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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	A student should be a person who can design law, not only a practicing it. The students will have a base to understand and discuss the actual and historical juridical and political problems and will reinforce their senses of justice, will learn that law is not only composed of rules, but also whole ideological and social structure.	
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	Week 4. Fundamental Schools of philosophy of law	
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	Week 6. Justice and Fairness, different kinds of justice	
	Week 7. Freedom as a criterion of legitimacy in a legal systems	
	Week 8. Short History of Natural law	
	Week 9. Legal Positivism: Austin and Kelsen	
	Week 10. Normativism: Kelsen, American Legal Realism	
	Week 11. Current debate in philosophy of law: Hart, Fuller and Dworkin	
	Week 12. Critical Legal Studies and Feminist Jurisprudence	
	Week 13. Law and Economics, Postmodernism and Law	
	Week 14. Philosophy and current issues	
References	Jeffrie G. Murphy, Jules L. Coleman, Philosophy of Law, Westview Press, 1990.	
	Michael Freeman, Dennis Llyod Llyod of Hemstead, Llyod's Introduction to Jurisprudence, 7Rev Ed edition, Sweet & Maxwell, 2001.	

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