

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Academic year: 2026/2027	
University: Comenius University Bratislava	
Faculty: Faculty of Law	
Course ID: PraF.KTPFP/ENbMP19-1/26	Course title: Theory of Law 1
Educational activities: Type of activities: lecture / seminar Number of hours: per week: 2 / 2 per level/semester: 26 / 26 Form of the course: on-site learning	
Number of credits: 5	
Recommended semester: 1.	
Educational level: I.	
Prerequisites:	
Course requirements: Continuous assessment: written examination, seminar / consultation activity 20% Final evaluation: oral exam 80% Classification scale: (A / 1 = 91-100%; B / 1.5 = 81-90%; C / 2 = 73-80%; D / 2.5 = 66-72%; E: 60-65% , Fx: 0–59%). The course is tested in part using the uncommented legislation according to the instructions of the teacher. Scale of assessment (preliminary/final): 20/80	
Learning outcomes: a) Knowledge: After completing the course, the student is able to understand and navigate the fundamental concepts and institutes of law. They will gain comprehensive knowledge of legal theory, including its terminological and philosophical contexts. The student will become acquainted with both the theoretical and practical dimensions of sources of law, lawmaking, and the implementation of law. They will be able to identify various sources of law and compare their key characteristics and methods of origin. b) Skills: The student is able to identify the type of legal norm and structure its individual components. They are able to interpret sources of law using basic methods of interpretation. The student is also familiar with methods of legal argumentation and capable of applying them in various legal and social contexts. In the area of law implementation, the student is able to identify different types of legal facts and classify them under the applicable legal regulations. Regarding legal liability, the student will be able to identify unlawful conduct, the relevant subjects of liability relations and the sanctions that result from the imposition of legal liability. c) Responsibility and independence: The student is capable of critically addressing both theoretical and practical legal issues and making decisions that are socially acceptable, fair, and moral. During seminar exercises, the student is required to independently seek out key information, analyse and compare it, and present it publicly, thereby fostering their independence. Additionally, students are encouraged to collaborate in teams, which supports the development of their social responsibility.	
Class syllabus: 1. Concept and nature of law	

2. Law, morality and justice 3. Legal system 4. Sources of law 5. Lawmaking 6. Legal norms and their types 7. Structure of legal norms 8. Implementation of law – legal facts 9. Implementation of law – legal relations and subjects of law 10. Application of law 11. Interpretation of law 12. Legal argumentation 13. Legal liability						
Recommended literature: OSINA, Petr. Legal Theory. Praha: Leges, 2017. 128 s., ISBN 9788075022233 VARGA, Csaba. Theory of Law. Budapest: Szent István Társulat, 2012. 371 s. ISBN 978-963-277-392-6 WACKS, Raymond. Understanding Jurisprudence: An Introduction to Legal Theory. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012, 358 s. ISBN 978-0-19-960826-3 McLEOD, Ian. Legal Method. Hampshire: Palgrave Macmillan, 1996. 357 s., ISBN 0-333-67696-3						
Languages necessary to complete the course: English						
Notes:						
Past grade distribution Total number of evaluated students: 0						
A	ABS	B	C	D	E	FX
0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Lecturers: doc. JUDr. Branislav Fábry, PhD., Mgr. Olexij Mychajlovyč Meteňkanyč, PhD., doc. JUDr. Mgr. Michal Mrva, PhD., LL.M., doc. JUDr. Martin Turčan, PhD., JUDr. Tomáš Mészáros, PhD., Mgr. Ema Mikulová, Mgr. Renáta Kišoňová, PhD., Mgr. Ján Tomašík, PhD., Mgr. Jakub Vanacký, Mgr. Lynette Adamcová						
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