Study program: Master academic studies – Administrative Law module

Course: Law of Local self-government

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Course type: elective

ECTS: 4

Prerequisite: None

Course description

Through this course, the students are offered basic theoretical knowledge of the legal aspects of the local self-government system, comparative constitutional and legal system, organization, competencies, functioning, local government oversight and their relations with central state authorities, as well as other aspects of the legal position and organization of the local self-government system.

Learning outcomes

Students shall master basic theoretical knowledge about the system of local self-government and its place within the separation of power, as well as practical skills for understanding the legal position, role and importance of local self-government, i.e. for interpreting and applying local self-government regulations.

Topics

Lectures

The concept of local self-government and the law of local self-government; Main directions in evolution, theoretical thought and development of local self-government legislation; Constitutional principles and European standards on local self-government; European Charter of Local Self-Government; Comparative systems of local self-government; Establishment and territory of local self-government units, competences and financing of local self-government; Local self-government bodies; Direct citizen participation, cooperation and association of local self-government; Local officials and local civil servants; Normative function and legal acts of local self-government; Supervision of local self-government and relations with central level bodies; Directions of upgrading the system of local self-government in the Republic of Serbia; Perspectives of local self-government in European countries.

Practicum

Analysis of legislation and students' independent research

Recommended reading

- 1. Milosavljević, B., 2009, Sistem lokalne samouprave u Srbiji, Beograd.
- 2. Milosavljević, B., Jerinić, J., 2017, Ustavnopravni položaj lokalne samouprave, Beograd.
- 3. Milosavljević, B., 2015, Dva veka lokalne samouprave: razvoj zakonodavstva (1804-2014), Beograd.
- 4. Jovičić, M, 2016, Lokalna samouprava, Beograd.
- 5. Milosavljević, B., Jerinić, J., 2020, Komentar Zakona o lokalnoj samoupravi, Beograd.
- 6. Texts of the European Charter of Local Self-government (1985) and Additional Protocol to the European Charter of Local Self-Government on the right to participate in the affairs of a local authority (2009)
- * Students taking the course in English will be provided with a list of recommended reading in English.

Number of lessons:	Teaching:	Practicum:
3 (a week)	2	1

Course methods

Lectures with interactive presentations, analysis of legal text, introduction to academic research

Grading (based on number points, max. 100)

Pre-exam obligations	point	Final exam	points
Course participation	10	Written exam	60
Tests	20		
Essay	10		