

Course description

Course title: Jurisprudence	Neptun code of course: AJJOEERASMUS01 Institute offering the course: Institute of Legal History and Jurisprudence
	Course type: optional
Course coordinator: Szabó, Miklós prof.	
Teaching staff involved: -	
Recommended semester: autumn	Precondition: -
Number of lessons/week: 2 hours/week	Acknowledgement of course completion: colloquium
Credit value: 5	Training format (part-time/full-time): part-time/full time
<p>Aim and content of course: The course in Jurisprudence is concerned with general theoretical questions about the nature of law and legal systems, about the relationship of law to justice and morality, and about its social nature. The discussion of such questions involves a study of historically significant attempts to grasp the meaning and point of law, as well as understanding of the philosophical and sociological theories that lie behind the juristic approaches. The aim of the course is to enable students to form a wider understanding of the nature and working of the law in human societies.</p> <p>Competences to be developed: knowledge: T3, T4, T5 ability: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7, K8 attitude: A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6 autonomy and responsibility: F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6</p>	
Thematic description of course content:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • antique and medieval ideas on law: justice and equity, • classical theories of natural law: the nature of law, of men, and of societies, • modern iusnaturalism: the idea of the rule of law, • basic ideas of legal positivism: norm and normativity, • imperative theories of law, • historical jurisprudence, • sociological schools of law, • formalism and realism in law, • critical legal studies, • present day positivism. 	
<p>Method and evaluation of in-semester assessment: (presentation, test, essay etc.) The student has to prepare an essay on some in a selected topic in Jurisprudence.</p>	
<p>Completion requirements and evaluation criteria for seminar grades and exams: (Acknowledgement of in-semester contribution, scoring system, etc.): A written exam will take</p>	

place on the basis of the determined topics, the obligatory readings and the material of the lectures.

There is a five-scale grading (1-5) where the thresholds are determined as follows: 0-60% fail, 61-70% pass, 71-80% satisfactory, 81-90% good, 91-100% excellent.

Oral/written exams, or specific methods/practices applied during the course : -

Compulsory literature:

Edgar Bodenheimer: Jurisprudence: *The Philosophy and Method of the Law*. Part I. Harvard U. P., 1962.

Recommended literature:

Nigel E. Simmonds: *Central Issues in Jurisprudence: Justice, Law and Rights*. London: Sweet & Maxwell, 2008. (Part Three: Rights; The analysis of rights)

M. D. A. Freeman (ed.): Lloyd's Introduction to *Jurisprudence*. Sweet & Maxwell, 2008. (Selected excerpts)