

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

INFORMATION SHEET OF THE SUBJECT

Code: YNDPm007		Name: Legal Philosophy			
Cover: Department of Historical Law and Legal Methodology					
Type of educational activity: Lecture, Practise Scope of educational activity (in hours): Weekly: 2/0 For term of study: LS 60/8 Method of educational activity: Combined				Number of credits: 2	Recommended semester: ST
					Study grade: Master
Recommended semester	Study programme				
2.year ST	Law (YDŠMgr-PR) Law (YEŠMgr-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: a written exam in the form of answering five open-ended questions from the list of questions published on the website of the Department of the History of Law; Evaluation: 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 Legal Philosophy, the student is able to name and describe the main thematic areas / disciplines of legal philosophy, and use basic philosophical and legal terms, formulations and interpretation schemes in their description. The student is able to explain the basic legal philosophical problems of values in law, rationality in law, objectivity and truthfulness of legal knowledge, and the so-called progress of law in the light of social development and cultural differences. The student is able to analyze, synthesize and critically evaluate the meta-theoretical problems of law, take their own, professionally argued attitude to the problems of legal philosophy and present it orally and in writing. The student forms the analytical and synthetic thinking necessary for the further development of legal doctrine and legal practice.					
Schedule of subject: 1. Law in philosophy and philosophy in law - ideology in law. Axiology of law - universal values? Ethics of law - good, evil and freedom of will. 2. Legal philosophy of consciousness - rationality and emotionality in law. Psychology of law - behaviorism. Naturalized ontology of law - philosophy of mind and neuroscience. 3. Legal epistemology - searching for truth in law? Legal practice - science of (correct) action and decision-making. Legal logic? Forms of logic in law (non-monotonic logics). 4. Philosophy of (legal) history. Legal anthropology - cultural and biological differences in legal thinking. Aesthetics of law.					
Recommended reading: Basic recommended literature: GÁBRIŠ, T. Preskriptívna teória práva. Bratislava : VEDA, 2020. Other recommended literature: HOLLÄNDER, P. Filosofie práva. Plzeň : Vyd. Aleš Čeněk, 2012.					
Language requirements: Slovak					
Notes: Student's workload: 50 hours Combined study (lectures, consultations): 8 hours Preparation for lectures, individual study, study of materials in LMS Moodle: 42 hours					
Course evaluation: Assessed students in total: 384					
A	B	C	D	E	FX
45%	17%	16%	10%	6%	5%
Lecturers: prof. PhDr. JUDr. Tomáš Gábriš, PhD., LL.M., MA, lecturer, examiner					
Date of last change: 01.09.2026					
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