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**Federal State Autonomous Educational Institution of Higher Education
PEOPLES' FRIENDSHIP UNIVERSITY OF RUSSIA NAMED AFTER PATRICE
LUMUMBA
RUDN University**

Law Institute

educational division (faculty/institute/academy) as higher education programme developer

COURSE SYLLABUS

History and development of forensic expertise

course title

Recommended by the Didactic Council for the Education Field of:

40.04.01 Law

field of studies / speciality code and title

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

Forensic Activity in Law Enforcement

higher education programme profile/specialisation title

2025

1. COURSE GOAL(s)

The main purpose is to introduce students to the knowledge concerning emergence and development of forensic science in Russia, in particular: historical prerequisites for the emergence of the institution of special knowledge in legal proceedings; the main stages in the development of the system of forensic science institutions; the history of the formation of the legal framework for the application of special knowledge in legal proceedings; the genesis of the science of forensic examination.

The tasks of the discipline are to form a student's understanding of the historical development of the legal and organizational and methodological foundations of forensic examination and other forms of application of special knowledge in legal proceedings and to teach the student to operate with the corresponding conceptual apparatus and to navigate the evolution of forensic activity both as a practical activity and as a science.

2. REQUIREMENTS FOR LEARNING OUTCOMES

Mastering the course is aimed at the Master's students' formation of the following competencies (part of competencies):

Table 2.1. List of competences that students acquire through the course study

Competence code	Competence descriptor	Competence formation indicators (within this course)
GPC-6	Able to ensure compliance with the principles of legal ethics, including measures to prevent corruption and suppress corruption (and other) offenses	GPC 6.1. Knows the specifics of ethical norms in professional legal activity
PC-4	Able to conduct a qualified legal examination of draft regulatory legal acts	PC-4.1. Knows the basics and specifics of conducting research in the field of legal expertise of draft normative legal acts, has a systematic theoretical knowledge of the law for conducting such an expertise
PC-5	Able to offer a qualified legal advice in particular fields of legal activity	PC-5.1. Knows the specifics and methods of counseling in particular fields of legal activity
PC-6	Able to make optimal management decisions	PC-6.1. Knows the features of the functionality of participants in management processes in various fields of legal activity, legal status of the participants, including rights, obligations and responsibilities

3. COURSE IN HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

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

* - Underline whatever applicable.

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

Competence code	Competence descriptor	Previous courses/modules*	Subsequent courses/modules*
GPC-6	Able to ensure compliance with the principles of legal ethics, including measures to prevent corruption and suppress corruption (and other) offenses	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Philosophy of Law 2. Current Problems of the Use of Special Knowledge in Modern Legal Proceedings 3. Legal Basis for the Appointment and Production of Forensic Expertise 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Modern Forensic Science Theory 2. Current Problems in Forensic Activity in Criminal Proceedings 3. Current Problems in Forensic Activity in Civil and Arbitration Disputes 4. Current Problems in Forensic Science 5. Teaching Internship 6. Internship, including pre-diploma internship
PC-4	Able to conduct a qualified legal examination of draft regulatory legal acts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Current Problems of the Use of Special Knowledge in Modern Legal Proceedings 2. Methodology of Forensic Expertise 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Modern Forensic Science Theory 2. Computer Technologies in Forensic Activities 3. Basics of Traditional Forensic Examinations 4. Basics of Forensic Examinations in Human Sciences 5. Basics of Forensic Examination of Materials, Substances and Products 6. Basics of Forensic Engineering 7. Basics of Scientific Knowledge for Lawyers 8. Current Problems in Criminalistics 9. Internship, including pre-diploma internship
PC-5	Able to offer a qualified legal advice in particular fields of legal activity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legal Basis for Appointment and Production of Forensic Examinations 2. Methodology of Forensic Examination 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Modern Theory of Forensic Examination 2. Current Problems in Civil Procedure and Arbitration Procedure Law 3. Current Issues in Civil Law 4. Current Problems in Criminalistics 5. Internship, including pre-diploma internship
PC-6	Able to make optimal management decisions	Current Problems of the Use of Special Knowledge	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Computer Technologies in Forensic Activities

Competence code	Competence descriptor	Previous courses/modules*	Subsequent courses/modules*
		in Modern Legal Proceedings	2. Modern Technologies in Forensic Activity Quality Improvement 3. Current Problems in Forensic Science 4. Specifics of Appointment and Production of Complex Forensic Examinations 5. Internship, including pre-diploma internship

Nt[y]kjubb* To be filled in according to the competence matrix of the higher education programme.

4. COURSE WORKLOAD AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

1) The total workload of the course is 2 credits (72 academic hours).

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

Type of academic activities	Total academic hours	Semesters/training modules			
		1	2	3	4
<i>Contact academic hours</i>	72		72		
including:					
Lectures (LC)					
Lab work (LW)					
Seminars (workshops/tutorials) (S)	32		32		
<i>Self-studies</i>	13		13		
<i>Evaluation and assessment (exam/passing/failing grade)</i>	27		27		
Course workload	academic hours	72	72		
	credits	2	2		

5. COURSE CONTENTS

Table 5.1. Course contents and academic activities types

Course module title	Course module contents (topics)	Academic activities types
1. Formation of forensic expertise as an independent institution for the application of special knowledge in legal proceedings	Topic 1.1. Emergence and formation of forensic expertise in Russia	S
	Topic 1.2. Emergence and formation of forensic expertise in Russia	S
	Topic 1.3. Evolution of scientific views on the institution of forensic expertise in the Russian Empire	S
	Topic 1.4. Development of forensic expertise in the Soviet Union	S
2. Modern stage of development of forensic expertise and of its legal,	Topic 2.1. The system of forensic institutions in contemporary Russia	S
	Topic 2.2. Development of the normative legal	S

Course module title	Course module contents (topics)	Academic activities types
scientific and methodological support	basis for the production of forensic examinations)	
	Topic 2.3. Factors of updating the legal framework of forensic activities)	S
	Topic 2.4. Ways to modernize the legislation on forensic expertise	S
	Topic 2.5. Genesis of the domestic science of forensic expertise	S

* - to be filled in only for **full**-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

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.	A set of specialized furniture; technical means: Monoblock Multimedia projector Screen for projector Marker board WiFi
Lab work	A classroom for laboratory work, individual consultations, current and mid-term assessment; equipped with a set of specialised furniture and machinery.	A set of specialized furniture; technical means: Monoblock Multimedia projector Screen for projector Marker board WiFi
Seminar	A classroom for conducting seminars, group and individual consultations, current and mid-term assessment; equipped with a set of specialised furniture and technical means for multimedia presentations.	A set of specialized furniture; technical means: Monoblock Multimedia projector Screen for projector Marker board WiFi,
Computer Lab	A classroom for conducting classes, group and individual consultations, current and mid-term assessment, equipped with personal computers (in the amount of 30 pcs), a board (screen) and technical means of multimedia presentations.	A set of specialized furniture; technical means: Monoblock Multimedia projector Screen for projector Marker board WiFi
Self-studies	A classroom for independent work of students (can be used for seminars and consultations), equipped with a set of specialised furniture and	A set of specialized furniture; technical means: Monoblock Multimedia projector

Type of academic activities	Classroom equipment	Specialised educational / laboratory equipment, software, and materials for course study (if necessary)
	computers with access to the electronic information and educational environment.	Screen for projector Marker board WiFi

* The premises for students' self-studies are subject to **MANDATORY** mention

7. RESOURCES RECOMMENDED FOR COURSE STUDY

Main readings:

1. Smirnova S.A. Sudebno-ekspertnaya deyatel'nost' v pravoprimerenii. Vvedenie v masterskuyu programm. M. IPK RUDN. 2016.
2. Smirnova S.A. Sudebnaya ekspertiza: perezagruzka (mul'timodal'noe izdanie) v trekh chastyakh, M., 2012.

Additional readings:

1. Belkin R.S. Kurs kriminalistiki: Obshchaya teoriya kriminalistiki. V 3-h tomah. T. 1. — M.: YUrist", 1997. — 408 c.
2. Thakohov A. A. Istoriya razvitiya sudebnoj ekspertizy i sudebno-ekspertnykh uchrezhdenij Rossii // Molodoj uchenyj. — 2014. — №9. — S. 382-384.
3. Moiseeva T.F., Majlis N.P. Sudebnaya ekspertiza. Vvedenie v special'nost': Uchebnoe posobie. — M., RGUP. 2017. — 224 s.

Internet sources

1. Electronic libraries (EL) of RUDN University and other institutions, to which university students have access on the basis of concluded agreements:

- 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/>

2. Databases and search engines:

- Yandex search engine [https:// www .yandex.ru/](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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