**Economic analysis of law (course in english language)**

**Number of Lecture hours**

3 hours per week

30 hours in total

**Number of ECTS points: 4**

**Course Description:**

Introduction to key theories, concepts, tools of economic analysis of law, as well as investigation into their relevance to contemporary social and legal issues, by examining the key components of national and international legal systems, with the focus on differences between american and european approach to the same issues. Although certain important and rather complex economic issues are discussed during the course, it does not require a background in economics. Rather, the course aims to help in understanding the nature of the relationship between the law and the economics in the evolution of contemporary legal systems. The course is built with a balance of historical and theoretical approaches in the study of practical issues, such as transaction costs, externalities, competition, game theory, welfare state and public choice theory.

**The aims of this course are:**

To examine critically and to give students an insight into the methods and tools of economic analysis of law by which it could assess the impact of the legal system to the economic well-being of individual members of society, as well as the community as a whole, with special emphasis on the sources and the effectiveness of the application of law in countries in transition.
Finally, in addition to transmitting knowledge, the goal is to develop students' capacity for analytical thinking and problem solving approach to research the effects of legal norms and the award and provide them with the theoretical tools to help them assess their economic efficiency and impact.

**Objectives/Learning Outcomes**

* Describe and apply basic economic terminology:
* Apply economic concepts to key issues that matter to you and your future profession:
* Identify and evaluate how different groups’ economic interests and political views impact on welfare of individuals and society;
* to compare the different approaches to economic analysis of law;
* understand the role of economic methods in the analysis of rights;
* understand the relationship and mutual influence of economic and legal systems;
* the ability to develop and apply analytical way of thinking.

## Outline

The course consists of the following units:

Introduction - Scope and methods of studying the economic analysis of law (2h).

History, and the development of modern theories of economic analysis of law (4h).

American vs. European approach to the economic analysis of law (4h).

Coase’s theorem - transaction costs (4h).

Game theory (2h).

Externalities (2h).

Competition (2h)

Contracts (4h)

International economic relations (4h)

Public choice theory (2h)

**Teaching Arrangements**

Teaching and learning will take place by means of lectures, seminars and class presentations by teachers and students, individually or in groups.

**Grading:**

Attendance 10%

Presentation: 20%

Written exam: 30%

Oral exam: 40%

**Reading List:**

**Key texts (Obligatory)**

Cooter, R., Ulen, T.: "Law and Economics", 5th edition, Addison-Wesley, 2008.

Posner, R.: "Economic Analysis of Law", 7th edition, Wolters Kluwer Law & Business, 2007.

**Other related literature:**

Polinsky, M.: "An Introduction to Law and Economics", 3rd edition, Aspen Publishers, 2003.

Shavell, S.: "Foundations of Economic Analysis of Law", Belknap Press, 2004.

R. Coase, The Firm, The Market and The Law, University of Chicago

Press 1988.

H. Demesetz, Toward Theory of Property Rights, American Economic

Review, Vol.57 Papers and Proceedings, 1967.

G. Hardin, The Tragedy of the Commons, Science, Vol.162, 1968.

**Course evaluation:**

**Students' Survey**

*Please check the box for every element and give your comments.*

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| **Overall quality of teaching** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Presentation of the students** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Relevance of the readings** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Organisation of the course** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Discussion** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Interest of material** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Facilities** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Overall evaluation** |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**How would you evaluate your improvement (compared to the beginning of the course):**

* **English**
* **Economics**
* **Presentation skills**
* **Readiness for the discussion**
* **Other issues (please list if any):**

**In your opinion, what are the major advantages/pluses of the course?**

**In your opinion, what are the major disadvantages/minuses of the course?**

**Additional comments on the course:**

**Suggestions for the next year:**

**Teachers:**

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October 2004- September 2007: MSc in Economics (two year programme), Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana.

MA thesis: „Emerging capitalism in the fifteenth century Italy: Geography, Institutional arrangements and Economic development“. Supervisor: Bogomir Kovač, Ph. D. in Economics

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Thursday 12.00 – 13.30