

# Theory of law - class notes (winter 2025/2026)

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## 1 Lecture 1

**SCHEDEDULED:** <2025-10-07 Tue>

### 1.1 Organizational matters

1. Form: seminar (pol. *konwersatorium*).
2. Course credit conditions:
  - final test (weight 50%)
  - presentation (weight 50%)
  - attendance is mandatory; two absences are allowed (each absence exceeding two absences lowers the grade to the next lower grade)

#### 1.1.1 Questions

Every student can and should ask questions (both to the lecturer and to other students, if they are giving a presentation). After asking a question, please fill out the form below on the same day that the class took place:

<https://forms.office.com/e/zYp73mS5sM>

Failure to complete the question form will result in the question not being counted as student activity.

#### 1.1.2 Grading scale

- < 55% — 2,0 (neg.)
- >= 55% — 3,0

- $\geq 65\% — 3,5$
- $\geq 75\% — 4,0$
- $\geq 85\% — 4,5$
- $\geq 95\% — 5,0$

### 1.1.3 Teams

Make sure you know how to use MS Teams. MS Teams is available at: <https://teams.microsoft.com> (instructions: <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/teams>). Access code to our team is:

- wckxmk1

### 1.1.4 Attendance

1. IMPORTANT:

- attendance list is available at <https://forms.office.com/e/rDKUfQhKgN>
- always remember to fill in the attendance list

2. Office hours: <https://www.uni.lodz.pl/pracownicy/jakub-szczerbowski>
3. This material is available at <https://github.com/j4kub5/dydaktyka>

### 1.1.5 Survey

In order to improve the quality of my teaching, I conduct a continuous anonymous and optional survey that anyone can fill out:

<https://forms.office.com/e/Vbw0eG6F5T>

The survey can be filled out multiple times during the semester.

### 1.1.6 Presentations (20-25 min.)

1. Presentation Guidelines

- (a) Presentation Structure and Duration

- Presentations should be well planned, don't exceed your time
- Use PowerPoint or an equivalent software for slides

- (b) Citation and Sources

- Properly cite all sources used in the presentation
  - Include a bibliography or reference slide at the end
- (c) AI Integration
- Utilize AI tools in the presentation process
  - Document how AI was used (e.g., for research, slide design, content generation)
- (d) File Sharing and Naming Convention
- Share presentations on the Teams channel before you present
  - Follow the naming convention:  
YYYY-MM-DD\_StudentName1\_ShortTitle.[pdf|pptx|...]
- (e) 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
- (f) Delivery
- Practice the presentation to ensure proper timing
  - Prepare to answer questions from the audience
- (g) Resources
- "How to Speak" by Patrick Winston: [https://youtu.be/Unzc731iCUY?si=L8sySY03IKsI\\_WTv](https://youtu.be/Unzc731iCUY?si=L8sySY03IKsI_WTv)

## 2. Presentation topics

- (a) Approaches to understanding law
- (b) Law versus other normative systems
- (c) The concept of justice
- (d) Situations regulated by law
- (e) Law-making
- (f) Legal interpretation
- (g) Legal system versus legal order
- (h) Rules vs standards
- (i) Observance of law
- (j) Administration of justice
- (k) Functions of law

- (l) Logic and law
- (m) Norms of conduct (deontic logic)
- (n) Rule of law
- (o) Introduction do Law and Economics
- (p) Law and Economics of Property Law
- (q) Law and Economics of Tort Law
- (r) Law and Economics of Contract Law
- (s) Comparative Law: Method and Scope.
- (t) Comparative Law: Legal families.

## **1.2 The position of theory of law among scientific disciplines**

Literature: 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:** <2025-10-21 Tue>

## **3 Lecture 3**

**SCHEDULED:** <2025-10-28 Tue>

## **4 Lecture 4**

**SCHEDULED:** <2025-11-04 Tue>

## **5 Lecture 5**

**SCHEDULED:** <2025-11-18 Tue>

## **6 Lecture 6**

**SCHEDEDULED:** <2025-11-25 Tue>

## **7 Lecture 7**

**SCHEDEDULED:** <2025-12-02 Tue>

## **8 Lecture 8**

**SCHEDEDULED:** <2025-12-09 Tue>

## **9 Lecture 9**

**SCHEDEDULED:** <2025-12-16 Tue>

## **10 Lecture 10**

**SCHEDEDULED:** <2026-01-13 Tue>

## **11 Lecture 11**

**SCHEDEDULED:** <2026-01-20 Tue>