



SYLLABUS OF THE SUBJECT "FORENSIC MEDICINE"

Basic data of the subject	
Academic unit:	Law faculty
Subject title:	Forensic Medicine
Program:	Law
Level:	Bachelor
Case Status:	Obligatory
Year of studies:	IV/ Semester VIII
Number of hours per week:	2+1
Credit value – ECTS:	4
Time / location:	Law Faculty
Subject teacher:	Enver Buçaj Prof.Asoc.Dr
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Course description:	<p>Forensic Medicine is a branch of medicine that deals with the study, processing and resolution of issues of a medical and biological nature that are encountered in investigative and judicial practice.</p> <p>Forensic Medicine, together with forensic psychopathology, is a special science, which helps investigative bodies in the resolution and recognition of death with a biological and medical character, in the discovery and protection of human rights, the determination of death, the cause of her, the prevention of many diseases, the responsibility and irresponsibility of the accused, etc.</p>
Purpose of the course:	<p>This course aims to enable students to generate knowledge regarding Forensic Medicine. Specifically, it enables students to learn the basic concepts of forensic medicine in general, with particular emphasis on death and its types, autopsy and forensic exhumation, chemical and physical lesions, nutritional damage, forensic examination and injuries and newborn corpses.</p> <p>Also, the goal is to clarify the development of Forensic Medicine in Kosovo and its legal regulation.</p>
Learning outcomes:	<p>After the successful completion of the lectures, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to understand the basic concepts of Forensic Medicine; - to understand the basic principles, role and importance of Forensic Medicine; - determine the types of injuries and their legal significance;



	<p>- use the legal methodology to interpret the findings of the forensic expert; - determine the need and procedures of the forensic investigation; to generate knowledge regarding the legal regulation in the Republic of Kosovo of forensic medicine.</p>		
Student workload (should correspond to the student's learning outcomes)			
Aktivitet	Hour	Day/week	Total
Lectures	2	15 javë	30
Theoretical/laboratory exercises	1	15 javë	15
Practical work	2	2	2
Contacts with the teacher/consultations	1	1/3	3
Field exercises	0	0	0
Colloquiums, seminars	2	2	2
Homework	1	1/1	1
Student's independent study time (in the library or at home)	3	15	45
Final exam preparation	1	1/10	20
Time spent on assessment (tests, quizzes, final exam)	1	1	1
Projects, presentations, etc	1	1	1
Total			120 hour (4 ECTS)
Teaching methodology:	<p>The teaching methodology will consist of lecturing the subject according to the interactive method. Students are encouraged to ask questions, comments and suggestions during the lectures as well as raise discussions that are relevant to the topic of the lecture.</p>		
Evaluation methodology:	<p><i>Rating:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Participation and activity in lectures</i> 10% • <i>Participation and activity in exercises</i>..... 10% • <i>First colloquium</i>:..... 40% • <i>Second colloquium</i>: 40% <p style="text-align: right;">Total: 100%</p>		
Literature			
Primary literature:	<p><i>F. Blakaj & S. Meksi, Legal Medicine, Prishtina.</i></p>		



Literatura shitesë:	F. Batalli, Forensic Medicine, ETMM of KSAK, Prishtina G. Maurice Godwin - Criminal psychology and forensic technology 2001; Barry A. J. Fisber – Crime science investigation 2004. Vincent J. Dimaio – Forensic Pathology, 2001.
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Designed lesson plan:		
Week	Lectures	Exercise
First week:	INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATION ABOUT THE CURRICULUM OF THE SUBJECT	
Second week:	FORENSIC MEDICINE, HISTORY OF DEVELOPMENT AND OBJECT OF STUDY - Understanding of Forensic Medicine; - History of development; -Object of the study of forensic medicine; -Development of forensic medicine in Kosovo;	
Third week:	DEATH AND ITS MECHANISMS -Types of deaths; -Corporal changes; - Autopsy; - Forensic exhumation;	
Fourth week:	MEDICAL TRAUMATOLOGY - Injuries and their types - Wounds and their types	
<i>Fifth week:</i>	DEATH FROM AFFECTIVE TRAUMA - Suffocation; -Strangulation; -Drowning in liquids;	
Sixth week:	DEATH FROM THERMAL TRAUMA - Burns - Snoring and freezing; -Deaths from electric shocks; -Damage from electric current; -Damage from atmospheric electricity;	
Seventh week:	DEATHS FROM NUTRITIONAL INJURY -Psychic injuries and forensic psychiatric examination;	



<i>Eighth week:</i>	THE FIRST COLLOQUIUM	
<i>Week nine:</i>	CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL INJURIES Poisoning with ethyl alcohol; Poisoning with opium and its derivatives; Blood poisons; Types of physical injuries;	
<i>Tenth week:</i>	MEDICO-LEGAL EXAMINATION OF INJURIES	
<i>Eleventh week:</i>	EXAMINATION OF NEWBORN CORPSES	
<i>Week twelve:</i>	SEX CRIMES AND VICTIM EXAMINATION	
<i>Thirteenth week:</i>	IDENTIFICATION OF CORPSES AND FORENSIC PATHOLOGY -Types of methods for identifying corpses; -Types of forensic pathologies; - Qualification of bodily injuries based on the Criminal Code;	
<i>Week Fourteen:</i>	SECOND COLLOQUIUM	
<i>Fifteenth week:</i>	EXAM PREPARATION	
Academic policies and code of conduct		
<p>Students are obliged to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To respect the schedule of lectures and exercises.- To adhere to all educational rules.- Plagiarism and similar fraudulent phenomena will be punished according to the legal acts in force.		