

Program: Master Academic Studies			
Course title: SOCIOLOGICAL METHOD IN LAW ENFORCEMENT			
Teachers: Professor dr. Saša Bovan, Assistant Professor dr. Danilo Vuković			
Course status: optional - Legal-theoretical module, Sociological-legal sub-module			
Number of ECTS: 10			
Requirements: /			
Aims of the course: This course is a complex interdisciplinary effort to understand the impacts of institutional and cultural factors on the creation and application of legal norms. Within the framework of this course, legal norms are considered as a part of public (sectoral) policies. The first part of the course is devoted to general issues of law-making, relations between laws and public policies, and the concept of public policy analysis. The second part of the course analyses the process of passing laws and the influence of institutional factors and social interests on this process. In this part of the course, students have the task to conduct a case analysis with the help of teachers. In the second part of the course we deal with the influence of institutional factors and cultural values on the application of law. In this part of the course students will get basic insights into the concepts of sociological qualitative and quantitative research.			
Course result: Students familiar with the theoretical framework and methodological tools to understand the impact of social factors (institutions and values) on the creation and implementation of law. Students are trained for deeper study of these topics.			
Course content: 1. Laws and public policies 1.1. Adoption of the law 1.2. Law and public policy 1.3. Introduction to Public Policy Analysis 2. Passing laws 2.1. Institutional sociological analysis 2.2. Social interests and laws: a case study 3. Enforcement of law 3.1. Institutional framework for the enforcement of law: a case study 3.2. Cultural values and the enforcement of law 3.3. Sociological research of values: theoretical, methodological and empirical questions 4. Sociological and legal analysis of the enforcement of law: independent study research work			
Literature: Mandatory: Freeman, Michael (2005), „Law and Sociology“ in Michael Freeman (ed), <i>Law and Sociology</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press.; Galligan, Denis (2007), <i>Law In Modern Society</i> , Oxford: OUP.; Steinmo, Sven (2008), “What is Historical Institutionalism?” in Donatella Della Porta and Michael Keating (eds.), <i>Approaches in the Social Sciences</i> , Cambridge UK: Cambridge University Press.; Portes, Alejandro (2010), <i>Economic Sociology</i> , Princeton: Princeton University Press. Supplementary: García-Villegas, Mauricio (2006), „Comparative Sociology of Law: Legal Fields, Legal Scholarships, and Social Sciences in Europe and the United States“, <i>Law and Social Inquiry</i> , Vol.31, Issue 2, pp.343-382.; Banakar, Reza and Max Travers (eds.) (2005), <i>Theory and Method in Socio-Legal Research</i> , Oxford: Hart Publishing and The Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law.; Nee, Victor (2005), „The New Institutionalism in Economics and Sociology“ in Neil J. Smelser and Richard Swedberg (eds.), <i>The Handbook of Economic Sociology</i> , Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press.; Griffiths, John (2003), „The Social Working Of Legal Rules“, <i>Journal of Legal Pluralism</i> No.48.; Ewald, William (1995), ‘Comparative Jurisprudence (II): The Logic of Legal Transplants’, <i>American Journal of Comparative Law</i> , Vol.43, No.4, pp. 489-510.			
Number of lectures – active classes	Theoretical classes: 15		Practical classes :
Instruction method:			
Grading system (maximum number of points 100)			
Pre-exam obligations	points	Final Exam	points
Activities during lectures	20	Writing exam	
Activities during practical classes		Oral exam	60
Tests			
Seminar classes			