

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

INFORMATION SHEET OF THE SUBJECT

Code: XNUPb110	Name: Human Rights in Court Decision-making				
Cover: Department of Theory of Law and Constitutional Law					
Type of educational activity: Lecture, Practise				Number of credits: 3	Recommended semester: WT
Scope of educational activity (in hours): Weekly: 0/2 For term of study: ZS 46/24					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: Continuous evaluation: the evaluation consists of two phases. In the first phase, the student will write an argumentative essay on the chosen topic, while the list of topics will be provided by the teacher in the first lesson. The essay will be submitted to the teacher no later than one week before the start of the second phase. In the second phase, which will take place at the last joint seminar, the student will present their basic argumentative line from the essay within a time limit of 10-15 minutes. The presentation will be followed by a short discussion, where the student will receive feedback from the teacher and other students. Evaluation scale: A = 100-96%; B = 95-90%; C = 89-80%; D = 79-70%; E = 69-60%; FX = 59-0%.					
Final evaluation: Completion by a continuing assessment					
Finished: By ongoing evaluation.					
Learning outcomes: After completing the course Human Rights in Decision-Making Processes of Courts, the student is able to identify basic concepts and theoretical approaches in human rights issues and assess and analyze the basic instruments/issues/principles of human rights protection in international and constitutional laws. The student is able to communicate and apply basic knowledge about the interrelationships among individual human rights and justify the action of some state authorities as non-compliant with the law. The student is able to analyze the results of decision-making activities of the relevant state authorities with an emphasis on the protection of fundamental rights and freedoms.					
Schedule of subject:					
1. Introduction to human rights - theoretical background, classification, definition of basic terms, human rights authorities.					
2. Value enshrinement of human rights - human dignity, equality, autonomy.					
3. Non-discrimination - identity, LGBTI+ people's rights, women's rights.					
4. The right to life - euthanasia and the right to death, abortion.					
5. Prohibition of torture, inhuman and degrading treatment and punishment - forced sterilization, torture and terrorism.					
6. The right to privacy and family life - civil unions for all.					
7. Freedom of expression and the right to information I - protection of personal rights, hate speech.					
8. Freedom of expression and the right to information II - art, commercial speeches and morality.					
9. The right to associate in political parties - dissolution of a political party, plurality of opinions in a democratic regime.					
10. The right to a fair trial - criminal aspects of human rights issues.					
11. The right to a favourable environment - a value or an individual right.					
12. Presentation of final theses and argumentative discussion.					
Recommended reading:					
Basic recommended literature: POLLMANN, A. - LOHMANN, G. (eds.): Ludské práva. Interdisciplinárna príručka. Bratislava: Kalligram, 2017.					
Other recommended literature: KROŠLÁK, D. et al.: Ústavné právo. Bratislava: Wolters Kluwer, 2016. HUSSEINI, F. - BARTOŇ, M. - KOKEŠ, M. - KOPA, M.: Listina základných práv a svobod. Praha: C.H. Beck, 2020.					
Language requirements: Slovak					
Notes:					
Student's workload: 75 hours					
Combined study (Seminars, Consultations): 24 hours					
Study for seminars, final evaluation and study of documents in Moodle (individual study): 41 hours					
Preparation of the essay: 10 hours					
Course evaluation:					
Assessed students in total: 134					
A	B	C	D	E	FX
40%	13%	19%	7%	2%	19%

Lecturers:

Mgr. Katarína Kuklová, PhD., examiner, instructor

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