

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

INFORMATION SHEET OF THE SUBJECT

Code: ZTRd001		Name: Substantive and Procedural Criminal Law - State Exam	
Cover: Department of Criminal Law and Criminology			
Type of educational activity: State Examination		Number of credits: 5	Recommended semester: ST
Scope of educational activity (in hours): Weekly: - For term of study: LS 0			Study grade: PhD. Study
Method of educational activity: Attendance			
Recommended semester	Study programme		
2.year ST	Criminal Law (ZTrP-DŠ)		
3.year ST	Criminal Law (ZTrP-EŠ)		
Underlie subjects:			
Conditions for passing the course: Method of evaluation: Completion by taking a dissertation examination Continuous evaluation: Final evaluation: Final evaluation - oral exam. The course ends with a final evaluation - an exam in the form of an oral presentation of the doctoral student, in which they present their own conclusions and ideas on the issues assigned to the doctoral student on the basis of critical analysis, synthesis of knowledge and use of comparative methods. At the same time, the doctoral student demonstrates the ability to solve a specific partial problem using both the norms of substantive criminal law and the provisions of criminal procedural law. With the presentation, the doctoral student demonstrates the ability to solve a specific practical problem in the field of criminal law. Through the presentation, the doctoral student will demonstrate their ability to think scientifically and apply appropriate scientific methods. At the same time, it demonstrates the ability to formulate arguments and scientifically substantiated reasoning in relation to their suggestions, ideas and findings. Finished: By state exam.			
Learning outcomes: By completing the course, the student will be able to work in the sphere of the judiciary, within the profession of lawyer, within the prosecutor's office and police force, business, personnel management, within international relations and the sphere of application and approximation of European law, within the activities of state bodies and international governmental and non-governmental bodies and organizations at home and abroad, within the public administration, within the field of scientific research and also in the field of teaching at law faculties and research institutes.			
Schedule of subject: Crimes against peace, against humanity, crimes of terrorism, extremism and war crimes. Subjects and parties in criminal proceedings and their procedural position. The concept, signs and types of criminal offences. Pre-trial criminal proceedings, its course and forms. Crimes against other rights and freedoms. Procedural acts, their types and procedural institutes of procedural acts. The concept, subject, system and functions of criminal law, its relation to other branches of law and scientific disciplines. The position, rights and duties of the prosecutor in criminal proceedings. Military crimes. Apprehension of persons for the purposes of criminal proceedings. Sources of criminal law, interpretation of criminal law and analogy. Procedural acts for apprehension of items important for criminal proceedings. Crimes against defense, against civil service, against service in the armed forces and against the defense of the homeland. Provision of information for the purposes of criminal proceedings. Scope of the Criminal Code. Evidence and means of proof and their significance for criminal proceedings. Offenses against public order. Filing, review and preliminary hearing of criminal charges. The concept, classification and meaning of the subject matters of criminal offences. The process and course of evidenciary process in criminal proceedings. Criminal offenses generally dangerous and criminal offences against the environment. Preparation and course of the main hearing in criminal proceedings. Objective elements of the subject matters of criminal offences. The course and decision-making at public hearings and at closed hearings. Crimes against the Republic. Ordinary remedies in criminal proceedings. Subjective elements of the subject matters of criminal offences. Extraordinary remedies and their importance within the review of decisions in criminal proceedings. Economic crimes. Special methods of criminal proceedings, their criminal-procedural characteristics. Circumstances excluding the illegality of the act. Principles and proceedings of the execution of sentences.			

Crimes against property.
 Extinction of punishment, erasure of convictions in criminal proceedings.
 Developmental stages of a criminal offence.
 Diversions from the general method of criminal proceedings.
 Crimes against family and youth.
 The procedure of the extradition in legal relations with foreign countries.
 Criminal cooperation and participation.
 Enforcement of decisions in relation to a foreign country.
 Crimes against freedom and human dignity.
 Acceptance and transfer of a criminal case in legal relations with a foreign country, legal assistance in relation to a foreign country.
 Concurrence of crime and recidivism.
 Basic principles of criminal proceedings and their characteristics.
 Crimes against life and health.
 Detention of a person against whom criminal proceedings are being conducted.
 Error in criminal law and its meaning.
 Custody in criminal proceedings and its relation to detention.
 Concept, purpose and types of protective measures, educational measures.
 House and Personal Searches, Search of other Premises and Land Property.
 The concept, purpose and system of punishments.
 Competence and jurisdiction of courts in criminal proceedings.
 Principles of sentencing, mitigating and aggravating circumstances, special qualification terms.
 Interrogation of persons in criminal proceedings.
 Expiry of criminal liability and punishment, effacement of conviction.
 Injured person and his position in criminal proceedings.
 Types of punishments and their characteristics.
 Initiation of criminal prosecution and indictment.
 Criminal liability and punishment of juveniles.
 The position, rights and duties of a defence counsel in criminal proceedings.

Recommended reading:

Basic recommended literature:

Šimovček, I. a kol.: Trestné právo procesné. Plzeň: Vydavatelství a nakladatelství Aleš Čeněk, 2019. 3. vydanie, 407s. ISBN 978-80-7380-768-9.
 Mašlanyová, D., Szabová, E. a kol.: Trestné právo hmotné. Všeobecná a osobitná časť. 4. vyd. Plzeň: Aleš Čeněk, 2021, 623 s. ISBN 978-80- 7380-862-4.
 Šámal, P. a kol.: Trestní řád I.: komentář: § 1-156. 7. dopln. a přeprac. vyd. Praha: C.H. Beck, 2013. 1898 s. (Velké komentáře). ISBN 978-80-7400-465-0.
 Jelínek, J. a kol.: Trestní zákoník a trestní řád s poznámkami a judikaturou: zákon o soudnictví ve věcech mládeže, zákon o trestní odpovědnosti právnických osob a řízení proti nim, advokátní tarif. 7. aktualizované vyd. Praha: Leges, 2017. Právní stav: 1.10. 2017. 1312 s.
 Čentěš, J.: Trestný zákon: velký komentář. 5. aktualiz. vyd. Žilina: Eurokódex, 2020. xxiii, 998 s. ISBN 978-80-8155-096-6.
 Tosza, S.: Criminal Liability of Managers in Europe: Punishing Excessive Risk. 1st Publ. Oxford: Hart Publishing, 2019. 316 p. (Hart Studies in European Criminal Law). ISBN 978-1-5099-1497-5.

Language requirements: Slovak

Notes:

Course evaluation:

Assessed students in total: 37

A	B	C	D	E	FX
51%	24%	8%	5%	0%	11%

Lecturers:

prof. JUDr. Jozef Záhora, PhD., examiner
 prof. JUDr. Ivan Šimovček, CSc., examiner
 doc. JUDr. Eva Szabová, PhD., univ. prof., examiner
 prof. JUDr. Ing. Adrián Jalč, PhD., examiner

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