

# 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](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Legal_positivism)
- (basic) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natural\\_law](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-o-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

Example materials:

- <https://www.semanticscholar.org/paper/The-Concept-of-Justice-in-the-Perspective-o-468354f0f4968fb02f2958b2335d840f68bbaeae>
- <https://www.semanticscholar.org/paper/John-Rawls%E2%80%99s-Concept-of-Justice-as-96a527cac43c87ce860a477e632e8f7df78186e7>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kBdfcR-8hEY&list=PL30C13C91CFFEFEA6>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T7A9rbCwVmI>

### **3.2 Situations regulated by law**

Presenter: Rocio

Example materials:

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deontic\\_logic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deontic_logic)
- [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzOn\\_Sj0ttTeQ8tcWgyV1o8oIyUvtgxX6](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzOn_Sj0ttTeQ8tcWgyV1o8oIyUvtgxX6)
- <https://icr.uni.lu/leonvandertorre/papers/icail03a.pdf>
- (advanced) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BcfJswnVgk>

## **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