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FACULTY OF LAW

STUDY PROGRAMME FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

(Master of Arts)

NAME OF THE PROGRAMME:

CRIMINAL LAW STUDIES

INTRODUCTION

Faculty of Law	
1. Institution/ Title issuing body	SEE University
2. Academic Institution	SEE University
3. Instruction performing location	SEEU Campus (Tetovo)
4. Programme accredited by	Accreditation Board
5. Final scholarly degree	MA
6. Programme	Criminal Law Studies
7. Completion date/revision	September, 2007
8. Student group	2008/2009 Academic Year Generation

9. Programme Objectives

- By the completion of the programme students will acquire knowledge and understanding: in all the fields of Criminal Law such as: Criminal Material Law, International Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Forensic Medicine, Criminology, Trade with People, Penology, Criminalistics, Juvenile Delinquency etc., as well as the essential rules relevant for the key areas of the Criminal Law, theoretical perspectives and academic debates that fundamentally focus on the legal areas, key aspects, political problems and principles related to the ratification of certain International Conventions against Organized Crime in the country.
- The student will be able to successfully apply the knowledge acquired on the Criminal Law in the numerous situations that examine relevant practical and theoretical problems.
- To assess problems considering their context, relevance and importance and relate the relevant information and key sources offered through electronic or other means.
- To assess problems and find solutions related to the implementation of the Criminal Law in the state, to formulate arguments on main issues and controversial areas and present rational reasoning based on relevant materials.
- To recognize potential alternative arguments and counter evidence according to personal opinion and to present them.
- To demonstrate free thought of mind and ability to provide critical challenge that follow the acquired knowledge about individual problems.

10. Learning outcomes	
Instruction enables students to develop and present knowledge and solid understanding, quality, abilities in the following fields.	
Acquired knowledge	Lectures/instruction, or teaching methods and assessment strategies used for acquiring and presenting of the outcomes
<p>A. Acquired knowledge and comprehension in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The programme will provide valuable postgraduate qualifications to students seeking to take leading positions in the process of crime prevention and modern forms of organized crime and corruption in particular. 2. Students seeking employment upon the completion of the postgraduate studies in internal affairs and political sectors, courts and prosecution to acquire useful communication skills. 3. The programme will provide students with opportunities to acquire skills for dealing with legal issues related to crime, organized crime, corruption etc. and will encourage students to develop critical awareness about the functioning of the authorities involved in crime prevention. 4. The programme will be of special benefit for candidates who will further their career in the Criminal Law field. 	<p>Lectures/ instruction</p> <p>Lectures will be in form of three-hour seminars held every second week. At the beginning of the lecture, the instructor will expose the general context of the course and the key issues and will identify the areas to be discussed in future. This introduction will be available for the students in the suggested literature, and aims to focus the seminars on detailed discussion of certain topics, usually based on student presentations and essays and introduction to discussions on the critical issues. The presentations require students to form personal point of view in the particular field and develop discussions with the instructor and colleagues.</p> <p>Assessment</p> <p>The assessment of the knowledge acquired in the courses is a combination of written examinations (mid-term and final exam), 4000- 5000-word essays that need to be submitted for every taken course, the mid-term and final exam. The second part of the programme requires students to research, write and submit a dissertation of 15 000- 20 000 words, on a previously chosen topic from the Criminal- legal field, supervised by a member of the academic staff experienced in that field.</p>

<p>B. Skills and other features Abilities for intellectual skills Transfer</p> <p>Upon successful completion of the programme students will be able:</p>	<p>Lectures/instruction</p>
<p>1. To give original and advanced comments that satisfy the high scientific standards and develop critical, analytical and research skills which may be applied in many fields.</p> <p>2. To develop skills from the field of legal academic research, especially through written presentation of arguments in the spirit that integrates the relevant academic rules and to acquire solid background with regards to the necessary techniques and research methods which are part of the specialized courses.</p> <p>3. To further their career in the Criminal Law field at both academic and practical level.</p>	<p>The intellectual skills listed are developed primarily through preparation and participation on seminars, and less through formal lectures. This provides an opportunity for critical examination of the different policies and interpretations of the Law, and comparative evaluation of the alternative positions.</p> <p>Seminar presentation may be directed towards fields that provide more room for discussion and debate and for which there is an appropriate interest. The course evaluation allows and encourages advanced discussions and presentation of such discussions which are in accord with the code of academic expression.</p>

C. Application of Specific Skills	Lectures/Instruction
<p>Application and solving of a legal case. Upon successful completion of the programme students will be able:</p> <p>a) To develop their research skills through research and dissertation preparation. The observation during the dissertation preparation provides students with individual progressive reasoning.</p> <p>b) To develop higher degree of sophistication through their dissertation, which provides the possibility student's individual skills to surface in the written Masters Thesis.</p> <p>c) To identify cases based on prior legal experience.</p> <p>d) To provide causal reasoning and be well-informed about the possible legal actions that derive from that reasoning as well as opportunities for success.</p>	<p><i>The skill of legal problem solving is mainly developed through preparation and participation in course classes, facultative participation in the contest programme, as well as in the above-mentioned case study programme.</i></p> <p>On the seminars led in English by the international staff students are closely introduced to instructional and legal methods approved by West- European and American Universities.</p> <p>Assessment</p> <p>The issue on the exact course in the written exam and course evaluation including in-class tests and evaluated performance on the contest.</p>

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Resources, research and Assessment	Lectures/ instruction
<p>Upon successful completion of the programme students will be able:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) To further continue their career in the field of Criminal Law at both an academic and practical level.b) To identify legal issues and other related issues that require research.c) To use the primary and secondary sources in an efficient manner.d) To conduct independent legal research, by using a range of sources.e) To evaluate the field of Criminal Law in a critical manner, both from the doctrine aspect and social- economical aspect.f) be encouraged to develop higher degree of Sophistication through their dissertations, which also provides the possibility student's individual skills to surface in the written Masters Thesis.	<p>Assessment</p> <p>Course evaluation and dissertations.</p>

<p>D. Main skills:</p>	
<p>Communication and literacy.</p> <p>Upon successful completion of the programme students will be able:</p> <p>a) To use, both in oral and written form, Albanian, Macedonian and English in relation to Criminal Law issues.</p> <p>b) To engage in an efficient and constructive manner in evidence and discussions of complex issues in Macedonian, Albanian and English.</p> <p>c) To provide clear and coherent presentation on a topic or task, appropriately using the versatile resources.</p> <p>d) To read complex materials related or not related to the Criminal Law field.</p>	<p>Lectures/Instruction</p> <p>Seminar papers, in-class presentations, discussions. Preparation, writing and reacting to the course evaluation, including dissertations.</p> <p>Assessment</p> <p>Evaluation of the written course, course presentations and the realized evaluated practice. Written and oral exams.</p>
<p>11. Study programme structure, admission requirements, levels, modules, credits and awards</p>	
<p>Postgraduate studies in the field of Criminal Law are with a duration of two (2) years, that is three (3) semesters consisting of five (5) courses and one (1) semester for the Masters Thesis. The semester courses are obligatory, whereas the other courses are elective.</p> <p>From every taken course that is successfully completed the student is given six (6) credits, whereas the Masters Thesis is worth thirty (30) credits. This implies that for successful completion of the postgraduate studies a hundred and twenty (120) credits are required. Every course needs to be completed by following the requirements set with the course syllabus.</p>	

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Semester 1	Credits	W/S	Lectures:	Tutorials:	Overall classes:	Group size
English Language	6	W	22	22	180	
Law Methodology	6	W	22	22	180	
Criminal Law	6	W	22	22	180	
Criminalistics	6	W	22	22	180	
Elective	6	W	22	22	180	
Total	30				900	

Semester 2	Credits	W/S	Lectures:	Tutorials:	Overall classes:	Group size
Penology	6	S	22	22	180	
Criminal Process Law	6	S	22	22	180	
International Criminal Law	6	S	22	22	180	
Criminology	6	S	22	22	180	
Elective	6	S	22	22	180	
Total	30				900	

Semester 3	Credits	W/S	Lectures:	Tutorials:	Overall classes:	Group size
Victimology	6	W	22	22	180	
Organized Crime	6	W	22	22	180	
Tort Law	6	W	22	22	180	
Forensic Medicine	6	W	22	22	180	
Elective	6	W	22	22	180	
Total	30				900	

Semester 4	Credits	W/S	Lectures:	Tutorials:	Overall classes:	Group size
Masters Thesis Writing	30	S			900	
Total	30				900	

Elective Courses:

1. People Smuggling and Human Rights
2. Court Psychology
3. Trafficking in Persons
4. Criminal Law and Juvenile Delinquency

OBLIGATORY COURSES DESCRIPTION

SEMESTER 1

Law Methodology

The course in Law Methodology studies the methods of perceiving the Law and its types, as well as methods of creating, interpreting and applying the Law, which are necessary for the research process in all legal fields and at all levels of academic education.

Criminal Law

The term criminal law covers the legal branch of the positive law of a single state and scientific discipline, that is science of the Criminal Law.

The Criminal Law aims for crime protection by penalizing actions or behavior which are considered as criminal acts and for which criminal sanctions may be issued against the perpetrators of those acts.

The principle of legitimacy of the criminal act and the punishment is one of the basic characteristics of the contemporary Criminal Law. This principle is a guarantee for progress, humanism and democracy as it is a sound pillar for protection of human rights for any possible arbitrary behavior from the state. Courts may summon citizens for criminal responsibility and may pass certain criminal sanctions only if they are perpetrators of an act which has been previously determined by the criminal-legal norms as a criminal act.

Criminalistics

Criminalistics is one of the disciplines that are studied within the frames of the Criminal Law in general. It examines the various and numerous methods of detecting the committed criminal deed, detecting and prosecuting the perpetrator which thus maintain justice. Criminalistics study involved the criminalistic techniques, tactics and methods as separate units and the mode of structure. The aim is protection of the society from crime through its detection and prosecution of the perpetrators.

SEMESTER 2

Penology

The course in Penology examines the theories of punishment that were dominant throughout the history, followed by the modern concepts of punishment and methods for

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its execution, thus analyzing the whole system of punishments within global frames, and especially in the R. Macedonia, and evaluating the success of those systems and their

results. The course also analyzes the concepts of: rehabilitation, corrections and resocialization of persons convicted of criminal deeds.

Criminal Procedural Law

The course in Criminal Procedural Law examines the legal branch which is a collection of legal norms which regulate the legal actions of the parties involved in the criminal procedure. The criminal procedure regulates the relations between the parties involved in the criminal procedure by determining their rights and obligations throughout all the stages of the procedure. The procedural relations, procedure types and procedural warranties are attuned within the criminal procedure.

International Criminal Law

This course examines the evolution of the International Penal Law from Nurnberg to Tokyo until the development of International Tribunes in Rwanda and Yugoslavia and the foundation of the permanent International Criminal Court Hague (the Roman Statute 1998). The course analyzes transnational trials such as Pinochet trial, and its aim is to provide detail information on some of the fundamental doctrines of International legal responsibility and procedural models used in these court cases. Attention will be given to the concepts such as: genocide, criminal acts against humanity and war crimes.

Criminology

The course in Criminology examines the concepts related to crime, perpetrators of criminal deeds and the reaction of the society. Students will be introduced to the detailed analysis of the theoretical, methodological and political issues related to criminology and criminal justice. The course provides fundamental knowledge on most of the theories of criminology which explain the crime. The course also focuses on the nature and dynamics of the crime, criminals, victims, society, law etc.

SEMESTER 3

Victimology

Victimology is a new science within the frames of criminal-legal disciplines which gains paramount importance. It is a science which examines the status of the victim in the Criminal Law. The relationship between victims and offenders, as well as the interaction between victims and criminal justice bodies in charge of prosecution of perpetrators (police, public prosecution, court etc.) are analyzed within the frames of this course. This course also examines the methods of compensating the damage caused to the victim.

Organized Crime

The course in Organized Crime focuses on the fact that the organized crime is a constant problem in Europe. The deeds such as human trafficking, drug trafficking, money laundering, international thefts, prostitution, illegal trade with weapons etc are the main topics of this course. Through this course, the effect of these deeds on our country and its development and joining the EU, will be analyzed from a legal perspective, and it will analyze the modes of fighting them, including domestic and international control systems.

Tort Law

This course examines the Tort Law and its position with regards to the Criminal Law of the R. Macedonia. Students will be introduced to the legal provisions of this type of Law that are in force in R. Macedonia and cases from this field will be analyzed.

Forensic Medicine

The course in Forensic Medicine examines the medical aspects of the analysis of the criminal deeds through examining the methods of analysis of the modes, time and location of every committed criminal deed. This course defines the significance of the Forensic Medicine in the identification, proving and conviction of the perpetrators of individual criminal deeds.

ELECTIVE COURSES DESCRIPTION

People Smuggling and Human Rights

This course examines the development of this worldwide issue and its currency at both international and national level. After a brief analysis of the historical development of the issue, the course examines the modern international tools at both international and national level for regulating the issue, thus emphasizing its link to criminal-legal relationships in the society, and thus finally analyzing the current legal provisions offered by our Criminal Legislature for prevention of this type of crime.

Court Psychology

This course analyzes the actions and profiles of the perpetrators of criminal deeds from a psychological aspect. The course provides an insight into the professional techniques of the field.

Trafficking in Persons

This course examines this type of criminal at an international level through an analysis of the United Nations Protocol on Trafficking in Persons, thus analyzing the implementation of these provisions in our Criminal Legislature.

Criminal Law and Juvenile Delinquency

The course analyzes the method of identifying juvenile delinquency in our Criminal Legislature. Students examine the identification processes of the delinquents, historical development in this field and the current policies for suppression of this type of crime and rehabilitation of its perpetrators.