.173. URL: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/conventions/search-on-treaties/-/conventions/treaty/173>.
- ⑧ Council of Europe Additional Protocol to the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption: Additional Protocol of 15.05.2003 no. ETS No. 191. URL: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/conventions/search-on-treaties/-/conventions/treaty/191>.
- ⑨ Council of Europe Civil Law Convention on Corruption: Convention of 04.11.1999 no. ETS No.174. URL: <https://rm.coe.int/168007f3f6> (date of access: 24.10.2021).

- 👁️ United Nations Convention Against Corruption: Convention. URL: https://www.unodc.org/documents/treaties/UNCAC/Publications/Convention/08-50026_E.pdf.
- 👁️ Technical guide to the United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York: United Nations, 2009. 240 p. URL : https://www.unodc.org/documents/corruption/Technical_Guide_UNCAC.pdf.
- 👁️ Legislative guide for the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York: United Nations, 2006. 300 p. URL: https://www.unodc.org/pdf/corruption/CoC_LegislativeGuide.pdf.
- 👁️ Hechler H., Huter M., Scaturro R. UNCAC in a nutshell 2019 A quick guide to the United Nations Convention against Corruption for donor agency and embassy staff. U4 AntiCorruption Resource Centre, Chr. Michelsen Institute (U4 Guide 2019:2), 2019. 29 p., p. 2. URL : <https://www.u4.no/publications/uncac-in-a-nutshell-2019.pdf>.



Useful resources:

- 👁️ OECD: Country reports on the implementation of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention, <http://www.oecd.org/daf/anti-bribery/countryreports-on-the-implementation-of-the-oecd-anti-bribery-convention.htm>.

CLASS 3-4.

CONVENTIONAL MONITORING MECHANISMS: OECD, GRECO, UNODC.

Plan:

- Who evaluates practices and determines that they are “good”, or even “the best”? Conventional monitoring mechanisms: OECD, GRECO.

Resources

- The partial and enlarged agreement establishing the “Group of states against corruption – GRECO” : Resolution of the Council of Europe of 05.05.1998 no. (98) 7. URL: <https://rm.coe.int/16806cd24f>.
- Rules of procedure: Decision Adopted by GRECO at its 1st plenary meeting (Strasbourg, 4-6 October 1999). URL: <https://rm.coe.int/16806cd443>.
- Ad hoc procedures (Rule 34). Group of States against Corruption. URL: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/greco/ad-hoc-procedure-rule-34-> (date of access: 03.06.2021).

Useful resources:

- Council of Europe: Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) Evaluations, <https://www.coe.int/en/web/greco/evaluations>.
- OECD: Country reports on the implementation of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention, <http://www.oecd.org/daf/anti-bribery/countryreportsontheimplementationoftheoecdantibriberyconvention.htm>.
- OECD: Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, <http://www.oecd.org/corruption/acn/>.
- OECD: Istanbul Anti-corruption Action Plan, <http://www.oecd.org/corruption/acn/istanbulactionplan/>.

CLASS 5-7.

ANTI-CORRUPTION POLICY.

Plan:

- 👁 Conventional monitoring mechanisms: UNODC
- 👁 International standards for anti-corruption preventive measures, and good practices: anticorruption policy
- 👁 Case study: Albania, the UK.



Resources

- 👁 Terms of reference of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption : Resolution 3/1 of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption. URL : https://www.unodc.org/documents/congress/background-information/Corruption/Mechanism_for_the_Review_of_Implementation_-_Basic_Documents_-_E.pdf
- 👁 Technical guide to the United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York : United Nations, 2009. 240 p. URL : https://www.unodc.org/documents/corruption/Technical_Guide_UNCAC.pdf.
- 👁 Legislative guide for the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York: United Nations, 2006. 300 p. URL: https://www.unodc.org/pdf/corruption/CoC_LegislativeGuide.pdf.
- 👁 Anti-corruption reforms in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Paris : OECD, 2019. 418 p //// URL : <https://www.oecd.org/corruption/Anti-Corruption-Reforms-Eastern-Europe-Central-Asia-2016-2019-ENG.pdf>



Useful resources:

- 👁 Council of Europe: Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) Evaluations, <https://www.coe.int/en/web/greco/evaluations>.
- 👁 Financial Action Task Force (FATF): Mutual Evaluations, <https://www.fatf-gafi.org/publications/mutualevaluations>. Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and Asian Development Bank (ADB): Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia-Pacific, <http://www.oecd.org/site/adboecdanti-corruptioninitiative/>.
- 👁 OECD: Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, <http://www.oecd.org/corruption/acn/>.
- 👁 OECD: Istanbul Anti-corruption Action Plan, <http://www.oecd.org/corruption/acn/istanbulactionplan/>.
- 👁 Open Government Partnership: Members, <https://www.opengovpartnership.org/our-members/>.
- 👁 Organisation of American States (OAS): Reports of the States Parties to the OAS Anticorruption Mechanism (MESICIC), <http://www.oas.org/en/sla/dlc/mesicic/paiseshome.html>.

CLASS 8-10.

ANTI-CORRUPTION BODIES. CODES OF CONDUCT. CIVIL SERVICE.

Plan:

- 🕒 International standards for anti-corruption preventive measures: by principle of integrity through transparency and accountability.
- 🕒 Case study of good practices:
 - ▷ (1) Codes of conduct: conflict of interest, asset and interest disclosure (Georgia, France), post-employment restrictions, gifts (the UK, Lithuania, the Netherlands);
 - ▷ (2) Reporting and whistleblowing (Latvia, Norway, Lithuania).
- 🕒 International standards for anti-corruption preventive measures, and good practices: anticorruption bodies
- 🕒 Case study: France.

Resources

- 🕒 Technical guide to the United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York : United Nations, 2009. 240 p. URL : https://www.unodc.org/documents/corruption/Technical_Guide_UNCAC.pdf.
- 🕒 Legislative guide for the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York: United Nations, 2006. 300 p. URL: https://www.unodc.org/pdf/corruption/CoC_LegislativeGuide.pdf.
- 🕒 Recommendation Rec(2001)10 of the Committee of Ministers to member states on the European Code of Police Ethics : Recommendation adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 19 September 2001 at the 765th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies. URL: https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?ObjectID=09000016805e297e.
- 🕒 Anti-corruption reforms in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Paris : OECD, 2019. 418 p. URL : <https://www.oecd.org/corruption/Anti-Corruption-Reforms-Eastern-Europe-Central-Asia-2016-2019-ENG.pdf>
- 🕒 Stolen Asset Recovery Assistance (StAR) (2017): Getting the Full Picture on Public Officials – A How-To Guide for Effective Financial Disclosure, <https://star.worldbank.org/sites/star/files/getting-the-full-picture-on-public-officials-how-to-guide.pdf>.
- 🕒 Transparency International (2015): Topic Guide: Codes of Conduct – The Role of Income and Asset Disclosure in Anti-Corruption, <https://knowledgehub.transparency.org/guide/topicguide-on-interest-and-asset-disclosure/5361>.
- 🕒 Transparency International (2015): Topic Guide: Interest and Asset Disclosure – Standards and Guidelines, <https://knowledgehub.transparency.org/guide/topic-guide-on-interest-and-asset-disclosure/5867>.
- 🕒 UNODC, IFES and OSCE-ODIHR (2019): Expert Group Meeting – Transparency in Political Finance, https://www.unodc.org/documents/corruption/PragueEGM2019/Report_EGM_Transparency_in_Political_Finance_Prague.pdf.

- 👁️ Рекомендація N Rec (2003) 4 Комітету міністрів Ради Європи державам-членам «Про загальні правила боротьби з корупцією при фінансуванні політичних партій і виборчих кампаній» : Рек. Ради Європи від 08.04.2003 р. № Rec(2003)4. URL: https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/994_867 (дата звернення: 02.06.2021).
- 👁️ Doublet Y.-M. Fighting Corruption Political funding. CoE. 57 p. URL: <https://rm.coe.int/CoERMPublicCommonSearchServices/DisplayDCTMContent?documentId=09000016806cbff2>.
- 👁️ Jakarta Statement on Principles for AntiCorruption Agencies (2012): https://www.unodc.org/documents/corruption/WG-PreventionArt_6_Preventive_anticorruption_bodies/JAKARTA_STATEMENT_en.pdf.
- 👁️ Transparency International (2018): AntiCorruption Agency Assessment Tool and the Jakarta Principles, https://www.transparency.org/files/content/activity/2018_Jakarta_Principles_and_TI_ACA_Tool.pdf.



Useful resources:

- 👁️ Council of Europe: Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) Evaluations, <https://www.coe.int/en/web/greco/evaluations>.
- 👁️ OECD Anti-Corruption and Integrity Hub, <https://www.oecd.org/corruption-integrity/reports/oecd-public-integrity-handbook-ac8ed8e8-en.html>

CLASS 11-12.

POLITICAL FUNDING. MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC FINANCE. ANTI- CORRUPTION AWARENESS RAISING AND EDUCATION.

Plan:

- ▶ International standards for anti-corruption preventive measures: by the principles of participatory democracy, inter alia, public participation for efficiency, transparency and accountability.
- ▶ Case study of good practices: Management of public finance (countries TBC).
- ▶ Basic concepts of political funding.
- ▶ Prohibiting corporate funding: the case of France.
- ▶ Standards on anti-corruption awareness raising, and education.



Resources

- ▶ Technical guide to the United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York : United Nations, 2009. 240 p. URL : https://www.unodc.org/documents/corruption/Technical_Guide_UNCAC.pdf.
- ▶ Legislative guide for the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York: United Nations, 2006. 300 p. URL: https://www.unodc.org/pdf/corruption/CoC_LegislativeGuide.pdf.
- ▶ Anti-corruption reforms in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Paris : OECD, 2019. 418 p. URL : <https://www.oecd.org/corruption/Anti-Corruption-Reforms-Eastern-Europe-Central-Asia-2016-2019-ENG.pdf>
- ▶ Recommendation of the Council for Further Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions : of 26.11.2009. URL: <https://www.oecd.org/corruption/anti-bribery/OECD-Anti-BriberyRecommendation-ENG.pdf>.



Useful resources:

- ▶ Council of Europe: Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) Evaluations, <https://www.coe.int/en/web/greco/evaluations>.
- ▶ Open Government Partnership: Members, <https://www.opengovpartnership.org/our-members/> .
- ▶ OECD: Country reports on the implementation of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention, <http://www.oecd.org/daf/anti-bribery/countryreportsontheimplementationoftheoecdantibriberyconvention.htm>

CLASS 13-14. CIVIL SOCIETY INVOLVEMENT. PRIVATE SECTOR.

Plan:

- ④ Standards on the participation of civil society in anti-corruption.
- ④ Standards on the prevention of corruption in the private sector.
- ④ Cooperation between national authorities and the private sector.
- ④ Forms of corruption in the private sector.

CLASS 15

Final Test

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