

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

INFORMATION SHEET OF THE SUBJECT

Code: XNTEb404		Name: Practical Class of Argumentation			
Cover: Department of Theory of Law and Constitutional Law					
Type of educational activity: Lecture, Practise Scope of educational activity (in hours): Weekly: 1/2 For term of study: ZS 23,46/,36 Method of educational activity: Combined				Number of credits: 4	Recommended semester: WT
					Study grade: Bachelor
Recommended semester	Study programme				
3.year WT	Law (XDŠBc-PR) Law (XEŠBc-PR-23)				
Underlie subjects:					
Conditions for passing the course: Method of evaluation: Completion by a continuing assessment Continuous evaluation: Continuous evaluation: the student's activity in the seminars during the teaching period is evaluated, especially the readiness of the student's oral presentation (factual side of argumentation: work with resources, structure of argumentation, ability to respond to the opponent's arguments, ability to ask questions and answer in cross-examination; formal side of argumentation: eye contact, facial expressions, gesticulation, time management). The student will engage in a debate at least once during the teaching period, ideally twice. If the student does not agree with the proposed grade, the teacher will give them a new topic and 15 minutes to prepare the arguments. After the presentation of the speech, the teacher will correct the proposed grade if the delivered speech will be qualitatively better in the monitored parameters. The evaluation scale for awarding the grade is as follows: 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, students are able to formulate arguments on controversial legal and political issues, promptly respond to opponents' counter-arguments, orally present expert opinions and attitudes, ask and answer questions in cross-examination.					
Schedule of subject: 1. The difference between argumentation and rhetoric and the structure of the debate. 2. Exhibition debate on a selected topic - presentation and evaluation. 3.-12. Academic debate on a selected topic - presentation and evaluation. In the 3rd - 12th week of the term, students choose their own topic to debate on. If no agreement is reached between the competition teams, the topic of debate will be determined by the teacher. For this reason, each term will have a unique schedule of debates, which the teacher will send to students no later than by the end of the second semester week. For example, individual discussion topics may read as follows: Quotas for the admission of socially disadvantaged applicants should be introduced at universities. Health insurance companies in Slovakia may not generate profit for private individuals. The condition of eligibility for the mayor should be the graduation from secondary school. Cartoons that offend one person's faith should be banned. The institute of a state of emergency or emergency can be used to eliminate the undesirable consequences of a strike. Homosexual couples have the right to live together in a state-recognized union. The statutory threshold for election to parliament should be abolished. Judges of the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic should be elected directly by citizens. The institute of a permanent member of the UNSC should be abolished.					
Recommended reading: Basic recommended literature: TRAPP, R. et al. Objavovanie sveta debatou. 3rd ed. New York : IDEA, 2005. 187 p.					
Language requirements: Slovak					
Notes: Student's workload: 100 hours Combined study (Lectures, Seminars, Consultations): 36 hours Preparation for a debate (continuous evaluation) and study of materials in Moodle (individual study): 64 hours					
Course evaluation: Assessed students in total: 104					
A	B	C	D	E	FX
56%	28%	9%	1%	0%	7%
Lecturers: doc. Mgr. Marek Káčer, PhD., lecturer, examiner, instructor					
Date of last change: 01.09.2026					
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