

FUNDAMENTALS OF LAW AND REGULATION OF PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Credit points	3 CP		
Study course annotation	The objective of the study course is to introduce non-law students to the legal science, to clarify the nature of law and the main functions of the legal framework, to acquaint the students with the standard acts of the Republic of Latvia – human rights, constitutional law, administrative law, criminal law, civil law, and other currently relevant areas of law.		
Aim of the study course	To provide students with opportunities to acquire basic knowledge in fundamentals of law within the meaning of legal system of Latvia; with the legal profession system, to comprehend the basic principles of operations of the judicial system.		
Objectives of the course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to impart knowledge of the comprehension of the essence of law and legal science; • to explain the main branches of public law (constitutional and administrative law, criminal law) and private law (civil law, et as well as the standard acts governing their operation); • to form a comprehension about the judicial system in Latvia, legal professions, their functions and competence. 		
Study course results	Knowledge	Skills	Competences
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of the basic concepts of state and legal theory; • In-depth knowledge of the specifics of various branches of law and the resulting legal relations. • Knowledge of the mechanism of legal relations • Knowledge of more important general legal concepts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to independently analyze literature and regulatory acts. • Students are able to use the acquired knowledge and skills in everyday life; • Students are able to interpret and apply laws and other regulatory acts • Able to use regulatory documents in their activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to make organizational and management decisions in unusual situations and the ability to take responsibility for them. • Ability to use regulatory legal documents in your work. • Ability to understand the nature and importance of information in the development of the modern information society, to recognize the dangers and threats that arise in this process, to comply with the basic requirements of information security
Study course content	Topics		
	1	Law and the diversity of its comprehension. Law as a set of cognitions of the judiciary. Law as a state- issued legal provisions. Objective right and subjective right. Functions of law-order ensuring function; freedom ensuring function; social security ensuring function; cooperation and integration function and educational function.	
	2	Concept and features of a legal norm. Types of legal norms. Hierarchy of legal norms. National state legal norms. International legal norms. Systematization of legal norms. Interpretation of legal norms. Sources of law, their types.	
	3	The division of law into public and private law. Substantive law and procedural law. Public law, human rights, constitutional law, administrative law, criminal law. Private law, civil law (family law, inheritance law, property law, liability law), labor law, commercial law.	
	4	Judiciary as one of the forms of state power. The place and role of the judicial authorities	



		among the other public institutions. Legal basis for the operation of the courts. Concept of judicial system, its stages and authorities. Judicial organizations and functional principles. Principles and guarantees of judicial independence. Judicial system. Judicial authorities. The constitutional court, its place and significance in the judicial system. Persons pertaining to the judicial system: prosecutor, sworn advocate, sworn notary, sworn bailiff. Provision of state-ensured legal aid. The role of the Ombudsman in the protection of human rights (Ombudsman).
	5	Legal regulation of professional activity. International and national legislation applicable and regulation of professional activity. Review and analysis of legal practice materials.
Form of assessment:	Exam	
Obligatory literature:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ronald Roesch, Stephen D. Hart, James R.P. Ogloff. (2016) Psychology and Law: The State of the Discipline Springer Science & Business Media.2. Santiago Redondo, Vicente Garrido, Jorge Pérez, Rosemary Barberet (2011) Advances in Psychology and Law: international Contributions. Walter de Gruyter3. Latvijas Republikas Satversme. Spēkā no 07.11.1922.. Ar grozījumiem, kas izsludināti līdz 01.01.20019. Latvijas Vēstnesis, Nr.43., 01.07.1993.4. Kārlis Dišlers. (2017). Ievads Latvijas valststiesību zinātnē. Ar zinātnisko redaktorupiezīmēm – Rīga: Tiesu namu aģentūra, 300.lpp.5. Tiesību pamati (2011) / Tatjana Džugleja. Rīga, Rīgas Tirdzniecības tehnikums.		
Further reading list:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Latvijas Republikas Satversmes komentāri. III nodaļa. Valsts prezidents. IV nodaļa. Ministru kabinets. 20172. Rokasgrāmata praktiskam darbam ar Eiropas Savienības jautājumiem / Rīga. Latvijas Republikas Ārlietu ministrija, 20103. Latvijas tiesību vēsture / Aut. kolektīvs: Apsītis R., Blūzma V., Jundzis T., Lazdiņš J., E. Levits, Rīga, LU žurnāla „Latvijas vēsture” fonds, 2000.4. Cilvēktiesības pasaulē un Latvijā. I. Ziemeles redakcijā. – Rīga: Izglītības soļi, 2000.5. Alehno I., Buka A., Jarinovska K., Škoba L.. Ievads Eiropas Kopienas tiesībās (Tiesu prakse un komentāri). – Rīga: Tiesu namu aģentūra, 2001.		
Other sources of information (electronic journals):		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Latvijas Republikas tiesību akti http://www.likumi.lv2. Ministru kabineta mājas lapa: http://www.mk.gov.mk.gov.lv3. Latvijas tiesas http://www.tiesas.lv4. Valsts pārvaldes pakalpojumu portāls http://www.latvija.lv5. Eiropas Savienības Oficiālais Vēstnesis http://eur-lex.europa.eu/JOIndex.do?ihmlang=lv		
Changes and additions to the program and literature list are possible during the study process		