

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

INFORMATION SHEET OF THE SUBJECT

Code: XNUPb800		Name: Jurisprudence and Philosophy of Law			
Cover: Department of Theory of Law and Constitutional Law					
Type of educational activity: Lecture, Practise Scope of educational activity (in hours): Weekly: 1/0 For term of study: ZS 23/,12 Method of educational activity: Combined				Number of credits: 3	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 taking an examination Continuous evaluation: Final evaluation: The subject is concluded with an exam - the preparation of a written assignment, an essay of three pages, which will have a thematic intersection with the material covered. The evaluation criteria will be the originality of ideas, the relevance of cited sources and the structure of the text. Evaluation: 100% - 93% - A; 92% - 85% - B; 84% - 77% - C; 76% - 68% - D; 67% - 60%- E; less than 60% - FX. Finished: By exam.					
Learning outcomes: After passing this subject the student will acquire: - overview of basic topics in modern jurisprudence and legal philosophy; - ability to use basic philosophical terminology in analysis of legal problems; - better grasp of distinction between legal positivism and natural law theory.					
Schedule of subject: 1. Law as realm of rules. 2. Sources of law. 3. Law and morality. 4. Interpretation of law. 5. Determining facts and burden of proof. 6. Theory of democracy and human rights.					
Recommended reading: Basic recommended literature: SCHAUER, F. Thinking Like a Lawyer. Harvard University Press, 2009. Other recommended literature: DONNELLY, J. Universal Human Rights in Theory and Practice. Cornell University Press, 2013. FINNIS, J. Natural Law and Natural Rights. 2nd ed. Oxford University Press, 2011. HART, H. L. A. The Concept of Law. 2nd ed. Oxford University Press, 1994. SHINER, R. Legal Institutions and Sources of Law. Springer, 2005.					
Language requirements: English					
Notes: Student's workload: 75 hours Combined study (C, K): 12 hours Study of materials in Moodle and preparation for the exam: 63 hours					
Course evaluation: Assessed students in total: 2					
A	B	C	D	E	FX
50%	0%	50%	0%	0%	0%
Lecturers: doc. Mgr. Marek Káčer, PhD., lecturer, examiner					
Date of last change: 01.09.2026					
Approved by: prof. PhDr. JUDr. Tomáš Gábriš, PhD., LL.M., MA					