

## 27704 - Theory of Law

### Syllabus Information

**Academic Year:** 2020/21

**Subject:** 27704 - Theory of Law

**Faculty / School:** 102 - Facultad de Derecho

**Degree:** 421 - Degree in Law

**ECTS:** 6.0

**Year:** 1

**Semester:** First semester

**Subject Type:** Basic Education

**Module:** ---

### 1.General information

#### 1.1.Aims of the course

#### 1.2.Context and importance of this course in the degree

#### 1.3.Recommendations to take this course

### 2.Learning goals

#### 2.1.Competences

#### 2.2.Learning goals

#### 2.3.Importance of learning goals

### 3.Assessment (1st and 2nd call)

#### 3.1.Assessment tasks (description of tasks, marking system and assessment criteria)

### 4.Methodology, learning tasks, syllabus and resources

#### 4.1.Methodological overview

The methodology followed in this course is oriented towards the achievement of the learning objectives. Regarding the 40% of classroom teaching, the 60% will be dedicated to the theoretical classes methodology, and 40% to the methodology of solving practical cases, practices in or outside the classroom and seminars. This is justified by the special characteristics of Theory of Law as reflected in the skills acquired by students, which require the preparation of seminars and debates among students to improve their explanatory and argumentative skills. Students are expected to participate actively in the class throughout the semester. Classroom materials will be available via Moodle. These can include a repository of the lecture notes used in class, the course syllabus, as well as other course-specific learning materials. Further information regarding the course will be provided on the first day of class.

#### 4.2.Learning tasks

The program offered to the student to help him achieve the expected results includes the following activities:

Theoretical classes: expository activities and systematization of knowledge by the teacher.

- Methodology: theory class.

- Credits: 1.5 ECTS

Practical classes: dynamic activities of teacher and students (resolution of practical cases, practices in or outside the classroom and seminars).

- Methodology: practical teaching based on text analysis, case resolution, presentations and debates.

- Credits: 1.0 ECTS

Other training activities: personal study of the student, tutorials, preparation of cases and seminars and assessment activities.

- Methodology: adapted to the type of activity (individualized or group tutoring, continuous assessment and theoretical-practical written tests, individualized work management).

- Credits: 3.5 ECTS

### **4.3.Syllabus**

The course will address the following topics:

Topic 1. The concept of law.

Topic 2. Law and Society. Functions of Law.

Topic 3. Theory of norms, theory of legal system and theory of legal decision-making.

Topic 4. Introduction of legal interpretation and argumentation.

Topic 5. Basis and theory of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

### **4.4.Course planning and calendar**

Further information concerning the timetable, classroom, office hours, assessment dates and other details regarding this course, will be provided on the first day of class ([moodle2.unizar.es](http://moodle2.unizar.es)) or please refer to the Faculty of Law website (<http://derecho.unizar.es>)

### **4.5.Bibliography and recommended resources**