

Legal Profession in a Comparative Context

(Two semester credits)

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This course is intended to expose students to various types of regulation of lawyers in different parts of the world. It will comparatively examine the structure and ethical framework of the legal profession in the United States, European Union and in a few selected countries, such as Russia, including the recourse that **may** be taken against attorneys for misconduct and professional malpractice. Other topics to be covered will include a range of accompanying ethical and legal issues, such as the role of lawyers and judges, beginning and ending of the attorney-client relationship, globalization of the legal profession and the image and expectations of lawyers in different parts of the world. The course will also address various aspects of law practice in selected countries and analyze the reasons behind established traditions and practices in various legal systems. The assigned course book will be “Global Issues in Legal Ethics” by James Moliterno & Paul Paton (Thomson West 2014).