

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

INFORMATION SHEET OF THE SUBJECT

Code: XNDP_MVP		Name: Methodology of Scientific Work	
Cover: Department of Historical Law and Legal Methodology			
Type of educational activity: Lecture, Practise		Number of credits: 2	Recommended semester: WT
Scope of educational activity (in hours): Weekly: 2/0 For term of study: ZS 46/,24			Study grade: Bachelor
Method of educational activity: Combined			
Recommended semester	Study programme		
2.year WT	Law (XDŠBc-PR) Law (XEŠBc-PR-23)		
Underlie subjects:			
Conditions for passing the course: Method of evaluation: Completion by taking an examination Continuous evaluation: Final evaluation: The condition for completing the course is participation in lectures, which are mandatory (possible non-participation in compulsory education is governed by the relevant provisions of the Study Regulations of the faculty).			
Final evaluation: oral examination consisting of answering two questions from the list of questions published on the website of the Department of the History of Law; evaluation scale: A: 50-46; B: 45-40; C: 39-35; D: 34-30; E: 29-27; FX: less than 27 points. Finished: By exam.			
Learning outcomes: After completing the course Methodology of Scientific Work, the student is able to name and describe specific features of legal thinking and approaches to it. The student is able to define and identify rhetorical, discursive and communicative approaches in law, can give examples of arguments in the thesis and the specifics of argumentation in the creation, implementation and application of law. The student is able to define, identify and analyse the types of interpretation of legal texts and procedures for overcoming ambiguities in legal texts. The student is able to evaluate the requirements for the creation of professional / scientific work in terms of copyright, the issue of academic fraud and deduce the appropriate ethical and legal consequences. The student is able to name and describe the peculiarities of creating a legal text and using legal language. S/he can explain the preconditions and conditions of creating a professional / scientific legal text (within the given framework also creating a final thesis). Can explain and practically use basic scientific methods (analysis, synthesis, abstraction, induction, deduction, abduction, comparison, generalization, specification, etc.). The student can determine the goal, sub-goals, appropriately lay out the structure of the created text. S/he can identify and justify a research problem / research question and establish methodologies for creating your own text. The student can use basic theoretical legal terms, formulations and interpretative schemes. The student is able to work with a professional text at the passive and active levels, evaluate the contribution of specific scientific methods to the created legal text and orally and in writing present their own appropriate argumentative basis.			
Schedule of subject: 1. Introduction to legal science. 2. Professional and scientific text. 3. Scientific paper. 4. Search for research problems and research questions. 5. Methodology of law. 6. Methodology of legal science. 7. Paradigms of legal science. 8. The current paradigm of legal science and continental legal thinking. 9. Argumentation in law. 10. Argumentation and interpretation in legal science. 11. Uncertainty and incompleteness of law - the limits of legal science? 12. Fundamentals of scientific work ethics.			
Recommended reading: Basic recommended literature: MOSNÝ, P. – LACLAVÍKOVÁ, M. – SISKOVÍŠ, Š. Metodológia vedeckej práce : (pre potreby právnického štúdia). 2nd ed. [1st ed. in Wolters Kluwer] Bratislava: Wolters Kluwer SR, 2018. 165 p. ISBN 978-80-571-0059-1, ISBN 978-80-571-0060-7. Other recommended literature: FILKORN, V. Povaha súčasnej vedy a jej metódy. Bratislava: VEDA, 1998. KATUŠČÁK, D. Ako písať záverečné a kvalifikačné práce. Bratislava: Enigma, 2007. KOLKA, M. – PAVLÍČKOVÁ, I. – VĚČEŘA, M. Píšeme seminární a diplomové práce na počítači. Brno: Masarykova univerzita, 2009. MELZER, F. Metodologie nalézání práva. Úvod do právní argumentace. 2nd ed. Praha: C.H. Beck, 2011. MEŠKO, D. – KATUŠČÁK, D. Akademická příručka. Martin: Osveta, 2004. OCHRANA, F. Metodologie vedy. Úvod do problému. Praha: Karolinum, 2010.			

Language requirements: Slovak

Notes:

Student's workload: 50 hours

Combined study (lectures, consultations): 24 hours

Preparation for lectures, individual study, practice of creating a professional text, study of materials in LS Moodle: 26 hours

Course evaluation:

Assessed students in total: 957

A	B	C	D	E	FX
54%	13%	9%	4%	4%	17%

Lecturers:

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