

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

INFORMATION SHEET OF THE SUBJECT

Code: XNTEb104

Name: Theory of Law I

Cover: Department of Theory of Law and Constitutional Law

Type of educational activity: Lecture, Practise

Scope of educational activity (in hours):

Weekly: 2/2

For term of study: ZS 46,46/48

Method of educational activity: Combined

Number of credits: 6

Recommended semester: WT

Study grade:
Bachelor

Recommended semester

Study programme

1.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: Final evaluation: the written part of the exam, which will take part in the examination period, is a test consisting of five open-ended or closed-ended questions, and a maximum of 10 points can be obtained for answering each question. The evaluation scale for awarding the grade from the test is as follows:

A = 50-46 pts; B = 45-42 pts; C = 41-38 pts; D = 37-34 pts; E = 33-30 pts; FX = 29-0 pts.

Students in the daily form of education are eligible to attend the exam only when they actively participate in seminars.

Finished: By exam.

Learning outcomes:

After completing the course, the student is able to define basic theoretical and legal concepts, determine the double structure of the legal norm, evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of formal-legal and material-legal argumentations, argue in favour of legal positivism and natural law, evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of individual sources of law, distinguish between legal rules and principles, determine the scope of legal norms, resolve simple conflicts between legal norms, analyse legal relations through common legal terminology, classify individual legal facts, apply individual interpretive methods in solving legal problems and identify and describe the basic stages of legislative and judicial proceedings. After completing the course, the student will master the basic methodological canons and terminological instruments of legal thinking. The student will be able to sort out legal phenomena from social life and analyse them in order to design arguments for and against a particular legal solution.

Schedule of subject:

1. Introduction to the theory of law.
2. Normativeness.
3. Specific features of legal norms.
4. Structure, scope and categories of legal norms.
5. Sources of law.
6. Legal order.
7. International law, European law and legal cultures.
8. Law making process.
9. Realization of law in legal relations.
10. Law application.
11. Interpretation of law and legal argumentation.
12. Legal positivism and natural law.

Recommended reading:

Basic recommended literature:

PROCHÁZKA, R. – KÁČER, M.: Teória práva. 2nd ed. Bratislava: C.H. Beck, 2019.

Other recommended literature:

HART, H. L. A.: Pojem práva. Praha: Prostor, 2004.

KNAPP, V.: Teorie práva. Praha: C.H. Beck, 1995.

PRUSÁK, J.: Teória práva. Bratislava: PF UK, 1995.

WEINBERGER, O.: Norma a inštitúcie: úvod do teórie práva. Plzeň: Aleš Čeněk, 2017.

Language requirements: Slovak

Notes:

Student's workload: 150 hours

Combined study (lectures, seminar, consultations): 48 hours

Study for seminars, final evaluation and study of documents in Moodle (individual study): 102 hours

Teaching takes into account the requirements of applied practice in the field of judiciary, prosecution, and legal professions, supervised by the Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic.

Course evaluation: Assessed students in total: 1554					
A	B	C	D	E	FX
14%	13%	14%	14%	16%	30%
Lecturers: doc. Mgr. Marek Káčer, PhD., lecturer, examiner, instructor JUDr. Jakub Neumann, PhD., lecturer, examiner, instructor					
Date of last change: 01.09.2026					
Approved by: prof. PhDr. JUDr. Tomáš Gábriš, PhD., LL.M., MA					