

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

<b>Academic year:</b> 2023/2024	
<b>University:</b> Comenius University Bratislava	
<b>Faculty:</b> Faculty of Law	
<b>Course ID:</b> PraF.UKPV/bPRV17-1222/21	<b>Course title:</b> Legal Aid Studies
<b>Educational activities:</b> <b>Type of activities:</b> seminar <b>Number of hours:</b> <b>per week: 2 per level/semester: 28</b> <b>Form of the course:</b> on-site learning	
<b>Number of credits:</b> 2	
<b>Recommended semester:</b> 3., 5.	
<b>Educational level:</b> I.	
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	
<b>Course requirements:</b> Ongoing evaluation: activity during interactive lectures (30 %); essay (40 %); presentation (20 %); peer assessment (10 %). Rating scale: A/1 = 91 – 100 %; B/1,5 = 81 – 90 %; C/2 = 73 – 80 %; D/2,5 = 66 – 72 %; E/3 = 61 – 65 %; FX = 0 – 60 %. Scale of assessment (preliminary/final): 100/0	
<b>Learning outcomes:</b> After this course, the students can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- recognize and explain the importance of the right to legal aid as a basic human right, the impact of the EU and the Council of Europe on the concept of the right to legal aid and the difference between systems of legal aid in criminal and civil matters;</li> <li>- demonstrate a legal aid system in his or her home country;</li> <li>- compare different legal aid systems;</li> <li>- identify and evaluate the shortcomings of the legal aid systems;</li> <li>- construct the de lege ferenda proposals.</li> </ul>	
<b>Class syllabus:</b> Legal Aid Studies is an elective course opened for 3rd BA home students and visiting students. The central topic is the right to legal aid in civil matters with a focus on international aspects of legal aid and an overview of systems of legal aid around the world. The course consists of three parts: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The first part – Interactive Lectures (weeks 1 to 4)               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1. Introduction to the right to legal aid</li> <li>1.2. Legal aid as a basic human right and its international aspects</li> <li>1.3. Legal aid system in the Slovak Republic and eligibility criteria</li> <li>1.4. Legal aid systems around the world</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. The second part – Essay writing (weeks 5 to 8)</li> <li>3. The third part – Essay presentations (week 9 to 11)</li> </ol> On the background of the topic of access to legal aid, the course aims to enhance students' legal writing and presenting skills.	

**Recommended literature:**

- Barendrecht, M., Kistemaker, L., Scholten, H. J., Schrader, R., Wrzesinska, M. (2014) Legal Aid in Europe: Nine Different Ways to Guarantee Access to Justice? The Hague Institute for Internationalisation of Law. Tilburg: University of Tilburg. [selected chapters]
- Flynn, A., Hodgson, J. (Eds.) (2017) Access to Justice and Legal Aid: Comparative Perspective on Unmet Legal Need. Oxford: Bloomsbury publishing PLC. [selected chapters]
- Hammerslev, O., Rønning, O. H. (Eds.) (2018) Outsourcing Legal Aid in the Nordic Welfare States. Cham: Pagrave Macmillan. [selected chapters]
- Kerrigan, K., Murray, V. (2011) A Student Guide to Clinical Legal Education and Pro Bono. Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan. [selected chapters]
- Granfield, R. (2007) The Meaning of Pro Bono: Institutional Variations in Professional Obligations among Lawyers. Law & Society Review, 41(1), 113-146.
- Jüriloo, K. (2015) Free Legal Aid – a Human Right. Nordic Journal of Human Rights, 33(3), 203-219.
- Eichelbaum, M. (2019) The Legal Aid Lawyer. Pennsauken: BookBaby.
- Global Study on Legal Aid (2016) Global Report. United Nations Development Programme. New York: United Nations.
- Making Legal Aid a Reality (2009) A Resource Book for the Policy Makers and Civil Society. Budapest: The Public Interest Law Institute.
- Szente, Z., Lachmayer, K. (Eds.) (2016) The Principle of Effective Legal Protection in Administrative Law. A European Comparison. London: Taylor & Francis Ltd.

**Languages necessary to complete the course:**

English

**Notes:**

The course is taught during the winter semester and the capacity is limited to 15 students.

**Past grade distribution**

Total number of evaluated students: 76

A	ABS	B	C	D	E	FX
82,89	0,0	14,47	0,0	1,32	0,0	1,32

**Lecturers:** JUDr. Mária Havelková, PhD.

**Last change:** 01.06.2021

**Approved by:**