

Study program : Law				
Type and level of studies: Undergraduate academic studies				
Course unit: INTRODUCTION TO LAW				
Teachers in charge : Đorđević S. Srdjan, Matic S. Dejan				
Language of instruction : English language				
ECTS: 8				
Prerequisites: No				
Semester : Winter Semester				
Course unit objective				
Introduction to law is taught to enable students to understand the basic general qualities and general connections of the state and the law, expressed in general terms and general laws on state and law. This discipline provides basic and general knowledge of the state and law, revealing their importance, specificity and going beyond the knowledge provided by specific legal sciences, in a sense, presenting their synthesis and introductory science for the study of state and law. Studying the state, this discipline examines in detail the issues of the origin and development of the state, its concept, function and organization, as well as its forms. The law this discipline studies through a thorough consideration, both of its concept and its nature, as well as of the composition of the legal order and its realization, objective law and legal values. Finally, the Introduction to Law examines the most significant trends in the development of theoretical and legal thought from ancient times to the present.				
Learning outcomes of Course unit				
By the end of the course, students will be enabled to properly interpret and apply legal norms, and will acquire knowledge of the general concept of state and law, their position and importance in society, and the general relationship of legal regulations, as an essential condition for the successful and proper implementation of legal regulations and the achievement of the goals of the state-legal order as a whole.				
Course unit contents				
<i>Theoretical classes</i>				
Those classes should offer explanations for the all basic concepts in contemporary theory of law and state. These concepts include the issues of the origin and development of the state, its concept, function and organization, as well as its forms, the issues of concept nature of the law, as well as of the composition of the legal order and its realization. The space for seminar papers will be provided during the classes.				
<i>Practical classes</i>				
Practical classes will include case study, other forms of teaching and research work. That includes analysis of positive legal acts, interpretation of positive legal norms, as well as explanation of general concepts through examples of phenomena encountered in everyday life. Students will be introduced to the rules and techniques of drafting seminar papers, as well as drafting them. Within the practical classes there will be four tests where the students could check their current level of knowledge.				
Literature				
H. Kelsen, <i>General Theory of Norms</i> , Oxford 1990.				
R. Dworkin, <i>Taking Rights Seriously</i> . Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 1977.				
H. L. A. Hart, <i>The Concept of Law</i> . Oxford University Press, 2012.				
Number of active teaching hours				Other classes
Lectures: 60	Practice: 30	Other forms of classes: mentoring system, consultation	Independent work:	
Teaching methods				
The students will be given individual or group research assignments whose results are to be shared in class as a Power Point presentation. The students are expected to write a term paper.				

Examination methods (maximum 100 points)			
Exam prerequisites	No. of points:	Final exam	No. of points:
Student's activity during lectures	15	oral examination	50
practical classes/tests	15	written examination	
Seminars/homework	20	
Project			
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