

## MOE3050 Data Protection Law

### Extended syllabus

### Autumn 2024

<b>Course aims/objectives:</b>	After successfully passing of the subject student: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- has acquired an overview of principles of privacy and informational self-determination;</li><li>- knows which laws regulate personal data processing and protection;</li><li>- orientates in laws related to privacy, personal data protection and freedom of information</li><li>- is able to use acquired knowledge in practice to resolve legal questions and problems;</li><li>- knows the methodology of resolving cases violating privacy.</li></ul>
<b>Learning outcomes:</b>	General objective of the subject is to give a comprehensive overview of legal grounds in the privacy, personal data protection and freedom of information
<b>Brief description of the course (topics):</b>	Course provides students with the knowledge of principles of privacy and informational self-determination. For this purpose, from the legal point of view different approaches to privacy and informational self-determination are studied. Additionally, students will receive the knowledge of related case law, EU data protection authorities' approaches and the opinions of international cooperation bodies during the course.
<b>Language of the course:</b>	English
<b>ECTS credits:</b>	6 ECTS
<b>Coverage of SDGs and ERS (sustainable development goals, ethics, responsibility and sustainability):</b>	SDGs 4, 5 and 16 are discussed in the data protection and privacy context.
<b>Special needs:</b>	Persons with disabilities can participate in this course. Please inform the professor in the beginning of the course of any special instruction, or assessments of this course that may be necessary to enable you to fully participate in this course.
<b>Students:</b>	This is a compulsory course for students studying on HAJB programme.
<b>Registration:</b>	Students who would like to take the course should declare the course in the ÖIS (Student Information System) by deadlines set in the academic calendar.
<b>Prerequisite resources</b>	MS Office programmes. For free student download see the instructions <a href="https://confluence.ttu.ee/it-info/it-arvuti-ja-oppetoeoekoht/tarkvara/microsoft-office-kodukasutus">https://confluence.ttu.ee/it-info/it-arvuti-ja-oppetoeoekoht/tarkvara/microsoft-office-kodukasutus</a>
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<b>Contacting Professor(s):</b>	<a href="#">Preferred means of contact is e-mail, responses provided mostly within 5 workdays.</a>
<b>Schedule for classes:</b>	Week 2–4 and 6–8, Thursday at 17.45 – 20:00 in SOC-211a.
<b>Study process description:</b>	E-learning format combined with physical lectures. Study material and more specific guidance and more specific evaluation criteria for the course (presentation and

assignment) will be uploaded to the Moodle e-learning environment. Individual/small group meetings possible upon request.

**Course’s e-support:**

Course materials can be accessed via the e-learning environment Moodle under the course title MOE3050 Data Protection Law  
<https://moodle.taltech.ee/course/view.php?id=30874>  
 Students can enroll to the course themselves using the password: MOE3050DpL

**Study literature:**

Mandatory readings:

1. Handbook on European Data Protection Law – 2018 edition  
 (https://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra\_uploads/fra-coe-edps-2018-handbook-data-protection\_en.pdf)
2. Guidelines of European Data Protection Board (EDPB) – more specific indication to documents brought out in the course slides

Additional voluntary readings:

1. “Determann's Field Guide to Data Privacy Law International Corporate Compliance”, 4th edition 2020
2. “The EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR): A Commentary”, mixed media available at the UniLibrary
3. Thomas J. Shaw “DPO handbook : data protection officers under the GDPR”
4. European Data Protection Law Review articles (<https://edpl.lexxion.eu/>)

**ASSESSMENT**

Examination

Assessment methods	Assessment criteria
Team's powerpoint presentation	max 40 points. Students choose a presentation topic during the first introduction lecture. Deadline for sending presentation: 24 hours before presentation in the class (if the deadline is missed and the team of student send presentation later, then the final grade will be one grade lower)
Written exam	Max 60 points 6 questions written exam (1 question from each topic/lecture). Each correct answer is worth 10 points (it is possible to achieve 6x10=60 points in total). NOT an open-book exam!
<b>Final grade formation:</b>	Team presentation 40 points Written exam 60 points  The sum of points is converted into a grade using the following principles: “5” excellent 91-100 “4” very good 81-90 “3” good 71-80 “2” satisfactory 61-70 “1” poor 51-60 “0” fail less than 51

**Eligibility for assessment:**

To be eligible for the exam, the student has to be present and take part of presenting the team’s presentation.

**Academic integrity:**

As a student at TalTech School of Business and Governance, you have an obligation to conduct your academic work with honesty and integrity according to University standards. It is expected that all work that you submit will be your own, and that you have actually done the work that you are submitting. Plagiarism and cheating will not

be tolerated. Should you be found to be guilty of such activities, it will be followed with grade “0” for the assignment or the whole course and a notice will be filed to the School’s Committee for Handling Violations of Academic Practice and Contemptible Behaviour. Depending on the Committee’s proposal, it may lead to Dean issuing a letter of reprimand or in case of repeated or very severe misconduct, exmatriculation from the University.

## Detailed schedule and topics

The semester plan is preliminary and might be changed in case of cancellations, changes in available reading material, etc.

### **Lectures (2h15min) take place from academic week 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> + 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> academic week at TalTech premises, room SOC-211a:**

- **1st lecture (2<sup>nd</sup> academic week, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024)** - Introduction to the course and EU personal data protection law; Personal data processing principles
- **2nd lecture (3<sup>rd</sup> academic week, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024)**- Lawful basis for personal data processing – related problems, case law, regulations
- **3rd lecture (4<sup>th</sup> academic week, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024)** - Data subjects rights and Data Protection Officer (DPO) – designation, position, tasks, certification
- **4th lecture (6<sup>th</sup> academic week, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024)**- Data Protection Supervisory Authorities; Data Breaches, Breach Notifications (regulatory framework)
- **5th lecture (7<sup>th</sup> week, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024)** – Trans-border data flows (within/outside EU/EEA)
- **6th lecture (8<sup>th</sup> week, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024)** – Special processing situations