

Title of the Course	STATE AND LEGAL THEORY		
Amount in credit points/ECTS)	3/4,5	Volume (in hours)	120
Grounding	-		
Science Sector	Legal Science		
Science Subsector	State Law		
Summary of academic hours		Amount (academic hours)	
Distance learning		60	
Contact hours / video lessons		12	
Exercises, self – assessment questions and tests		30	
Individual work/ discussions in distance		16	
Exams/tests		2	
1. level professional study programme	Law		
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Goal of the course:	To build an understanding to students about the structure and creation of law, its main elements, systems, functions, to give an insight about the knowledge and competencies necessary to a qualified lawyer for further studies in legal field. To promote an understanding about the law institute in Latvia and knowledge about legislative acts, as well as to introduce with court practice and its application during solving legal issues.		
Requirements for obtaining credit points (structure of course evaluation):	<p><u>The final evaluation is calculated:</u> Moodle discussion/tasks – 30% Exam – 70%</p> <p><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></p>		
Study Results			
<p>1. <i>Knowledge:</i></p> <p>1.1. Obtain knowledge and understanding about characteristics of a form, structure and functions of a state;</p> <p>1.2. Subject of law theory, types legal norms, types and their application;</p> <p>1.3. Interpretation methods;</p> <p>1.4. Realisation of legal norms.</p> <p>2. <i>Skills:</i></p> <p>2.1. To recognise types of legal norms;</p> <p>2.2. To interpret and ply legal norms;</p> <p>2.3. Understanding about the principles of law and its realisation into practice.</p> <p>3. <i>Competency:</i></p> <p>3.1. To evaluate legal texts during analytical work;</p> <p>3.2. To argument and speak about legal conclusions;</p>			

- 3.3. To fulfil work tasks independently;
 3.4. To use legal norm interpretation methods and apply legal norms to solve specific legal situations.

Content of the Course

No.	Subjects	Contact hours/ video audio lessons	Distance learning	Exercises, self- assessment questions and tests	Individual work/ discussions in distance	Exams/tests
1.	Analyses of state from social, philosophical economy, etc. aspects	12	5	2	1	2
2.	State characteristics, forms, public authorities and their role		5	2	2	
3.	Law theory as a science		5	2	1	
4.	Social norms and understanding of law		5	2	1	
5.	Legal phenomena, law functions and legal regulation		5	2	1	
6.	Morality of law, justice. Principles of law		5	2	1	
7.	Law system		5	3	1	
8.	Law norms		5	3	2	
9.	Law sources		5	3	2	
10.	Court practice		5	3	2	
11.	Realisation and interpretation of legal norms		5	3	1	
12.	Law institutions, sectors. Legal relationships		5	3	1	
TOTAL:		12	60	30	16	2
120						

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	Have general basic knowledge about the meanings and methods of state and law theory, however cannot explicitly explain each subject and justify own opinion	Have good knowledge about the meanings and methods of state and law theory, able to explain each subject explicitly	Have excellent knowledge about the meanings and methods of state and law theory, can explicitly explain each subject and justify own opinion
Skills	Have difficulties in recognising types of legal norms, interpretation of legal norms, make mistakes during applying and interpretation of norms	Have good recognition of types of legal norms, able to interpret and apply legal norms, have good understanding about the principles of law their realisation in practice	Have excellent skills of recognising types of legal norms by using creative and analytical approach, have understanding about legal principles and their realisation in practice
Competences	Observable difficulties with evaluation of legal texts, problems with argumentation of legal conclusions, have difficulties with interpretation of methods of legal norms and application of legal norms to solve specific legal situations.	Able to evaluate legal texts in a specific sphere independently, able to argument about legal conclusions, able to use methods of legal norm interpretation well and apply legal norms during solving different legal situations.	Excellently evaluate legal texts in a specific sphere independently, excellent ability to argument about legal conclusions, able to use methods of legal norm interpretation excellently and apply legal norms during solving different legal situations, able to fulfil tasks regarding state and law theory independently

Acknowledgement of the obtained study results

Study Results	1.1.-1.4.	2.1.-2.3.	3.1.-3.4.
Evaluation Method			
Moodle discussions/tasks	X	X	X
Exam	X	X	X

Core Literature

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Recommended Periodicals	
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