

GAU, Faculty of Law

Course Title	Legal Philosophy I	
Course Code	LAW105	
Type of Course	Compulsory	
Level of Course	Bachelor's Degree	
National Credits	3	
ECTS Credits	6	
Theoretical (hour/week)	3	
Practical (hour/week)	-	
Year of Study	1	
Semester when the course unit is delivered	1	
Mode of Delivery	Face-to-face	
Language of Instruction	English	
Prerequisites and co-requisites	LAW106 Legal Philosophy II	
Objectives of the Course		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • familiarise students with philosophical understanding of the law including analytic and normative jurisprudence law students with the characteristics and the principle functioning of the English legal system. • understand the nature of law in light of some of the most important theories of analytic jurisprudential thought the distinctiveness of the common law approach • Understand some of the most influential legal and political philosophies and their theses on law 		
Learning Outcomes		
The students who have succeeded in this course should be able to		Assessment
1	Understand the relation of law with morality	1
2	Understand some of the most influential legal and political philosophies and their theses on law.	1
3	Construct philosophical argument.	1
4	Critically assess legal and political theories and question their internal consistency and coherence as well as their foundational assumptions.	1
<i>Assessment Methods:</i> 1.Exam 2.Assignment 3.Project/Report 4.Presentation 5.Lab Work		
Course's Contribution to Program		
		CL
1	To understand key areas of substantial and procedural national and international laws.	5
2	To develop capacity for legal research, with ability to access information and primary and secondary resources in various areas of law.	4
3	Acquire understanding of the principal features of the English Legal System (Common Law-institutions and procedures), laying foundations for entry to the profession.	5
4	Demonstrate ability to interpret extensive and complex legal authority in particular areas of law and have capacity for producing clear summary of legal issues.	2
5	Develop ability to identify legal issues arising from factual situations, analyse and interpret legal problems and apply relevant legal rules for the provision of practical and reasoned advise to particular problems.	2
6	Understand the interconnection between various area of law and the dynamics of legal study in its interconnection to social, political and economic contexts.	3
7	Demonstrate ability to provide legal and critical analysis.	3
8	To acquire skills of communication in both oral and written forms, making use of correct legal terminology.	4
9	To possess skills required for legal practice such as argument development, legal reasoning, drafting and pleading writing.	3

10	Acquire transferrable intellectual and professional skills (such as independence, time management and teamwork) to provide enhanced grounds for employability in the legal industry.	4
11	To understand and act in accordance with the standards, responsibilities, ethical requirements of the profession and norms of the established legal practices.	1
12	To be self-reflective while learning; recognise the need for, and have capacity to engage in life-long learning in the context of new legal developments.	3

CL (Contribution Level): 1.Very Low, 2.Low, 3.Moderate, 4.High, 5.Very High

Course Contents

Week		Exams
1	Introduction	
2	Natural Law and Morality I	
3	Natural Law and Morality -II	
4	Classical Legal Positivism	
5	Modern Legal Positivism	
6	Legal Realism	
7	Review	
8		Midterm
9	Dworkin and the Moral Integrity of Law	
10	Law and Social Theory I	
11	Law and Social Theory II	
12	Theories of Justice I	
13	Theories of Justice II	
14	Revision	
15		Final

Recommended Sources

Textbook:

Legal Theory (6th Edition) Ian McLeod; Understanding Jurisprudence: An Introduction to Legal Theory (5th Edition) Raymond Wacks; Jurisprudence: Theory and Context (6th Edition) Brian Bix

Supplementary Material (s):

<https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/justice/> ; Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy

Assessment

Midterm	40%
Final	60%
Total	100%

ECTS Allocated Based on the Student Workload

Activities	Number	Duration (hour)	Total Workload (hour)
Course duration in class	13	3	39
Midterm Examination	1	3	3
Final Examination	1	3	3
Self Study	21	6	126
Total Workload			171
Total Workload/30 (h)			5.7
ECTS Credit of the Course			6