

Table 5.2. Course specification

Study programme: First-cycle academic studies of the first level – Law.			
Course title: Introduction to Law.			
Instructor: Pajić-Šavija Đ. Sandra			
Course status: Compulsory, first semester, first year.			
ECTS: 10.			
Course aim: The aim of the course is to familiarize students with basic legal concepts and institutions, general and special methods of research and study of the state and law, procedures and processes for researching theoretical legal principles and institutions, and to provide basic knowledge about the concept and structure of the legal order, the application of law and legality, as well as the interpretation of legal norms and legal values.			
Learning outcomes: After passing the exam, the student will acquire theoretical knowledge of basic legal concepts and institutions; understand the essence of the relationship between the state and law; be trained in theoretical legal reasoning and in well-founded discussion of theoretical legal issues; master the skill of interpreting legal norms; be trained to understand and apply law and legality in professional work; and understand the relationship between Introduction to Law and other legal disciplines.			
Course content: Theoretical instruction includes: 1. Introduction to law – concept and relation to other legal sciences. 2. The importance of the theoretical foundations of law. 3. General knowledge about the state and law. 4. Legal order: concept and structure of the legal order. 5. Legal norm. 6. Legal act. 7. General legal acts – sources of law. 8. Individual legal act. 9. Legal relationship. 10. Subjects of law. 11. Interpretation of law. 12. Application of law. 13. Legality. 14. Legal system. 15. Legal values. Practical instruction includes further clarification of some topics covered in lectures, with special emphasis on interpreting key legal concepts and institutions. It also includes discussion of selected topics with active student participation, preparation for tests and the exam, and evaluation of the teaching process and its results.			
Literature: Schütze, Robert, An introduction to European law, Cambridge University Press, 2015.			
Hours of active teaching:		Theoretical instruction 90;	practical instruction 30.
Teaching methods: Lectures are held in a lecture hall with all students. Exercises are conducted in groups in classrooms: as lecture-style exercises, where specific lecture topics are further developed and basic legal concepts and institutions are analyzed; as demonstration exercises, for presenting and interpreting general and individual legal acts; and as discussion exercises, for discussing selected topics from the covered material.			
Assessment of knowledge: Maximum 100 points.			
Pre-exam obligations	points	Final exam	points
activity during lectures	20	written exam	-
colloquium 1	15	oral exam	50
colloquium 2	15	-	-