

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

INFORMATION SHEET OF THE SUBJECT

Code: XNDPb810	Name: European Legal Methodology				
Cover: Department of Historical Law and Legal Methodology					
Type of educational activity: Lecture, Practise Scope of educational activity (in hours): Weekly: 2/0 For term of study: ZS 106/,24/LS 106/,24 Method of educational activity: Combined				Number of credits: 4	Recommended semester: WT, ST
					Study grade: Bachelor
Underlie subjects:					
Conditions for passing the course: Method of evaluation: Completion by taking an examination					
Continuous evaluation: Final evaluation: Written examination consisting of a test; Grading scale: A: 100–91%; B: 90–81%; C: 80–71%; D: 70–66%; E: 65–60%; FX: 59–0%. Finished: By exam.					
Learning outcomes: Graduates of the course European Legal Methodology will acquire methodological and analytical skills necessary for working with European Union law. Students will understand the specific features of the autonomous interpretation of EU law and will be able to apply the main interpretative methods used in the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union, while taking into account the multilingual nature of the EU legal order and the autonomous meaning of certain legal concepts. Students will gain the ability to analyse the process of judicial concretisation and development of law through case law, including the filling of gaps in the law through analogy and general principles of law, as well as to identify the limits of judicial interpretation. Within the framework of application mechanisms, students will acquire knowledge of the principles of interpretation of national law in conformity with EU law, understand the issues related to the transposition of directives, including the phenomenon of so-called gold-plating, and become familiar with the advance effects of directives during the transposition period. Graduates of the course will also be able to perceive EU law as a coherent system, identify its connections with economic reasoning in the field of the internal market, and understand the temporal effects of the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union.					
Schedule of subject: 1. The system of European Union law and system-building. 2. Interpretation and judicial development of EU primary law. 3. Interpretation of European Union secondary law. 4. Interpretation in conformity with EU primary law. 5. Interpretation in conformity with directives. 6. The advance effect of directives during the transposition period. 7. Transposition of directives and the problem of gold-plating. 8. Judicial development of law in the EU legal order. 9. Concretisation of general clauses in EU law. 10. Temporal effects of judgments of the Court of Justice of the European Union. 11. Economic reasoning in EU internal market law. 12. Revision and summary of key concepts.					
Recommended reading: Basic recommended literature: RIESENHUBER, K. European Legal Methodology. Cambridge: Intersentia, 2017. Basic study materials, a selection of case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union, and supplementary scholarly texts will be made available to students by the instructor during the course.					
Language requirements: English					
Notes: Student workload: 100 hours Contact teaching (lectures): 24 hours Preparation for classes, preparation for the final assessment, and study of materials provided by the instructor and available in Moodle (self-study): 76 hours A student may enrol in this course only once during their studies at the Faculty of Law, Trnava University.					
Course evaluation: Assessed students in total: 0					
A	B	C	D	E	FX
0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Lecturers: prof. PhDr. JUDr. Tomáš Gábriš, PhD., LL.M., MA, lecturer, examiner Tereza Vujošević, lecturer, examiner Mgr. Malwina Tkacz, lecturer, examiner					

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