

Program: Undergraduate Academic Studies			
Course title: INTRODUCTION TO THE SOCIOLOGY OF LAW			
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Course status: mandatory			
Number of ECTS: 6			
Requirements:			
Aims of the course:			
To get students acquainted with basic topics and contemporary ideas in social sciences at the levels of theory and epistemology, then methodology and empirical researches, and finally as practical and applied social science.			
Course result:			
Students will get direct insight into empirical evidence that confirm relevance of the issues covered by the sociology of law but also legal theory in general. This will enable comprehending the importance of the legal profession, development of legal consciousness and understanding of the development of law as a technique to regulate relations in a society. Students will be able to develop critical stance towards their own profession and critically reflect law.			
Course content:			
I SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY OF LAW – Sociology as a “science of social crisis”, Pluralism in sociology, Sociology of law as a reflexive encounter of sociology and law, Principles of scientific knowledge and legal norms, Social determinism, sociological law and explanation in sociology, Elements, tools and techniques of sociological method. II SOCIAL PROCESSES AND LEGAL REGULATION – Social processes and legal relations, Social and legal reproduction, Human work and legal norms: division of labor between social and legal norms, Customary regulation of traditional work, Work and law in modern society: work organizations as legal institutions, Demographic reproduction and law: legal aspects of population policy, Ecological problems and law. III SOCIAL GROUPS AND LAW – Social structure and legal system, The concept of social groups and types of social groups, Contemporary marriage, family and family law, Social and legal aspects of gender issues, Ethnic relations and law, The rights of local communities, Social inequalities and law. IV SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS, ORGANIZATIONS AND LAW – Social institutions and organizations as foundations of social and legal system, Types of social institutions and organizations, Law and bureaucracy, Organization of “total” and “disciplinary” institutions, Autocratic and democratic organizations, Political organizations and law. V CULTURE AND LAW – The concept of culture and its elements – pluralism of cultural patterns, Law as a cultural pattern: from customs to law, Legal culture as unity of legal consciousness and practice, Forms of culture and law, Professions and professional ethnics, Ideology and law, Social control and deviance VI CHANGES IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY AND LAW – Changes are constant, but development and progress are not, Law as a factor and indicator of social development, Right to education and development of contemporary societies, Communication technologies and the law of information society, Law, force and globalization: “world society” and/or “new world order”, Social risks and legal challenges of globalization, Serbia – legal state in European integrations. VII LAW AND SOCIETY Law as a social phenomenon, The subject, method and tasks of sociology of law, Historical development of the sociology of law, Basic problems and concepts of the sociology of law, The origin of law, The concept of law, The functions of law, Creation of Law, Application of law, Legal Profession			
Literature: to be determined at the beginning of semester.			
Number of lectures – active classes	Theoretical classes: 60		Practical classes: 30
Instruction method: Lectures, study groups, consultations			
Grading system (maximum number of points 100)			
Pre-exam obligations	Points	Final Exam	points
Activities during lectures	10	<i>Oral exam</i>	60s
Activities during practical classes	10		
Tests	10		
Seminar classes	10		