

Program: Undergraduate Academic Studies			
Course title: CANON LAW			
Teachers: Assist. Prof. Dr. Dalibor Djukic, e-mail: dalibor.djukic@ius.bg.ac.rs			
Course status: Mandatory course within the Legal Theory Stream			
Number of ECTS: 4			
Requirements: None			
Aims of the course: It aims to offer the knowledge of the Church in the historical perspective from its origin and initial embryonic development; acquiring the knowledge about the structure of the first Christian communities and their functioning in the first three centuries; the development of church organization in the period of Christian freedom at the beginning of the 4th century; the classification of church-legal sources, their contemporary interpretation in the context of the time in which they were created and their application today; reviewing the structure of the Church in the modern world in the light of the “unchangeability of canons”; getting to know the position and the special features of this position under changeable historical circumstances; the experiences of the Church in the New Age: the Western Churches, the experience of the Church and its organization in countries of real socialism of the 20th century; models and forms of possible relations between the Church and the state in the world today and the world that comes in the near future.			
Results of the course: Students will acquire basic knowledge of the Church, its organization and its rules and its role in different historical periods. Students will acquire knowledge and ability to critically consider the role of the Church in the society as well as its role and the problems it faces in contemporary society.			
Content of the course: 1. The Church in the historical perspective, 2. The organization of the first Christian communities, 3. The rules of functioning of the first Christian communities, 4. The development of the Church organization at the beginning of the 4th century, 5. The sources of the Ecclesiastical law, 6. The interpretation of Christian sources, 7. The use of Church sources in the modern time, 8. The role of the Church in the modern world, 9. The unchangeability of the canons, 10. The content of the main canons, 11. The Holy Mysteries and their importance, 12. The position and structure of the Church during real socialism, 12. The position of the Church in the countries of the former real-socialism today, 13. Models and forms of relations between the Church and the state, 14. Constitutional position of the Church in various countries and the role of the Church in diplomacy, 15. Perspectives of the role of the Church in the near future.			
Literature: Wilfried Hartmann, Kenneth Pennington, <i>The history of Byzantine and Eastern canon law to 1500</i> , Catholic University of America Press, Washington D. C., 2012. R. Potz, E. Synek, <i>Orthodoxes Kirchenrecht: Eine Einführung</i> , Freistadt 2014, Naz R.: <i>Traite de droit canonique</i> , Paris, 1953; Ципин В.: <i>Церковное право</i> , Москва, 1996.			
Active classes			
Lectures:			
30			
Instruction method: Lectures, study group, consultations			
Grading system (maximum number of points 100)			
Pre-exam obligations	Points	Final exam	Points
Activity during the lectures	10	Oral exam	70
Writing assignment	20	