

Table 5.2.Course Specification

Study Programme: UALS - Undergraduate Academic Legal Studies - BA in Law (Hons)		
Course Title: Legal History		
Teacher(s): Assist. Prof. Tamara Ilić, SJD		
Course Status: M (mandatory)		
ECTS credits: 8		
Condition: None		
Course aim: The aim of the Legal History course is introduction to history of specific legal systems and their public and private law, which is especially significant for the European legal tradition. The topics include social, economic, religious and other events that shaped the historical and geographical context of Europe. On the other hand, the Legal History course provides an insight into human behavioural patterns, their coherence and consequences pertaining to law.		
Course outcome: Student will acquire a wider spectrum of general knowledge and education, especially in the field of history, economic theory and philosophy providing them with a better understanding of historical, as well as contemporary legal concepts. The course provides a basic student training in critical approach and academic and scientific work regardless of the specific legal field.		
Course contents: <i>Theoretical lessons</i> 45 classes, introduction to several legal systems and their evolution. 1. Prehistory. Appearance of humankind, evolution of <i>homo</i> through the Stone age (paleolithic, mesolithic, neolithic). Forms of families, endogamic and exogamic marriage. Social norms in a prehistoric group (religion, customs, taboos). Beginning of mining, tribal aristocracy, the military democracy period, the end of prehistoric society. Prehistoric sites in the Republic of Serbia and the Balkans. 2. The Ancient Orient, Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome. The end of military democracy and formation of ancient states. Introduction to legal sources of the Ancient Orient (Cuneiform law, Egyptian law), Gortinian laws, Laws of 12 tables). Mesopotamia and its legal tradition, Ancient Greek legal tradition, Hellenism. 3. Medieval societies. General characteristics, concept and variations of Feudalism. The end of the Western Roman Empire and formation of barbaric kingdoms, <i>leges Barbarorum</i> . Francian legal sources, Byzantine legal sources, Medieval Serbian legal sources. Divide of the Frankish Kingdom and formation of Medieval France and England. 4. Contemporary societies. General characteristics, the end of feudal relations, capitalism and industrialisation. Sources of law. Humanism and Renaissance, reception of the Roman law, church Reformation, heretics, the Thirty Years' War. English and French revolutions and consequential legal relations. American revolution and formation of the USA. Serbian legal history after the Ottomans and to World War II. <i>Practical lessons</i> 30 lessons: reading legal and other sources important for the right comprehension of the epoch (e.g. Thucydides – The history of Peloponnesian War; Aristotle – Constitution of the Athenians; Slobodan Jovanović – The Government of Milan Obrenović).		
Coursebook(s) / Readings: Recommended literature: С. Шаркић, Основи правне историје, Београд 2018. Additional literature: С. Шаркић, Општа историја државе и права, Нови Сад 1999.		
No. of active teaching lessons: 5+2	Theory:5	Practice: 2
Teaching methods: Interactive classes, reading of legal sources, multimedia contents (video/audio, visiting museums and scientific institutions).		

Grading (max. No. of points: 100)			
Pre-examination obligations	Points	Final examination	Points
Attendance	10	Oral exam	55
In-class activity (during lessons)	5		
Out-of-class activity (additional, self-induced: writing texts, translation, etc.)			
Practice	-		
Progress tests	30 * (10 x 3)		
Seminar papers	-		