

# SOC016 General Theory of Law

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Main objectives can be summarized as to give the set of knowledge that is necessary for the study of the branch of legal subjects, to master general legal terminology and the apprehension of legal thinking. The basic set of lectures is aimed at the basic legal concepts and the system of law.

**Outline of lectures** with interactive discussion (2 hours a week):

1. Opening information, organization
2. Concept of law, system of legal sciences
3. Characteristics of law
4. Legal norms
5. Legal order
6. Law and State (Rule of Law)
7. Visit of the Czech constitutional Court (expert commentary, Czech constitution)
8. Interpretation and application of law.
9. Legal relations - prerequisites
10. Subjects and objects in legal relations
11. Legal responsibility
12. Fundamental approaches in law. Written test
13. Discussion on the semester paper

Requirements for evaluation:

- Only one absence
- Active participation in lectures
- Semester paper
- Written test
- Discussion on the semester paper

Mark on evaluation: A, B, C, D, E, F - unsuccessful

LITERATURE:

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