

Table 5.2.Course Specification

Study Programme: Undergraduate Academic Studies - BA in Law (Hons)
Course Title: Mediation
Teacher(s): Assist. Prof. Jelena Arsić, SJD
Course Status: E (elective)
ECTScredits: 4
Condition: None
Course aim: This course aims at introducing students to alternative dispute resolution processes, particularly in terms of acquiring relevant knowledge about the theoretical, legal and practical aspects of mediation as an alternative method of resolving disputes and developing certain skills important for conducting mediation in accordance with the standards of good mediation practice.
Course outcome: Students will be familiar with the international standards and relevant national regulations in the field of mediation, understand the specifics of mediation as an alternative method of dispute resolution, as well as trained to implement basic mediation skills, motivating them for further professional development in this field.
Course contents: <i>Theoretical classes (lectures)</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Alternative dispute resolution – Basic concepts;2. Mediation as an alternative dispute resolution method;3. Legal framework for mediation – International standards;4. Legal framework for mediation – National regulations;5. Conflicts and disputes – Approaches to conflict, their outcomes and conflict development;6. Communication skills and active listening techniques;7. Negotiation skills – The concept and styles of negotiation;8. Means of referring cases to mediation9. Mediation procedure;10. Principles of mediation;11. Legal nature of a mediation agreement;12. Mediator legal status – Rights, duties and responsibilities;13. Certain areas of mediation practice (family mediation, commercial mediation, mediation in discrimination cases, in cases of mobbing, and other areas of mediation practice);14. Mediation and other legal proceedings;15. Ethical issues and standards of mediators' conduct.
Coursebook(s) / Readings: Required textbook: Petrušić, N., Arsić, J., Medijacija – teorija, pravo i praksa, Pravni fakultet Univerziteta Union i Službeni glasnik, Beograd, 2021. Additional readings: Džamonja Ignjatović, T. (ur.), Medijacija: principi, proces, primena, Centar za primenjenu psihologiju, Beograd, 2014 (selected chapters); Milošević, M., Alternativno rešavanje sporova sa posebnim osvrtom na medijaciju, Pravni fakultet Univerziteta Union i JP „Službeniglasnik”, Beograd, 2014; Žegarac, N. (ur.), Džamonja-Ignjatović, T. (ur.), Teorijske osnove medijacije – perspektive i doprinosi, Centar za primenjenu psihologiju, Beograd, 2009 (selected chapters);

Arsić, J., Nedić, B., Preporuke za razvoj i primenu medijacije u Srbiji, International Finance Corporation, Beograd, 2012;
 Arsić, J., Petrušić, N., Posrednik: nova profesija ili stara opsesija?, in Šarkić, N. (ur.), Novi propisi u Republici Srbiji, Zbornik radova, IP „Glosarijum“, Beograd, 2015.

No. of active teaching lessons: 2	Theory: 2	Practice: 0	
Teaching methods: Lectures, case studies, in-class discussions, mediation role-plays.			
Grading (max. No. of points: 100)			
Pre-examination obligations	Points	Final examination	Points
Attendance	-		
In-class activity (during lessons)	10	Oral exam	60
Out-of-class activity (additional, self-induced: writing texts, etc.)	-		
Report on a chosen topic	20		
Progress tests	-		
Participation in role-plays	10		