

Title of the Course		BASICS OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS	
Amount in credit points/ECTS)	2/3	Volume (in hours)	80
Grounding	-		
Science Sector	Legal Science		
Science Subsector	Other subsectors of Legal Sciences		
Summary of academic hours		Amount (academic hours)	
Distance learning		40	
Contact hours / video lessons		8	
Exercises, self – assessment questions and tests		16	
Individual work/ discussions in distance		14	
Exams/tests		2	
1. level professional study programme	Law		
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Goal of the course:	To provide students with knowledge and understanding about the general principles of ethics, as well as with code of conduct standards and norms for lawyers and other legal field professionals.		
Requirements for obtaining credit points (structure of course evaluation):	<u>The final evaluation is calculated:</u> Moodle discussion/tasks – 40% Exam – 60% <i>For obtaining final evaluation, both activities should hold successful evaluation – not below 4 points.</i> <i>Final evaluation is the average grade in 10-point system, in proportion of percentage distributed amongst both activities</i>		
Study Results			
1. Knowledge: 1.1. the student explains and analyses the general norms of professional ethics. 1.2. the student defines and analyzes disciplinary actions, conflicts of interest, relationship between a lawyer and a client. 1.3. the student recognizes, compares and explains ethical norms of representatives of various legal professions. 2. Skills: 2.1. the student identifies and analyzes ethical aspects of different legal situations. 2.2. the student applies in practice legislation acts, containing norms of ethics. 3. Competences: 3.1. the student applies and interprets the standards of professional ethics of a lawyer in practical situations.			

Content of the Course

No.	Subjects	Contact hours, video, audio lessons	Distance learning	Exercises, self- assessment questions and tests	Individual task – remote discussion. Description of the individual task is available in the E- studies.	Exams/tests
1.	General principles of code of conduct. Professional legal code of conduct.	8	5	2	1	2
2.	Professional monopoly. Disciplinary action.		5	2	1	
3.	Lawyer's relationship with a client.		5	2	1	
4.	Conflicts of interest.		5	2	1	
5.	Code of conduct for judges.		5	2	3	
6.	Code of conduct for prosecutors.		5	2	2	
7.	Code of conduct for advocates/attorneys.		5	2	3	
8.	Code of conduct for certified bailiffs. Code of conduct for notaries.		5	2	2	
TOTAL:		8	40	16	14	2
80						

Mastering the course and successfully passing examination, student is capable of (*knowledge, skills and competencies*)

Study Results:	Evaluation Criteria		
	(40-69%)	(70-89%)	(90-100%)
Knowledge	Know general principles of ethics, code of conduct for lawyers.	Know code of conduct for lawyers, as well as principles of ethics for other legal professions well.	Have excellent knowledge code of conduct for lawyers, as well as principles of ethics for other legal professions.
Skills	Able to apply code	Able to apply code	Able to analyse

	of conduct for lawyers in standard situations.	of conduct for lawyers in non-standard situations.	different caucuses regarding professional code of conduct.
Competences	Ethical approach to the duties of assistant to lawyer.	Responsibility and ethical approach to the duties of assistant to lawyer, taking initiative in solving different situations regarding professional code of conduct. .	Responsibility and ethical approach to the duties of assistant to lawyer, taking initiative and creative approach to solving different situations regarding professional code of conduct, self-criticism and self-discipline.
Acknowledgement of the obtained study results			
Study Results	1.1.-1.3.	2.1.-2.2.	3.1.
Evaluation Method			
Moodle discussions/tasks	X	X	X
Exam	X	X	X

Core Literature

1.	Tiesnešu ētikas komisijas atziņu krājums. Skaidrojumi, atzinumi, lēmumi, 2008-2016. Rīga: Tiesu Namu Aģentūra, 2016.
2.	Zvērinātu advokātu ētikas kodekss, http://www.latvijasadvokats.lv/upl/documents/Latvijas_Zverinatu_advokatu_Etikas_kodekss.doc
3.	Latvijas prokuroru ētikas kodekss, http://www.prokuratura.gov.lv/media/newsfiles/etikas_kodekss.pdf
4.	Latvijas tiesnešu ētikas kodekss, https://www.tiesas.lv/normativie-akti-3

Additional Literature

1.	Zvērinātu tiesu izpildītāju ētikas kodekss, http://www.lzti.lv/media/documents/4439/zverinatu-tiesu-izpilditaju-etikas-kodekss-redakcija-uz-20032009.pdf
2.	Eiropas notāru ētikas kodekss, https://www.latvijasnotars.lv/pages/normativie-akti
3.	Bangaloras principi, http://www.vvc.gov.lv/export/sites/default/docs/LRTA/Citi/The_Bangalore_principles_of_judicial_conduct.doc

Recommended Periodicals

1.	Žurnāls "Jurista vārds", www.juristavards.lv
2.	Augstākās tiesas judikatūra, http://www.at.gov.lv/lv/judikatura/judikaturas-nolemumu-arhivs
3.	Disciplinārtiesas lēmumi, http://www.at.gov.lv/lv/par-augstako-tiesu/disciplinartiesa/disciplinartiesas-lemumi

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| 4. | Tiesnešu ētikas komisijas skaidrojumi, atzinumi, lēmumi, https://www.tiesas.lv/tiesnesu-etikas-komisijas-sedes |
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