

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SARAJEVO

FACULTY OF LAW

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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LAW103 Civil Law I

ECTS 5

This is a required course designed to introduce students to the history and analysis of the civil law tradition, including the factors that distinguishes it from its sister common-law tradition, sources of civil law, interpretation of statutes under this tradition, legal process and legal categories, and the future of this legal tradition, among other relevant topics.

LAW104 Civil Law II

ECTS 5

This required course is designed to introduce students to the concept and characteristics of family law, the status, rights and obligations of the legal subjects involved. The course will also explore the role of the competent authorities and courts in disputes regarding family matters.

LAW105 Legal Systems

ECTS 4

This is a required course designed to introduce students to comparative legal systems, including the concept, history, functions, and methods of comparative law, along with the various legal families of the world, namely: Roman, German, Anglo-American, Nordic, Chinese, Japanese, as well as religious systems, such as Islamic Law and Hindu Law.

LAW106 Roman Law

ECTS 4

This is a required course designed to expose students to Roman private law and civil procedure, including the Roman legal system, law of persons, law of property and inheritance, law of obligations, and future prospects for Roman Law as an academic field of study.

LAW109 Law and Ethics

ECTS 6

This course will deal with the intersectionality of law and ethics. While introductory courses in law inevitably emphasize the distinctiveness of law and ethics, this course will take on a different approach. That is, while the basic premise of the distinctiveness of law and ethics will not be challenged, the course will seek to illustrate how ethics permeates the process of formulation, adoption, and enforcement of laws and regulations. To this end, the course will turn to various controversial subjects such as privacy, death penalty, abortion, free speech, etc.

LAW110 Introduction to Law I

ECTS 6

This course will introduce the students to the concept of law, and will provide them with an overview of major areas of law, including constitutional law, contract law, tort law, etc. The primary aim of this course is to equip students with the foundational knowledge in law so that they can better follow specialized courses which they will study later on during their studies at IUS. The secondary aims of this course are to equip students with critical thinking and presentation skills.

LAW117 Constitutional Law I

ECTS 6

This is a required course designed to equip students with knowledge of key concepts, debates, issues, and related intricacies of constitutional law, from a comparative legal perspective, complemented as much as possible with instructional materials from Bosnia and Herzegovina. Topics covered in the course include constitutional design and redesign, constitutional identity, constitutional structure, individual rights, and state duties, as well as court and constitutional interpretation.

LAW118 Constitutional Law II

ECTS 6

This required course complements, completes, and reinforces the instructional materials in covered in LAW117, Constitutional Law I.

LAW120 Introduction to Law II

ECTS 6

This course is the continuation of the Introduction to Law I. This course covers the major areas of law studies, such as administrative law, international law, and EU law. The primary aim of this course is to equip students with the foundational knowledge in law so that they can better follow specialized law courses that will be on offer later on during their studies at IUS. The secondary aims of this course are to help students develop critical-thinking abilities and skills, and to help them develop their presentation skills.

LAW201 Administrative Law I

ECTS 5

This is a required course designed to expose students to the key concepts, debates, issues, and related intricacies of administrative law, from a comparative legal perspective, complemented as much as possible with instructional materials from Bosnia and Herzegovina. Topics covered in the course include the influence of administrative law on constitutional law, administrative independence, nature and limits of judicial review of administrative action, as well as the influence of privatization and supranational institutions on administrative law and behavior, among other salient issues. *Prerequisites: LAW110 and LAW120*

LAW202 Administrative Law II

ECTS 5

This required course complements, completes, and reinforces the instructional materials covered in LAW 201, Administrative Law I.

LAW203 Contract Law I

ECTS 5

This is a required course aimed at introducing students to the intricacies of contract law, including formation, content, interpretation, performance, breach, and enforcement of contractual obligations, as well as methods of policing the making of a contract.

LAW204 Contract Law II

ECTS 5

This required course complements, completes, and reinforces the instructional materials in LAW203, Contract Law I.

LAW205 Criminal Law I

ECTS 6

This is a required course designed to expose students to the intricacies of criminal law in Bosnia and Herzegovina, including an overview of the legal system, the distinction between civil and criminal law, purposes of punishment, constitutional protections, elements of crime, criminal defenses, parties to a crime, inchoate offenses.

LAW206 Criminal Law II

ECTS 6

This required course complements, completes, and reinforces the instructional materials in LAW206, Criminal Law I and deals with particular criminal offences such as criminal homicide, sex offenses, crimes involving force, fear, and physical restraint, crimes against property, crimes against the public, and crimes against the government.

LAW207 Public International Law

ECTS 4

This is a required course designed to expose students to the intricacies of international public law, including the sources of this law, the relationship between municipal (national) and international law, personality and recognition, territorial sovereignty, the law of the sea, common amenities and cooperation in the use of resources, state jurisdiction, rules of attribution, the law of state responsibility, protection of individuals and groups, international transactions, the transmission of rights and duties, international organizations and tribunals, and the use or threat of force by states in inter-state relations.

LAW210 Business Law

ECTS 5

This is a required course designed to expose students to the intricacies of business law, known alternately as company law in the U.K. or business association in the U.S. Topics covered in the course include how to start a company, corporate governance, modalities of articles of association, the power to represent the company, shares, maintaining capital and managing the company, director's duties, shareholders' remedies, lending money and securing loans, company reorganizations (such as takeovers and amalgamations), insolvency, and multinational companies.

LAW218 Legal Writing and Drafting

ECTS 3

This is a required course designed to expose students to the intricacies of legal writing and drafting, including best practices in legal drafting and writing, the movement toward plain or modern English in legal drafting, the many benefits of drafting legal documents in plain English, pitfalls to avoid in drafting modern documents, and judicial interpretation of legal documents, among other salient topics.

LAW219 General Theory of State

ECTS 4

Based on the thoughts of and classic work on this topic by the Austrian jurist Hans Kelsen (1881-1973), this required course in legal jurisprudence (philosophy of law), exposes students to the theory of the law and its intersection with the state, including the concept of law, legal duty, legal responsibility, legal right, legal competence or capacity, imputation, the legal person, the legal order, hierarchy of norms, normative and sociological jurisprudence, connection between law and the state, elements of the state, separation of powers, centralization and decentralization as tools of power devolution in a democratic system, the relationship between national and international law, and the relationship between natural law and positive law.

LAW240 Legal History of Balkans

ECTS 6

This is an elective course designed to immerse students in the general history of the Balkan Peninsula from the sixteenth century to the present day, including patterns of perception until 1900, the invention and classification of the region, and political factors embedded in that invention and classification, among other salient issues.

LAW241 Administrative Procedure Law

ECTS 6

This is an elective course designed to introduce students to the intricacies of administrative procedure law, including administrative law practice, rulemaking, adjudication, choice of procedures and non-legislative rules, reviewability, agency structure, inspections, reports, and subpoenas, public access to agency processes, and attorney fees.

LAW242 Law and Literature

ECTS 6

This is an elective course designed to explore the relationship between law and literature, particularly the use of literature as a way to think about the law, including an analysis of various ways through which literature might help the law and is correlated with legal topics.

LAW243 Constitutional Judiciary

ECTS 6

An independent and impartial judiciary is key to the existence and maintenance of liberal democracy. Consequently, this elective course is designed to expose students to the key concepts, debates, and issues relating to the constitutional judiciary, from a comparative legal perspective, complemented importantly with instructional materials from Bosnia and Herzegovina. This course will explore four interlinked issues relating to the courts in three key states, each set within the context of the importance of maintaining public confidence in the judiciary. These four issues are the appointment and discipline of judges, freedom of speech as it relates to

judges, the performance of non-judicial functions by judges, and judicial bias and recusal. Because of time constraints, our focus will be limited to national law with a comparative insight of law of other countries.

LAW244 Sociology of Law

ECTS 6

This is an elective course designed to introduce students to the scholarly literature in this field, including foundational works on law and society, the sociological movement in law, the Marxian perspective, the Weberian perspective, the Durkheimian perspective, structural-functional theory, conflict theory, critical legal studies, and an examination of the prospects of sociology of law as an academic field of study.

LAW245 Environmental Law

ECTS 6

This is an elective course designed to introduce students to the intricacies of environmental law and policy, defined as the intersections of nature, law, and society, including basic themes of the field, the influence of the law in environmental protection, structural elements of the regulatory state, the taxonomy of legal approaches to environmental protection, and overarching legal perspectives bearing on the subject area, such as environmental criminal law, and international and comparative environmental law.

LAW246 Election Law

ECTS 6

This is an elective course designed to expose students to the key concepts, debates, and issues relating to election law, using a comparative legal perspective, complemented as much as possible with instructional materials from Bosnia and Herzegovina. Election law is a field concerned with "the politics of law and the law of politics." Consequently, various issues in the intersection between constitutional law and political science the course covers include: the right to vote, election administration, the behavior of major and minor political parties and candidates in the pursuit of electoral glories, campaigns and electioneering, bribery, rules relating to campaign financing, and public financing.

LAW247 Human Rights

ECTS 6

This is an elective course designed to expose students to the various means through which they can, as lawyers and ordinary citizens, help promote and protect human rights in the modern era. Topics covered in the course will include but are not limited to: various generations in the definition of human rights, the introduction of human rights in international relations, the politics of liberalism in a realist world and its ramifications for human rights protection, the establishment of global human rights standards and progress at applying human rights at this level, regional protection of human rights, the relativity-universality argument relating to human rights practice, the law and politics of transitional justice, application of human rights in foreign policies, and the role of transnational organizations in promoting and protecting human rights.

LAW301 Property Law I

ECTS 5

This is a required course designed to expose students to the intricacies of property law, including conceptual issues (such as the definition of property and the jurisprudential foundations of property law), intellectual property and other personal property rules, history of the estate in land system, present estates, concurrent ownership, marital property, future interests, landlord-tenant law, sales contract, the mortgage, the deed,

fundamentals of land title, adverse possession, transfer of property at death, nuisance, trespass, easements, real covenants, equitable servitudes, common interest communities, zoning, eminent domain, as well as land use regulation and the takings clause.

LAW302 Property Law II

ECTS 5

This required course complements, completes, and reinforces the instructional materials in LAW301, Property Law I. [Prerequisite: LAW301.](#)

LAW303 EU Public Law

ECTS 5

This is a required course designed to expose students to the intricacies of the public law of the European Union, including historical, institutional, constitutional, and administrative matters bearing on this law.

LAW305 Philosophy of Law

ECTS 6

This is a required course for introduction and understanding of issues of law studies. The aim of this course is to provide a ground for understanding the basic concepts of the philosophy of law, develop the ability of critical thinking by students, provide elementary information about the basic branches of the philosophy of law and enable students to understand the political doctrines in connection with law and legal disciplines.

LAW308 Tax Law

ECTS 3

This is an elective course designed to introduce students to rules and regulations relating to income tax. The main focus should be on Bosnia and Herzegovina. Drawing on examples from the comparative law, topics to be covered in the course will include income, deductions, attribution of income, tax accounting, issues relating to recognizing gains and losses (e.g., transactions in mortgaged property, and deferred payment transactions), and capital gains and losses.

LAW309 Labor Law

ECTS 5

This is a required course designed to expose students to the key concepts, debates, issues, and related intricacies of labor law, from a comparative legal perspective, complemented as much as possible with instructional materials from Bosnia and Herzegovina. It includes, but is not limited to: concluding and terminating an employment contract; provisions regarding discrimination in employment; working hours, break, and leave of absence; responsibility for breach of work and obligations; harmonization of labor laws in BiH with international obligations, and labor reforms.

LAW310 Intellectual Property Law

ECTS 4

This is a required course designed to expose students to the intricacies of intellectual property law, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, the intersection between the protection of intellectual property rights at the national and international levels, as well as the use of lawsuits as a tool for asserting and protecting intellectual property rights.

LAW316 Insurance and Social Security Law

ECTS 4

This is a required course designed to expose students with the key concepts, debates and issues of social security law, from a comparative legal perspective, complemented with instructional materials from Bosnia and Herzegovina. This course comprises the following interrelated parts: nature, sources, scope of application of social security law; economic and comparative analyses on the intersections of social security and tort law, as well as social risks such as old age, decease, unemployment, health care, incapacity for work, family burden, care and need. Finally, financing social security, judicial protection and enforcement of social security law will be discussed.

LAW317 EU Administrative Law

ECTS 6

This is an elective course designed to expose students to the basics of the administrative law of the European Union, including constitutional framework; organizational structures, procedures, and methods, form and effect of administrative acts, enforcement and supervision of administrative action, and future prospects regarding the development of this law and its academic study.

LAW318 Conflicts and Conflict Resolution

ECTS 6

This is an elective course designed to expose students to the intricacies of conflicts and conflict resolution, including conflict analysis and resolution as a multidiscipline, competing theories of conflicts, sources of conflict, the role of identity in conflicts, and perceptions of the enemy and the innocent in violent conflicts, resolution of conflict, among other issues. Finally, the course will explore the approaches needed in the post-war construction and reconciliation processes.

LAW319 International Criminal Law

ECTS 6

This is an elective course designed to expose students to the intricacies of international criminal law, including the scope and boundaries of the field, subjects of international criminal law (*ratione personae*), international crimes (*ratione materiae*), principles of criminal responsibility, history of international criminal investigations and prosecutions (the “direct enforcement system”), modalities of international cooperation in penal matters (the “indirect enforcement system”), the International Criminal Court (a hybrid “direct enforcement system”), mixed model of international criminal justice, procedural and evidentiary norms applicable to international criminal proceedings, international criminal justice in the age of globalization, and historical review and quantitative analysis of international criminal justice, among other salient issues.

LAW320 Collective Labor Law

ECTS 6

This is an elective course designed to expose students to the key concepts, debates, and issues relating to collective labor law, from a comparative legal perspective, complemented as much as possible with instructional materials from Bosnia and Herzegovina. Multiple topics cutting across methodology, actors, sources of regulation, and international developments and comparative studies this course covers, include: comparativism in labor law and industrial relations, sources and documentation in comparative labor law, national, regional, and international employers' organizations, national trade movements versus the international trade union movement, international labor law, employment law in the European Union, codes of

conduct for multinational enterprises, conflict of laws in employment contracts and industrial relations, protection of migrant workers in an era of globalization, and working conditions under conditions of globalization.

LAW333 Tort Law

ECTS 5

The is a required course designed to expose students to the intricacies of tort law, the branch of legal science that protects people from the wrongful act of others that result in injury for which the perpetrator (called tortfeasor) is liable where a complainant established damage tied to the injury. Topics to be covered in the course will include negligence, liability for dangerous premises and land, common law cause of action for breach of statutory duty, vicarious liability, product liability, trespass torts, nuisance, and related torts, defamation and protection of privacy, remedies, and general defenses available in tort actions.

LAW340 Juvenile Law

ECTS 6

Minors (i.e., persons below 18 years in many jurisdictions) deserve special protection by the judicial system regarding best practices in criminal justice procedures for juvenile offenders that are not fully appreciated in many systems, including Bosnia and Herzegovina. Topics to be covered in the course include: background history on the international law on the rights of the child, definition and status of the child in international law, the right of the child to education and to protection against exploitation, the place of the family with respect to the right of the child in international law, the right of children to preserve their identities, the right of the child to freedom of expression, the right of the child to speech and religious freedom, administration of juvenile justice and responsibility of the state to prevent juvenile delinquency, remedies for children deprived of their liberty, the right of children in armed conflict, the right of children with special needs, and the obligation of the state to implement the international rights of the child, to name these issues.

LAW341 Diplomatic and Consular Law

ECTS 6

The is an elective course designed to expose students to the basics of diplomatic and consular law, including conceptual issues relating to the subject matter, key U.N. instruments on diplomatic and consular law, acquisition and termination of consular status, consular functions, privileges and immunities of consular workers, honorary consuls, the nature of consular work in the U.N., and the role of consular services in a country's diplomatic corps.

LAW342 Forensic Medicine

ECTS 6

This is an elective course designed to expose students to the intricacies of legal medicine over and above the levels in LAW205, Criminal Law I, and LAW206, Criminal Law II. Topics covered will include, but are not limited to, the role of legal medicine in criminal procedure, establishment of causes of crime, medical malpractice liability, informed concept, ethics, along with comparative case studies.

LAW402 Commercial Law II

ECTS 4

This required course complements, completes, and reinforces the instructional materials in LAW401, Commercial Law I, including exchange papers regulated by legislation in comparative law.

LAW403 Private International Law

ECTS 6

This is a required course designed to expose students to the general principles and doctrines of private international law, including conceptual and background issues related to the field, the scope and limits of jurisdiction, recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments, enforcement of foreign arbitral awards, law of obligations, ramifications of family law, and issues relating to property law.

LAW405 Criminal Procedure Law I

ECTS 4

This is a required course designed to expose students to the fundamentals of criminal procedure law, including an introduction to the legal system, principles of criminal procedure, sources of criminal procedure, subjects involved in criminal procedure (e.g., victims, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and judges), evidential activities, and arrests, interrogation and other law enforcement practices.

LAW406 Execution and Bankruptcy Law

ECTS 6

This is a required course designed to expose students to basic principles and practices of bankruptcy, with specific reference to Bosnia and Herzegovina, including the intricacies of debt collection with respect to bankruptcy, conditions for invoking bankruptcy relief, property of the estate, automatic stay, secured and unsecured claims, relief from stay and adequate protection, executory contracts avoiding powers, discharge, exemptions, reorganization, jurisdiction and procedure, and the peculiarities of transnational bankruptcy.

LAW407 Civil Procedure Law

ECTS 6

This is a required course designed to expose students to the fundamentals of civil procedure law, including the elements of the litigation process, approaches to litigation, and role of the various parties (counsel for the two sides, experts, witnesses, and judges) in the process, recourse against judgments, and prospects for the future in this field based on proposals for procedural reforms.

LAW408 Criminal Procedure Law II

ECTS 4

This required course complements, completes, and reinforces the instructional materials in LAW405, Criminal Procedure Law I and delivers the stages of criminal procedure

LAW409 EU Private Law

ECTS 4

This is a required course designed to acquaint students with the fundamentals of EU private law, including theoretical/doctrinal undercurrents, political foundations of EU private law, the structure of the genre, as well as enforcement and compliance.

LAW410 Commercial Law I

ECTS 4

This is a required course designed to expose students to the general principles and doctrines of commercial law, including the legal environment, contracts, the intersections of agency and employment law, negotiable instruments, as well as issues relating to business organization and to property and consumer law, among other salient topics.

LAW416 Inheritance Law

ECTS 4

This is a required course designed to expose students to the principles and doctrines of inheritance law, known in some other legal systems, as the law of wills, trust, and estate, including intestate succession, requirements for a valid will, estate administration, non-probate transfers, creating, administering, and enforcing trusts, and miscellaneous estate planning concerns.

LAW417 International Commercial Law

ECTS 6

This is an elective course designed to acquaint students with the basic principles and doctrines of international commercial law, including conceptual issues bearing on the field, state responsibility and environmental protections, settlement of disputes, multinational enterprises, foreign investment, money and banking, trade in goods, services and labor, intellectual property, sales, transportation, and financing.

LAW418 Consumer Protection Law

ECTS 6

This is an elective course designed to lead students to explore the challenges of consumer protection in today's "information economy," including the meaning of consumer protection, and the difficult issue of striking a fair balance in international property law between innovators and consumers.

LAW419 Criminology

ECTS 6

This is an elective course designed to expose students to the fundamental principles and doctrines of criminology, both as a scientific field and as a tool of law enforcement with the possibility for career development. Topics to be covered in the course will include the etiology of crime and its phenomenology. Therefore, many criminological theories will be observed, such as biological, sociological, and psychological. In addition to that, students will learn about different criminological factors, as well as about different types of crime.

LAW420 International Arbitration Law

ECTS 6

This is an elective course designed to acquaint students with the principles and doctrines of international arbitration law, including formation, signature, and interpretation of international arbitration agreements; issues relating to the enforcement of these agreements (e.g., confidentiality and transparency and choice of substantive law); issues relating to arbitration awards; and international instruments governing this subject area (e.g., the U.N. Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards).

LAW442 Globalization and Global Governance

ECTS 6

This is an elective course designed to help students interrogate globalization and global governance in an attempt to achieve a better understanding of the phenomenon of global interdependence among states and peoples together with the ramifications for public policy domestically and internationally.

LAW443 Legal Ethics

ECTS 6

This is a required course designed to expose students to the fundamentals of legal ethics, including ethical theories and the application of these theories, the social context of the legal profession, regulation of the legal profession, the lawyer-client relationship, confidentiality, conflicts of interests, issues relating to fees (e.g., hourly fees, contingency fees, and speculative fees), issues of negligence regarding legal representation, litigation, alternative dispute resolution, third parties, business ethics, lawyers' social responsibilities, and promoting diversity in the legal profession, among other salient topics.

LAW444 Transitional Justice

ECTS 6

Transition justice is a field of academic study that focuses on mechanisms developed to uncover crimes of the past, and to find ways to deal with them in the present. Bearing this reality in mind, topics covered in this elective course will include but are not limited to the rule of law in transition, criminal justice, historical justice, reparatory justice, administrative justice, and constitutional justice.

LAW445 International Trade Law

ECTS 6

This is an elective course designed to acquaint students with the basic principles, doctrines, and debates of international trade, including the argument for (and against) free trade, trade obligations in the domestic legal order, international trade regimes (e.g. WTO, GATT, TRIPS), rules relating to trade in goods, rules relating to trade in services, general exceptions and exemptions, foreign direct investment, anti-dumping rules, and export control, among other issues.

LAW446 Law of EU Internal Market

ECTS 6

This is an elective course designed to introduce students to the legal and regulatory framework of EU internal market, including the intricate components of that market, the common framework of the treaty freedoms, provisions relating to the free movement of goods, provisions relating to union citizenship, provisions relating to the free movement of workers, provisions relating to freedom of establishment, provisions relating to freedom to provide and receive services, and provisions relating to the free movement of capital and payments.

LAW447 Notary Law

ECTS 6

This is an elective course designed to introduce students to the concept, organization, functions, and responsibilities of a notary service, including the nature of the notarial office and governing statutes, notary qualifications and revocation, screening document signers, interstate recognition of notarial acts, civil and criminal liability for notarial misconduct, employer accountability for notary employees, ethical concerns, attorney liability for notary misconduct, recognition of foreign notarial acts, recognition of United States Notarial Acts in foreign countries, and the future of notaries and notary practice.

LAW448 Inspection Law

ECTS 6

This is an elective course designed to expose students to the key concepts, debates, and issues related to regulatory inspection and the role of inspection law in protecting the health, safety, and well-being of workers in

market economies, from a comparative legal perspective, complemented as much as possible with instructional materials from Bosnia and Herzegovina. To lend legal doctrines complementary concrete anchor, the course is based on a case study of five states—Australia, Canada, France, Sweden, and the United Kingdom—that it juxtaposes with Bosnia and Herzegovina.

LAW449 Information Technology Law

ECTS 6

This is an elective course designed to expose students to the fundamentals of information technology law and the challenges of living in a world of the Internet and the Worldwide Web, including privacy, anonymity, and data protection; computer-related crimes and protection against these breaches; e-commerce; legal issues of the Internet (e.g., contractual liability for defective software, and securing liability for defamation over the Internet); and regulating the Internet.