Program: Undergraduate Academic Studies	
Course title: ELECTORAL LAW	
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Course status: optional	
Number of ECTS: 2	
Requirements: /	

Aims of the course: The course aims to enable students to understand the elections as a democratic method of forming representative government. It is interdisciplinary, combining the legal studies of elections with the comparative perspective and historical considerations, and also taking into account the relationship between the electoral system and the given political culture. Hence, Electoral Law Course focuses on the electoral law rules, as a part of the legal system, which regulate the procedure for the election of the local, regional, national and supranational (European) levels of government, but it also considers electoral law as a societal phenomenon, and in that context it analyses the impact of the electoral systems on the party systems.
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Course result: Students will be able to critically think about the importance of the elections for the democratic political decision-making, as well as about the substantive electoral law, procedural electoral law, district magnitude, electoral formula and ballot structure. Furthermore, Electoral Law Course provides specific knowledge and skills necessary not only for the voters and candidates for different elected posts, but also for the election observers and employees in the judiciary and public administration involved in the electoral process.
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Course content: 1. Notion and function of elections; 2. Object, method and sources of electoral law; 3. Right to vote. 4. Right to stand for elections; 5. Electoral campaign; 6. Observation of the elections; 7. Electoral administration; 8. Judicial review of the electoral process; 9. District magnitude; 10. Electoral formula; 11. Ballot structure; 12. Consequences of electoral systems; 13. Selected electoral systems (Great Britain/ Single member plurality system, France/ Two round system, Germany/ Personalized proportional representation, Ireland/ Single transferable vote system, Italy/ Mixed system); 14. Electoral systems in Serbia (parliamentary, presidential, autonomous province and municipal elections).
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Literature:

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Number of lectures – active classes	**Theoretical classes:** 24	**Practical classes :** 0
Instruction method:		

Grading system (maximum number of points 100)

Pre-exam obligations	Points	Final Exam	points
Activities during lectures	10		70
Activities during practical classes			
Tests	10		
Seminar classes	10		