

# INTRODUCTION TO LAW AND LEGAL STUDIES INFORMATICS

## Outline

**Instruction language:** English  
**Type of Instruction:** Lectures, Study of literature  
**Type of exams:** Open-book examination (100%),  
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## Objectives

After passing the course a student shall understand and apply basic theoretical and practical issues concerning legal studies and legal informatics.

The main objectives of the course are:

- To make students aware of Higher education institutions, Academic Freedoms and Academic Rights, Academic Self-Government Bodies and other rights and obligations.
- To provide students with the basic internal regulations of university and faculty, in particular Study Rules of the faculty, the Disciplinary Order of the university for students and other internal regulations.
- To make students acquainted with the legal informatics as the field of law and with different types of legal information systems.

The aim is also to develop legal thinking and solving case studies.

## Contents

Introduction to Law and Legal Studies Informatics course provides a student accurate scientific and practical knowledge from fields of legal studies and legal informatics. A student shall understand basic legal regulation and internal regulations of university and faculty dealing with legal studies. After the primer on introduction to law course is focused on legal informatics, i.e. legal information, legal information systems like EUR-LEX or CURIA.

## Lecture

Students are obliged to read required materials as part of the preparation for the class. These materials are marked as "**Compulsory Reading**" in the outline. Furthermore, student is obliged to read with understanding legislative acts that are marked as "**Compulsory Study**". Student has to bring "Compulsory Study" materials (in electronic or paper form) to the class for purposes of case study. It is possible to deepen interest in particular topic by reading materials marked as "**Recommended Reading**" in the outline.

Lectures will take place every Tuesday (13:45 – 15:10). Lectures take place through the **MS TEAMS application**. A group (Introduction to Law and Legal Studies Informatics) has been created for this purpose where you have been added. A channel called Lecture has been created within the group where an online meeting is created. You are required to join this meeting.

## Moodle

Students are required to enroll themselves in the course Introduction to Law and Legal Studies via Moodle <https://moodle.uniba.sk/> Enrollment key: ILLSI2021

## Exam

The course exam is composed of **open-book examination** (100%).

The date of the exam: **30 November 2021.**

## Conditions for passing the course:

a) scope of compulsory participation in educational activities - participation in seminars is mandatory with the possibility of absence from three seminars without the need to justify them.

b) in cases of absence of a student at more than three seminars will be resolved by an interview of the student with a teacher. The teacher within the scope and reasons for absence determines substitute assignment, in such a way that the assigned task relates to topics covered in seminars that the student in question did not attend. The assignment will have to be submitted by the student concerned before the 12th teaching week of the winter semester.

c) specification of the method of evaluation of study results - interim control of the study in the form of a case study using uncommented legal regulations.

d) date of interim control of the study - 30.11.2021

e) Re-sit date of the interim control of the study will be at the last seminar of the teaching part of the semester (7.12.2021).

## 1. Introduction

**Date:** 21 September 2021

## 2. Introduction to legal studies I: Regulation

**Act. No.131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education and on Changes and Supplements to Some Laws**

**Date:** 28 September 2021

### Compulsory reading:

- What Is The Purpose of Higher Education: Knowledge or Utility?  
<https://miguelescotet.com/2020/what-is-the-purpose-of-higher-education-knowledge-or-utility/>

## 3. Introduction to legal studies II: Regulation

**Rules of Study of the Faculty of Law**

**Date:** 5 October 2021

### Compulsory study:

- Selected articles of the Rules of Study of the Faculty of Law (will be added to your MS TEAMS group)

### Compulsory reading:

- We need to talk about... academic freedom. Available at:  
[https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/national-policies/eurydice/content/we-need-talk-about%E2%80%A6-academic-freedom\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/national-policies/eurydice/content/we-need-talk-about%E2%80%A6-academic-freedom_en)

## 4. Introduction to legal studies III: Regulation

**Disciplinary Rules of the CU**

**Date:** 12 October 2021

### Compulsory study:

- Selected articles of Disciplinary Rules of the CU (will be added to your MS TEAMS group)

## 5. Introduction to legal studies IV

**How to write final theses**

**Date:** 19 October 2021

### Compulsory reading:

- Alex Hardy and Christine James. Plagiarism v copyright infringement.  
<https://societyofauthors.org/getmedia/872311fe-f54f-4dde-9599-a407a9c1c13a/Plagiarism-and-copyright-infringement.aspx>
- What Constitutes Plagiarism? <https://usingsources.fas.harvard.edu/what-constitutes-plagiarism>

## 6. Legal informatics, legal information and their regulation

Date: 26 October 2021

## 7. Legal information systems. Articles and commentaries as a source of legal information

Date: 2 November 2021

### Compulsory reading:

- Chapter 1: What Is an Information System? <https://bus206.pressbooks.com/chapter/chapter-1/>

The student is obliged to obtain remote access to external information sources of Comenius university in advance.

<https://uniba.sk/en/about/faculties-and-units/comenius-university-academic-library/external-electronic-information-resources/>

To obtain instructions how to set remote access to CU electronic resources (limited to CU academic community) - write to [library@vili.uniba.sk](mailto:library@vili.uniba.sk).

The student is obliged to obtain remote access to electronic information resources of SLOVAK CENTRE OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION in advance.

[https://www.cvtisr.sk/en/scientific-library/remote-access-to-e-resources.html?page\\_id=3273](https://www.cvtisr.sk/en/scientific-library/remote-access-to-e-resources.html?page_id=3273)

I will help you with registration. Application is available only in Slovak language.

## 8. EUR-Lex, Curia, HUDOC

Date: 9 November 2021

### EUR-Lex online tutorials (watch all 12 tutorials):

- [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLT5rARDev\\_rnoWAKwXfznOAZy1ydiIkTZ](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLT5rARDev_rnoWAKwXfznOAZy1ydiIkTZ)

### HUDOC online tutorials

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=reO12mvvIYE>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m70jpPh7e9Y>

## 9. Case Studies

Date: 16 November 2021

## 10. Artificial intelligence and Legal informatics

Date: 23 November 2021

## 11. Final exam

Date: 30 November 2021

## 12. Re-sit Exam

**Date:** 7 December 2021