

Theory of law - lecture notes (2024/2025)

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1 Lecture 1

SCHEDULED: *<2024-10-23 Wed>*

1.1 Organizational matters

1. Teams code: 8oghqnc. MS Teams is available at: <https://teams.microsoft.com> (instructions: <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/use-a-link-or-code-to-join-a-team-in-microsoft-teams-c957af50-df15-46e3-b>)
2. Course credit conditions: test or presentation (presence is mandatory; one absence is allowed).
3. Office hours: <https://www.uni.lodz.pl/pracownicy/jakub-szczerbowski>

1.1.1 Presentation Guidelines

1. Presentation Structure and Duration
 - Presentations must be 25-30 minutes long
 - Use PowerPoint or an equivalent software for slides
2. Citation and Sources
 - Properly cite all sources used in the presentation
 - Include a bibliography or reference slide at the end
3. AI Integration
 - Utilize AI tools in the presentation process (chatGPT, Perplexity, claudeAI)

- Document how AI was used (e.g., for research, slide design, content generation)
4. File Sharing and Naming Convention
 - Share presentations on the Teams general channel
 - Follow the naming convention: YYYY-MM-DD_StudentName_ShortTitle.[extension]
 5. Slide Design Guidelines
 - Use a consistent theme and color scheme
 - Limit text on slides (6-7 lines maximum per slide)
 - Include relevant visuals to support key points
 6. Delivery
 - Practice the presentation to ensure proper timing
 - Prepare to answer questions from the audience

1.2 The position of theory of law among scientific disciplines

(N. Qamar, Theory Position in the Structure of Legal Science, SIGn Jurnal Hukum 2021/3/1, DOI: 10.37276/sjh.v3i1.126)

2 Lecture 2

SCHEDULED: <2024-10-30 Wed>

2.1 Approaches to understanding law

Presenter: Yuliana

Example literature:

- (basic) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Legal_positivism
- (basic) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natural_law
- <https://www.semanticscholar.org/paper/Legal-positivism-and-the-real-definition-of-73edd19d2535723be95201c5c48cd8bddd121a5d>
- <https://www.semanticscholar.org/paper/Legal-Positivism-and-the-Moral-Origins-of-L-a72413d4a73e45aa2f4b2eea0b43eb17307e74a7>

- <https://www.semanticscholar.org/paper/The-Contemporary-Relevance-of-Legal-Positiv-1a7bb44783a3b1820dce59e62d7ab4c863630837>
- <https://www.semanticscholar.org/paper/The-Dcline-of-Natural-Law-and-the-Rise-of-f19db4db1a26de7ea5ccb85eb9b42ccfafd306ee>

2.2 Law versus other normative systems

Presenter: Stefania

Example literature:

- (basic) <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Normativity>
- (basic) <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morality>
- <https://www.semanticscholar.org/paper/Exploring-the-nexus-between-law-and-moralit-3A-in-Pavlichenko-Maslak/4869c004d8810f5d910bdf7efe41b9d733fb9670>
- <https://www.semanticscholar.org/paper/Fuller-and-the-Folk%3A-The-Inner-Morality-c-6b226df6267de39f8e2ea0544ec3ea64e5a4cb75>
- <https://www.semanticscholar.org/paper/Human-principles-of-law-as-a-universal-norm-9a4559f3f83a034676280997700ae0853fcfb01e>

3 Lecture 3

SCHEDULED: *<2024-11-06 Wed>*

3.1 The concept of justice

Presenter: Naiara

3.2 Situations regulated by law

Presenter: Rocio

4 Lecture 4

SCHEDULED: *<2024-11-20 Wed>*

4.1 Law-making

Presentation: Garbine

4.2 Legal interpretation

Presenter: Rachele

5 Lecture 5

SCHEDULED: *<2024-11-27 Wed>*

5.1 Legal system versus legal order

5.2 Observance of law versus application of law

6 Lecture 6

SCHEDULED: *<2024-12-04 Wed>*

6.1 Functions of law

Presenter: Yuliana

7 Lecture 7

SCHEDULED: *<2024-12-11 Wed>*

7.1 Norms of conduct (deontic logic)

8 Lecture 8

SCHEDULED: *<2024-12-18 Wed>*

REMEMBER: this lecture is on MS Teams

8.1 Rule of law

Presenter: Fulya