

Standard 2. Purpose of the study program

The study program has a clearly defined purpose and role in the educational system, accessible to the public.

2.1. The study program of Bachelor academic studies **in Law** has a clearly defined purpose and role in the educational system in our country. The program is designed to ensure the acquisition of competencies that are socially justified and useful. They are in line with the basic tasks and goals defined by the Institution, with the needs of the labor market, modern trends in education in the world, the National Qualifications Framework of Serbia (NQF), the Strategy for the Development of Education and Upbringing in Serbia until 2030, and the Strategy for Scientific and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia until 2025.

In modern living conditions, the organization of society and the state without a legal dimension is unthinkable. Today, without the help of legal professionals, it is not possible to resolve numerous issues in the private and public law spheres in which legal relations of varying degrees of complexity are encountered and clarified.

The law study program is to provide high-quality and comprehensive education and training of experts for the profession of a lawyer who will be ready to perform tasks appropriate to the acquired title competently, but also to continue their education and training in master's academic studies in law and other social and humanistic sciences at law and related faculties in the country and abroad. By mastering this study program, future lawyers acquire a satisfactory level of general and specific competencies that qualify them for professional and independent performance of legal tasks in the judicial profession, state bodies and public institutions, as well as in business entities, organizations and associations not only in the country, but also in neighboring countries, European Union member states and other countries.

The study program is designed to provide the opportunity to master a wide range of legal knowledge and practical skills, which provide competencies that are socially justified and useful, is modern and compatible with similar programs in the European educational area. The content of mandatory and elective courses is designed to fully meet the needs of modern legal education. It is based on traditional legal subjects of the continental legal system, but also adapted to modern needs and requirements set in the field of legal sciences. It is designed to provide general legal education and the acquisition of general legal culture. By offering a significant number of elective courses, students are enabled to align their education with their needs, preferences and affinities. By mastering the program, students acquire substantive and high-quality knowledge, both in public law and private law. The program covers subjects from various legal fields, i.e. the emphasis is placed on the fact that a well-educated lawyer should possess adequate knowledge, primarily about the principles and sources of legal regulation of domestic and international law, in order to successfully and efficiently resolve complex and complicated legal problems and disputable situations.

The need to consolidate the Republic of Serbia as a state governed by the rule of law that organizes its administration on the principles of the rule of law, the increasingly significant need for competent professional personnel in the judiciary, and above all the needs of the market that rests on increasingly complex and broad legal regulations that open national law to globalization and Europeanization, is the fundamental reason for the conception of this comprehensive study program that will provide a solid foundation for quality education for lawyers.

2.2. The study program is in line with the basic goals and objectives of the Institution and is adapted to contemporary needs and requirements in this field. Continuous and intensified changes in the economic and social environment require changes in the competencies of law graduates and cause the evolutionary nature of the content of the study program, i.e. adaptation based on feedback from the environment.

2.3. The purpose of implementing this study program is clearly formulated and generally accepted. It unambiguously demonstrates its internal coherence, proves the reasonableness and justification of its existence, and is synchronized with the mission of the Institution and general economic and social goals. It is aligned with the trends in the development of education in Serbia, including through activities to integrate the economy, science, education and other activities in the Republic of Serbia into the common European space with the aim of becoming a competitive and productive factor in the overall development aspirations pursued by Europe.

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Standard 3. Study program objectives

The study program has clearly defined objectives.

Law study program is intended to educate graduate legal experts who will be able to competently apply the acquired knowledge and practical skills in legal practice and to perform future legal work independently, professionally and responsibly; to be equipped to apply critical thinking for the continuation of academic education and attending higher levels of studies.

Achieving the goals of the study program enables students to acquire general and special, theoretical and practical knowledge, skills, abilities and competencies necessary for independent and team performance of legal affairs in state administration and local self-government bodies, in public services, companies, organizations, associations and other institutions of the legal system, appropriate for the title of graduate lawyer.

The definition of the goals of this study program is based on the experiences gained in developed countries and the experiences gained in the conditions of education and work in our region. The basic goals result in the specific goals of the study program, which relate to the acquisition of knowledge, skills, abilities and attitudes.

The specific goals of implementing this study program are to enable, through the application of modern teaching methods, as well as through various forms of team and individual work:

- education of lawyers with a high level of professional theoretical and practical knowledge applied in practice and understanding the importance of the role of lawyers in the development of society as a whole ;
- developing creative abilities in students;
- mastering the methods, procedures and processes of researching legal principles and institutions;
- mastering specific legal skills in the system of protection and development of the legal system and the rule of law in accordance with modern directions of development of education in the field of Bachelor legal studies;
- acquiring academic knowledge in relation to legal theories, principles and processes that enable the evaluation and understanding of legal rules and their critical assessment ;
- acquiring the knowledge necessary for the critical analysis of proposed legal rules, as well as assessing their compliance with the legal order ;
- acquiring all the competencies necessary for practicing the legal profession and applying existing legal norms ;
- application of acquired knowledge in performing legal tasks in the judiciary, state administration and local self-government, the legal profession, the economy, public services, and international organizations ;
- application of acquired knowledge in further learning and continuing education ;
- solving complex theoretical and practical problems by applying acquired knowledge, and developing analytical, critical and self-critical thinking in problem solving ;
- acquiring professional knowledge and skills necessary for independent and professional performance of legal tasks (e.g. writing legal documents, interpreting legal norms, the ability to draw logical conclusions through legal analysis, solving practical legal problems, taking legal actions, etc.) ;
- developing legal skills and abilities for independent and team work in the organization;
- developing professional responsibility .
- developing students' motivation for lifelong learning and personal academic improvement in master's academic studies;
- encouraging knowledge innovation in accordance with the expressed needs in modern living conditions.

The stated goals are a guarantee that there is real alignment of the study program with the needs of the judiciary related to legal experts.

3.2. The objectives of the study program are clearly and unambiguously formulated. They are aligned with the basic tasks and goals of the Institution, the requirements of the labor market and economic development, the development of science and society, further learning and the National Qualifications Framework (NOQF, qualification level 6.2A). The goal of the study program is based on the long-term orientation of the Institution in carrying out educational, scientific, research and professional activities, which should meet the economic and social needs for highly educated law graduates. The goal of the Institution is to achieve high quality of the study process and the quality of graduates in accordance with the principles of well-known international higher education institutions.

3.3. Also, the goal is to develop the study program itself through monitoring achievements in business practice and theory, as well as influencing the economic and social development of the country through the knowledge, skills, and creative competencies of graduates.

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