

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

INFORMATION SHEET OF THE SUBJECT

Code: ZPFd213		Name: Fundamentals of Methodology and Methodics of Research Work and Sociological and Legal	
Cover: Department of Historical Law and Legal Methodology			
Type of educational activity: Lecture		Number of credits: 5	Recommended semester: WT
Scope of educational activity (in hours):			Study grade: PhD. Study
Weekly: -			
For term of study: ZS 10			
Method of educational activity: Attendance			
Recommended semester	Study programme		
2.year WT	Civil Law (ZObP-DŠ) Civil Law (ZObP-EŠ) Labour Law (ZPrP-DŠ) Labour Law (ZPrP-EŠ) Theory and History of State and Law (ZTDŠP-DŠ) Theory and History of State and Law (ZTDŠP-EŠ) Criminal Law (ZTrP-DŠ) Criminal Law (ZTrP-EŠ)		
Underlie subjects:			
Conditions for passing the course:			
Method of evaluation: Completion by a continuing assessment			
Continuous evaluation: Completion by a continuing assessment. Students are assessed on the basis of continuous assessment. The doctoral student will prepare and present a review of a selected scholarly text of another participant in this course. The review has a maximum length of two standard pages and contains a concise summary of the reviewed work along with an indication of its strengths and weaknesses. By elaborating this assignment, the doctoral student will gain knowledge about the specificities of the review process. At the same time, it demonstrates the ability to provide qualified feedback on other person's scholarly work as well as the ability to deal with critical objections to one's own work. The elaboration of the assignment thus deepens analytical thinking and scientific argumentation and at the same time strengthens the social skills associated with life in the scholarly community.			
Final evaluation: Completion by a continuing assessment			
Finished: By continuing assessment.			
Learning outcomes:			
By completing the course, the student will acquire:			
- basic knowledge of the implication problem,			
- ability to design an appropriate structure for a scientific text,			
- ability to define social phenomena and legal institutes,			
- basic knowledge of scientific comparison			
Schedule of subject:			
Topics:			
- Inferential vs. reference function of word expressions			
- Time sequence, causality and correlation			
- Implication and equivalence			
- Normative inference: hard (rules) vs. soft (principles)			
- Methods of definition as tools of scientific analysis			
- Genetic vs. gender definitions			
- Semantic induction			
- Comparison			
Recommended reading:			
Basic recommended literature:			
KNAPP, V.: Vědecká propedeutika pro právnické. Praha: Eurolex Bohemia, 2003.			
MELZER, F.: Metodologie nalézání práva: úvod do právní argumentace. Praha: C. H. Beck, 2010.			
Other recommended literature:			
GÁBRIŠ, T.: Presprávková teória práva. Bratislava: VEDA, 2020.			
KÁČER, M.: Bezohľadová veda ako produkt sekvencnej argumentácie. Filosofický časopis. roč. 69, 2021, č. 3, s. 509 - 523.			
KÁČER, M.: Teória ako služka praxe. In. Dny práva 2019. Sborník z konferencie. Brno: MUNI, 2020, s. 25 - 35. KNAPP, V. – GERLOCH, A.: Logika v právním myšlení. 3. vyd. Praha: Eurolex Bohemia, 2001.			
OCHRANA, F.: Metodologie vedy. Úvod do problému. Praha: Karolinum, 2010.			
STELMACH, J. – BROZEK, B.: Methods of legal reasoning. Dordrecht: Springer, 2006, s. 69 – 110. (moodle).			
WINTR, J.: Metody a zásady interpretace práva. 2. vyd. Praha: Auditorium, 2019.			
Language requirements: Slovak			

Notes:

The subject has a form of lectures. According to the individual interest of students, the lecturer also provides individual consultations.

Person responsible for the doctoral study program Labour Law:

Prof. JUDr. Mgr. Andrea Olšovská, PhD.

Person responsible for the doctoral study program Criminal Law:

Prof. JUDr. Ivan Šimovček, CSc.

Person responsible for the doctoral study program Civil Law:

Doc. JUDr. Monika Jurčová, PhD., mim. prof.

Person responsible for the doctoral study program Theory and History of State and Law:

Prof. JUDr. PhDr. Tomáš Gábriš, PhD., LL.M., MA.

Course evaluation:

Assessed students in total: 99

A	B	C	D	E	FX
88%	4%	4%	0%	0%	4%

Lecturers:

doc. Mgr. Marek Káčer, PhD., lecturer, examiner

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prof. JUDr. Kristián Csach, PhD., LL.M., lecturer, examiner

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