

Course Title	Methodology of Law			
Course Code	LAW 425			
Course Type	Law Elective			
Level	Undergraduate			
Year / Semester	1st-4th			
Teacher's Name	Dr Ioannis Revolidis			
ECTS	6	Lectures / week	3	Laboratories / week
Course Purpose and Objectives	<p>The course of Legal Methodology is the branch of Legal Science, which pertains to defining and systematising methods, that is, appropriate ways of discerning the subject of investigation. Accordingly, legal methodology is a scientific discipline dealing with methods of discerning law and legal phenomena.</p> <p>Consequently, the course focuses on the methodological justification of the legal suppositions. Firstly, the course approaches the subject from a philosophical point of view, i.e. what makes a legal argument just, what is the nature of legal language, what is legal reasoning etc.</p> <p>Secondly, the course examines issues of method of legal reasoning: the nature of legal interpretation, its classical methods, the ways of substantive reasoning, the gaps and the contradictions of the legal order. In addition, the module analyses the features of the summary of the arguments and their juxtaposition with previous research or existing knowledge.</p>			

Learning Outcomes	<p>Upon completion of the course students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recognize the usefulness of research, and any limitations, - Document the validity / reliability of their research - Make legal judgments on ethical principles in a well-founded way, - Illustrate and critically elaborate on the methodical course of the work of the interpreter and practitioner of law. - Critically analyse contemporary cases and legal phenomena 		
Prerequisites	None	Required	
Course Content	<p>Preliminary issues concerning the interpretation of the law: Sources and rule of law. The correctness of legal judgments. The language of the law, legal science and practice. The production model of the legal foundation and legal reasoning.</p> <p>Methods of interpretation of the law: The nature of the interpretation of the law. The classic criteria for interpreting the law. Linguistic articulation and regulatory content of the legislation. Gaps and contradictions in the law.</p> <p>The law as a science. Law and language. General theory of the rules of law. The judicial practice and its foundation. Selection of the applicable rule of law and legal characterisation of the contested relation. Interpretation of the law. Covering gaps and judicial shaping of the law.</p>		
Teaching Methodology	<p>Lectures: 20 hrs</p> <p>Discussion: 12 hrs</p>		
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Assessment	<p>Examination: 60%</p> <p>Assignments: 15% + 15%</p> <p>Attendance/Participation : 10%</p>
Language	Greek