

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

INFORMATION SHEET OF THE SUBJECT

Code: YNKVm021		Name: Legal Mediation Clinic I	
Cover: Institute of Clinical Legal Education			
Type of educational activity: Lecture, Practise		Number of credits: 3	Recommended semester: WT
Scope of educational activity (in hours): Weekly: 0/1 For term of study: ZS 23/,6			Study grade: Master
Method of educational activity: Combined			
Recommended semester	Study programme		
1.year WT	Law (YDŠMgr-PR) Law (YEŠMgr-PR-23)		
2.year WT	Law (YDŠMgr-PR) Law (YEŠMgr-PR-23)		
Underlie subjects:			
Conditions for passing the course:			
Method of evaluation: Completion by a continuing assessment			
Continuous evaluation: Evaluation of activity in exercises, evaluation of written assignments (essays), participation in course. Evaluation: A: 100%-91%; B: 90%-81%; C: 80%-71%; D: 70%-66%; E: 65%-60%; FX: 59%-0.			
Final evaluation: Completion by a continuing assessment			
Finished: By continuous evaluation.			
Learning outcomes: Upon completing the seminar, students should be able to identify a case suitable for mediation based on established criteria and understand the advantages and limitations of mediation. The goal of the course is to familiarize students with methods of alternative dispute resolution (ADR), their possibilities, the mediation process, its principles, stages, and ethical aspects, as well as the legal conditions for its application in Slovakia. Mediation is defined as assisted structured negotiation of disputes. Its popularity is growing globally, and most significant legal systems today include some form of regulation. Mediation is widely used for seeking reconciliation in business, civil, labor, family, community, and other disputes.			
Schedule of subject: 1. Introduction to ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution) – Introduction to mediation; basic legal framework; international mediation centers. 2. Basic Principles of Mediation – Mediator's duties; ethics in mediation; mediation styles. 3. Basic Mediation Techniques – Negotiation, active listening, paraphrasing, soft skills techniques. 4. Stages of the Mediation Process. 5. Basic Written Documents in Mediation – Mediation agreement, mediation clause, drafting an invitation letter for mediation to the opposing party, drafting a mediation clause. 6. Simulated Mediation Process/Case Study.			
Recommended reading: Basic recommended literature: Tragalová, Pružinská, Labáth: Mediácia, odborná príprava. Wolters Kluwer 2023. Doležalová, Matoušková: Evaluatívni prístupy v mediácii. Leges 2024. Other literature: Poláková et al.: Rukovet' mediátora. Wolters Kluwer 2022. Holá: Mediace v teorii a praxi. Grada 2011. Svatoš: Tajemství mediace aneb řešení sporů od A do Z. Praha: Art Francesco, 2020. Legal acts: Zákon č. 420/2004 Z.z. o mediácii v znení neskorších predpisov. Zákon č. 160/2015 Z.z. Civilný sporový poriadok - vybrané časti. Zákon č. 161/2015 Z.z. Civilný mimosporový poriadok - vybrané časti. Európsky etický kódex mediátorov. Smernica Európskeho parlamentu a Rady 2008/52/ES z 21. mája 2008 o určitých aspektoch mediácie v občianskych a obchodných veciach.			
Language requirements: Slovak			
Notes: Student's workload: 37,5 hours Combined study (lectures, seminars, consultations): 12 hours Study for seminars, final evaluation and study of submitted materials and documents in Moodle (individual study): 51 hours The course takes place in the form of 1 hour of exercises every second week. 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: 13					
A	B	C	D	E	FX
92%	0%	0%	0%	0%	8%
Lecturers: JUDr. Silvia Šimková, examiner, instructor Vyučujícíka predmetu: JUDr. Silvia Šimková					
Date of last change: 01.09.2026					
Approved by: prof. PhDr. JUDr. Tomáš Gábriš, PhD., LL.M., MA					