



# UNIVERSITY OF NIŠ

**Course Unit Descriptor**

**Faculty**

FACULTY OF LAW

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Study program

Post-graduate (LLD degree) Academic Law Study Program

Study Module (if applicable)

Course title

**Criminal law**

Level of study

Bachelor    ...  Master's     Doctoral

Type of course

Obligatory    ....  Elective

Semester

Autumn     Spring

Year of study

1<sup>st</sup> year of doctoral studies

Number of ECTS allocated

12

Name of lecturer/lecturers

Prof. Dragan Jovašević, LL.D.,  
Doc. Miladinović Dušica Stefanović, LL.D.

Teaching mode

Lectures     Group tutorials     Individual tutorials  
 Laboratory work     Project work     Seminar  
 Distance learning     Blended learning     Other

## PURPOSE AND OVERVIEW (max. 5 sentences)

The course aims to enable students to acquire knowledge in the field of domestic, comparative and international criminal law, to understanding the content of the basic concepts and institutes in the theory, practice and comparative criminal law and their systematization, to studying specific characteristics of the legal nature of the criminal law, to link the didactic, scientific and practical knowledge and skills in order to promote students' independent work in the field of criminal law, to train them to use different methods in the study and application of criminal law institutes, and to develop critical thinking in order to review and analyse the existing solutions in this area.

## SYLLABUS (brief outline and summary of topics, max. 10 sentences)

*Lectures:* The concept, subject, title, sources, principles, divisions and historical development of criminal law as a branch of positive law and as a branch of jurisprudence. The concept and elements of crime; the object and the subject of a criminal offense; the legal grounds for exclusion of crime; the concept,

elements and the legal basis for exclusion of guilt. Stages in committing a crime; forms of crime; the concept, characteristics and forms of complicity. The concept, characteristics, purpose, historical development and types of criminal sanctions. The concept, elements, purpose, types and conditions for the imposition of penalties, warning measures, security measures. Basics of extinguishing criminal sanctions, measures and sanctions against juveniles and legal entities. Special criminal measures. Rehabilitation. Some groups of criminal offenses (against life and limb, rights and freedoms of man and citizen, honour and reputation, sexual freedom, marriage and family, property, economy, health, environment, general safety of people and property, traffic safety, constitutional order and security, state authority, justice, public order, legal transactions, official duties, and international crimes).

*Practical classes:* Critical analysis of case law of the courts in the Republic of Serbia by examining certain elements of criminal acts (volume, dynamics and structure of criminal offenses committed in the Republic of Serbia) and perpetrators' culpability, discussing the imposed punishments and analyzing the criminal prosecution policy and the policy of the courts in adjudicating criminal offences.

#### LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

- Serbian (complete course)     
  English (complete course)     
  Other \_\_\_\_\_ (complete course)
- Serbian with English mentoring     
  Serbian with other mentoring \_\_\_\_\_

#### ASSESSMENT METHODS AND CRITERIA

Pre exam duties	Points	Final exam	Points
Activity during lectures	0-10 points	Written examination	0-20 points
Practical teaching	0-10 points	Oral examination	0-50 points
Teaching colloquia	0-10 points	OVERALL SUM	100

\*Final examination mark is formed in accordance with the Institutional documents