

**INFORMATION  
ON  
THE FACULTY  
OF  
LAW**

## **Faculty Of Law**

The Faculty of Law at the “Angel Kanchev” University of Ruse was established in 1992. It educates over 500 Bulgarian and international students a year in full- and part-time degree courses.



On October 24, 2013 the National Evaluation and Accreditation Agency conferred the Faculty with the right to teach a Master’s degree in Law for a period of 5 years. The Faculty has also been accredited to teach Law at a doctoral level in diverse branches of Legal Studies.

The curriculum of the Master degree course in Law has been devised in compliance with the Regulations for Uniform State Requirements for Acquiring a Degree in Law and the Qualification of

a “Lawyer”. Apart from the compulsory subjects, the curriculum includes a wide range of electives and optional subjects according to the interests of the individual students.

The Faculty of Law was the first law faculty in Bulgaria to become a member of the European Law Faculties Association (ELFA).

Faculty authorities and administration:

Dean: Prof. PhD Lachezar Dachev

Vice-dean for Academic Affairs: Prof. PhD Petiya Shopova

Vice-dean for Scientific Affairs: Prof. PhD Emil Mingov

Financial manager: Assistant Prof. Elica Kumanova

Scientific secretary: Assistant Prof. Kremena Rayanova

Coordinator for European integration and international cooperation: PhD Emanuil Kolarov

Head of Study and Methodic Centre: Emiliya Georgieva

Faculty office: Mrs. Boriana Salimova



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The tuition at the Faculty of Law corresponds fully to the Regulations for Uniform State Requirements for Acquiring a Degree in Law and the Qualification of a “Lawyer”, approved by the Council of Ministers.

In order to acquire the professional qualification of a “Lawyer”, students have to take exams in all compulsory subjects included in the curriculum and a number of elective courses as well. The course of studies finishes with state examinations in Public Law, Civil Law and Criminal Law.



As part of their practical training students go through compulsory professional practice. It is conducted under the guidance of prominent law practitioners following approved programmes.

The Faculty of Law has focused its attention on one of the most modern forms of training in Law, the so called Law Clinic. In this respect, the Faculty has well-established traditions. In 1999, the American Law Association assisted the start of the clinic training of Law students as a modern and effective teaching approach. The aim is to provide practical training for students and free legal advice for children and disadvantaged citizens. The financial support of the American Law Association has enabled the operation of: a Law Clinic on Family and Succession Law and a Law Clinic on Administrative Law and Administrative Procedures.

In order to work in the clinic students enter competitions and after a period of training they join working groups for operation with real clients.



As a result of the keen interest both from students and disadvantaged citizens the law clinic has two reception offices – one at the University of Ruse and another one in the Municipality of Ruse. Since the spring of 2005 a reception office was opened in the Municipality of Byala, too.

The Faculty of Law maintains close contacts and cooperation with a large number of universities from Germany, Romania, Greece, Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovenia, Estonia, Spain, Italy, Russia and the Ukraine. Departments of the Faculty participate actively in the ERASMUS and LEONARDO DA VINCI subprograms of the Lifelong Learning Program of the European Commission and are initiators and coordinators of numerous projects in cooperation with universities, educators and publishers from the UK, Germany, Spain, Greece and Belgium.

**DEPARTMENTS  
IN  
THE FACULTY  
OF  
LAW**

**DEPARTMENT  
OF  
PUBLIC LAW**

## **BUSINESS CARD of the Department**

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Lecturers at the Department of Public Law are famous scientists in the field of Legal Studies.

Scientific research and teaching is conducted in the Department of Public Law in the following branches of Legal Studies:

- General Theory of Law
- Political and Legal Theories
- Public International Law
- Political Science
- History of State and Law
- Constitutional law
- Constitutional Justice
- Administrative Law
- Latin Language

The academic staff of the Department consist of 4 Professors, 4 Associated Professors, 3 PhD, 4 Assistant Professors

**DEPARTMENT  
OF  
PRIVATE LAW**

## **BUSINESS CARD of the Department**

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

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Lecturers at the Department of Private Law are famous scientists in the field of Legal Studies.

Scientific research and teaching is conducted in the Department of Private Law in the following branches of Legal Studies:

- Civil Law – general part
- Property Law
- Labor Law
- Family and Succession Law
- Contract Law
- Commercial Law
- Private International law
- Civil Procedures

The academic staff of the Department consist of 4 Professors, 2 Associated Professors, 2 PhD, 4 Assistant Professors, and 4 PhD-students.

**DEPARTMENT  
OF  
CRIMINAL LAW**

## **BUSINESS CARD of the Department**

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

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Lecturers at the Department of Public Law are famous scientists in the field of Legal Studies.

Scientific research and teaching is conducted in the Department of Public Law in the following branches of Legal Studies:

- Criminal Law
- Criminal Procedures
- Criminology
- Legal Sociology
- Law of the European Union
- Ecology Law

The academic staff of the Department consist of 4 Professors, 3 Associated Professors, 1 PhD, 1 Assistant Professors

**DEPARTMENT  
OF  
FOREIGN  
LANGUAGES**

## **BUSINESS CARD of the Department**

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**The Department of Foreign Languages** was established in 1960.

**The Department comprises of** 18 full-time lecturers and 1 admin support staff. It provides training in the following subjects:

- English – 15 lecturers
- German – 2 lecturers
- French – 1 lecturer
- Russian

**The Department** is responsible for the foreign language training of all students from all the faculties and departments of the University, at Bachelor and Master levels. It focuses its attention on the training of students doing Bachelor degrees in Education with a Foreign Language at the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Education, of students of Business Administration, Industrial Management and Marketing at the Faculty of Business and Management, as well as of students of Computing and Communications Engineering at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Electronics and Automation.

**The Department** has participated actively in the implementation of projects under various EU-funded programmes such as TEMPUS, LEONARDO DA VINCI and SOCRATES/ERASMUS. It is currently involved in 3 European projects of significant importance for education.

**The Department** is planning to upload web-based foreign language teaching courses on the Internet. To this end, all the lecturers of the Department will undergo the necessary training.

Since 2005 the Department has updated all the curricula and syllabi and included ICT based learning in its teaching process. The Department is equipped with a modern FLT computer room.

**POSTGRADUATE  
STUDIES  
IN LAW**

**QUALIFICATION PROFILE**  
**GRADUATE STUDIES IN LAW**

Field of higher education: 3  
Professional guide: 3.6  
Subject: **LAW**  
Degree for higher education: **Master**  
Studies terms: **5,5 years (11 semesters)**

The qualification profile of the Master of Law is based on the requirements of the Act on Higher Education, the Internal Rules of the University of Ruse and on the conditions of the Directive on the single state requirements for obtaining a degree in “Law” and professional qualification “Lawyer”. The profile depicts major fundamentals of the educational process, the expected results and professional realization of the Law graduates.

**Application requirements**

1. Diploma for completed high school or university education
2. Passing entry examinations in accordance with the provisions of the Directive on the single state requirements for obtaining a degree in “Law” and professional qualification “Lawyer”.

**General Training**

The university course of Law is conducted in the Faculty of Law of the University of Ruse. The period of study is 5 years or 10 semesters. The fundamental education for obtaining a degree in Law comprise of compulsory and a number of elective subjects listed in the above mentioned Directive on the single state requirements for obtaining a degree in “Law” and professional qualification “Lawyer”: History and Theory of Law, Civil Law, Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, Property Law, Financial Law, Contract Law, Private International Law, Family Law, Labour Law, Commercial Law, Taxation Law, Civil Procedures, Criminal Procedures, Public International Law and EU Law; Roman Private Law, Intellectual and Copyright Law, Criminology, Bank Law, Penal Law and Legal Status of State Officials.

**Specialized Training**

The curriculum contains also optional and specialized courses that provide specific understanding in some special areas of legal order as well as additional preparation according to the individual interests of the students.

**Practical Training**

During the course of education the educational plan includes compulsory practical training for the Law students every year – in municipal and regional institutions; in the Trial Court and Prosecutor’s office; in the District Court and District Attorney’s office; in the Administrative Court.

The practice is worked out on the legal basis of the Directive on the single state requirements for obtaining a degree in “Law” and professional qualification “Lawyer” and is laid down in a Practice Program certified by the Minister of Justice. The practical training is supervised in coordination by a faculty fellow and a representative of each institution.

There are three Law Clinics at the faculty – of Family and Inheritance Law, of Administrative Law and of Labour Law. The training process includes special additional subjects like Law Ethics, processing of juridical documents, interviewing clients, role games and real case studies together with law practitioners from the Faculty of Law, Municipality of Ruse and Municipality of Byala.

### **Graduation in Law**

Law students obtain a higher education degree in Law and professional qualification “Lawyer” after passing three state examinations in:

- Public Law
- Civil Law
- Criminal Law

After successfully passing the state examinations students attend a six months compulsory practice in the judicial system and then may pass a theoretical and practical examination before the Ministry of Justice. This is a requirement for obtaining juridical capacity as a condition for practicing as a barrister or in the judicial system.

### **Basic skills**

Apart from their knowledge and understanding in legal studies graduates of Law can:

- interpret rules of law and legal principles;
- analyze facts and circumstances;
- apply law;

The graduates of Law have:

- high ethical behaviour;
- high communicational culture.

### **Educational relations and opportunities for professional career**

The graduates of Law have skills and abilities for their future professional career as:

- Judges, prosecutors;
- Investigators, examining magistrates
- Barristers;
- Notaries;
- Mediators;
- Arbitration judges;
- State officials;
- Public and private executory officers;
- Consultants in municipal, regional and state institutions;
- Consultants in private companies;
- Participants in governing bodies of political parties, syndicates;
- Scientists.

Law graduates with educational and qualification degree “Master of Law” may continue their education and work for the next educational and qualification degree “Doctor of Law” at the University of Ruse or at universities in Bulgaria or abroad.

**CURRICULUM**  
of the degree program in  
**LAW**

**First Year**

<b>Code</b>	<b>First term</b>	<b>ECTS</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Second term</b>	<b>ECTS</b>
0736	General Theory of Law	6	1873	General Theory of Law	8
0767	History of Bulgarian State and Law	9	1875	Application of IT in Law	6
0768	General Theory of State	6	1876	Economics	7
0813	General History of State and Law	6	2753	Latin Language	6
	<b>Elective Subjects</b>			<b>Elective Subjects</b>	
1676	Rhetoric	3	2756	Sociology of Law	3
1754	Political Science	3	3228	History of Political and Legal Thought	3
			3755	Religious Doctrines	3
	English	2		English	2
	French	2		French	2
	German	2		German	2
<b>Total for the term:</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>Total for the term:</b>		<b>30</b>

**Second Year**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Third term</b>	<b>ECTS</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Fourth term</b>	<b>ECTS</b>
4000	Civil Law – General Part	4	4009	Civil Law – General Part	6
4001	Administrative Law	7	4010	Administrative Procedures	8
4004	Constitutional Law	11	4011	Institutional EU law	5
4006	Environmental Law	5	4013	International Public Law	8
	<b>Elective Subjects</b>			<b>Elective Subjects</b>	
1547	Philosophy of Law	3	4014	Police Law	3
4008	Marketing	3	4015	Constitutional Justice	3
	English	2		English	2
	French	2		French	2
	German	2		German	2
<b>Total for the term:</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>Total for the term:</b>		<b>30</b>

**Third Year**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Fifth term</b>	<b>ECTS</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Sixth term</b>	<b>ECTS</b>
4016	Contract Law	5	4024	Contract Law	11
4018	Criminal Law	4	4025	Criminal Law	11
4019	Property Law	9	1842	International Relations	5
4021	Financial Law	9			
	<b>Elective Subjects</b>			<b>Elective Subjects</b>	
4030	Bulgarian Business Language	3	4022	Structure of the Judicial System	3
			4027	International criminal law	3
4037	Intellectual and Copyright Law	3			
4028	International Protection of Human Rights	3	1551	Competition Law	3
<b>Total for the term:</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>Total for the term:</b>		<b>30</b>

**Fourth Year**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Seventh term</b>	<b>ECTS</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Eigth term</b>	<b>ECTS</b>
4026	Commercial Law	6	4031	Commercial Law	8
4032	Criminal Procedures	4	4039	Criminal Procedures	9
4034	Family and Inheritance Law	7	4038	International Trade Law	3
4035	Taxation Law	5	4036	Criminology and Combating Corruption	7
4041	Criminalistics	5			
	<b>Elective Subjects</b>			<b>Elective Subjects</b>	
0738	International tax law	3	4043	Legal Status of State Officials	3
4048	Penal Execution Law	3	1255	Child Protection	3
1252	Drafting of legal documents	2	4029	Currency and Customs Law	2
	<b>Total for the term:</b>	<b>30</b>		<b>Total for the term:</b>	<b>30</b>

**Fifth Year**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Nineth term</b>	<b>ECTS</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Tenth term</b>	<b>ECTS</b>
4046	Labour Law	4	4052	Labour Law	6
4033	Civil Procedures	5	4040	Civil Procedures	10
4047	Private International Law	9	4053	Social Insurance Law	5
1555	Insolvency	6	4054	European Union Law	3
4055	Notary Law	3	4257	Civil enforcement proceedings	3
	<b>Elective Subjects</b>			<b>Elective Subjects</b>	
4049	Bank Law	3	4050	Forensic Expertise	3
4056	European company law		1257	Alternative Dispute Resolution	3
2551	Criminal proceedings	2			
	<b>Total for the term:</b>	<b>30</b>		<b>Total for the term:</b>	<b>30</b>

**Sixth Year**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Eleventh term</b>	<b>ECTS</b>
	<b>Graduation</b>	
4058	State Examination – Civil Law	5
4060	State Examination – Criminal Law	5
4059	State Examination – Public Law	5
	<b>Total for the term:</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>Code</b>	<b>Eleventh term</b>	<b>ECTS</b>
4005	Practice – Administrative Law and Procedures	2
4012	Practice – Civil and Criminal Law	2
4017	Practice – Civil and Criminal Procedures	2
4020	Law Clinic of Administrative Law and Procedures	2
4022	Law Clinic of Administrative Law and Procedures	2
4029	Law Clinic of Family and Inheritance Law	2
4045	Law Clinic of Family and Inheritance Law	2
4051	Law Clinic of Labour Law	2
4057	Law Clinic of Labour Law	2
<b>Total for the term:</b>		<b>30</b>

**0736 General Theory of Law**

**ECTS credits:** 6

**Assessment:** continuous

**Departments involved:**

Department of Public Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Prof. Lachezar Ivanov Dachev, PhD, Department of Public Law

Assos.Prof. Elitsa Georgieva Valcheva-Kumanova, PhD, Department of Public Law

**Abstract:**

The General Theory of Law focuses on Law as a social phenomenon and regulation. It covers legal environment and common legal concepts. Therefore the subject is one of the fundamental legal subjects. The course provides an opportunity to reflect in a disciplined and critical way on the structure and functions of law and legal institutions and systems, on the nature of legal reasoning and discourse, and on the connections between law and morality and between law and other human relationships and characteristics.

**Course content:**

The aim of this subject is to acquaint students with: the concept of Law as a social normative regulator; natural rights and objective law; private and public law; property and procedure law; legal regulation – concept and structure, types of legal regulations; principles of law; types of normative acts; legal acts; law subjects; interpretation in law; implementation of law; subject law and legal duty; legal facts; legal presumptions and fiction: legal relations and legal bonds; offence; legal responsibility.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The lectures enable students to get acquainted with the main characteristics, manifestations and structure of law by synthesizing the common in them, as well as with the general concepts of the legal environment and the related phenomena, which can be seen in any branch of Law. They will be able to interpret and analyze legal regulations and to compare and relate in theory various legal institutions. Lectures are accompanied by seminars.

**0767 History of Bulgarian State and Law**

**ECTS credits:** 9

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Public Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturer:**

Assoc.Prof. Evgeni Yochev, PhD, Department of Public Law

**Abstract:**

The subject covers the problems of the historical development of the Bulgarian State and Law, their functions, institutions and the relation between these from the Middle Ages, through the Turkish Yoke, to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bulgarian State (1878-1944).

**Course content:**

Historical sources of the Bulgarian Feudal State and Law. The 1<sup>st</sup> Bulgarian State. Bulgaria under Byzantine influence. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Bulgarian State. The decline of Bulgaria and Ottoman invaders. The development of Bulgarian Feudal Law. Turkish feudalism in Bulgarian territories. The structure of the Ottoman Empire. Ideas and fights for the re-establishment of the Bulgarian State. Ottoman Law and the rights of the Bulgarian population. Bulgaria after the liberation. The state structure by virtue of the Turnovo Constitution. The development of Bulgarian Law. Political development of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bulgarian State.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Lectures focus on the main problems. Seminars are in the form of discussions leading to a conclusion made by the lecturer. It is important to motivate students to take active part in the discussions so that certain conclusions, evaluations and hypotheses could be reached. Students are expected to prepare reports the volume, content and language of which will be marked. The emphasis will be on the good relation between content and topic, the clearly-stated author's opinion and their knowledge on the subject. The exam is oral. Students will be asked to answer in written form 2 questions and then to present them orally. The final mark will be based on the student's performance during the seminars and the marks from the tests and the course assignment.

### 0768 General Theory of State

**ECTS credits:** 6

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Public Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturer:**

Prof. Lachezar Ivanov Dachev, PhD, Department of Public

**Abstract:**

Theory of State gets students acquainted with questions concerning the essence of state, its origin and levels of organization. Therefore a number of theoretical constructs are examined in order to account for the social nature of the state, the political authority, the relationship between the state and law, the major political and state institutions, the organization of the modern state rule, the main features of the law and social state.

**Course content:**

The course provides students with basic understanding on the principles and significance of this subject, its historical development. It covers the development of the concept of the state, its essence – the state as a social organization, theories of the essence of the state power, sovereign and subject of power, forms of the state, levels of existence of the state, constitutional state, the state and modern civilization.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The subject gives an insight into issues of the essence of the state, its origins and manifestations. They are acquainted with a number of theoretical constructs explaining the social nature of the state, political power, the relation between the state and law, the main political state institutions, the principles of organization of modern state government, the characteristic features of the constitutional and social state. At the exam students will be asked to answer in written form 2 questions and then to elaborate on them orally. The examiner may also ask additional questions from the questionnaire in order to assess the acquired body of knowledge.

### 0813 General History of State and Law

**ECTS credits:** 6

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Paedagogy, Psycholpgy and History

Faculty of Natural Science and Education

**Lecturer:**

Asst. Prof. Zlatozhivka Zdravkova, PhD, Department of Paedagogy, Psycholpgy and History

**Abstract:**

The subject follows crucial moments in the history of various states and peoples, the conditions leading to the foundation of the various types of state institutions at different historical moments and geographical places, the establishemnt and characteristic features of juridical institutions and regulations in various state forms. Knowing and comparing state and juridical institutions in various countries helps students get a better scientific approach and understanding of the actual solution of problems connected with state structure and legal environment.

**Course content:**

Origin of state organizations and legal systems in Ancient Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, Rome. Development of state forms and legal systems during various historical ages in Europe and America: the Frank state, Byzanthia, Germany, France, England, the United States, English and French colonies(class-represented monarchies, absolutism, bourgeois countries, fascism, and totalitarism).

**Teaching and assessment:**

The course consists of lectures and seminars on topics and bibliography given in advance. Students have a test during the semester. Only students who have attended lectures regularly and have participated in the discussions actively will be allowed to sit for the exam. At the exam students sit to answer in written form on topics of the course content and present them orally.

### 1676 Rhetoric

**ECTS credits:** 3

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Bulgarian Language, Literature and Art  
Faculty of Natural Science and Education

**Lecturer:**

Prof. Dimitrina Ignatova Tsoneva, PhD, Department of Bulgarian Language, Literature and Art

**Abstract:**

The subject focuses on the essence of rhetoric knowledge which will give students the right idea of eloquence as an activity and Rhetoric as its science. The aim is to give students theoretical grounding in the preparation and delivering of various genres and types of public speeches, in self-education and self-improvement in the art of public speaking. The subject covers the history, theory and methodology of public speaking. Having in mind its aims, the course puts an emphasis on eloquence from a historical perspective and on modern age eloquence. Some issues of Bulgarian speaking habits are also included.

**Course content:**

The main topics are as follow: History of the art of speaking. History of public speaking in court. Main rhetorical classification of public speeches. Structure of the public speech. Linguistic characteristics of the public speech. Non-verbal communication in public speaking. Talking techniques. Psychological analysis of the communication with the audience. Methods and techniques of convincing. Structure of court speech. Analysis and assessment of court speeches.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Teaching consists of lectures and seminars. Students are acquainted with the main topics from the questionnaire. Major Rhetoric concepts and issues are illustrated with the help of tables, charts on slides. During the seminars students prepare and deliver various speeches. The course assignment is to write a defending or accusing speech on a previously given case.

### 1754 Political Science

**ECTS credits:** 3

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Public Law  
Faculty of Law

**Lecturer:**

Assoc.Prof. Velichko Pantelev, PhD, Department of Public Law, tel.: 888 721

**Abstract:**

The subject provides students with basic understanding on the governance of the political processes on global, regional and local level and their modern trends. It points theoretically on the modern political systems. Students are acquainted with the ideologies and values of the main groups of political parties. They are given the opportunity to form their political behavior based on global and European values, to analyze and make forecast about global and regional political development, to lead political dialogues and reach an agreement when taking political decisions.

**Course content:**

The subject covers basics and methodology of political analysis. Political theories. Origins and essence of democracy. Political system. Main characteristics of the state. Constitutionalism. Parliamentarianism. Structure and function of modern units of legislative power in democratic states. Executive power. Essence and role of the opposition. Types of political parties. Ruling and ruled. Interest groups and lobbies. Political leadership – classification of leaders.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Students are expected to participate actively in the process of teaching. They are given theoretical grounding in the various topics from the syllabus. At the exam students will be asked to answer in written form 2 questions and then to elaborate on them orally. The examiner may also ask them additional questions, both theoretical and practical. The mark corresponds to the acquired knowledge.

### 1873 General Theory of Law

**ECTS credits:** 8

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Public Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Prof. Lachezar Ivanov Dachev, PhD, Department of Public Law

Assoc.Prof. Elitsa Georgieva Valcheva-Kumanova, PhD, Department of Public Law

**Abstract:**

The General Theory of Law focuses on Law as a whole. It reveals its common traits, characteristic features, manifestations and structure emphasizing what is common in them. Thus it fully covers legal environment and the common legal concepts. Therefore the subject is one of the fundamental legal disciplines.

**Course content:**

The aim of this subject is to acquaint students with : the concept of Law as a social normative regulator; natural rights and objective law; private and public law; property and procedure law; legal regulation – concept and structure, types of legal regulations; principles of law; types of normative acts; legal acts; law subjects; interpretation in law; implementation of law; subject law and legal duty; legal facts; legal presumptions and fiction: legal relations and legal bonds; offence; legal responsibility.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The lectures enable students to get acquainted with the main characteristics, manifestations and structure of law by synthesizing the common in them, as well as with the general concepts of the legal environment and the related phenomena, which can be seen in any branch of Law. They will be able to interpret and analyze legal regulations and to compare and relate in theory various legal institutions. Lectures are accompanied by seminars. At the exam students are asked to answer in written form 2 questions and then elaborate on them. The final mark is based on students' preparation and performance during the seminars.

### 1875 Application of IT in Law

**ECTS credits:** 6

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Informatics and Information Technologies

Faculty of Natural Science and Education

**Lecturers:**

Assist.Prof. Plamen Manuilov, PhD

Assist.Prof. Emilia Goergieva

**Abstract:**

The course introduces to students the ITs as technical devices and the most used computer programmes. Since the number of lectures is limited, a specially designed textbook is used. The aim of the seminars is to teach students how to use the computer and the most common programmes in their work. The course focuses on Microsoft Windows and its applications like MS Office.

**Course content:**

History and classification of computers. Hardware. Operating systems. Applied programming. Word processing systems. Electronic spreadsheets. Data bases – relation data bases. Systems for data bases management . Known data bases. Data communications and computer networks.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Teaching consists of lectures which introduce to students the main theoretical background. Seminars are held in computer labs under the supervision of the lecturer. At the beginning of every seminar there is a 10-minutes' test or quiz to check students' preparation. At the end of every unit students' practical skills to work with the program being covered are checked.

### 1876 Economics

**ECTS credits:** 7

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Economics

Faculty of Business and Management

**Lecturers:**

Assoc. Prof. Emil Trifonov, PhD, Department of Economics

Assist. Prof. Lilia Doganova, Department of Economics

**Abstract:**

The subject covers the basics and the main problems of modern micro and macro economy. Thus it offers a thorough grounding in the principles of economics and in the economic concepts. It trains the skill to manage in the market environment which makes it a must of any Law or Economics degree course.

**Course content:**

An introduction to the economic system and the basics of the economic theory. Major economic problems. Market mechanism. The public sector and the tax system. Supply and demand on individual markets. Consumer demand and behavior. Production, company expenditure and income. Imperfect competence and supply. Pricing of production factors. Gross domestic product and economic growth. Economic cycle, unemployment and inflation. Macroeconomic balance. Budget policy. Money policy. Foreign economic policy in the open market economy.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The teaching process consists of lectures and seminars which offer additional explanation to the topics covered in the lectures. Students take active part in the seminars by presentations, reports, and papers on a topic chosen by the students themselves or assigned by the lecturer. According to the regulations at Ruse University students are allowed to sit for the exam if they have attended classes regularly. The final mark will be based on the student's performance at the exam and during the seminars.

### 2753 Latin Language

**ECTS credits:** 6

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Public Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturer:**

Sr.Lecturer Maya Stoyanova , Department of Public Law

**Abstract:**

The subject offers the necessary minimum of theoretical and practical knowledge of Latin which enables students to use correctly legal and scientific terms of Latin origin. Latin helps correct and accurate understanding of certain words which have turned into special terms.

**Course content:**

Law system developed under the influence of Roman Law. Therefore studying the concise Latin grammar and a selection of texts by Latin authors , as well as set expressions and maxims, arranged methodically, helps and makes easier its understanding and acquisition. At the end of the course students are expected to read and translate larger Latin texts with the help of a dictionary, to handle freely Latin legal and scientific terms, and by having learned Latin set expressions to expand their language culture.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Teaching takes into account of the students' major – Law. Seminars are held in student-centered groups. The role of the lecturer is to prepare the plan and to contribute to the peaceful and creative atmosphere. Reading, writing and translating skills are trained by a variety of effective teaching methods. Practical grammar drills accompanied by original Law texts in Latin, set expressions and sentences, written and oral tests to check the level of the acquired knowledge and skills help Law undergraduates get the minimum body of knowledge necessary for the correct and accurate handling of legal parlance and scientific terminology.

### **2756 Sociology of Law**

**ECTS credits:** 3

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Public Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturer:**

Prof. Stefka Naumova, PhD, Department of Criminal Law

**Abstract:**

The subject provides students with the basic understanding of this relatively new science, in its historical origin and development, the modern trends of European and American schools of Sociology and Law, the features of the empirical socio-legal research.

**Course content:**

The subject offers an insight into a range of topics: the essence of the Sociology of Law; historical preconditions for its origin and development; social groups and their impact on subjects' legal behavior; the concept of the person; legal and sociological problems in deviation; subject and range of the empirical socio-legal research; mechanisms of Law as a social activity.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The subject's aim is to get students acquainted with the essence of the relatively new science, in the historical preconditions for its origin and development, in modern trends of European and American schools of Sociology and Law, in the characteristic features of the empirical socio-legal research. At the exam students will be asked to answer in written form 2 questions and then to elaborate on them orally. The examiner may also ask additional questions from the questionnaire in order to assess the knowledge acquired.

### **3228 History of Political and Legal Thought**

**ECTS credits:** 3

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Public Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturer:**

Prof. Lachezar Dachev, PhD, Department of Public Law

**Abstract:**

It is a theoretical historical subject which covers state and law studies and their historical development from the Ancient Times to the Modern Age. The historical approach offers an insight into the theoretical explanation of the state and law phenomena as part of the social reality. The subject covers the following concepts: state, power, forms of state, types of state, types of government, law, legal order, etc. On the one hand, the aim is to give students historical grounding in their knowledge about state and law institutions and categories which will later be followed by the theoretical knowledge supplied by general and specialized courses in Law. On the other, students acquire general political and legal culture which is inherent to the future lawyer.

**Course content:**

The subject covers the basics, methodology and significance of the History of Political and Legal Studies; political and legal trends in Ancient Orient, Greece and Rome; theological political and legal trends in the early Middle Ages; secular political and legal trends during the Renaissance; utopian concepts of the state.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Lectures get students acquainted with the state and law studies and their history, with the main concepts and categories developed by Law Studies, with the theoretical explanation of the phenomena of state and law as part of the social reality. At the exam students will be asked to answer in written form 2 questions and then to elaborate on them orally. The examiner may also ask additional questions from the questionnaire in order to evaluate the acquired body of knowledge.

### **3755 Religious Doctrines**

**ECTS credits:** 3

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Pedagogy, Psychology and History  
Faculty of Natural Science and Education

**Lecturer:**

Prof. Zlatozhivka Zdravkova , PhD, Department of Pedagogy, Psychology and History

**Abstract:**

The subject covers the origins of the religious idea in the primitiva societies and the first legal norms connected with religious doctrines. It not only offers students an insight into the foundations of the civilization and legal norms but it also expands their knowledge of universal human values.

**Course content:**

The origins of religion as a spiritual necessity. Religious thinking in the Stone Age. Animisim, totemism, paganism. First legal norms. Foundations of Environmental Law. Regulation of human individual and social relations. Hinduism, Zoroastrism, Buddhism – from ethnic to social relationship. World religious doctrines – Judaism, Christianity, Islam – the Decalogue, canon and shariat law.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Lectures get students acquainted with the development of religion over the various historical stages. Teaching consists of lectures delivered by a lecturer having academic rank. Only students who have attended lectures regularly and have participated in the discussions actively will be allowed to sit for the exam. At the exam they will be asked to answer in written form 2 questions and then to elaborate on them orally. The examiner may also ask additional questions from the questionnaire in order to assess the knowledge acquired by the student.

### **4000 Civil Law – General Part**

**ECTS credits:** 4

**Assessment:** continuous

**Departments involved:**

Department of Private Law  
Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Prof. Ivan Rustchev, PhD, Department of Private Law

Assist.Prof. Antonina Dimitrova, PhD, Department of Private Law,

**Abstract:**

After being given background knowledge by Basics of Law and State Studies during their 1<sup>st</sup> year, students are acquainted with the problems of Civil Law, its basics, with the subjects of Civil Law and of Civil Law relations, with legal deals, representation and debt bar limitation. The aim of this subject is to create links with the other branches of the Civil Law: Property Law, Contract Law, Commercial Law, Copyright Law, Family and Hereditary Law.

**Course content:**

Concept, method, system and sources of Civil Law. Types of Civil Law norms and their function. Civil Law interpretation. Concept and types of Civil Law relations. Subjective law – essence and types. Exercise and protection of subjective rights. The concept of subjects of Civil Law. Legal characteristics of physical and juridical persons. Custody and guardianship. Legal individualization of physical persons. Acts of civil status – concept and types. Announcing the state of missing and dead – procedures.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Lectures get students acquainted with the basic normative acts in the field of private law, with their interpretation and analysis. During the seminars they do case studies, examine and discuss the legal practice in connection with the covered questions, compare current and revoked legal norms. At the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester there is a preliminary oral examination as a form of continuous assessment and an entry exam for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

### **4010 Administrative Law**

**ECTS credits:** 7

**Assessment:** continuous

**Departments involved:**

Department of Public Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Prof. Dimitar Kostov, PhD, Department of Public Law

Assist.Prof. Emanuil Kolarov, PhD, Department of Public Law

**Abstract:**

This is a fundamental course for Law students and aims to provide them with the basic understanding of administration and functions of state government, about methods and forms of administrative activities, control, about liability and protection of rights and interests of persons in the process of state government.

**Course content:**

The course comprises three parts: general part, special part and proceedings. The problems it deals with in the first semester are connected with the executive power and functions of the state, theory of administrative law, administrative rules and relations, state administration, authorities and executive bodies, administrative acts, methods of control over administration.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The lectures provide basic understanding of the general part of the administrative law. It focuses on current legislation and organization of administration as well as on the impact of European legislation over practice of Bulgarian authorities. Students interpret legal rules and principles. They work on written assignment which they present before the audience in class during seminars.

**Weekly classes:** 4lec+2sem+0labs+0ps+se

**Type of exam:** written and oral

### **4004 Constitutional Law**

**ECTS credits:** 11

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Public Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Prof. Pencho Penev, PhD, Department of Public Law

Assist.Prof. Zornitsa Yordanova, PhD, Department of Public Law

**Abstract:**

The course is a basic course and aims at giving the students knowledge of the history of constitutional practice in Bulgaria, the development of political system in Bulgaria, establishing the set of basic rights and duties of the citizens. The course deals in detail with the legal organisation and functioning of main bodies of state rule – the National Assembly, the Presidency, the Cabinet, the Court, the Prosecution and Investigation offices, constitutional court, regional government and self-government authorities in the main administrative regions.

**Course content:**

The course includes eight basic topics: Constitution studies; subject, system and source of constitutional law; political system; election system; State power; State authorities; National Assembly; President of the Republic of Bulgaria; Cabinet; Judicial authorities; Constitutional Court and regional self-government. It deals with problems connected with the basic principles of the political system in the state, the division of state power into legislative, executive and judicial power, the establishment and functioning of the state apparatus.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Lectures and seminars are organized in parallel. Seminars deal with topics announced in advance and include case studies. The exam consists of answering two questions from the synopsis plus additional questions or answering short questions on the whole material under the form of a test. The examiner assesses the degree to which the student has acquired the material and the student's performance at seminars.

**Weekly classes:** 5lec+4sem+0labs+0ps+ca

**Type of exam:** written and oral

### **4006 Environmental Law**

**ECTS credits:** 5

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Public Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturer:**

Prof. Stefka Naumova, PhD, Department of Criminal Law

**Abstract:**

The course is fundamental and aims at giving the students knowledge about the development of Bulgarian environmental legislation and the substance of basic legal acts in this branch, and bilateral, regional and global cooperation in environmental protection – like international conferences in which Bulgaria participated and have participated, as well as international acts Bulgaria is a party of.

**Course content:**

Subject and system of Environmental Law; fundamental principles of environmental regulation; constitutional grounds of environmental regulation; environmental legislation; centralization and decentralization of environmental management; special legal regimes of different natural resources; Measures against air pollution; Measures against water pollution; Measures against soil pollution; legal regime on forest; legal regime on protected territories; protection of biological diversity; European environmental legislation.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The topics introduce to students the most important normative acts (national, bilateral, regional and international) in the sphere of environment protection. Emphasis is put on the legal character and importance of measures for environment protection. The exam consist of a written answer to one question, oral elaboration on it, answer to additional questions which the examiner might ask. The degree of acquiring the learning material and the performance during seminars is assessed.

### **4008 Marketing**

**ECTS credits:** 3

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Economics

Faculty of Business and Management

**Lecturer:**

Assoc. Prof. Liubomir Dimitrov, PhD, Department of Economics

**Abstract:**

The necessity of learning the course comes from the specific features of the transition to market economy and the emerging new units in legal business, lawyers' offices, firms, free-lance jurists, etc. The new economic structures require the building of skills of quick and effective adaptation to the surrounding marketing environment. The aim of the course is to help students develop skills of correct evaluation of the processes and occurrences in market through applying contemporary methods and approaches of marketing.

**Course content:**

Lectures cover: general characteristics of marketing, marketing environment, elements of micro-environment, system of marketing research and marketing information, strategic planning and marketing, characteristics of marketing in non-production activities, communication in marketing, advertising in marketing.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Lectures provide students with the basic understanding of marketing. They are held in traditional way, using slides when necessary. The exam consists of a written answer to two questions, oral elaboration on them, answer to additional questions if necessary. The degree of acquiring the learning material is assessed.

#### 4009 Civil Law – General Part

**ECTS credits:** 6

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Private Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Prof. Ivan Rustchev, PhD, Department of Private Law

Assist.Prof. Antonina Dimitrova, PhD, Department of Private Law

**Abstract:**

The course follows the first year courses of General Theory of Law and Theory of State. It deals with the problems of the rules and the general theory of civil law, legal status of persons according to civil law, legal transactions, delegation and prescription. The course is introductory to the fields of civil law: property law, contractual law, commercial law, copyright law, family and hereditary law.

**Course content:**

Legal person – concept and types. Construction co-operations. Non-profit legal persons – concept, types. Subjects of civil law. Juridical facts – characteristics and types. Acquisition of rights. Succession of rights. Legal transaction – concept and types. Invalid transactions. Invalidity claims and consequences. Delegation – concept and types. Prescription – beginning, counting, end. Interruption of prescription.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Lectures give the students knowledge of basic acts in the area of private law, help them learn to analyse them. During seminars the students study cases, compare operative to inoperative acts. The exam consists of a written answer to two questions, oral elaboration on them, answer to additional questions. The degree of acquiring the learning material is assessed.

#### 4010 Administrative Procedures

**ECTS credits:** 8

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Public Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Prof. Dimitar Kostov, PhD, Department of Public Law

Assist.Prof. Emanuil Kolarov, PhD, Department of Public Law

**Abstract:**

The Administrative Law and Procedures course is a fundamental course and aims to give to the students knowledge of the administration and functions of state government, about methods and forms of administrative activities, control, about responsibilities and defence of rights and interests of different subjects of law in the process of state government.

**Course content:**

The course comprises three parts: general part, special part and proceedings. In this semester it focuses on the problems on the state regulation of important matters like external and internal policy, land, intellectual property, transport, territorial development and infrastructure. It pays also much attention on administrative procedures and judicial control and remedies.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The lectures provide basic understanding of the special part of the administrative law and administrative procedures incl. judicial procedures and review on administrative matters. It focuses on current legislation and regulation in different spheres of competence of state authorities as well as on the ways of control over state and local administration. Students interpret legal rules and do case studies. They work on written assignment which they present before the audience in class during seminars. The exam consists of a written answer to two questions – one from each part of the course, oral elaboration on them, students answer also to additional questions from the course contents that the examiner might ask. The final grade reflects student's work in seminars and the result of examination.

**4005 Practice – Administrative Law and Procedures**

**ECTS credits:** 2

**Assessment:** continuous

**Departments involved:**

Department of Public Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturer:**

Assist.Prof. Daniela Yankova, Department of Public Law

**Abstract:**

The practice of Administrative law and procedures aims at giving the students practical knowledge of legal organization and functioning of state government, of methods and forms of administration and its control, of the responsibilities and the defence of the rights of the different subjects of law in the process of state government.

**Course content:**

The practice covers the problems connected with the executive function of the state, legal administrative regulations, subjects of administrative law, executive power bodies and their administration, administrative act, methods of government control, administrative responsibility, state government in economic, social and cultural and administrative activities, principles of administrative procedures and types.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The practice is organized for the period between the winter and summer semester. Students visit different administrative offices, get acquainted with certain officers and authorities of the local executive power. Lead by the lecturer they meet representatives of local units of central administration who explain their duties. They are shown different documents issued by the units, the consecutiveness of actions and the secretarial work is explained. On the last day a frame-up of an administrative trial on a predetermined case is done.

**4013 Public International Law**

**ECTS credits:** 8

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Public Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Prof. Blagoy Nikitov Vidin, PhD, Department of Criminal Law

Assist.Prof. Kremena Bozhidarova Rayanova, PhD, Department of Criminal Law

**Abstract:**

The course aims at providing students with basic knowledge in the area of international relations and their legal regimes: rights and responsibilities of states according to international treaties, legal administration of territories and areas in which the interests of states intersect; characteristics of international organisations; ways and means of settling of conflicts between states. Accent is put on the contemporary approach in international relations which is connected with the political changes in Central and Eastern European states; change of approach when conflict situations are settled; tendencies in visions about future functions of most existing international organisations, etc.

**Course content:**

The topics of the course cover the most important stages in the development of international public law. They include: the origin of public law and its establishment as a regulator of state relations; sources and subjects; characteristics of international treaties; ways of settling international arguments; concept of territory, boundaries, population, citizenship; main fields of international public law; rules of war; responsibilities of states; summoning of international conferences; role and place of international organizations in international relations.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Lectures give the students fundamental knowledge of the development of international public law, about concepts like citizenship, population, territory, boundaries, responsibility, foreign relations authorities, and international organizations. Lectures and seminars are organized in parallel. Separate topics are elaborated and given to the students so as to further develop their knowledge of international public law. Examination is oral. The performance of the students at seminars is taken into account when the final mark is given.

#### 4014 Police Law

**ECTS credits:** 3

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Public Law

Faculty of Law

**Abstract:**

The course represents an introduction to the legal bases of safeguarding of public order as a part of the special administrative law. Emphasis is put on the legal status and functions of law enforcement according to the Act on the Ministry of Interior and other normative acts. It stresses also on the police cooperation in the EU.

**Course content:**

The course contents are divided into two parts – general part and special part. The general part introduces the foundations of law enforcement and the bodies with functions in safeguarding public order. The special part covers different competences of police bodies according to special acts.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The lectures acquaint the students with the origin, development and current state of police law. The students discuss norms of legal sources, compare norms of police law with those of administrative law. The exam consists of a written examination on teaching materials and oral presentation.

**Weekly classes:** 2lec+0sem+0labs+0ps

**Type of exam:** written and oral

#### 4015 Constitutional Justice

**ECTS credits:** 3

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Public Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturer:**

Prof. Pencho Penev, PhD, Department of Public Law

**Abstract:**

The course develops further the knowledge of the students gained already from the Constitutional Law course but the emphasis is on the control exercised by the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Bulgaria. The aim of the course is to acquaint students with the mechanism of the existing practice of the constitutional justice, its role and importance in the process of democratic state government.

**Course content:**

The lectures deal with the problems of constitutional court as an institution – infrastructure, members, rights. Regulatory acts and rights of the constitutional court are explained. The different kinds of acts issued by the court are discussed in detail. Special emphasis is put on the competence arguments between the National Assembly, the Cabinet and the President, arguments regarding main executive authorities and local authorities, as well as the routine procedures for their settlement. The final lectures deal with the actions resulting from the court decisions.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The topics of the lectures introduce to students the basic regulatory acts in the sphere of the constitutional law – the Law on the Constitutional Court, help them interpret and analyse it. The exam consists of a written answer to one question, oral elaboration on it, answer to additional questions from the synopsis. The mark reflects the degree of acquiring the learning material by the student.

**Weekly classes:** 2lec+0sem+0labs+0ps

**Type of exam:** written and oral

**4016 Contract Law**

**ECTS credits:** 5

**Assessment:** continuous

**Departments involved:**

Department of Private Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Prof. Ivan Rustchev, PhD, Department of Private Law

Assoc.Prof. Krasimir Dimitrov, PhD, Department of Private Law

Assist.Prof. Anastas Georgiev, Department of Private Law

**Abstract:**

The course gives knowledge about the main problems of legal regulation of market relations, as well as matters like indemnity of physical and juristic persons, regulation of relations in cases of unjust enrichment, undertaking other's duties without burden. The importance of contract law during the transition of our country to market economy is significant.

**Course content:**

The course consists of general and specific part. In the first part, the general terms of contract law are discussed – obligation and liability, consideration – concept and types, contract. Methods of guaranteeing performance of duties. The specific part deals with the different kinds of contracts – sale, production, commission, rent, lease, deposit, recognizance. Knowledge is given about unjust enrichment, wrong actions as a source of contractual relations. The course aims to reveal the mechanism of market economy in terms of civil law and explore topics of interest regarding contract arrangements and liabilities.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The topics of the lectures introduce to students the basic enactments in the sphere of contract law. The students learn to interpret and analyze the relevant legal regulations. During seminars the students affirm their theoretical knowledge by going through tests and solving cases. Students become familiar with documents and also create documents regarding contractual law.

### 4018 Criminal Law

**ECTS credits:** 4

**Assessment:** continuous

**Departments involved:**

Department of Public Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Prof. Rumen Petrov Vladimirov, PhD, Department of Criminal Law

Assist.Prof. Svetlin Antonov, Department of Criminal Law

**Abstract:**

Criminal law is one of the most difficult and vast courses in law. At the same time it is the basic course in the sphere of crime opposition. The study of this course is a precondition for the successful acquiring of the other courses in criminal law – the compulsory course of criminal procedures and the elective courses of criminal justice, criminology, penalty execution. The topics cover the general part of the Criminal Code.

**Course content:**

The course aims at giving the students knowledge about the subject matter, the method for legal regulation, the system of criminal science and the sources of criminal norms, about subjects of crime, the concept of crime and its elements, the stages of intentional criminal actions and accessory to a crime, concept of punishment and types of punishment, about the dispensation from responsibility and imprisonment, prescription and vindication.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Teaching of Criminal law is done through lectures and seminars. The topics acquaint students with basic normative acts in the sphere of criminal law. Seminars have significant importance for acquiring the course material. During seminars, normative acts are discussed, cases are solved, existing documents are discussed and new documents are created. Continuous assessment is done through written case solving and an answer to theoretical questions. The final assessment consists of sitting a test with general questions on criminal law and it is a precondition to the second part of the course during the next semester.

**Weekly classes:** 2lec+2sem+0labs+0ps+cw

**Type of exam:** written

### 4019 Property Law

**ECTS credits:** 9

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Private Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Prof. Georgy Boyanov, PhD, Department of Private Law

Assist.Prof. Antonina Dimitrova, PhD, Department of Private Law

**Abstract:**

The social and economic changes in Bulgaria and especially the development of market economy have influenced remarkably the relations regarding property. Property can be public and private. The state and the municipal property changed its characteristics. These topics are the subject matter of the independent course Property Law, which is a compulsory course in every law faculty of the higher education institutions. Its aim is to introduce to students the general theory of property law and normative acts in this sphere. It helps students learn to interpret the acts and to apply them correctly.

**Course content:**

Concept of property law. Concept and general characteristics of property. Possession and ownership – essence and types of possession. Possession claims. Ownership – concept and types. Joint ownership – essence and types. A block of flats - origin, management and termination. Restricted property rights – concept and types. Ways of gaining and termination of property rights. Property right claims. Territory organization. Cadastre. Endorsement – legal importance.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The topics of the lectures introduce to students the basic enactments in the sphere of property law, help them learn to interpret and analyse the relevant legal regulations. During seminars, students resolve cases, examine and discuss the legal practice in connection with the covered questions, compare existing and revoked legal norms. The exam consists of written answer to two questions, oral elaboration on them, answer to additional questions that the examiner might ask. The mark reflects the degree of acquiring the learning material.

**Weekly classes:** 5lec+2sem+0labs+0ps+ca

**Type of exam:** written and oral

### 4021 Financial Law

**ECTS credits:** 9

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Public Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Assoc. Prof. Yuriy Kuchev, PhD, Department of Public Law

Assist. Prof. Ivaylo Todorov, Department of Public Law

**Abstract:**

The importance of public finances determines the importance of financial law and the financial research in law. Basic principle of the financial system is the legitimacy. The budget legislation poses questions of great significance. Basic characteristic feature of contemporary finances is that it is based on taxes. It has always been true that taxes are the basic budget revenue. In connection with the EU integration of Bulgaria, the problem of harmonisation of Bulgarian tax legislation with EU tax legislation is a problem of the present day.

**Course content:**

GENERAL PART: concept of finances, subject matter and method of financial law, concept and sources of financial law, financial regulations in law – characteristic features, types, codification of financial legislation, juridical facts in financial law, financial acts in law – concept, types, simulation and evading the financial law, organisation of financial relations, financial control and financial liability.

SPECIAL PART: budget law – concept of budget, budget case, budget credits, banking law, legal status of different types of taxes.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The topics of the lectures introduce to students the basic enactments in the sphere of financial law, help them interpret and analyse the relevant legal regulations. During seminars, discussions are held over normative acts, cases are resolved. Students get acquainted and work with documents, audited by the authorities of the State Financial Control and the Chamber of Finances. The exam consist of a written answer to one question, oral elaboration on it, answer to additional questions which the examiner might ask. The degree of acquiring the learning material and the performance during seminars is assessed.

### 4022 Structure of the Judicial System

**ECTS credits:** 3

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Private Law

Faculty of Law

**Abstract:**

The aim of the course is to introduce to students of Law faculty the characteristic features, the principles and development of the judicial system in Bulgaria.

**Course content:**

The division of the learning material corresponds to the structure of the Law on judicial power. Subject matter, method and sources of the judicial system. Concept of judicial power. Types of state activity - differentiation between legislation, administration and jurisdiction. Normative acts of judicial power. Jurisdiction and justice – concept and types. The idea of court and signs of individualization of court. Suability – concept and types. Executive office – characteristic features. Notarial office – characteristic features. Prosecutor's office – characteristic features. Investigation authorities – organization and management. Supreme Judicial Council – characteristic features and powers. Inspectorate. Functions of the Minister of Justice.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Topics of the lectures follow the contents of the course. The assessment of the students' knowledge is accomplished by the lecturer through an oral exam. The answers are given orally. During the exam the student uses a written outline drawn by him/her in the presence of the lecturer. In order to clarify the given answer, the student answers to additional questions.

**4023 Law Clinic of Administrative Law and Procedures**

**ECTS credits:** 2

**Assessment:** continuous

**Departments involved:**

Department of Public Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Prof. Dimitar Kostov, PhD, Department of Public Law

Sr.Assist.Prof. Ivaylo Todorov, Department of Public Law

**Abstract:**

The Clinic aims to provide students enrolled with very important moral and professional qualities. The course of lectures focuses on strengthening the connection between theory and practice: students may meet with and interview clients, develop their skills in professional ethics, gain practical knowledge and skills, help screen new matters and potential clients; formulate strategies; research and develop factual and legal issues; and prosecute administrative and litigation proceedings. They also review administrative records; develop expert testimony; draft comment letters, petitions, pleading or briefs; and/or attend and participate in administrative and court hearings. The course may be taken for two semesters.

**Course content:**

The Clinical course comprises of three parts – general, special and procedures. In this semester it focuses on general features of state government and administration, administrative rules and legal relations, actors of administrative law and parties of the procedures, administrative bodies, administrative acts, control over government and administration, administrative liability, administrative procedures.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The topics of the lectures introduce to students the basic regulatory acts in the sphere of the administrative law and help them interpret and analyse normative and administrative acts. During lectures students discuss the applicable legislation and work on case studies. During practice sessions they discuss documents and develop documental patterns required by Administrative Procedures Code. They consider appropriate juridical skills in clearly practical aspects.

**4024 Contract Law**

**ECTS credits:** 11

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Private Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Prof. Ivan Rustchev, PhD, Department of Private Law

Assoc.Prof. Krasimir Dimitrov, PhD, Department of Private Law

Assist. Prof. Anastas Georgiev, Department of Private Law

**Abstract:**

The course gives knowledge about the main problems of legal regulation of market relations, as well as matters like indemnity of physical and juristic persons, regulation of relations in cases of unjust enrichment, undertaking other's duties without burden. The importance of contract law during the transition of our country to market economy is significant.

**Course content:**

The course consists of general and specific part. In the first part, the general terms of contract law are discussed – obligation and liability, consideration – concept and types, contract. Methods of guaranteeing performance of duties. The specific part deals with the different kinds of contracts – sale, production, commission, rent, lease, deposit, recognizance. Knowledge is given about unjust enrichment, wrong actions as a source of contractual relations. The course aims to reveal the mechanism of market economy in terms of civil law and explore topics of interest regarding contract arrangements and liabilities.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The topics of the lectures introduce to students the basic enactments in the sphere of contract law. The students learn to interpret and analyze the relevant legal regulations. During seminars the students affirm their theoretical knowledge by going through tests and solving cases. Students become familiar with documents and also create documents regarding contractual law. The exam consists of a written answer to two questions – one from each part of the course, oral elaboration on them, an answer to additional questions from the course contents that the examiner might ask. The mark reflects the degree of acquiring the learning material by the student.

### 4025 Criminal Law

**ECTS credits:** 11

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Public Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Prof. Rumen Petrov Vladimirov, PhD, Department of Criminal Law

Assist.Prof. Svetlin Antonov, Department of Criminal Law

**Abstract:**

The topics of the lectures enable the students to make comparison between the different social relations in connection with criminal deeds of different kinds; to tell apart the different criminal deeds; to outline the ways to determine the sanction included in the legal regulations and its importance when a penalty is inflicted, subject to the special part of criminal law.

**Course content:**

The course aims at acquainting students with the different kinds of crimes paying attention to the social relations that are affected. The legal regulations of the special part of the Criminal code are studied. The knowledge acquired during the previous semester is applied when each kind of crime is discussed.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The instruction includes lectures and seminars. The lectures teach the students to differentiate between the crimes that affect the social relations. During seminars discussions are held, normative acts are discussed, cases are solved, documents are discussed and specimens of documents are worked out. The final assessment of the knowledge acquired during the two semesters is accomplished through an exam which consists of a written answer to two questions from the two parts of the criminal law course, oral elaboration, an answer to additional questions from the synopsis. The degree of acquiring the learning material is assessed.

**Weekly classes:** 4lec+4sem+0labs+0ps+cw

**Type of exam:** written and oral

### 4026 Commercial Law

**ECTS credits:** 6

**Assessment:** continuous

**Departments involved:**

Department of Private Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Prof. Georgi Stefanov Ivanov, PhD, Department of Private Law

Assist. Prof. Anna Nikolova, Department of Private Law

**Abstract:**

Topics of the lectures introduce to students the basic enactments in the sphere of commercial and cooperative law; help them compare on theoretical level the different legal persons and institutions; help them discover the specific features of commercial law aiming to give them knowledge about the main questions of the course.

**Course content:**

Lectures are delivered to 3<sup>rd</sup> year students in their second semester and continue during the first semester of their 4<sup>th</sup> year. The course acquaints the students with the subject matter, method of legal regulation, the system and the sources of commercial law, with the problems of commercial quality, deals with commercial organizations, commercial representation, one-man business and its court registration. The topics of the lectures give the students knowledge about basic enactments in the sphere of commercial law; help them make comparison between different legal figures and institutions; help them see the specific features of commercial law in order to acquire the fundamentals of the course.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The course relies on the knowledge that the students have acquired or are acquiring from the courses General Theory of Law, Civil Law – basics, Property Law, Contract Law. Lectures are organized in parallel with seminars. Seminars require that the students come prepared on preliminary given topics. During seminars discussions are held, emphasis is put on important questions, normative acts are discussed, cases are studied and the students' preparation is assessed. The final assessment consists of sitting a test with general questions on criminal law and it is a precondition to the second part of the course during the next semester.

**Weekly classes:** 3lec+2sem+0labs+0ps+ca

**Type of exam:** written

### **4027 Practice – Civil and Criminal Procedures**

**ECTS credits:** 2

**Assessment:** continuous

**Departments involved:**

Department of Public Law and Department of Private Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Department of Public Law

Department of Criminal Law

**Weekly classes:** 2lec+0sem+0labs+2ps

**Type of exam:** oral

**Abstract:**

The civil and criminal law procedures practice is a specific course which is included in the curriculum as a compulsory course. The successful completion of the civil and criminal law courses is a precondition for the successful participation in the practice. The practice allows the students to apply the theoretical knowledge gained during lectures and seminars.

**Course content:**

The primary aim of the practice is teach students to apply their theoretical knowledge. The students learn to use properly the specific terms, to discern the legal characteristics of each factual situation and to define it properly as a problem with fixed or possible consequences, or to qualify any deed properly and to start the respective proceedings.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The instruction is accomplished through different forms of participation of students in defining the correctness of the claims of institutions and persons. Different civil suits, criminal procedures of common and private character are reviewed. Pending suits and concluded suits of similar character are studied and compared. Practice is analysed and when possible suggestions for eliminating the omissions of the court which the students have found. The final assessment of the acquired knowledge is realized as each student reviews and makes a judgment on two suits – one civil and one criminal.

### **4028 International Protection of Human Rights**

**ECTS credits:** 3

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Public Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturer:**

Assist. Prof. Kremena Rayanova, PhD, Department of Criminal Law

**Abstract:**

The course aims to acquaint students with the subject matter, the functions, the methodology of the course, with the basic human rights, the equality between men, the rights of the minorities and their relations with the majority, the role of the state, the international community and the international organizations in the development of these processes. The course makes a historical review of the process up to this moment and outlines the future directions for development of the basic categories of human rights and their actual defence.

**Course content:**

Historical review and scientific doctrines on human rights. Fundamental international legal acts. Contemporary international organizations dealing with these questions. Legal statute of the minorities, national minorities. Defence of human rights – internal and international legal and non-legal means. Courts.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The topics of the lectures introduce to students the basic normative acts in the sphere of human rights, help them interpret and analyse the relevant legal regulations. As seminars are not included in the curriculum, during lectures discussions are held and the students work with normative acts, solve cases. During lectures the students acquaint themselves with the practical work, the international conventions and agreements where Bulgaria is a party, the norms of the internal law concerning the matter, the activities of the international and domestic governmental and non-governmental organizations. The exam consists of a written answer to one question, oral elaboration on it, an answer to additional questions which the examiner might ask. The degree of acquiring of the learning material is assessed, as well as the solving of a case or the practical work with norms.

**4030 Law Clinic of Administrative Law and Procedures**

**ECTS credits:** 2

**Assessment:** continuous

**Departments involved:**

Department of Public Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Prof. Dimitar Kostov, PhD, Department of Public Law

Assist. Prof. Ivaylo Todorov, Department of Public Law

**Abstract:**

The Clinic aims at providing students enrolled with very important moral and professional qualities. Students may meet with and interview clients, develop their skills in professional ethics, gain practical knowledge and skills, help screen new matters and potential clients; formulate strategies; research and develop factual and legal issues; and prosecute administrative and litigation proceedings. They also review administrative records; develop expert testimony; draft comment letters, petitions, pleading or briefs; and/or attend and participate in administrative and court hearings.

**Course content:**

Special part of administrative law; Special part of administrative procedures; Simulations of procedural role playing on previously disseminated cases. Interviews with potential clients. Interviews with real clients and work on real legal situations and problems.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The topics of the lectures introduce to students special legislation in the sphere of the administrative law and orient them through the special part of administrative procedures. The students are enrolled in simulative and – most important – in real situations so as to gain practical skills for applying rules of law. They consult clients and elaborate documents on the matter. Clients are citizens who are not able to hire a professional lawyer which make their cause of social and moral responsibility. The continuous control requires students to work on topics of the matter, then oral elaboration on them, an answer to additional questions which the adviser might ask. The degree of acquiring of the learning material is assessed and the mark reflects the students' preparation and their participation and work with the clients.

**Weekly classes:** 0lec+0sem+0labs+2ps

**Type of exam:** written and oral

**4029 Currency and Customs Law**

**ECTS credits:** 2

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Public Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturer:**

Assist. Prof. Ivaylo Todorov, Department of Public Law

**Abstract:**

The course aims to acquaint students with the subject matter, the functions, the methodology of the course as a part of the Financial law. It points at the organization and implementation of legislation in these matters, the foundations of customs regime and currency policy which reflects on international contacts, movement of workers, goods and capital in Europe and the world.

**Course content:**

Historical review of customs and currency legislation in Bulgaria; links between these matters and the financial law; customs system in Bulgaria; types of costum duties and tariff; customs control; currency regime and control; customs conventions and international warranty documents; collection of customs duties; crimes in relation to customs and currency regime.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The topics of the lectures introduce to students the basic legislation on the subject matter, help them interpret and analyse the relevant legal regulations. During practical sessions discussions are held and the students work with normative acts, solve cases, acquaint themselves with the practical work, the international conventions and agreements which Bulgaria is a party of, work on customs documents. The exam consists of a written answer on topics from the course content, oral elaboration on it, an answer to additional questions which the examiner might ask. The degree of acquiring of the learning material is assessed, as well as the solving of a case or the practical work with norms and documents.

**Weekly classes:** 2lec+0sem+0labs+0ps

**Type of exam:** written and oral

### 4031 Commercial Law

**ECTS credits:** 8

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Private Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Prof. Georgi Stefanov, PhD, Department of Private Law

Assist. Prof. Desislava Stoycheva Despodova, Department of Private Law

Assist. Prof. Anna Nikolova, Department of Private Law

**Abstract:**

Topics of the lectures introduce to students the basic enactments in the sphere of commercial and cooperative law; help them compare on theoretical level the different legal persons and institutions; help them discover the specific features of commercial law aiming to give them knowledge about the main questions of the course.

**Course content:**

Lectures are delivered to 4<sup>th</sup> year students and acquaint students with problems of companies, liquidation, commercial deals and insolvency. The topics of the lectures give the students knowledge about basic enactments in the sphere of commercial law; help them make comparison between different legal figures and institutions; help them see the specific features of commercial law in order to acquire the fundamentals of the course.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Lectures are organized in parallel with seminars. Seminars require that the students come prepared on preliminary given topics. During seminars discussions are held, emphasis is put on important questions, normative acts are discussed, cases are solved and the students' preparation is assessed. The exam requires students to work on three topics from all parts of the matter, then oral elaboration on it, an answer to additional questions which the examiner might ask. The degree of acquiring of the learning material is assessed and the mark reflects the students' preparation and their participation in seminars.

### 4032 Criminal Procedures

**ECTS credits:** 4

**Assessment:** continuous

**Departments involved:**

Department of Public Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Prof. Ivan Zahariev Salov, PhD Department of Criminal Law

Assist. Prof. Cvetlin Antonov, Department of Criminal Law

**Abstract:**

The Criminal Procedures is a basic criminal justice course closely linked with the course of Criminal Law. The aim of the course is to provide students with a sound analytical understanding of some central developments and debates relating to this subject – the subject and tasks of criminal proceedings, disclosure and proof of an offense under the Criminal Procedures Code, and protection against criminal offences against rights and legitimate interests of citizens and legal persons in accordance with European standards.

**Course content:**

The course is taught in two parts: general and special part. Both parts are covered in two semesters. In this (first) semester the course is concentrated on the general part: the nature of criminal procedural relations, the structure of criminal proceedings, procedural functions, each party of the proceedings and its position, conditions for acquisition of appropriate procedural quality, subject and burden of providing evidences, types of evidences, admission, collection, verification and assessment of evidence.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Training is conducted through lectures and seminars. Lectures enable students to express positions on questions of discussion and thus encourage them think independently and create necessary prerequisites for understanding and evaluating the course matter. Seminars are organized with discussions and work on legislation, as well as case studies. Documents are discussed and documental patterns are developed. Continuous control is conducted through case studies and answering of theoretical questions on these cases. Final control for the semester is a written test and positive evaluation of the results thereof is a prerequisite for successful attendance in the next semester.

### 4033 Civil Procedures

**ECTS credits:** 5

**Assessment:** continuous

**Departments involved:**

Department of Private Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Chif. Assistant Tanya Gradinarova, PhD, Department of Private Law

Assist. Prof. Boryana Milkova, Department of Private Law

**Abstract:**

The course aims to provide students with necessary knowledge and skills on all kinds of civil proceedings laid down in the Civil Procedures Code.

**Course content:**

The course is divided into two parts each provided for one semester. In this semester the scope is put on the judicial proceedings started by claim: typical and normal development of civil procedure as well as deviances therefrom related to parties, claim, development and ending of the proceeding.

**Teaching and assessment:**

During lectures theoretical material is followed by commentary of the Supreme Court's practice mainly of the General Assembly of the Civil College. Seminars are organized with discussions and work on legislation, on Court's practice and case studies. Documents are discussed and documental patterns are developed. Continuous control is conducted through case studies and answering of theoretical questions on these cases.

**Weekly classes:** 4lec+2sem+0labs+0ps+ca

**Type of exam:** written and oral

### 4034 Family and Inheritance Law

**ECTS credits:** 7

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Private Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Prof. Simeon Tasev, PhD, Department of Private Law

Assist. Prof. Antonina Dimitrova, PhD, Department of Private Law

**Abstract:**

The course is compulsory for Law students. It is a complex course bringing together the matters of family law and inheritance law because of the close link between them. These two branches are traditionally learned together.

**Course content:**

The course follows systematically the Family Code and the Act on Inheritance. The family matters are divided on the basis of the three main legal facts – marriage, property relations, and divorce. A close look is put on family relations and adoption and their legal effects. In the Inheritance Law part attention is paid on both kinds of inheritance – by law and by last will – as well as on accepting and denial of inheritance and division of heritage.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The topics of lectures and seminars follow the institutions of family and inheritance law. At the beginning of the semester every student receives individual assignment on which they make a presentation. Continuous control is conducted through case studies in the seminars. The exam requires students to work on two topics from all parts of the matter, then oral elaboration on it, and answer to additional questions which the examiner might ask. The degree of acquiring of the learning material is assessed and the mark reflects the students' preparation and their participation in seminars.

**Weekly classes:** 4lec+3sem+0labs+0ps+ca

**Type of exam:** written and oral

### 4035 Taxation Law

**ECTS credits:** 5

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Public Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Prof. Sasho Penov, PhD, Department of Public Law

Assist. Prof. Ivaylo Todorov, Department of Public Law

**Abstract:**

The course provides an introduction to and conceptual framework for the dynamic area of tax law. The focus is on a basic understanding of how the system works rather than on the detailed rules. There is no area of commercial or personal life that is not overlaid with important tax issues. The accession of Bulgaria to the EU gives rise to complex and important issues of approximation of Bulgarian tax legislation with the EU rules in this area. The purpose of this course is to provide a basic understanding and appreciation of when important tax issues arise and the likely outcome.

**Course content:**

Definition and features of a "tax" and legitimacy of taxes, types of taxes, procedures of issuing of taxation acts, parties and participants in taxation procedures, comparison between taxation and administrative procedures, administrative control over taxation acts, judicial control, fulfillment of financial obligations, financial executive procedures.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Training is conducted through lectures and seminars. Lectures enable students to express positions on questions of discussion and thus encourage them to think independently and create necessary prerequisites for understanding and evaluating the course matter of taxation law. Seminars are organized with discussions and work on legislation, as well as case studies. Documents are discussed and documentary patterns are developed. The exam requires students to work on one topic of the matter, then oral elaboration on it, and answer to additional questions which the examiner might ask. The degree of acquiring of the learning material is assessed and the mark reflects the students' preparation and their participation in seminars.

**Weekly classes:** 3lec+2sem+0labs+0ps+ca

**Type of exam:** written and oral

### 4036 Criminology and Combating Corruption

**ECTS credits:** 7

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Criminal Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturer:**

Assoc. Prof. Petya Shopova, PhD, Department of Criminal Law

**Abstract:**

This course offers an opportunity to study the phenomenon of crime and the ways it is dealt with by the criminal justice and penal systems. The subject is approached from the socio-legal, philosophical, historical and empirical perspectives. The aim of the course is to provide students with a sound analytical understanding of some central developments and debates relating to this subject. The purpose is to provide a basic understanding and practical skills for professional concern over the issues of criminality. It is a necessity for every lawyer.

**Course content:**

The course comprises of two parts. The first part concerns the theoretical bases of criminology: crime as a social issue, structure and dynamics of criminality, foundations of criminality, personality of offender, criminal behaviour, prevention and control over criminality, forecasting criminality, organization and realization of researches on criminality, types of criminalities – torture, commercial, organized etc. The second part concerns the applied criminology: current issues and trends in criminality, deviant behaviour of juvenile, alternative measures of custody and probation, trends and issues of victimisation, national programmes for prevention of criminality.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Training is conducted through lectures. Lectures enable students to express positions on questions of discussion and thus encourage them to think independently and create necessary prerequisites for understanding and evaluating the main issues of the course's content. In lectures will also be invited representatives of the judicial system to hold discussions and to present current projects in the matters of prevention and control over criminality. Students will be offered to be involved in organization and realization of criminological research and activities of non-governmental organization in this sphere.

### **4037 Intellectual Property and Copyright Law**

**ECTS credits:** 3

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Private Law

Faculty of Law

**Abstract:**

In the current information age rights in creative and informational works are becoming increasingly important. The course introduces the central regimes for the protection of those works, copyright, patent and trade mark law, and their allied regimes.

**Course content:**

Introduction: types of intellectual property rights; national effect and international relations; international harmonisation. Patents for inventions: subject matter, interpretation, validity, infringement; entitlement and dealings; employees' inventions; abuse of monopoly. Confidential information: trade secrets, governmental and personal secrets – bases and scope of protection. Trade marks: liability, registration, objectives; registrability; continuing validity; infringement. Copyright: authors' rights and neighbouring rights; basic concepts: work, author, originality, term, qualification; infringement, exceptions and moral rights; ownership and dealings; complex products: film, multi-media works; databases; Industrial Designs; Intellectual Property in the EU: freedom to move goods and provide services.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Training is conducted through lectures. Lectures enable students to express positions on questions of discussion and thus encourage them think independently and create necessary prerequisites for understanding and evaluating the main issues of the course's content. Documents are discussed and documental patterns are developed. The exam requires students to work on one topic of the matter, then oral elaboration on it, and answer to additional questions which the examiner might ask. The degree of acquiring of the learning material is assessed and the mark reflects the students' preparation and their participation.

### **4038 Law Clinic of Family and Inheritance Law**

**ECTS credits:** 2

**Assessment:** continuous

**Departments involved:**

Department of Private Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Assoc. Prof. Krasimir Dimitrov PhD, Department of Private Law

Assist. Prof. Anastas Georgiev, Department of Private Law

**Abstract:**

The Clinic of Family and Inheritance Law aims at providing students enrolled with very important moral and professional qualities. The course of lectures focuses on strengthening the connection between theory and practice: students may meet with and interview clients, develop their skills in professional ethics, gain practical knowledge and skills, help screen new matters and potential clients; formulate strategies; research and develop factual and legal issues. They also review judicial records; develop expert evaluations; draft comment letters, pleading or briefs; and/or attend and participate in court hearings. The course is to be taken for two semesters.

**Course content:**

The Clinical course comprises of two parts – family law and inheritance law. The course is complex of these two fields because of the close correlation between them. In this semester it focuses on theoretical foundations and practice of family law.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The topics of the lectures introduce to students the basic regulatory acts in the sphere of the family law and help them interpret and analyse its rules and principles. During lectures students discuss the applicable legislation and work on case studies. During practice sessions they discuss documents and develop documental patterns required by the Family Code. They consider appropriate juridical skills in clearly practical aspects and prepare a written assignment which they also present before the audience.

### **4039 Criminal Procedures**

**ECTS credits:** 9

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Public Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Prof. Ivan Zahariev Salov, PhD Department of Criminal Law

Assist. Prof. Svetlin Antonov, Department of Criminal Law

**Abstract:**

The Criminal Procedures is a basic criminal justice course closely linked with the course of Criminal Law. The aim of the second part of this course is to provide students with a sound analytical understanding of some central developments and debates relating to the special part of this subject.

**Course content:**

The course is taught in two parts: general and special part. Both parts are covered in two semesters. In this (second) semester the course is concentrated on the special part: discretion of judicial instances, judicial decision-making and sentencing, international conventions and practice of the European Court of Human Rights in Strassbourg.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Training is conducted through lectures and seminars. Lectures provide students with analysis of basic legislation on criminal procedures. Seminars are organized with discussions and work on legislation, as well as case studies from the practice of the Supreme Cassation Court and European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. Documents are discussed and documental patterns are developed. Continuous control is conducted through case studies and answering of theoretical questions on these cases. Final control for the subject is a written exam on one topic from every part of the course and then oral elaboration on it, and answer to additional questions which the examiner might ask.

### **4040 Civil Procedures**

**ECTS credits:** 10

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Private Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Chif. Assistant Tanya Gradinarova, PhD, Department of Private Law

Assist. Prof. Boryana Milkova, Department of Private Law

**Abstract:**

The course aims to provide students with necessary knowledge and skills on all kinds of civil proceedings laid down in the Civil Procedures Code.

**Course content:**

The course is divided into two parts each provided for one semester. In this (second) semester the scope is put on the special judicial proceedings: enforcement, mediation, arbitration, international civil procedures.

**Teaching and assessment:**

During lectures theoretical material is followed by commentary of the Supreme Court's practice. Seminars are organized with discussions and work on legislation, on Court's practice and case studies. Documents are discussed and documental patterns are developed. Continuous control is conducted through case studies and answering of theoretical questions on these cases. Practical assignments are disseminated through students and role games are conducted in which students play roles of each participant in the procedure. Final control for the subject is a written exam on one topic from every part of the course and then oral elaboration on it, and answer to additional questions which the examiner might ask. The degree of acquiring of the learning material is assessed and the mark reflects the students' preparation and their participation in seminars.

#### **4041 Criminalistics**

**ECTS credits:** 5

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Criminal Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturer:**

Prof. Liudmil Georgiev, PhD Department of Criminal Law

**Abstract:**

This is a course organized in two parts – general and special. It provides students with basic understanding of investigation of crimes and prevention through forensic methods and means – detection of trails and evidences; forensic examinations and expertises; preparation and conduct of different investigating actions and obtaining evidences; organization of preliminary and judicial investigation, and methodology of investigation of different types of crimes and prevention thereof.

**Course content:**

General features and principles of criminalistics. Methods and means of detection of evidences – forensic ballistics, fingerprints, trails of tools and microtrails. Term and features of forensic examinations and expertises. Experiments. Urgent actions of investigation.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Training is conducted through lectures which enable students to express positions on questions of discussion and thus encourage them think independently and create necessary prerequisites for understanding and evaluating the main issues of the course's content. Seminars are organized with discussions and case studies. Final control for the subject is a written exam on two topics of the course content and then oral elaboration on it, and answer to additional questions which the examiner might ask.

#### **4042 Practice – Civil and Criminal Procedures**

**ECTS credits:** 2

**Assessment:** continuous

**Departments involved:**

Department of Criminal Law and Department of Private Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

**Weekly classes:** 0lec+0sem+0labs+2ps

**Type of exam:** oral

**Abstract:**

The civil and criminal procedures practice is a specific course which is included in the curriculum as a compulsory course. The successful completion of the civil and criminal law courses is a precondition for the successful participation in the practice. The practice allows the students to apply the theoretical knowledge of civil and criminal procedures gained during lectures and seminars.

**Course content:**

The primary aim of the practice is that students obtain practical skills to apply their theoretical knowledge. The students learn to use properly the specific terms, to discern the legal characteristics of each factual situation and to define it properly as a problem with fixed or possible consequences, or to qualify any deed properly and to start the respective proceedings. They practice how to write an action or claim or complaint before trial and district court.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The instruction is accomplished through different forms of participation of students in defining the correctness of the claims of institutions and persons. Different civil suits, criminal procedures of common and private character are reviewed. Pending suits and concluded suits of similar character are studied and compared. Practice is analysed and when possible suggestions for eliminating the omissions of the court which the students have found. The final assessment of the acquired knowledge is realized as each student reviews and makes a judgment on two suits – one civil and one criminal.

### **4043 Legal Status of State Officials**

**ECTS credits:** 3

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Public Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturer:**

Prof. Dimitar Kostov, PhD Department of Public Law

**Abstract:**

This matter is a part of administrative law matters. It provides students with basic understanding of structure and principles of state administration and main aspects of legal relations between state and officials. The legal status of officials – rights and obligations, remedies, control and liability – is the core content of this course.

**Course content:**

History, subject and sources of civil service law; principles and structure of state administration; term and types of officials; career; status of officials; liability; legal remedies and control.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Training is conducted through lectures systematically organized according the legislation in this matter. Final control for the course is a written exam on two topics of the course content and then oral elaboration on it. The final grade is based on the result of the exam and participation and attendance during classes.

**Weekly classes:** 2lec+0sem+0labs+0ps

**Type of exam:** written and oral

### **4045 Law Clinic of Family and Inheritance Law**

**ECTS credits:** 2

**Assessment:** continuous

**Departments involved:**

Department of Private Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Assoc. Prof. Krasimir Dimitrov, PhD, Department of Private Law

Assist. Prof. Anastas Georgiev, Department of Private Law

**Abstract:**

The Clinic of Family and Inheritance Law aims at providing students enrolled with very important moral and professional qualities. The course of lectures focuses on strengthening the connection between theory and practice: students may meet with and interview clients, develop their skills in professional ethics, gain practical knowledge and skills, help screen new matters and potential clients; formulate strategies; research and develop factual and legal issues. They also review judicial records; develop expert evaluations; draft comment letters, pleading or briefs; and/or attend and participate in court hearings. The course is to be taken for two semesters.

**Course content:**

The Clinical course comprises of two parts – family law and inheritance law. The course is complex of these two fields because of the close correlation between them. In this semester it focuses on theoretical foundations and practice of inheritance law.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The topics of the lectures introduce to students the basic regulatory acts in the sphere of the inheritance law and help them interpret and analyse its rules and principles. During lectures students discuss the applicable legislation and work on case studies. During practice sessions they discuss documents and develop documental patterns required by the Act on Inheritance. They consider appropriate juridical skills in clearly practical aspects and prepare a written assignment which they also present before the audience. The students are enrolled in simulative and – most important – in real situations so as to gain practical skills for applying rules of law. They consult clients and elaborate documents on the matter. Clients are citizens who are not able to hire a professional lawyer which make their cause of social and moral responsibility. The final grade reflects the acquiring of learning material and the students' preparation and their participation and work with the clients.

**Weekly classes:** 2lec+0sem+0labs+1ps

**Type of exam:** oral

#### **4044 Non-judicial Dispute Settlement**

**ECTS credits:** 3

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Private Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturer:**

Assist. Prof. Antonina Dimitrova, PhD, Department of Private Law

**Abstract:**

The course aims at providing students with basic understanding of alternative means of dispute settlement other than judicial review. Emphasis is laid on interpersonal relations and the opportunity for parties of a dispute to take appropriate decisions to overcome a conflict. The focus is held on arbitration, mediation, negotiation and settlement.

**Course content:**

The course is divided into four parts. The first one is dedicated to analysis of conflict: features, nature, types, reason, methods and forms of conflict settlement. The second part focuses on negotiation. The third part presents mediation procedures. The fourth part focuses on the person of mediator as a professional.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The topics of the lectures introduce to students the basic forms of non-judicial dispute settlement, their advantages and disadvantages. Students are motivated to discuss the applicable methods, to work on case studies, to do role games. Final control for the course is in form of a written exam on one topic of the course content. The final grade is based on the result of the exam and participation during classes.

**Weekly classes:** 2lec+0sem+0labs+0ps

**Type of exam:** written

#### **4046 Labour Law**

**ECTS credits:** 4

**Assessment:** continuous

**Departments involved:**

Department of Private Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Prof. Emil Mingov, PhD, Department of Private Law

Assist. Prof. Svetlana Marteva, Department of Private Law

**Abstract:**

Issues in labour law affect most people during their working lives. This is a rapidly changing field, particularly in the past decade, which has witnessed a transformation in labour law. Of growing importance, is the impact of EC law on Bulgarian labour law. Labour Law is also very useful in practice of future lawyers – judges, prosecutors, barristers, tradeunion leaders, officials.

**Course content:**

The course is divided into two parts – general and special. Each part is taught in one semester. In this (first) semester the course covers: subject, method, functions and systems of labour law, sources and basic principles of labour law, individual employment law.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Lectures present the main terms, categories and institutions of Labour law. The theoretical material is followed by commentary of the main legislation in this field. Students are expected to interpret and analyze different rules of law. During seminars students discuss on legislation and do case studies. Continuous control is conducted through case studies and answering of theoretical questions on these cases. Successful attendance in this semester is prerequisite for successful passing the second part of the course during the next semester.

**Weekly classes:** 3lec+2sem+0labs+0ps+ca

**Type of exam:** written and oral

#### 4047 Private International Law

**ECTS credits:** 9

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Private Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Assoc. Prof, Ventsislava Zhelyazkova, PhD, Department of Private Law

Assist. Prof. Sergey Kalinkov, Department of Private Law

**Abstract:**

The course provides students with basic understanding of the subject, method, system and sources of this branch of law as well as its relation to Bulgarian civil law. The course is about a branch of Bulgarian domestic law and it concerns with the Bulgarian legislation governing civil legal relations with common aim of their rules.

**Course content:**

The course is organized in two parts – general and special. The first deals with subject, method and sources of Private international law and the problems of its main institutions – conflict of laws, establishment of applicable foreign law, qualifications, exception on the ground of public order, proportionality and retortion, autonomy of will. The special part concerns different types of civil legal relations with international element – contract, trade, labour, family, inheritance etc. A major topic for discussion is insolvency and international arbitration.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Lectures require that students have completed courses in the main private law branches. Final control for the subject is a written exam on one topic from every part of the course and then oral elaboration on it, and answer to additional questions which the examiner might ask. The degree of acquiring of the learning material is assessed and the mark reflects the students' preparation and their participation in seminars.

#### 4048 Penal Law

**ECTS credits:** 3

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Public Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturer:**

Assoc. Prof. Petya Shopova, PhD Department of Public Law

**Abstract:**

The subject is approached from the socio-legal, philosophical, historical and empirical perspectives. The aim of the course is to provide students with a sound analytical understanding of some central developments and debates relating to this subject. Questions of penal policy for adult offenders are explored in some depth.

**Course content:**

Among the topics usually covered are: the organisation, control and inspection of prisons; the nature of prison conditions and regimes and the changing justifications for them; the role of prison staff; security, control and justice in penal institutions; the effects of attempts to rehabilitate prisoners; the problems of dealing with habitual and dangerous criminals and with young adult offenders; the status and rights of prisoners; the early release of offenders through parole; the spread of noncustodial penalties and their impact on the prison population and recidivism; and the assessment of the incapacitative and general deterrent functions of punishment.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Training is conducted through lectures which enable students to express positions on questions of discussion and thus encourage them think independently and create necessary prerequisites for understanding and evaluating the main issues of penology. Students also visit institutions of criminal justice system – court, district attorney office, probation service, penal institutions. Students work on individual assignments to research important legislation, to survey the practice of some penal institutions, to elaborate personal positions. Final control for the course is an oral exam on two topics of the course content and discussion on the matter.

#### **4049 Bank Law**

**ECTS credits:** 3

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Private Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturer:**

Prof. Ivan Rustchev, PhD, Department of Private Law

**Abstract:**

The course aims to provide students with necessary understanding of the subject, functions, method and approach of Bank law and its position in Bulgarian legal system; sources, personalities, main types of bank deals.

**Course content:**

General features of Bank law; sources of Bank law and personalities; legal status of Bulgarian National Bank; commercial banks – term and kinds; establishment and licensing of a commercial bank; capital of a commercial bank; non-bank financial institutions; bank deals; interest; loans; accounts; warranties; kinds of banking; insolvency of a commercial bank.

**Teaching and assessment:**

During lectures theoretical material is based on basic legislation in the field of bank law. Students are motivated to interpret and analyze appropriate legal norms and the bank policy. Legislation is discussed and documental patterns are developed. Continuous control is conducted through case studies. Final control for the subject is a written exam on one topic and then oral elaboration on it, and answer to additional questions which the examiner might ask. The degree of acquiring of the learning material is assessed and the mark reflects the students' preparation and their work with a case or bank documents.

#### **4050 Forensic Examinations**

**ECTS credits:** 3

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Public Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturer:**

Prof. Liudmil Georgiev, PhD Department of Criminal Law

**Abstract:**

The aim of the course is to provide students with a sound analytical understanding of the legislation of forensic examinations in criminal, civil and administrative law. It is a necessary part of education of future lawyers as investigation officers, prosecutors, judges, solicitors and consultants. The course is related to the matters of criminal and civil procedures, criminalistics and other criminal law subjects.

**Course content:**

Among the topics usually covered are: general theory of forensic examinations, preparation and conduct of forensic expertise, evaluation of expert statements, expert's rights and obligations, applied matters of different types of forensic examinations – criminalistical, medical, chemical, physical, technical, biological, economical and other forensic examinations.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Training is conducted through lectures which enable students to express positions on questions of discussion and thus encourage them think independently and create necessary prerequisites for understanding and evaluating the main issues of forensic examinations and expertises. Final control for the course is a written exam on two topics of the course content and then oral elaboration on it, and answer to additional questions which the examiner might ask.

### **4051 Law Clinic of Labour Law**

**ECTS credits:** 2

**Assessment:** continuous

**Departments involved:**

Department of Private Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Prof. Emil Mingov, PhD, Department of Private Law

Assist. Prof. Svetlana Marteva, Department of Private Law

**Abstract:**

The Clinic of Labour Law aims at providing students enrolled with very important moral and professional qualities. The course of lectures focuses on strengthening the connection between theory and practice: students may meet with and interview clients, develop their skills in professional ethics, gain practical knowledge and skills, help screen new matters and potential clients; formulate strategies; research and develop factual and legal issues. They also review judicial records; develop expert evaluations; draft comment letters, pleading or briefs; and/or attend and participate in court hearings. The course is to be taken for two semesters.

**Course content:**

The Clinical course comprises of two parts – general and special. In this semester it focuses on theoretical foundations and some practical aspects of individual employment and collective bargaining.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The topics of the lectures introduce to students the basic regulatory acts in the sphere of the labour law and help them interpret and analyse its rules and principles. During lectures students discuss the applicable legislation and work on case studies. During practice sessions they discuss documents and develop documental patterns required by the Labour Code. They consider appropriate juridical skills in clearly practical aspects and prepare a short statement which they present before the audience.

### **4201 Bulgarian Business Language**

**ECTS credits:** 3

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:** Department of Bulgarian Language, Literature and Art, Faculty of Natural Science and Education

**Lecturer:**

Prof. Dimitrina Ignatova Tsoneva, PhD, Department of Bulgarian Language, Literature and Art

**Abstract:**

The course aims at improving the written and oral skills of the students in Bulgarian Business language by teaching formal functional structures and business etiquette expressions. It concentrates on business communication techniques. It is designed to develop an understanding of the various ways in which business communication is held. Types of business communication. Business correspondence. Oral communication in business. As an interdisciplinary subject Bulgarian business language forms its system on the basis of the other economic, social, psychological subjects.

**Course content:**

Topics include: Language and society; Peculiarities of the Bulgarian speech etiquette. Problems of the Bulgarian speech etiquette. Ways of improving business communication skills. The specific character of public speech. Advertisements – layout, structure, language. Types of advertisements.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Training is conducted through lectures at which the theoretical input is presented and further discussed. Visual aids like slides, OHP facilitate this process. Final control for the course is a written exam on topics of the course content and then oral elaboration on it, and answer to additional questions which the examiner might ask.

### 4052 Labour Law

**ECTS credits:** 6

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Private Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Prof. Emil Mingov, PhD, Department of Private Law

Assist. Prof. Svetlana Marteva, Department of Private Law

**Abstract:**

Issues in labour law affect most people during their working lives. This is a rapidly changing field, particularly in the past decade, which has witnessed a transformation in labour law. Of growing importance, is the impact of EC law on Bulgarian labour law. Labour Law is also very useful in practice of future lawyers – judges, prosecutors, barristers, tradeunion leaders, officials.

**Course content:**

In the second semester the course focuses on the special part of labour law: safe and healthy conditions of work, professional qualification, labour discipline and liability, trade unions and collective bargaining.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Lectures present the main terms, categories and institutions of Labour law. The theoretical material is followed by commentary of the main legislation in this field. Students are expected to interpret and analyze different rules of law. During seminars students discuss on legislation and do case studies. Continuous control is conducted through case studies and study on international acts in this sphere Bulgaria is a party of. Final control for the subject is a written exam on one topic from every part of the course and then oral elaboration on it, and answer to additional questions which the examiner might ask. The degree of acquiring of the learning material is assessed and the mark reflects the students' preparation and their participation in seminars.

### 4053 Social Insurance Law

**ECTS credits:** 5

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Private Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Prof. Emil Mingov, PhD, Department of Private Law

Assist. Prof. Svetlana Marteva, Department of Private Law

**Abstract:**

The course aims at providing students with general and basic understanding of the law of social and health insurance and security. It presents an introduction to the subject of insurance law, presenting the rules in both their legal and socio-economic contexts. It examines the growth of contemporary 'compensation culture' and assesses the culture's impact on the development of insurance law and policy.

**Course content:**

The course comprises of general and special part. The general part covers the subject, method, principles and sources of insurance law, nature and types of insurance legal relations, insured social risks, financial compensations and aids, types of pensions, additional insurance for retirement benefit, insurance in case of unemployment, health insurance.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Lectures present the main terms, categories and institutions of Insurance law. The theoretical material is followed by commentary of the main domestic legislation and international conventions in this field. Students are provided with contemporary theory of insurance law and with judicial practice and the one of National Social Security Institute, National Employment Agency, National Health Insurance Fund, retirement insurance corporations. During seminars students discuss on legislation and do case studies. Final control for the subject is a written exam on two topics of the course and then oral elaboration on it, and answer to additional questions which the examiner might ask. The degree of acquiring of the learning material is assessed and the mark reflects the students' preparation and their participation in seminars.

### **4054 European Union Law**

**ECTS credits:** 3

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Private Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturer:**

Prof. Blagoy Vidin, PhD, Department of Criminal Law

**Abstract:**

The law of the European Union is based on the EU Treaty and the EC Treaty, as well as legislation made under the Treaty by the Council, the Parliament, and the Commission. The case law of the European judicial system (consisting of the ECJ, the Court of First Instance and the Tribunal for public administration) is of considerable importance and looms large in the study of EU law. EU law takes immediate effect in Bulgarian domestic law, and is enforceable by Bulgarian courts.

**Course content:**

Among the topics covered are: the objectives, structure and legal character of the European Union in the light of the existing Treaties and with reference to the Treaty of Lisbon; the interplay between the political institutions (European Council, Council, Commission and European Parliament) in the EC's legislative process; forms of EC legislation; the organising principles of the legal order: direct applicability, supremacy and direct effect; the attribution of powers, subsidiarity, proportionality; flexibility; general principles of law; proceedings before the Court of Justice: references for preliminary rulings; actions for annulment; actions for damages against a Community institution and enforcement actions against Member States; remedies in national courts; the internal market: free movement of goods; free movement of persons; freedom to provide services; citizenship of the Union.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Training is conducted through lectures which enable students to express positions on questions of discussion and thus encourage them to think independently and create necessary prerequisites for understanding and evaluating the main issues of this new and original branch of Bulgarian legal system. Final control for the course is a written exam on the course content and then oral elaboration on it, and answer to additional questions which the examiner might ask.

### **1555 Insolvency Law**

**ECTS credits:** 6

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Private Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Prof. Georgi Stefanov Ivanov, PhD, Department of Private Law

Assist. Prof. Ivo Gachkov, Department of Private Law

**Abstract:**

Insolvency is an area of law of increasing importance not merely in its own right but because it impinges on a host of other sectors such as company, employment, tort, environmental, pension and banking law. It is essential, therefore, that the development of insolvency law proceeds with a sense of purpose. This course sets out to offer a critical appraisal of modern Bulgarian insolvency law and a description of existing legislation and case law on the subject. The course has tradition in Bulgarian jurisprudence starting from 1920s and 1930s with the contributions of prominent Professors like Venelin Ganev and Lyuben Dikov. It will attempt to set out rules and procedures of insolvency law in sufficient detail to facilitate understanding of the framework and operation of this area of law. This is a course with close link to the special part of Commercial Law. It will be of interest to students because of its very practical nature.

**Course content:**

Development of insolvency law in Bulgaria; subject, system and principles; players and their role; creditors, borrowers and debtors; corporate failure; procedures; liabilities; rescue; liquidation; impact of corporate insolvency; employees protection under the law in the context of insolvency;

**Teaching and assessment:**

Lectures present the main terms, categories and institutions of the Insolvency law. The theoretical material is followed by commentary of the main legislation in this field. Students are expected to interpret and analyze different rules of law. During seminars students discuss on legislation and do case studies. Final control for the subject is a written exam on the topics of the course and then oral elaboration on it, and answer to additional questions which the examiner might ask. The degree of acquiring of the learning material is assessed and the mark reflects the students' preparation and their participation in seminars.

### 4055 Notary Law

**ECTS credits:** 3

**Assessment:** exam

**Departments involved:**

Department of Private Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturer:**

Assoc.Prof. Krasimir Dimitrov, PhD, Department of Private Law

**Abstract:**

The course aims to provide students with necessary understanding of the main terms and institutions of the Notary law and with all aspects of notarial activity.

**Course content:**

The course focuses on: subject, method, system and sources of Notary law; term of Notary – rights and obligations, legal capacity; Notary Chamber and organization of notary activity; assistant notary; liability of notary; fees; certifications; notary acts – types and effect.

**Teaching and assessment:**

During lectures theoretical material is based on basic legislation in the field of Notary law. Students are motivated to interpret and analyze appropriate legal norms. Final control for the subject is a written exam on one topic and then oral elaboration on it, and answer to additional questions which the examiner might ask.

**Weekly classes:** 2lec+0sem+0labs+0ps+se

**Type of exam:** written and oral

### 4057 Law Clinic of Labour Law

**ECTS credits:** 2

**Assessment:** continuous

**Departments involved:**

Department of Private Law

Faculty of Law

**Lecturers:**

Prof. Emil Mingov, PhD, Department of Private Law

Assist.Prof. Svetlana Marteva, Department of Private Law

**Abstract:**

The Clinic of Labour Law aims at providing students enrolled with very important moral and professional qualities. The course of lectures focuses on strengthening the connection between theory and practice: students may meet with and interview clients, develop their skills in professional ethics, gain practical knowledge and skills, help screen new matters and potential clients; formulate strategies; research and develop factual and legal issues. They also review judicial records; develop expert evaluations; draft comment letters, pleading or briefs; and/or attend and participate in court hearings. The course is to be taken for two semesters.

**Course content:**

The Clinical course comprises of two parts – general and special. In this semester it focuses on the special part of the labour law and its practical aspects.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The topics of the lectures introduce to students the regulatory acts in the sphere of the special labour law and help them interpret and analyse the rules and principles thereof. During lectures students discuss the applicable legislation and work on case studies. During practice sessions they discuss documents and develop documental patterns required by the Labour Code and special legislation. They consider appropriate juridical skills in clearly practical aspects. The students are enrolled in simulative and – most important – in real situations so as to gain practical skills for applying rules of law. They consult clients and elaborate documents on the matter. Clients are citizens who are not able to hire a professional lawyer which make their cause of social and moral responsibility. The final grade reflects the acquiring of learning material and the students' preparation and their participation and work with the clients.

**Weekly classes:** 2lec+0sem+0labs+1ps

**Type of exam:** written and oral