

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

INFORMATION SHEET OF THE SUBJECT

Code: YNTRm405		Name: Introduction to the Criminal Law			
Cover: Department of Criminal Law and Criminology					
Type of educational activity: Lecture, Practise				Number of credits: 4	Recommended semester: WT
Scope of educational activity (in hours):					Study grade: Master
Weekly: 0/1					
For term of study: ZS 23/,12					
Method of educational activity: Combined					
Recommended semester	Study programme				
1.year WT	Law (YDŠMgr-PR)				
Underlie subjects:					
Conditions for passing the course:					
Method of evaluation: Completion by a continuing assessment					
Continuous evaluation: The condition for completing the course is the elaboration of a semester paper on a topic chosen by the student, which must be written in English in the range of 3-5 standard pages and which the student submits in the last week of teaching period.					
Continuous evaluation: term paper.					
Final evaluation: Completion by a continuing assessment					
Finished: By ongoing evaluation.					
Learning outcomes:					
After completing the course, the student will be able to name and describe the basic institutes of substantive and procedural criminal law in English language. The student will be able to describe the basic merits of selected crimes in English, and will be able to use the relevant English terminology of substantive criminal law. The student will be able to individually translate professional texts related to selected areas of substantive criminal law. The student will be able to identify, name and describe the stages of criminal proceedings in English and explain the institutes that apply within them. The student will be able to individually translate a selected court decision of the European Court of Human Rights.					
Schedule of subject:					
1. Concept of substantive criminal law. 2. The position of substantive criminal law in the system of the legal order of the Slovak Republic. 3. The concept of crime and the characteristic features of crime. 4. Types of crimes and their classification and merits of the crime. 5. Penalties and protective measures. 6. Selected types of crimes according to individual chapters of the Criminal Code. 7. The concept of criminal procedural law and the basic principles of criminal proceedings. 8. Entities and parties in criminal proceedings. 9. Seizure of persons and things for the purposes of criminal proceedings. 10. Taking evidence in criminal proceedings. 11. Pre-trial proceedings process. 12. Trial proceedings process.					
Recommended reading:					
Basic recommended literature:					
BALÁŽ, P., VRÁBLOVÁ, M. Introduction to Slovak Substantive Criminal Law [preklad Milan Jančo]. 1st ed. Plzeň : Vydavatelství a nakladatelství Aleš Čeněk, 2011. 120 p.					
JALČ, A., JANČO, M. Fundamentals of Procedural Criminal Law. 1st ed. Plzeň : Vydavatelství a nakladatelství Aleš Čeněk, 2011. 147 p.					
Language requirements: English					
Notes:					
Student's workload: 100 hours					
Combined study (Seminars, Consultations): 24 hours					
Study for seminars and study of documents in Moodle (individual study): 46 hours					
Preparation of a seminar paper: 30 hours					
Course evaluation:					
Assessed students in total: 38					
A	B	C	D	E	FX
97%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%
Lecturers:					
prof. JUDr. Ivan Šimovček, CSc., examiner, instructor					
doc. JUDr. Eva Szabová, PhD., univ. prof., lecturer, examiner, instructor					

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