

Name of university, Name of faculty: Trnava University
Faculty of Law

INFORMATION SHEET OF THE SUBJECT

Code: XNPFb427		Name: Introduction to the Law Studies	
Cover: Department of Civil and Commercial Law			
Type of educational activity: Lecture, Practise		Number of credits: 3	Recommended semester: WT
Scope of educational activity (in hours): Weekly: 0/1 For term of study: ZS 23/12			Study grade: Bachelor
Method of educational activity: Combined			
Recommended semester	Study programme		
1.year WT	Law (XEŠBc-PR-23) Law (XDŠBc-PR)		
Underlie subjects:			
Conditions for passing the course:			
Method of evaluation: Completion by a continuing assessment			
Continuous evaluation: The course is completed with an evaluation, which takes place in the form of a test at the end of the teaching period.			
Ongoing evaluation: The course is completed by a semester exam - written test. The student has 30 minutes to complete the test. The test consists of several tasks designed for a short legal text, usually a court decision, so that the student derives the answers to the questions from the submitted legal text. The test consists of a combination of open-ended questions, questions consisting of choosing one or more correct answers, and a task focused on formal work with the text and its stylization. Maximum score: 20. Evaluation scale: A: 20 – 18.5 points, B: 18 – 16.5 points, C: 16 – 14.5 points, D: 14 – 13 points, E: 12 points, FX: 11.5 points and less.			
Final evaluation: Completion by a continuing assessment			
Finished: By ongoing evaluation.			
Learning outcomes:			
The course is primarily focused on acquiring the student's abilities and skills to orient themselves in legal texts, to distinguish between essential and non-essential information for legal assessment, to distinguish the description of the factual situation from legal argumentation and evaluation. The ability to subsume the factual situation under a legal norm and to identify the elements and conditions required by the legal norm for its fulfilment and to bring about the consequences foreseen by law is deepened. During the term, the student will gain basic knowledge about legal branches and their mutual relationships, about basic legal professions, will gain the ability to search for legal information. Thanks to solving tasks and assignments in seminars, the student should be able to describe and reproduce the factual situation, identify and distinguish essential from irrelevant information related to the legal assessment. Thanks to problem solving, the student should deepen the ability to think critically, as well as the ability to argue and present their own ideas and the subsequent ability to communicate and adapt the style of communication with respect to the addressee of the text. Successful completion of the course should prepare the student to solve tasks and legal problems in individual positive-legal areas, with which s/he is acquainted and from which s/he acquires knowledge in the following years of study.			
Schedule of subject:			
1. Structure of legal norms, identification of legal norm in legal text, various formulations of legal norms. 2. Interpretation of a text: research of a factual situation and allegations from submitted texts. 3. Intuitive subsumption. 4. Language structures in a legal text. Academic writing, basics of academic ethics. 5. Understanding a written text, distinguishing between essential and non-essential information in relation to the legal assessment. 6. Understanding a written text, distinguishing between essential and non-essential information in relation to the legal assessment. 7. Types of legal institutes. Types of law and atypical functioning of reality. 8. Legal branches: separation of branches and learning subjects. 9. Legal professions and their functions. Rudiments of professional ethics. 10. Court decisions, their language and structure, reading court decisions. 11. Legal information: primary legal information, sources of law and their searchability. 12. Secondary legal information: doctrine, comments, textbooks, magazines, internet.			
Recommended reading:			
Basic recommended literature: Materials prepared by the teacher.			
Other recommended literature: MELZER, F.: Metodologie nalézání práva: úvod do právní argumentace. 2nd ed. C.H. Beck. Praha, 2011. Collective of authors: Praktikum z právní metodologie. Praha. Leges, 2017.			
Language requirements: Slovak			
Notes:			
Student's workload: 75 hours Combined study (seminars, consultations): 12 hours Preparation for seminars and for ongoing assessment, study of materials in Moodle - assignments, excerpts from court decisions (individual study): 63 hours			

Course evaluation:

Assessed students in total: 1203

A	B	C	D	E	FX
28%	28%	20%	9%	5%	10%

Lecturers:

doc. JUDr. Veronika Zoričáková, PhD., examiner, instructor

JUDr. Michaela Sklenářová, instructor

doc. JUDr. Marianna Novotná, PhD., univ. prof., examiner, instructor

Date of last change: 01.09.2025**Approved by:** prof. PhDr. JUDr. Tomáš Gábriš, PhD., LL.M., MA