

INTRODUCTION TO LAW

FALL–WINTER 2019

TOPICS FOR THE EXAM

1. The concept of law. Main layers of the legal order.
2. Social functions of law
3. The concept of legal family and main legal families of the world.
4. Basic differences between common law and civil law
5. Basic types of legal system. Domestic law, international law, supranational law.
6. Characteristics of public and private law.
7. Basic forms of law-making
8. The concept and types of constitution in modern law
9. Legislation as the source of law; primary and subordinated legislation
10. International treaties in modern legal systems of modern states
11. The European Union law and its position in legal systems of member states
12. Precedents and case law in legal systems of modern states
13. The structure of legal norm.
14. Legal subjects; physical persons and legal persons
15. Various types of legal principles.
16. The role of legal principles in modern law
17. Basic types of legal norms and provisions
18. *Ius cogens* and *Ius dispositivum* as types of legal norms
19. Main methods of interpretation of statutory law in the legal culture of civil law
20. Relations between various methods of interpretation
21. Canons for statutory interpretation in the legal culture of common law
22. Interpretation and application of precedents. Distinguishing and overruling
23. Collisions in a legal system and collision rules
24. The system of judiciary. Ordinary courts, administrative courts and constitutional courts
25. Hierarchy of courts and instances of legal proceeding.

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