

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

INFORMATION SHEET OF THE SUBJECT

Code: XNPFb550	Name: Course in Practical Skills of a Lawyer		
Cover: Institute of Clinical Legal Education			
Type of educational activity: Lecture, Practise		Number of credits: 3	Recommended semester: ST
Scope of educational activity (in hours): Weekly: 0/2 For term of study: LS 58/24			Study grade: Bachelor
Method of educational activity: Combined			
Recommended semester	Study programme		
2.year ST	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 by a general evaluation of the whole term. Ongoing evaluation: elaboration and presentation of the assignment or presentation according to the student's choice (e.g. i/ lawsuit/motion/indictment, ii/ sentence/urgent action/resolution, iii/ court hearing simulation, iv/ interrogation simulation and others), seminar activities. Elaboration and presentation of the assignment/presentation (70 %), participation in seminar activities (30 %).			
Final evaluation: Completion by a continuing assessment			
Finished: By ongoing evaluation.			
Learning outcomes: The student will acquire the practical skills needed for the future lawyer in an interactive form via the exercises, where the teaching will take place mainly through simulations, role-playing, discussion and work in smaller groups. After completing the course, the student will gain the ability to independently and effectively search for relevant legal information, this from a formal and content point of view, analyze and then present. They will learn to discuss individual legal topics in a cultured way in terms of content, but also the presentation itself. The students can effectively use elements of verbal and nonverbal communication (standard language and correct terminology, pronounce, intonate, maintain an appropriate pace of speech, use semantic and physiological pauses, maintain eye contact, use facial expressions, gestures, posturics). They will acquire a critical view of individual legal problems, which they will be able to argue and thus express their own legal opinion verbally or in writing, while they can also critically evaluate the information and ideas of others. The students will also be able to interpret ethical rules in the exercise of the legal profession, on the basis of which they will be able to make decisions and be responsible for them in terms of ethical standards.			
Schedule of subject:			
1. The position of a lawyer in society (the importance of the legal profession; law as an element of culture).			
2. Ethical rules and responsibility in individual legal professions (ethical standards in the exercise of the legal profession; ethics in the written and verbal expression of a lawyer).			
3. Search and processing of legal information I (work with legal information systems at national and European level; official versus non-official sources; how to anticipate court decisions through publicly available information; work with case law; work with professional literature; legal search).			
4. Search and processing of legal information II.			
5. How to write a legal text I (formal requirements; content requirements; form versus content).			
6. How to write a legal text II.			
7. Lawyer communication I (simulations focused on communication skills, institutional discourse, language in the courtroom, body language, paralanguage and effective communication management).			
8. Lawyer communication II (lawyer and client).			
9. Lawyer communication III (lawyer and judge).			
10. Lawyer communication IV (judge and parties to the proceedings).			
11. Lawyer communication V (prosecutor and court, prosecutor and investigator).			
12. Lawyer communication VI (prosecutor and parties to the proceedings).			
Recommended reading:			
Basic recommended literature:			
ČAPUTOVÁ, Z.: Profesijsná etika sudcov v etických kódexoch, judikatúre a stanoviskách etických poradných komisií. Pezinok: Via Iuris, 2021. 115 p.			
GARNER, B. A.: Právni psaní srozumiteľným jazykom. Brno: Nugis Finem Publishing, 2021. 193 p.			
Other recommended literature:			
DIANIŠKA, G.: Sociálna psychológia a právnik. Trnava: Typi Universitatis Tyrnaviensis, 2006. 184 p.			
KRSKOVÁ, A.: Etické desatoro začínajúceho advokáta (Vademecum profesijnej etiky). Bratislava: Wolters Kluwer, 2008. 282 p.			
Language requirements: Slovak			
Notes:			
Student's workload: 75 hours			
Combined study (Lectures, seminars, consultations): 36 hours			
Preparation for seminars, elaboration of assignment, individual study: 39 hours			

Course evaluation: Assessed students in total: 165					
A	B	C	D	E	FX
82%	5%	1%	0%	0%	12%
Lecturers: JUDr. Kristína Jurišová, PhD., examiner, instructor					
Date of last change: 01.09.2025					
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