Study program: Law (240 ECTS)

Type and level of studies: basic academic studies of the first degree

Course title: Criminal law Professor: Momčilo Lj. Sekulić

Course status: obligatory

ECTS Points: 8

Condition: Third semester enrolled, completed course and successfully completed pre-exam

Objective

The objective of the course is to familiarize students with the doctrine of criminal law, illustrating the relationship of criminal law and other legal branches, as well as with criminal offenses and criminal sanctions. Acquiring knowledge on the essence of general concepts of criminal law necessary to understand this very complex and important branch of law in contemporary society. Mastering the concepts of certain criminal offenses will enable students to learn about specific crimes and sanctions for them.

Outcome:

After passing the exam, the student has adopted theoretical knowledge in the field of criminal law and understands the basic concepts of criminal law (criminal responsibility, commission of a criminal offense, grounds for excluding the existence of a criminal offense, acquiring and divestiture, etc.), criminal offense and criminal sanctions; capable of understanding the relationship between easier and more severe forms of criminal offense, as well as the types of criminal sanctions.

Contents of the course:

Theoretical classes:

1. Introduction to Criminal Law. 2. Law, principles and sources of criminal law. 3. Time and space validity of the criminal law. 4. Resolutions of criminal law and other branches of law. 5. Agreement on international criminal law. The emergence and development of international criminal law. 6. International crimes. 7. Criminal legislation of Serbia and the notion of an element and will be a criminal offense. 8. Execution of the criminal offense. Co-operation (concept and forms); Enforcement and co-perpetration. Shocking. Help. Limits of responsibility and punishability of accomplices. 9. Crime, the notion of guilt, elements of guilt. Accountability, imprudence. 10. Criminal sanctions (term and types). 11. Criminal acts of special importance.12. Criminal offenses against life and body, freedom and human rights, electoral rights, rights based on work, honor and reputation, full freedom; 13. Criminal offenses against marriage and family, human health, intellectual property, environment, security of people and property; Criminal offenses against the economy, property, computer data of payments and business operations, public transport safety, public order and peace, legal traffic. 15. Criminal offenses against official duty, values protected by international law.

Practical classes:

Closer clarification of some of the topics addressed in the lectures, with a special emphasis on the interpretation of the basic concepts of criminal law, the interpretation and application of provisions of the Criminal Code to specific crimes and their perpetrators, especially from the point of view of guilty and the imposition of criminal sanctions. Examples of case law / higher judiciary judgments. Discussion of selected topics with the active participation of students. Preparation of colloquium and exams. Evaluation of realized teaching and analysis of its results.

References:

Basic:

- 1. Stojanović, Z., Perić, O.: Criminal law, General part, Pravna knjiga, Beograd, 2013.
- 2. Stojanovic, Z; Delić, N; Criminal Law Special Part, Belgrade, 2013.

Additional

- 1. Ignjatovic, A.,: Criminal law-general part, Privredna akademija, Novi Sad, 2006.
- 2. Ignjatović, A.,: Criminal law-special part, Privredna akademija, Novi Sad, 2006.
- 3. Đorđević, M., Đorđević, D.,: Criminal Law, Privredni savjetnik, Projuris, Belgrade, 2005.
- 4. Stojanovic, Z; Commentary on the Criminal Code, Official Gazette, Belgrade, 2012.

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Active lectures				Other lectures		
Lectures:	Exercises:	Other forms of teaching:	Study research:			

Methods of teaching

Lectures are auditory, and they are performed at the amphitheater with all students. Exercises are conducted in groups of students in classrooms: (1) as auditorium, where further topics are discussed and the analyzes of the provisions of the Criminal Code on specific crimes and their perpetrators; (2) as demonstrative, to present cases from case-law / judgments of higher judicial instances; and (3) as, discussing the topic of selected topics from the material;

Knowledge assessment (maximum number of points 100)					
Pre-exam obligations	points	Final exam	points		
activity during lectures	20	written exam			
colloquium-first	15	oral exam	50		
colloquium-second	15	total	100		