



Syllabus

Academic Year	2024/2025
Program	Global Law
Course	Legal Theory
Term	I semester
Year	1
SSD	IUS/20
Credits	9

INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS	<p>The course aims to provide students with an analysis of some of the main issues in general legal theory, with a focus on contemporary developments in classical legal theories. The overall objective is to provide students with an adequate knowledge and critical understanding of the models governing social, political and legal institutions.</p>
INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES	<p>Knowledge and understanding: Students will have a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the foundational concepts and principles of legal theory, of the different schools of legal thought, of the influence of legal theories in the interpretation and application of law.</p> <p>Applying knowledge and understanding: Students, through class discussions and assignments, will learn to understand and deal with philosophical and methodological problems of contemporary legal systems as well as to recognize the logical structure of a legal reasoning.</p> <p>Making judgements: Students will develop critical thinking and analytical skills in evaluating legal argument and theories.</p> <p>Communication skills: Students will acquire appropriate technical vocabulary and the ability to communicate and formulate, both in written and oral form, legal reasoning.</p> <p>Learning skills: Students will be able to understand and critically reason about the legal problems of contemporary society, developing the logical and rhetorical skills that will enable them to deal with any new legal issue.</p>
Pre-requisites	None.



Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jurisprudence• Legal theories• Constitutional theories• Theories on Justice• Legal interpretative theories
Reference Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wacks, R. (2020). <i>Understanding Jurisprudence: An Introduction to Legal Theory</i> (Oxford University Press).
Teaching Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Frontal lectures• Class discussion
Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oral presentation (30%)• Mid-term written exam (30%)• Oral final exam (40%)
