

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

INFORMATION SHEET OF THE SUBJECT

Code: ZTEd101

Name: Theory of Law I

Cover: Department of Theory of Law and Constitutional Law

Type of educational activity: Lecture

Scope of educational activity (in hours):

Weekly: -

For term of study: ZS 10

Number of credits: 5

Recommended semester: WT

Study grade: PhD. Study

Method of educational activity: Attendance

Recommended semester	Study programme
1.year WT	Theory and History of State and Law (ZTDŠP-DŠ)
2.year WT	Theory and History of State and Law (ZTDŠP-EŠ)

Underlie subjects:

Conditions for passing the course:

Method of evaluation: Completion by a continuing assessment

Continuous evaluation: The course ends with a continuous evaluation – elaboration of a written assignment, an essay in the extent of three standard pages, which will have a thematic intersection with the elaborated lectures and will be related to the topic of the dissertation thesis. The evaluation criteria will be the originality of the ideas, the incorporation of the relevant sources, and the overall composition of the text. By completing the assignment, the doctoral student will demonstrate the ability to analytically process the topic of the dissertation thesis and synthetically connect it with selected theoretical issues. At the same time, the doctoral student will gain the ability to creatively formulate the theoretical basis of their dissertation work, as well as the ability to critically evaluate current law and political issues from a broader theoretical perspective.

Final evaluation: Completion by a continuing assessment

Finished: By continuing assessment.

Learning outcomes:

The students will acquire:

- knowledge about actual legal theoretical issues,
- ability to identify the legal-theoretical issues in the dissertation research,
- deeper analytical thinking.

Schedule of subject:

The focus of the subject is on the most discussed topics in the latest scientific literature. First, the teacher will describe the issue, present the doctrinal approaches, and identify collisions in reasoning. Subsequently, he will lead a dialogue with students, during which they will try to find connections between this issue and their dissertation topics.

The essential topics are:

- normativity
- reflection of cultural differences in law,
- legal argumentation
- power of constitutional courts

Recommended reading:

Basic recommended literature:

SOBEK, T.: Právní rozum a morální cit: hodnotové základy právního myšlení. Praha: Ústav státu a práva AV ČR, 2016, s. 245 – 280.

Other recommended literature:

BÁRANY, E.: Moc a právo. Bratislava 1997.

BRÖSTL, A.: Právny štát. Košice 1995.

DWORKIN, R.: Ríša práva. Bratislava: Kalligram, 2014.

HART, H. L. A.: Pojem práva. Praha: Prostor, 2004.

HOLLÄNDER, P.: Filosofie práva. Plzeň: Aleš Čeněk, 2006.

KÁČER, M. – ŠAJMOVIČ, P.: Obmedzovanie slobody prejavu v radikalizujúcej sa spoločnosti. Praha: Leges, 2021. (Moodle).

Language requirements: Slovak

Notes:

Course evaluation: Assessed students in total: 27					
A	B	C	D	E	FX
96%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%
Lecturers: doc. Mgr. Marek Káčer, PhD., lecturer, examiner					
Date of last change: 01.09.2026					
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