Content

Course Code	Course Name	Semester	Theory	Practice	Lab	Credit	ECTS
HUK198	Philosophy of Law	2	2	0	0	2	3

Prerequisites	
Admission Requirements	

Language of Instruction	Turkish			
Course Type	Compulsory			
Course Level	Bachelor Degree			
Objective	 1- Students will start the key question: what are the core values, above and beyond all legal system, that law exist to realize them? 2- In order to go further and improve their answer, students will review the history of philosophy of law, especially focus on some miles stone of this history just as ancient Greek, Hellenistic, Scholastic, Islamic, modern and postmodern. 3- Students will review and find out the links among major philosophical theories of law and fundaments of our legal system. 4- As a crucial point, students can differentiate 'legal states' which have a lot of legal regulations just as acts, bylaws etc. and Rule of Law or Constitutional States which every institutions and officers of the State subject to legal reviews. 			
Content	This course will introduce students to the fundamental components of legal theory and philosophy of law. Differences, intersections and debates between various theories will be analyzed			
References	Differences, intersections and debates between various theories will be analyzed			

Theory Topics

Week	Weekly Contents
1	What is philosophy?
2	Philosophy as a base of law, Main philosophical perspectives
3	The relationship between law and other social norms
4	Fundamental Schools of philosophy of law
5	Natural Law and Natural Rights
6	Justice and Fairness, different kinds of justice
7	Freedom as a criterion of legitimacy in a legal systems
8	Short History of Natural law
9	Legal Positivism: Austin and Kelsen
10	Normativism: Kelsen, American Legal Realism
11	Current debate in philosophy of law: Hart, Fuller and Dworkin
12	Critical Legal Studies and Feminist Jurisprudence
13	Law and Economics, Postmodernism and Law
14	Philosophy and current issues