

Study program: Law				
Type and level of studies: Master of academic studies				
Course unit: INTRODUCTION TO LAW – SELECTED TOPICS				
Teachers in charge:				
Prof. Dr. Srđan S. Đorđević, full professor,				
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Language of instruction: English language				
ECTS: 15				
Prerequisites: No				
Semester: summer semester				
Course unit objective				
Developing scientific knowledge, abilities, academic skills and analytical thinking in the process of research in the field of government and law.				
Learning outcomes of Course unit				
In-depth knowledge, primarily theoretical, about the state and law and their role in the legal and social system of Serbia, its environment and the world. By mastering the program, the student acquires fundamental knowledge in the field of Introduction to Law, a complete understanding of this scientific discipline, the ability to follow modern achievements in it and solve problems using scientific methods and procedures, the ability to connect knowledge from different legal fields and their application to Introduction to Law, as well as skills and dexterity in the use of knowledge of this legal discipline.				
Course unit contents				
Title and subject of Introduction to Law; Origin and development of Introduction to Law; Relationship between Introduction to Law and other legal and social sciences; Method of Introduction to Law; State, law and legal science; Legal sciences and their division; Jurisprudence, legal theory and legal philosophy; Social changes (evolution and revolution); The relationship between the state and law; Origin and concept of the state; Elements of the state (territory, government, population); Concept, elements and importance of state organization; Concept, elements, characteristics and types of state bodies; Concept and types of state forms; Form of government; Form of political order; Form of state organization; Form of state government; Police and legal state; Origin and concept of law; Concept, elements and types of social norms; Concept and elements of legal norm; Types of legal norms; Connection (hierarchy) of legal norms; Concept and types of sources of law; Types of formal sources of law; Concept and elements of a legal act; Types of legal acts; Types of general legal acts; Types of individual legal acts; Concept and elements of legal relationship (creation, change and termination of legal relationships, legal fact, statute of limitations and maintenance); The concept and significance of the application of law (positive law, the validity of a legal norm in space and time, the retroactive force of a legal norm, the process of applying a legal norm); the concept and importance of legality (legal force of a legal act, legal means, legal force and enforceability); The concept, subject and significance of legal interpretation (types of legal interpretation: linguistic, logical, systematic, historical and objective interpretation of law); The concept and significance of the legal system (elements of the legal system: legal institution, legal branch and legal area); Concept, characteristics and classification of large legal systems; Main viewpoints (theories) on law (ancient, medieval and modern viewpoints on law, development of the theory and philosophy of law in Serbia); Concept, conceptual development and legal protection of human rights; The difference between natural and positive law.				
Literature				
1. Agustín A. Gordillo, An Introduction to Law, Esperia Publications, London, 2003.				
2. All other relevant literature from Introduction to Law, in Serbian and foreign languages, can be used in teaching activities and in the fulfillment of pre-exam obligations. An approximate list of relevant literature, which exists in the Library and with teachers, will be published on the website of the Faculty.				
Number of active teaching hours				Other classes
Lectures: 30	Practice: 30	Other forms of classes: 15	Independent work: 15-30	

Teaching methods			
Lecture-mentor teaching:			
Discussion group (eventually seminar):			
Case/stages:			
Consultations:			
Defense of written work			
Examination methods (maximum 100 points)			
Exam prerequisites	No. of points:	Final exam	No. of points:
Student's activity during lectures	5	oral examination	To 60
practical classes/tests	20	written examination	
Seminars/homework	20	
Project	5		
Other			
Grading system			
Grade	No. of points	Description	
10	91-100	Excellent	
9	81-90	Exceptionally good	
8	71-80	Very good	
7	61-70	Good	
6	51-60	Passing	
5	less than 51	Failing	

(Table 5.2) Course unit description