

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

INFORMATION SHEET OF THE SUBJECT

Code: XNRPb105		Name: Canon Law II	
Cover: Institute for Legal Aspects of Religious Freedom			
Type of educational activity: Lecture, Practise		Number of credits: 4	Recommended semester: ST
Scope of educational activity (in hours): Weekly: 2/1 For term of study: LS 60,30/,36			Study grade: Bachelor
Method of educational activity: Combined			
Recommended semester	Study programme		
1.year ST	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 a successful completion of the exam. It will consist of a written test (100% of the total course evaluation). The test consists of 10 questions, each providing 3 possible answers, which must be marked with YES / NO according to their validity. Scale: A 30–29; B 28–26; C 25–23; D 22–20; E 19–18; FX 17–0 points. Final examination: an exam (a written test). Finished: By exam.			
Learning outcomes: After completing the course, the student will be able to comprehensively reproduce and describe the most important mission that the Church and the integral canon law in it are to fulfil, which is its sanctifying role. The highest law in the Church is always to be the salvation of souls. After completing the course, the student will not only be able to analyze the individual sacraments of the Catholic Church from their legal point of view, but will also be able to characterize their biblical and theological foundations, historical aspects of their development, ways of their service and their contribution to the believer. Special emphasis will be placed on the sacrament of marriage and marital processes during the course. After completing the course, the student is able to lead not only a theoretical discussion in the subject area, but also to approach the marital case study analytically. They will be able to identify specific problems, analyze them, propose legal procedural solutions and argue their claims. Finally, they will know the current reform of canonical criminal law, analytically reproduce the most significant changes and propose criminal law solutions to the current burning problems of the Church's life.			
Schedule of subject: 1. The sanctifying role of the Church - introduction to the sacraments, their theological basis, nature and their structure. 2. The sacraments of initiation - baptism, confirmation and the blessed eucharist. 3. The sacraments of healing - the sacrament of penance and the anointing of the sick. 4. Community service sacraments - sacrament of the Sacred State and introduction to marriage. 5. Other acts of God's cult - shrines, ecclesiastical funeral, cult of saints; sacred places. 6. Canon matrimonial law I - concept, essentials and characteristics of marriage, origin, effects and form of marriage, place of celebration, types (typology) of marriage. 7. Canon matrimonial law II - marital obstacles and their typology, marital consent under canon law, inability to give marital consent, defects in marital consent. Casuistic. 8. Canon matrimonial law III - dissolution of marriage, correction (gaining of the validity) of marriage, marital separation without dissolution of marriage. Casuistic. 9. Canon matrimonial law IV - the nullity of marriage and its reasons, marital processes in canon law and the changes made by Pope Francis. Casuistic. 10. Canon criminal law I - theory of canonical criminal law, reform of Pope Francis, peculiarities of canonical criminal law, types of punishments, their imposition and extinction. 11. Canon criminal law II - individual crimes in canon law; the most serious offenses reserved for the Holy See, a case study. 12. Canon procedural law - jurisdiction, types and levels of tribunals and their staffing, types of proceedings, judges' statements, remedies, case studies.			
Recommended reading: Basic recommended literature: Students will be able to use notes of the teacher's lectures to prepare for classes. The teacher's lectures are always made available to them in the form of completely prepared presentations with audio commentary and case studies. This measure is necessary especially given that Czech-Slovak textbooks of canon law are either relatively outdated or no longer available. Other recommended literature: ČITBAJ, F. Manželstvo v katolíckom kánonickom práve a právnom poriadku Slovenskej republiky. Prešov: Vydavateľstvo Prešovskej univerzity v Prešove, 2015. 381 p. ISBN 978-80-555-1013-2. DUDA, J. Katolícke manželské právo. 2nd revised ed. Ružomberok: Pedagogická fakulta Katolíckej univerzity v Ružomberku, 2007. 150 p. ISBN 978-80-8084-170-6. HRDINA, A. Kanonické právo. Dějiny pramenu, teorie, platné právo. Plzeň: Vydavatelství a nakladatelství Aleš Čeněk, 2011. 367 p. ISBN 978-80-			

7380-152-6.

NEMEC, D. Manželské právo katolické církve s ohledem na platné české právo. Praha: Karmelitánské nakladatelství, 2006. 215 p. ISBN 80-7195-065-3.

NEMEC, M. Základy kánonického práva. 2nd amended and revised ed. Bratislava - Trnava: Iura Edition, 2006. 249 p. ISBN 80-8078-130-3.

TRETERA, J. R. - HORÁK, Z. Cirkevní právo. Praha: Leges, 2016. 424 p. ISBN 978-80-7502-192-2.

Language requirements: Slovak

Notes:

Student's workload: 100 hours

Combined study (Lectures, Seminars, Consultations): 36 hours

Study for seminars, final exam and study of documents in Moodle: 64 hours

Course evaluation:

Assessed students in total: 215

A	B	C	D	E	FX
35%	23%	18%	6%	1%	17%

Lecturers:

doc. JUDr. Štefan Zeman, PhD., lecturer, examiner, instructor

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