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SYLLABUS

COURSE NAME	COURSE CODE	SEMESTER	COURSE LOAD	ECTS
Legal Argumentation	LAW1004M	II	270	9

Prerequisite(s)	None
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Course Language	Macedonian, English
Course Type	Required
Course Level	Second Cycle
Course Lecturer	
Course Assistants	
Classroom	
Extra-Curricular Office Hours and Location	Meeting: Consultancy:

Course Objectives	The aim of this module is to provide a comprehensive picture of the recent developments in the theory and practice of argumentation in different areas of law. Legal argumentation is presented as a mediator between knowledge and legal practice, taking into account the substantial role that arguing plays in the practice and understanding of law in the democratic states. The course should provide tools to answer questions such as: What is an argument? What means a “legal argument”? What types of forms of legal argument are? Is it the same thing to explain and to justify a decision? etc., all of them quite relevant to get a more accurate idea of the function of law in the contemporary societies.
Course Contents	Obtain a comprehensive overview of the different types of argument in legal field. Critically analyse and reflect on the legal order as a whole and especially on the judicial decisions and legislative provisions. Understand the problems of transition between legal production and right adjudication. See the similarities and differences between legal argumentation and legal interpretation. Critically reflect on the characteristics, anomalies and difficulties of legal language.

WEEKLY SUBJECTS AND RELATED PREPARATION STUDIES

Week	Subjects	Related Preparation
1	Introduction to the Course.	Related Chapters of Course Sources
2	The Nature and Features of Legal Argumentation	Related Chapters of Course Sources
3	Logic as a model of right argumentation.	Related Chapters of Course Sources
4	Fallacies and argumentation.	Related Chapters of Course Sources
5	Legal interpretation and argumentation	Related Chapters of Course Sources
6	Difficult cases and external justification.	Related Chapters of Course Sources
7	Mid-term Exam	Related Chapters of Course Sources
8	Different types of legal arguments.	Related Chapters of Course Sources
9	Pragmatics: characteristics of legal language	Related Chapters of Course Sources
10	Social Values and Political Ideologies in Legal Argumentation: Analysis and debate	Related Chapters of Course Sources
11	Public Interests in Legal Argumentation: Analysis and debate upon the Use of Social Network in relation to Terrorism	Related Chapters of Course Sources
12	The Discussion about Vaccination's Public Policies and the Precautionary Principle	Related Chapters of Course Sources
13	Presentation and discussion of a case by students	Related Chapters of Course Sources
14	General discussion	All Chapters of Course Sources
15	Exam	

ECTS / WORKLOAD TABLE

Presentation / Seminar			
Hours for off-the-classroom study (Pre-study, practice)	14	3	42
Midterm Exam	1	12	12
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Total Work Load			
ECTS		7	

GENERAL PRINCIPLE RELATED WITH COURSE

Dear students,

In order to be included, learn and achieve full success that you deserve in the courses you need to come well prepared by reading the basic and secondary textbooks. We are expecting from you carefully to obey to the course hours, not to interrupt the lessons unless is very indispensable, to be an active participant on the courses, easily to communicate with the other professor and classmates, and to be interactive by participating to the class discussions. In case of unethical behavior both in courses or on exams, will be acting in framework of the relevant regulations. The attendance of the students will be checked in the beginning, in the middle or at the end of the lessons. Throughout the semester the students who attend to all lectures will be given 15 activity-attendance points in addition to their exam grades.

LITERATURE

COMPULSORY LITERATURE				
No	Author's Name	Name of the book	Publishing House	Publication Year
1	R. Kumar	Research Methodology	Sage, London	2015
2	В. Петроска Бешка	Подготовка за истражување	Филозофски факултет, УКИМ	2009
3	RemziAltunışık, RecaiCoşkun, Serkan Bayraktaroğlu, EnginYıldırım	Sosyal Bilimlerde Araştırma Yöntemleri S	akaryaYayıncılık	2018

ADDITIONAL LITERATURE				
No	Author's Name	Name of the book	Publishing House	Publication Year
1	John J.Shaughnessy, Eugene B.Zechmeister,	Research Methodology	Nobel AkademikYayıncılık	2016
2	Петроска Бешка Н. Кениг	Како се пишува извештај за спроведено емпириско истражување	Филозофски факултет УКИМ	2018
3	OrhanTürkdoğan	Bilimsel Araştırma Metodolojisi	Timaş Yayınları	2017

EVALUATION SYSTEM

Underlying the Assessment Studies	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE OF GRADE
Attendance/Participation	15	%20
Project / Event	1	%10
Mid-Term Exam	1	%35
Exam	1	%35
TOTAL	17	%100

ETHICAL CODE OF THE UNIVERSITY

In case of the students are cheating or attempt to cheat on exams, and in the case of not to reference the sources used in seminar studies, assignments, projects and presentations, in accordance to the legislations of the Ministry of Education and Science of Republic of Macedonia and International Vision University, will be applied the relevant disciplinary rules. International Vision University students are expected never to attempt to this kind of behavior.