

## 27734 - Legal Sociology

### Syllabus Information

**Academic year:** 2023/24

**Subject:** 27734 - Legal Sociology

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

**Degree:** 421 - Degree in Law

**ECTS:** 3.0

**Year:** 4

**Semester:** Second semester

**Subject type:** Optional

**Module:**

### 1. General information

Legal sociology is a subject that aims to present a sociological and interdisciplinary approach to the legal phenomenon. To this end, a program and teaching activities have been designed to provide information, conceptual tools and basic techniques to develop analytical and critical skills to understand and reflect on the social dimension of the phenomena and the legal institutions. The subject works from transversal approaches such as the gender perspective, intersectionality and *gender mainstreaming*, as well as effective equality (SDGs 5 and 10) and aims to contribute to the training of critical jurists committed to the principles of justice and equality in the context of the democratic and constitutional states of law (SDGs 10 and 16). These approaches and objectives are aligned with the following "Sustainable Development Goals" (SDGs) of the United Nations 2030 Agenda: SDG 5 (gender equality), SDG 10 (reducing inequalities) and SDG 16 (peace, justice and strong institutions)

### 2. Learning results

Upon completion of the subject, the student will be able to:

1. Identify and make operational the approaches and analytical tools of legal sociology.
2. Be able to analyse from an interdisciplinary perspective the various social dimensions of the legal phenomena and institutions.
3. Be able to apply very basically the main techniques of research and data collection to normative production, legal praxis and legal phenomena in general
4. Be able to use secondary sources to obtain information on the subject and the elaboration of papers
5. Know and be able to analyse the results achieved by socio-legal research in some of its main fields of application
6. Have a basic knowledge of the treatment of law as a social phenomenon in sociological theories of law

### 3. Syllabus

1. Socio-legal perspectives on law
2. Law and power in social theory
3. Empirical research in the field of legal sociology
4. Theory and socio-legal research

### 4. Academic activities

The program offered to the student includes the following activities...

1. **-Theoretical classes:** expository activities and systematization of the contents of the program by the teacher with a dynamic participation of the students (0.5 ECTS)
2. **-Practical classes:** practical teaching based on text analysis, research work, presentations and debate. Small group. (1,0 ECTS)
3. **-Other activities:** seminars, autonomous and personal work of the student, tutorials, orientation of work and evaluation activities with a methodology adapted to the type of activity (individualized or group tutorials, continuous evaluation and theoretical-practical written tests, individualized guidance of work in the context of the seminars) (1.5 ECTS)

### 5. Assessment system

The Regulation on Learning Assessment Standards establishes two possible assessment systems: a mixed assessment system and an overall test system

In order to pass the subject by means of a mixed system, the student may obtain up to 40% of the final grade by attending the theoretical and practical classes and other activities and seminars proposed by the teacher. The exam constitutes **60%** of the **final grade** and will consist of a test (50%) and another test consisting of a development question (20%). In order to pass the

subject it will be necessary to obtain a 5 out of 10 in each of the tests

In this system, active participation in the subject activities will be considered and valued. More specifically, we will evaluate the completion of the practices, exercises and work set in the seminars; as well as the tests of evaluation. In particular, the oral presentation of the topics or papers to be determined will be evaluated.

Students who do not pass the tests indicated above or who opt for the final exam from the beginning will have to take the **global system** exam, in which all the contents taught in the subject, both theoretical and practical, will be graded and evaluated. Both the theoretical part and the practical exercise must be passed in order to pass the subject.

This final exam will consist of a test, another test consisting of a written development question and the additional completion of a practical exercise in writing. The final grade of the overall test will be obtained from the weighted average of the grades of the test and written development test, 70%, and of the practical exercise, 30%, although in order to pass the subject is necessary to achieve at least a 5 out of 10 in each of the specific tests that make up the final global test.