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COURSE SYLLABUS

HISTORY OF POLITICAL AND LEGAL DOCTRINES

course title

Recommended by the Didactic Council for the Education Field of:

40.03.01 JURISPRUDENCE

field of studies / speciality code and title

The course instruction is implemented within the professional education programme of higher education:

BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB)

higher education programme profile/specialisation title

1. COURSE GOAL(s)

The aim of the course is to study the origin, formation and development of political and legal concepts of prominent thinkers of different eras based on the problems of the state, law, the relationship between the individual and the state.

2. REQUIREMENTS FOR LEARNING OUTCOMES

The course is designed for students to acquire following competences (competences in part):

Table 2.1. List of target competences (parts of competences)

Competence Competences (parts of		Competence formation indicators	
code	Competence descriptor	(within this course)	
Couc		GC-1.1. Analyzes the task while identifying its	
GC-1	Can search for information, perform its critical analysis and synthesis, apply systematic approach to complete the tasks.	basic components; GC-1.2. Identifies and ranks the information required to complete the tasks; GC-1.3. Searches for information and performs its rational analysis to complete the task based on various types of requests; GC-1.4. Offers options for problem solving and analyzes the possible consequences of using them;	
GC-5	Can comprehend the cross-cultural diversity in the sociohistorical, ethical and philosophical contexts.	GC-5.3. Considers the historic heritage and sociocultural traditions of various social groups, ethnic groups and confessions, including world religions, philosophical and ethical teachings in social and professional interaction;	
GC-6	Can manage their time, build and implement a personal development plan based on the principles of lifelong learning.	GC-6.1. Develops and uses tools and methods of time management and control to complete specific tasks, projects, goals; GC-6.2. Analyzes their own resources and their limitations (personal, situational, temporal, etc.) for successful task completion; GC-6.3. Finds and uses additional sources of information to increase the level of general and professional knowledge;	
GPC-1	Can analyze the main patterns of formation, implementation and development of law.	GPC-1.2. Uses legal methodology in order to analyze the main patterns of formation, implementation and development of law;	
GPC-2	Can apply the norms of substantive and procedural law to solve professional problems.	GPC-2.1. Knows the system of branches, institutions and sources of law, understands the specifics of implementation and interaction of norms of substantive and procedural law;	

3.COURSE IN HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The course refers to the elective component of (B1) block of the higher educational programme curriculum.

Within the higher education programme students also master other (modules) and / or internships that contribute to the achievement of the expected learning outcomes as results of the course study.

Table 3.1. The list of the higher education programme components/disciplines that contribute to the achievement of the expected learning outcomes as the course study results

Compet ence code	Competence descriptor	Previous courses/modules, internships*	Subsequent courses/modules, internships*
GC-1	Can search for information, perform its critical analysis and synthesis, apply systematic approach to complete the tasks.	Philosophy Theory of State and Law History of State and Law of Foreign Countries History of Russian State and Law Information Technologies in Legal Practice (Fundamentals of Legal Tech) Foundations of Economics and Management Russian Legal System and Legal Traditions Logic for Lawyers Interdisciplinary Course Paper Orientation (Introductory) Internship	
GC-5	Can comprehend the cross- cultural diversity in the sociohistorical, ethical and philosophical contexts.	Philosophy History of State and Law of Foreign Countries History of Russian State and Law Russian Legal System and Legal Traditions Orientation (Introductory) Internship	
GC-6	Can manage their time, build and implement a personal development plan based on the principles of lifelong learning.	History of State and Law of Foreign Countries History of Russian State and Law Information Technologies in Legal Practice (Fundamentals of Legal Tech) Foundations of Economics and Management	
GPC-1	Can analyze the main patterns of formation, implementation and development of law.	Theory of State and Law History of State and Law of Foreign Countries History of Russian State and Law Ciivil Law	International Public Law Labor Law International Private Law Commercial Law and Corporations

Compet ence code	Competence descriptor	Previous courses/modules, internships*	Subsequent courses/modules, internships*
		Civil and Arbitration Procedure Legal Reseach and Reasoning Roman Law Comparative Constitutional Law and Justice Comparative Administrative Law and Justice Comparative Criminal Law Philosophy of Law: Fundamental Course Interdisciplinary Course Paper	Comparative Civil and Commercial Law Comparative Criminal Procedure Comparative Civil Procedure Comparative Financial and Tax Law Fundamentals of Medicine Law Communications and Internet Law and Policy Law and Neuroscience Technological (Investigative and Prosecutorial) Internship Technological (Judicial) Internship PRE-GRADUATION INTERNSHIP
GPC-2	Can apply the norms of substantive and procedural law to solve professional problems.	History of State and Law of Foreign Countries History of Russian State and Law Administrative Law Civil Law Civil Law Civil and Arbitration Procedure Criminal Procedure and Forensic Science Comparative Law Studies Comparative Constitutional Law and Justice Comparative Administrative Law and Justice Comparative Criminal Law Critical Approaches to Current Legal Issues Interdisciplinary Course Paper	International Public Law Environmental Law and Land Law Labor Law Commercial Law and Corporations Financial Law and Tax Law International Private Law Comparative Civil and Commercial Law Comparative Criminal Procedure Comparative Civil Procedure Comparative Financial and Tax Law Fundamentals of Medicine Law Law and Bioethics Technological (Investigative and Prosecutorial) Internship Technological (Judicial) Internship

^{*} To be filled in according to the competence matrix of the higher education programme.

4. COURSE WORKLOAD AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

The total workload of the course is 3 credits (108 academic hours).

Table 4.1. Types of academic activities during the periods of higher education programme mastering (<u>full-time training</u>) *

Type of academic activities		Total academic hours	Semesters/training modules 6/3
Classroom learning, academic hours		36	36
including:			
Lectures (LC)		18	18
Lab work (LW)		•	-
Seminars (workshops/tutorials) (S)		18	18
Self-studies		70	70
Evaluation and assessment (exam/passing/failing grade)		2	2
Course workload academic		100	108
hours_		108	108
	credits	3	3

5. COURSE CONTENTS

Table 5.1. Course contents and academic activities types

Course module title	Course module contents (topics)	Academic activities types
Chapter 1. Subject, system and methodological issues of the Course	The subject of the history of political and legal doctrines, the significance of this field of knowledge for jurists. Relationship between the history of political and legal doctrines and modern theories of politics, state and law. The history of political and legal doctrines in the system of the humanities. Methodological problems of the science of the history of political and legal doctrines. Periodization of the history of political and legal doctrines. Course structure.	LC/S
Chapter 2. Political and legal doctrines in the period of ancient history	Principles of social existence and lifestyle in the societies of the Ancient East, Ancient India, Ancient China. Political Ideas in Ancient Greece. Socrates on politics and contract. Plato's classification of political forms. Projects of the "ideal state" of Plato. Plato about justice as the basic principle of harmonious life, about the relationship between the state and law. Aristotle on the essence of politics, on law state. Correct and incorrect forms of the state. Aristotle's criticism of democracy. Features of an ideal society in the view of Aristotle. Politia. Political and legal doctrines in Ancient Rome. The concept of the republic in the writings of Cicero. Roman jurists about law and its types. The origin of theocratic doctrines. St. Augustine on the relationship between church and state. The Christian justification for slavery.	LC/S

Course module title	Course module contents (topics)	Academic activities types
Chapter 3. Political and legal doctrines of the Middle Ages	Political and legal doctrines in medieval Western Europe. Thomas Aquinas on the elements of state power, the classification of laws, the relationship between church and state. Problems of state and law in the ideology of medieval heresies. Political and legal doctrine of Marsilius of Padua. Legal schools of the Middle Ages: glossators, commentators, humanists, etc. Features of the political ideology of the main directions of Islam in the Arab East. Genesis and formation of political and legal ideology in the ancient Russian state. The first Russian political treatise "The Word of Law and Grace" by Hilarion. Political program of Vladimir Monomakh. Political ideas of Daniil Zatochnik. The main directions of the political and legal ideology of the period of formation of the Russian centralized state.	LC/S
Chapter 4. Political and legal doctrines of Europe in the early modern era.	General characteristics of the political and legal thought of the Renaissance and Reformation. The doctrine of N. Machiavelli about the nature of man, the forms of the state, the relationship between politics and morality - as a revolution in political theory. Machiavellianism. The system of political and legal views of M. Luther. T. Müntzer and his political program. Calvinism. The origin of the bourgeois theory of state sovereignty. Jean Bodin. Utopian socialism of the 16th-17th centuries. Thomas More and Tomaso Campanella. The idea of "natural law" and "social contract" in the bourgeois legal worldview of the 17th century. Hugo Grotius. Development of the theory of "natural law" and "social contract" in the works of B. Spinoza. Absolutism in the political and legal doctrine of T. Hobbes. The development of political and legal ideology in the writings of the Independents, Levellers, Diggers during the period of the English bourgeois revolution. John Locke as an ideologist of early bourgeois liberalism, social compromise. His ideas about the origin and tasks of the state, the separation of powers. Natural law theories in Germany in the 17th - 18th centuries.	LC/S

Course module title	Course module contents (topics)	Academic activities types
Course module title	General characteristics of political and legal thought in Russia during the formation and strengthening of absolutism. Political and legal issues in the works of F. Prokopovich and V.N. Tatishchev. The main directions of the policy of legal thought in France in the XVIII century. Enlightenment and revolutionary democracy. Voltaire, C. Montesquieu about the nature and form of the state, the role of the church, the freedom of the individual. French materialists: Diderot, Holbach, Helvetius in the fight against feudal and church ideology.	
Chapter 5. Political and legal doctrines in Europe in the late 18th - early 19th centuries.	Bourgeois radicalism. J.J. Rousseau about the causes of social inequality, about the origin and essence of the state, about the social contract, about popular sovereignty and its guarantees. Works of representatives of the utopian-communist theory of the XVIII century. The struggle of political and legal ideas during the French Revolution of 1789-1794. Political and legal program of the Society of Equals. G. Babeuf's ideas about revolutionary dictatorship. Political and legal thought in the United States during the independence war. T. Jefferson on Monarchy, Popular Sovereignty and Human Rights. T. Payne on the differences between society and the state. A. Hamilton on the appointment of the state. Reactionary and conservative teachings of the late 18th - early 19th centuries. in France and Germany. Historical School of Law. "Racist Theory" by Gobineau. Classics of German idealism about the socio-	LC/S
	political system, state and law. Justification by I. Kant of liberalism as the ideological platform of the bourgeoisie. G. Hegel's doctrine of the state and law. Bourgeois liberalism in France. B. Constant. English liberal doctrines. I. Bentham. Positivism and the doctrine of social "solidarity" of Auguste Comte. The main directions of political and legal thought in Russia during the period of crisis of the feudal system. Reform projects by M. Speransky. Political views of the revolutionaries-Decembrists. Slavophiles. Westerners.	

Course module title	Course module contents (topics)	Academic activities types
Chapter 6. Political and legal doctrines in Europe and the USA in the XIX-XX centuries.	Problems of politics and law in socialist doctrines. Marxism. The doctrine of K. Marx and F. Engels about the class nature of the state and law, their economic conditionality, origin, essence, stages of development and historical destinies. The role and significance of classes and the class struggle in social development. Ideas of the proletarian revolution and the dictatorship of the proletariat. Characteristics of a communist society. Attitude to property, state and state power in the works of the founders of anarchism – P. Zh. Proudhon, M.A. Bakunina, P.A. Kropotkin. Bourgeois and political doctrines. Legal positivism. R. Jhering on State and Law. "Organic" doctrine of society and the state and "social Darwinism" by G. Spencer. Theory of law by L. Gumplovich. Theory of F. Nietzsche. Characteristic features of the political and legal thought of Russia in the second half of the XIX century. Modern theories of natural law. Neo-Thomistic concepts of natural law (J. Maritain, J. Dabin). The theory of autonomous natural law G. Reiner. Sociological approach to natural law (F. Selznick). Political and legal ideology of solidarism and institutionalism. L. Duguit about the norm of solidarity and the syndicalist state. Theory of Institutionalism by M. Oriou. Ideas of P. Sorokin and G. Gurvich. Pure theory of Law by Hans Kelsen. Theories of "free" law (E. Erlich, G. Kantorovich). Jurisprudence of interests and pragmatism (F. Heck, R. Pound). Psychological theory of law (K. Llewelyn, D. Frank, E. Ross). School of Critical Legal Studies. The theory of elites (G. Mosca, V. Pareto). Concepts of bureaucracy and technocracy. Anarchism and anarchosyndicalism." The struggle of the ideas of democracy, human rights and legality against totalitarianism, autocracy and the lack of rights of the individual is the main line of development of political and legal ideology in the 20th century.	LC/S

^{* -} to be filled in only for <u>full</u> -time training: LC - lectures; LW - lab work; S - seminars.

6. CLASSROOM EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

Table 6.1. Classroom equipment and technology support requirements

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Type of academic activities	Classroom equipment	Specialised educational / laboratory equipment, software, and materials for course study (if necessary)
Lecture	A lecture hall for lecture-type classes, equipped with a set of specialised furniture; board (screen) and technical means of multimedia presentations.	Multimedia projector, laptop, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection. Software: Office 365 (MS Office, MS Teams), Chrome
Lab work	A classroom for laboratory work, individual consultations, current and mid-term assessment; equipped with a set of specialised furniture and machinery.	Multimedia projector, laptop, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection. Software: Office 365 (MS Office, MS Teams), Chrome
Seminars	A classroom for conducting seminars, group and individual consultations, current and midterm assessment; equipped with a set of specialised furniture and technical means for multimedia presentations.	Multimedia projector, laptop, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection. Software: Office 365 (MS Office, MS Teams), Chrome
Computer Lab	A classroom for conducting classes, group and individual consultations, current andmid-term assessment, equipped with personal computers (in the amount of 30 pcs), a board (screen) and technical means of multimedia presentations.	Multimedia projector, laptop, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection. Software: Office 365 (MS Office, MS Teams), Chrome
Self-studies	A classroom for independent work of students (can be used for seminars and consultations), equipped with a set of specialised furniture and computers with access to the electronic information and educational environment.	Multimedia projector, laptop, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection. Software: Office 365 (MS Office, MS Teams), Chrome
Courtroom	A classroom for court hearing simulation equipped with a set of specialized furniture; a set of devices including portable multimedia projector, laptop, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection.	Multimedia projector, laptop, projection screen, stable wireless Internet connection. Software: Office 365 (MS Office, MS Teams), Chrome

^{*} It is necessary to specify a classroom for self-study of students

7. RESOURCES RECOMMENDED FOR COURSE STUDY

Main reading (sources):

1. Richard Whatmore (2022). The History of Political Thought: A Very Short Introduction:

Oxford University Press. ISBN: 0198853726, 9780198853725

2. J. Babb (2018). A World History of Political Thought: Edward Elgar Pub. ISBN: 1786435543, 9781786435545

Additional (optional) reading (sources):

- 1. John Gardner, Leslie Green, Brian Leiter (Ed.) (2022). Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Law (Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Law): Oxford University Press. ISBN: 0192848879, 9780192848871
- 2. Stefan Kadelbach, Thomas Kleinlein, David Roth-Isigkeit (2016). System, Order, and International Law: The Early History of International Legal Thought from Machiavelli to Hegel: Oxford University Press. ISBN: 9780191821974,0191821977,0198768583,978-0-19-876858-6

Internet-(based) sources:

- 1. Electronic libraries with access for RUDN students
- RUDN Electronic Library System (RUDN ELS) http://lib.rudn.ru/MegaPro/Web
- EL "University Library Online" http://www.biblioclub.ru
- EL "Yurayt" http://www.biblio-online.ru
- EL "Student Consultant" www.studentlibrary.ru
- EL "Lan" http://e.lanbook.com/
- EL "Trinity Bridge"
- 2. Databases and search engines:
- electronic foundation of legal and normative-technical documentation http://docs.cntd.ru/
 - Yandex search engine https://www.yandex.ru/
 - Google search engine https://www.google.ru/
 - Scopus abstract database http://www.elsevierscience.ru/products/scopus

Training toolkit for self- studies to master the course *:

* The training toolkit for self- studies to master the course is placed on the course page in the university telecommunication training and information system under the set procedure.

8. ASSESSMENT TOOLKIT AND GRADING SYSTEM* FOR EVALUATION OF STUDENTS' COMPETENCES LEVEL UPON COURSE COMPLETION

The assessment toolkit and the grading system* to evaluate the competences formation level (competences in part) upon the course study completion are specified in the Appendix to the course syllabus.

* The assessment toolkit and the grading system are formed on the basis of the requirements of the relevant local normative act of RUDN University (regulations / order).

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