Program: Undergraduate Academic Studies

Course title: LEGAL PSYCHOLOGY

Teacher:

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Course status: optional

Number of ECTS: 2

Requirements:

Aims of the course: To gain a certain foundation of extralegal knowledge, especially in psychology and psychopathology, which contribute to the overall legal education; To gain special knowledge that will prove beneficial to students greatly interested in judicial professions; To be able to functionally connect the knowledge of subjects studying Positive Law with the knowledge of certain extralegal scientific disciplines.

Course result: To possess knowledge of certain extralegal scientific disciplines which, when connected with general knowledge and life experience, give guidance in analyzing and applying certain institutes of Criminal law to judges and other participants in the criminal procedure. Additionally, gaining this knowledge increases a judge's critical self-awareness and readiness to cooperate with experts in various fields, and also enables a judge to have critical insight into the experts' findings and opinions.

Course content:

- 1. The concept, subject, tasks and systems of Legal Psychology
- 2. The development and methods of Legal Psychology
- 3. Connection of Legal Psychology with (general) Psychology, certain legal branches, and certain extralegal scientific disciplines
- 4. The psychology of statement in the criminal procedure
- 5. Concept and structure of the statement: observation, memory, opinion and expression
- 6. Types of statement: true, untrue, incorrect and false statements
- 7. Criteria for statement consideration
- 8. Taking the statement into consideration by comparing its content with other established facts, analyzing the content of a statement, and determining the overall credibility of the statement maker
- 9. Consideration of the statement's overall credibility on account of certain personality traits, motives, behaviours and thought positions of the statement maker
- 10. Content and properties of the statements made by the defendant, witnesses, forensic experts, translators and interpreters
- 11. Concept and subject of police Psychology
- 12. Criminal law psychology with special focus on the questions of guilt, incompetence, significantly decreased competence, will, intent, motive, and hatred.

Literature:

Obligatory: N. Delić: *Psihologija iskaza pojedinih učesnika u krivičnom postupku*, Beograd 2008; N. Delić: Sudska psihologija kao nastavna i naučna disciplina, *Crimen*, Beograd 1/2010, 39–52; **N.** Delić: Pojam i struktura iskaza – sudskopsihološki aspekt, u: *Godišnjak Pravnog fakulteta u Istočnom Sarajevu*, Istočno Sarajevo 2/2011, 58–82.

Additionall: M. Aćimović, *Psihologija zločina i suđenja*, Beograd 1987; M. Aćimović, *Uvod u psihologiju krivičnog postupka*, Beograd 1979; P. Feldman, *The psychology of crime*, Cambridge, 1993; G. Gudjonsson, *The psychology of interrogations, confessions and testimony*, London 1996; M. Stone, *Cross-Examination in Criminal Trials*, London 1999.

Instruction method: Lectures, exercises			
Grading system (maximum number of points 100)			
Pre-exam obligations	points	Final Exam	points
Activities during lectures	20		
Activities during practical		Oral exam	60
classes			
Tests			
Seminar classes	20		