

Year 2025/2026 310402 - Philosophy of Law

Information about the subject

Degree: Bachelor of Arts Degree in Law

Faculty: Faculty of Legal, Economic and Social Sciences

Code: 310402 Name: Philosophy of Law

Credits: 6,00 ECTS Year: 4 Semester: 1

Module: Philosophy and Professional Deontology

Subject Matter: Philosophy of Law Type: Compulsory

Field of knowledge: Arts and Humanities

Department: Private Law

Type of learning: Classroom-based learning

Languages in which it is taught: Spanish

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Module organization

Philosophy and Professional Deontology

Subject Matter	ECTS	Subject	ECTS	Year/semester
Philosophy	12,00	Anthropology	6,00	1/1
		Science, Reason and Faith	6,00	2/2
Philosophy of Law	12,00	Philosophy of Law	6,00	4/1
		Social Morality-Deontology	6,00	4/1

Recommended knowledge

They are not required.



contemporary views.

Course guide

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Learning outcomes

At the end of the course, the student must be able to prove that he/she has acquired the following learning outcomes:

R1 That students demonstrate knowledge about iusnaturalism, positivism and legal realism. R2 To bring students into contact with classic and contemporary texts of philosophical thought and to familiarize them with the conceptual apparatus. R3 That the students have the necessary tools to analyze the obligation to obey Law. R4 That the students know the distinction between the Philosophy of Law, the General Theory of Law, the Legal Science and the Theory of Justice. R5 To employ a critical sense in the analysis and rationale of the Philosophy of Law from the perspective of the concept of law, legal regulations and legal science. R6 To understand and detail the conceptual multidiversity of law, as well as the phenomenon that is identified through the basic features, both from the human and social point of view, and from the normative and evaluative point of view. R7 To know the evolution of the philosophical reflection on Law from modernity to



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Competencies

Depending on the learning outcomes, the competencies to which the subject contributes are (please score from 1 to 4, being 4 the highest score):

GENER	AL	Weig	ghting	,
	1	2	3	4
CG1	Knowledge of the Science being studied, in this case of the science of Law, fundamentally of the most practical branches, with their international and economic implications and their specialized language.		x	
CG4	Problem-solving capacity.		X	
CG7	Critical reasoning when analysing information.			X
CG8	Ethical commitment to information management.			X
CG11	Professional relationships: be able to establish and maintain relationships with other relevant professionals and institutions.	1	x	
CG12	To be able to develop audiovisual presentations.			
CG13	Information management capacity.		x	
CG14	Ability to work as a team and collaborate effectively with others.	x		
CG15	Ability to work in interdisciplinar teams.		x	

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		1	2	3	4
CE1	To become aware of the Law as an orderly system of legal norms regulating social relations.			X	
CE3	Ability to use constitutional principles and values as a working tool in the interpretation of the legal system.			X	(



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CE16	Acquisition of a critical conscience in the analysis of the legal system and acquisition of values and ethical principles.			X
CE17	Understanding and knowledge of the anthropological foundations of culture, language and our social environment.			X
CE21	Ability to read and interpret legal texts.	1		X
CE22	Ability to make legal arguments.			X
CE23	Ability to write legal texts. Basic knowledge of legal argumentation.		K	
CE24	Development of legal oratory. Ability to express oneself appropriately in front of an audience.	3	K	



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Assessment system for the acquisition of competencies and grading system

Assessed learning outcomes	Granted percentage	Assessment method
R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7	20,00%	Practical tests
R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7	60,00%	Written theoretical tests
R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7	20,00%	Attendance and active participation in seminars, tutored interviews and practical activities

Observations

n the attendance and participation section, the main focus will be on the student's active participation in chats and forums created by the teacher for this purpose, as well as other non-face-to-face means of participation that may be generated (online sessions). Single assessment:

In accordance with Article 9 of the General Regulations for Assessment and Grading of Official Courses and UCV Degrees, the single assessment is linked to the inability of students enrolled in a face-to-face degree program to attend classes. It is, therefore, an extraordinary and exceptional assessment system that may be chosen by those students who, for justified and accredited reasons, are unable to undergo the continuous assessment system, and who request it from the professor responsible for the subject, who will expressly decide on the admission of the student's request for single assessment and will notify them of its acceptance or rejection.

As far as the subject of Philosophy of Law is concerned, the minimum attendance requirement is 70%, which is therefore the limit to be taken into consideration for a potential request for a single assessment. If granted, this will be based on the following criteria for both the first and second exam sessions: the evidence to be presented and/or the test(s) to be taken in the single assessment by the student will be carried out using the same theoretical test as for the rest of the students and a practical test consisting of 6 active and reflective journals, six questionnaires, and a minimum of 24 practical exercises, although the percentages awarded to the different assessment instruments will be as follows: 50% practical tests and 50% theoretical tests.

In the Philosophy of Law course, the use of any type of AI is not permitted for the completion of practical exercises, assignments, and assessment tests.



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CLASS ATTENDANCE IN FACE-TO-FACE DEGREES

In accordance with the development guidelines of the General Regulations for the Evaluation and Qualification of Official Teachings and Own Degrees of the UCV, in face-to-face degrees, class attendance with a minimum of 80% of the sessions of each subject will be required as a requirement. to be evaluated. This means that, if a student does not attend the sessions of each subject, in a percentage greater than 20%, he/she will not be able to be evaluated, neither in the first nor in the second call, unless the person responsible for the subject, with the approval of the person responsible for degree, in view of duly justified exceptional circumstances, exempt from the minimum attendance percentage. The same criterion will be applicable for hybrid or virtual degrees in which teachers must maintain the same percentage in the requirement of "presence" in the different training activities, if any, even if these are carried out in virtual environments.

MENTION OF DISTINCTION:

The mention of "Honors" may be awarded to students who have obtained a grade equal to or greater than 9.0. Their number may not exceed five percent of the students enrolled in a group in the corresponding academic year, unless the number of students enrolled is lower.

Learning activities

The following methodologies will be used so that the students can achieve the learning outcomes of the subject:

- M1 Group work sessions supervised by the teacher. Study of legal cases, both true and fictitious. Significant construction of knowledge through student interaction and activity. Critical analysis of values and social commitment.
- M7 The students must read some specific texts that are connected with the module and be able to present their conclusions.
- M8 Exposition of contents by the teacher, analysis of competences, explanation and demonstration of capacities, skills and knowledge in the classroom.
- M11 Personalised attention and in small groups. Period of instruction and/or orientation carried out by a tutor with the aim of reviewing and discussing the materials and topics presented in the classes, seminars, readings, completion of assignments, etc.
- M12 Set of written and/or oral tests used in the initial, formative or summative evaluation of the student.
- M13 Group preparation of readings, essays, resolution of problems, seminars, papers, dossiers, etc., to be presented or delivered in theory classes, practical classes, and/or small group tutorials.



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M14 Student's study: individual preparation of readings, essays, problem-solving, seminars, works, reports, etc. to present or deliver in the theoretical classes, practical classes and/or small group tutorials.

IN-CLASS LEARNING ACTIVITIES

	LEARNING OUTCOMES	HOURS	ECTS
Practical cases. M1, M11	R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7	20,00	0,80
In-class presentation of readings related to the subject.	R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7	10,00	0,40
Theoretical classes.	R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7	25,00	1,00
Tutorial.	R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7	2,50	0,10
Assessment M12, M14	R1, R2, R3, R4, R5	2,50	0,10
TOTAL		60,00	2,40

LEARNING ACTIVITIES OF AUTONOMOUS WORK

	LEARNING OUTCOMES	HOURS	ECTS
Group work. M13	R1, R2, R3, R4, R5	25,00	1,00
Individual work. M14	R1, R2, R3, R4, R5	65,00	2,60
TOTAL		90,00	3,60



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Description of the contents

Description of the necessary contents to acquire the learning outcomes.

Theoretical contents:

Content block	Contents		
1. INTERRELATION BETWEEN PHILOSOPHY AND LAW	Interrelation between Philosophy and Law. Philosophy in the jurist's curriculum. The biographical character of Philosophy. Law and what is due to the human person.		
2. IUSNATURALISM AS THE FIRST PHILOSOPHY OF LAW	The iusnaturalism as the first Philosophy of Law: its classical, Christian and medieval genesis. Its recoveries.		
3. RATIONALIST IUSNATURALISM AND ENLIGHTENMENT PHILOSOPHY. LEGAL POSITIVISM IN THE 19TH CENTURY	Rationalist iusnaturalism and the philosophy of the Enlightenment. The 19th century: anti-rationalism and radical criticisms of law.		
4. LEGAL POSITIVISM IN THE 20TH CENTURY	Radical legal positivism: linguistic and sociological. Moderate positivism. Anti-normativism and anti-nihilism. Axiological iusnaturalism.		
5. CONTEMPORARY ETHICO-POLITICAL DEBATES.THEORIES OF JUSTICE.	Contemporary ethical and political debates. Theories of Justice. Liberalism vs. Communitarianism. Deontologism, utilitarianism and perfectionism.		
6. HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMAN DUTIES	Human Rights: foundation. Pluralism of cultures and universality of law. Duties and rights.		



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Temporary organization of learning:

Block of content	Number of sessions	Hours
1. INTERRELATION BETWEEN PHILOSOPHY AND LAW	4,00	8,00
2. IUSNATURALISM AS THE FIRST PHILOSOPHY OF LAW	6,00	12,00
3. RATIONALIST IUSNATURALISM AND ENLIGHTENMENT PHILOSOPHY. LEGAL POSITIVISM IN THE 19TH CENTURY	5,00	10,00
4. LEGAL POSITIVISM IN THE 20TH CENTURY	6,00	12,00
5. CONTEMPORARY ETHICO-POLITICAL DEBATES.THEORIES OF JUSTICE.	5,00	10,00
6. HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMAN DUTIES	4,00	8,00



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