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CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS AND METHODOLOGY OF LEGAL SCIENCE

Curriculum of the educational institution
according to the academic discipline for the specialty
7-06-0421-01 "Jurisprudence"

2025

The curriculum is based on the educational standard of advanced higher education OSVO 7-06-0421-01-2023, curricula for the specialty 7-06-04121-01 "Jurisprudence"

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Curriculumaimed at mastering by graduate studentsknowledge in the field of modern problems of legal science and the features of research methodology in jurisprudence.

Target– to develop in master's students a systematic knowledge of the current state and problems of legal science as an independent field of knowledge, primarily in the Republic of Belarus, as well as the methodology for conducting legal research.

Achieving this goal requires solving the following tasks:

Withto develop knowledge in the field of various approaches to science and criteria of scientificity;

to acquire theoretical knowledge about the place and role of jurisprudence in the system and structure of modern social and humanitarian knowledge;

to deepen knowledge about the current state of legal science, the main problems and prospects for its development;

Withto develop knowledge about methodological traditions and types of scientific rationality, modern approaches to the methodology of conducting scientific research in jurisprudence;

to promote the acquisition of skills in the application of the basic methods used in modern legal research;

to develop the ability to creatively apply acquired knowledge in professional activities.

As a result of studying the academic discipline "Modern Problems and Methodology of Legal Science", the master's student must possess the following universal competence:

apply scientific methods of knowledge in research activities, generate and implement innovative ideas.

The Master's degree holder must have the following advanced professional competence:

demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the basic doctrines, concepts, and theories characterizing state and legal phenomena, the specifics of the formation and development of teachings on state and law, comprehend the problems of the history of state and law in global and local dimensions, analyze the history of state and legal development of Belarus in independent research, scientific and educational, and other professional activities.

As a result of studying the academic discipline "Modern Problems and Methodology of Legal Science", the master's student should:

know:

- various concepts of science and criteria of scientificity, the specifics of the social and humanitarian sciences; the place and role of jurisprudence in the system and structure of modern social and humanitarian knowledge;

– the evolution of social and humanitarian sciences, the features of the historical development of legal science and its methodology;

– methodological traditions and types of scientific rationality; features of the methodology of classical, non-classical and post-non-classical science, modernism and postmodernism;

– modern problems of legal science in general and the Republic of Belarus in particular in the context of globalization and social transformations;

– the main problems and patterns of existence of law and the state, taken in the spatial-temporal, ethnic, cultural and civilizational dimensions.

be able to:

- use scientific criteria to analyze problems of theoretical, historical and branch legal sciences; correlate the legal and non-legal in state and legal phenomena, identify the ways and means of influence of non-legal phenomena on the state and law;

– develop programs for researching state and legal phenomena, determine the necessary methods and methodological principles that are most adequate for solving specific problems;

– analyze and use the cognitive potential of specific methodological programs within the framework of theoretical and applied legal research;

– based on the analysis of leading areas of humanitarian knowledge, assess the current state and characterize the main trends in the development of the national state and law, refracted in historical and civilizational contexts;

– to predict the development of state and legal phenomena;

have the skill:

– special scientific legal terminology and skills in interpreting regulatory legal acts;

- practical skills in applying methods,used in modern legal research;

- analytical skillslaw-making and law enforcement practices as (in)consistent with legal deontology;

- skills to detect and identify true and incorrect statements and provisions in normative and doctrinal provisions;

- systemacquired knowledge in their professional activities and personal life.

– skills in using a set of acquired scientific knowledge for the analysis of law-making and law enforcement activities, interpretation of law, the effectiveness of legislation and for the practice of their improvement.

In the process of training students, the following teaching methods are used: elements of problem-based learning (problem setting, variable presentation, partial-search method) implemented in lectures; elements of educational and research activities; communicative (discussion, educational debates, debate-dialogue and other methods) and game (business, simulation games) technologies; the method of analyzing specific situations, implemented both in lectures and in practical classes.

Multimedia presentations, electronic databases, and a distance learning system are used as teaching aids.

Quality control of training is carried out through the completion of written assignments (including tests) and the solution of specific practical situations.

The main methods of educating studentsare: methods of forming the consciousness of the individual (method of persuasion, lecture, polemic, method of

example); methods of organizing activities and forming the experience of social behavior of the individual (method of creating educational situations, pedagogical requirement, instructions, illustrations and demonstrations); methods of stimulating and motivating the activity and behavior of the individual (competition, educational game, discussion, etc.); methods of control, self-control and self-assessment in education (pedagogical observation, testing, etc.).

As part of the educational process in this academic discipline, a master's student must acquire not only theoretical and practical knowledge, skills, and abilities in the specialty, but also develop their value-personal and spiritual potential, and develop the qualities of a patriot and citizen, ready to actively participate in the economic, industrial, socio-cultural, and public life of the country.

Form of education: full-time, part-time.

In accordance with the university curriculum, the following is allocated for the study of the academic discipline:

the total number of teaching hours is 130:

classroom – 52 hours (for full-time advanced higher education).

Distribution of classroom time by courses and semesters:

1st semester: lectures – 40 hours; seminars – 12 hours.

Independent work – 78 hours.

Classroom hours – 16 (for correspondence courses for advanced higher education)

Distribution of classroom time by courses and semesters:

introductory session: lectures – 6 hours;

1st semester: lectures – 6 hours, seminars – 4 hours.

Independent work – 114 hours.

Labor intensity – 3 credits.

Forms of intermediate assessment – exam.

CONTENTS OF THE STUDY MATERIAL

Topic 1. Introduction to the academic discipline "Modern Problems and Methodology of Legal Science." Legal Science in the System of Social and Humanitarian Sciences

The academic discipline "Contemporary Problems and Methodology of Legal Science" in the master's program. Its relationship with other master's degree disciplines.

General scientific and practical significance of the academic discipline "Modern problems and methodology of legal science".

The structure and content of the academic discipline "Modern problems and methodology of legal science".

Scientific, methodological and regulatory support for the discipline "Modern problems and methodology of legal science".

Forms of knowledge assessment, preparation for the test in the academic discipline "Modern problems and methodology of legal science".

Legal science within the social and humanities, the relationship between jurisprudence and other humanities. Scientific social and humanities knowledge and the subject of legal science.

Topic 2.The concept and features of the methodology of legal science

The concept, evolution, and structure of methodology in the social sciences and humanities. Modern approaches to scientific research methodology. Methodological paradigms, principles, and guidelines for scientific research.

The concept and types of methodological paradigms. Features of the modern methodological paradigm of jurisprudence.

The concept and types of methodological guidelines. Features of modern methodological guidelines in jurisprudence.

The concept and types of principles of scientific research. Features of modern principles of scientific research.

The etymology and semantics of the term "method." Modern definitions of the concept "method." The problem of classifying methods in legal sciences. General scientific and specific methods, philosophical and specific methods, theoretical and practical, universal and social methods, etc.

General, special, and specific methods of jurisprudence. The concept and types of general methods used in legal research. The concept and types of special methods used in legal research. The concept and types of specific methods used in legal research.

Topic 3. Features of the use of general methods of scientific research in jurisprudence and the main trends in their evolution

Features of general methods of scientific research, problems of their classification and use in modern jurisprudence.

Metaphysical and dialectical methods (approaches) of scientific knowledge: the history of formation and development. Modern interpretations and features of the use of the metaphysical method in legal research.

The dialectical method of scientific knowledge: ancient, medieval, and modern interpretations. Dialectics in the scientific concept of G.V.F. Hegel. The materialist understanding of dialectics in Soviet science. Modern interpretations and specific features of the dialectical method in legal research: Western and Eastern European approaches.

The main trends in the evolution of metaphysical and dialectical methods of scientific knowledge in jurisprudence.

Topic 4.The use of formal-logical methods of scientific research in jurisprudence.

The history of development, subject matter, methodology, and current issues of legal logic.

The concept and essence of formal logical methods of scientific research. The evolution of classical and non-classical logics. The conceptual and categorical apparatus, basic techniques, laws, and rules of classical formal logic, and the specifics of their application in jurisprudence.

Non-classical logics (deontic, axiological, alethic, etc.) and the specifics of using their concepts, symbols, basic techniques and rules in jurisprudence.

Stages of the formation and development of legal logic in the Western European tradition. The subject and methodology of legal logic as an independent branch of scientific knowledge.

Fundamental concepts (classical, deontic, modern rhetoric) and current issues of legal logic in Western European jurisprudence. Legal concepts and categories, definitions, judgments and inferences, and other classical formal logical concepts in legal thinking. Issues of legal subsumption and their analysis in logical and legal research.

The history of the formation and development of deontic logic. The specific uses of conceptual and categorical apparatus, symbolism, and the basic techniques and laws of deontic logic in jurisprudence. The main deontic modalities, their expression, and application in law. The correlation of deontic modalities and the problem of their inconsistency in legal logic.

H. Perelman's concept of "new rhetoric" and its application in jurisprudence. The relationship of this concept to the classical and deontic concepts of legal logic.

The main trends in the evolution of the logic of law in Western European jurisprudence.

Stages of formation and development of the logic of law in Russian pre-revolutionary, Soviet and post-Soviet jurisprudence.

Main research directions and current problems of the logic of law in post-Soviet legal science.

Trends in the evolution of legal logic in post-Soviet jurisprudence.

Topic 5. Features of the use of phenomenological, systemic, synergetic and functional methods scientific research in jurisprudence

The essence of the phe nomenological research method and its development in philosophical concepts. Applications of the phenomenological research method in jurisprudence. The phenomenological school of law and the work of its leading exponents.

The concept, history, and development of systems analysis in the humanities. Systems theories and their modern interpretations. Applications of systems analysis in jurisprudence.

The history of the formation and development of synergetics, and the specifics of using the synergetic method in the humanities. The synergetic method, its modern application, and prospects for its use in jurisprudence.

The method of functional analysis and its use in the humanities. Specific aspects of its application in jurisprudence.

Trends in the evolution of phenomenological, systemic, synergetic and functional methods in legal scientific research.

Topic 6.The application of the semiotic method in jurisprudence. The history, subject matter, methodology, and key concepts of legal semiotics.

The history of the formation and development of semiotics as a science of signs and sign systems. Logical-mathematical, linguistic, and cultural approaches to semiotics, their main schools and concepts. The problem of differentiation in semiotics and the diversity of specific semiotics. General and specific semiotics: the problem of correlation. Defining the paradigm and fundamental concepts of general semiotics. Key trends in the development of general and specific semiotics.

Semiotic method of scientific research and its use in jurisprudence.

The stages of formation and development of legal semiotics in Western European and Russian traditions. The subject and methodology of legal semiotics as an independent branch of scientific knowledge.

Fundamental concepts of legal semiotics. Legal signs, sign systems, and semiosis. Problems of classifying legal signs and sign systems.

Prospects for the development of legal semiotics and the application of the semiotic method in legal scientific research.

Topic 7. Features of the use of special methods of scientific research in jurisprudence and the main trends in their evolution

Features of specialized scientific research methods, problems of their classification, and use in modern jurisprudence. Key trends in the evolution of specialized methods in legal research.

Historical and related methods of scientific research. Specific aspects of their use in jurisprudence.

Psychological methods of scientific research. Specific aspects of their use in jurisprudence.

Statistical, cybernetic, and other specialized methods of scientific research. The specifics of their application in jurisprudence.

Topic 8.The use of sociological research methods in jurisprudence. The history, subject matter, methodology, and current issues of the sociology of law.

History of development, subject and methodology of sociology as an independent branch of scientific knowledge.

Sociological methods of scientific research and features of their application in jurisprudence.

The stages of formation and development of the sociology of law in Western European and Russian traditions. The subject and methodology of the sociology of law. The main concepts of the sociology of law.

Main research areas and current problems of modern sociology of law.

Trends in the evolution of Western European and domestic sociology of law.

Topic 9.The use of linguistic and hermeneutic methods in scientific research in jurisprudence.

The history, subject matter, methodology, and current issues of legal linguistics and legal hermeneutics.

Linguistic and related (sociolinguistic, psycholinguistic, pragmalinguistic, etc.) methods of scientific research and the specifics of their application in jurisprudence.

Stages of the formation and development of legal linguistics in Western European jurisprudence. The subject, methodology, and fundamental concepts of legal linguistics. The main research areas and current issues in contemporary Western European legal linguistics.

The development of legal linguistics in Russian pre-revolutionary, Soviet, and post-Soviet jurisprudence. The main research centers for legal linguistics in the post-Soviet space.

Main research areas and current problems of modern post-Soviet legal linguistics.

Trends in the evolution of legal linguistics in Western and Eastern European contexts.

The hermeneutic method of scientific research and its application in jurisprudence. A hermeneutic approach to understanding legal texts and legal discourse. Hermeneutic methodology and hermeneutic legal understanding.

Legal hermeneutics: stages of development and key concepts. Main research areas and current issues in modern legal hermeneutics. Theoretical, legal, and sectoral issues in legal hermeneutics.

The main trends in the development of legal hermeneutics.

Topic 10.Features of the use of methods of deconstruction and discourse analysis in jurisprudence

The method of deconstruction: concept, characteristics of formation and evolution, modern philosophical interpretations. Specifics of the use of the method of deconstruction in modern jurisprudence.

Discourse analysis: concept, development and evolution, and contemporary philosophical interpretations. Specific aspects of using discourse analysis in modern jurisprudence.

Features of critical discourse analysis. Specific features of the evolution and main scientific schools of critical discourse analysis. Problems of applying critical discourse analysis in legal research.

Topic 11.Features of the use of economic methods of scientific research in jurisprudence

The concept and characteristics of economic methods of scientific research and problems of their classification.

Problems of using basic economic research methods in modern jurisprudence.

Topic 12. Specific methods of legal science and the main trends of their evolution

The concept and characteristics of private methods of jurisprudence and problems of their classification. The problem of the originality of private methods of jurisprudence.

The formal legal method and the main scientific approaches to understanding it. Specific aspects of applying the formal legal method in theoretical legal and industry-specific research.

Comparative legal method and features of its application.

Stages of the formation and development of comparative legal studies. The subject, methodology, and main concepts of comparative law. The main problems and directions of the evolution of modern comparative legal studies.

The method of legal modeling and the peculiarities of its use in modern jurisprudence.

Topic 13. Contemporary problems of theoretical and legal sciences

Legal theory as a fundamental legal science. The place of legal theory within the system of branches of legal science.

The problem of “fragmentation” of legal theory and the identification of independent theoretical and legal sciences.

Theory of law and other theoretical and legal sciences: the problem of subject and object.

The relationship between legal theory, legal philosophy, and the sociology of law. Legal axiology and legal theory. Logic of law and legal theory. Legal hermeneutics and legal theory. Legal linguistics and legal theory. Legal semiotics and legal theory. Comparative law and legal theory.

Problems of legal understanding and their study in modern legal theory.

Problems of methodology of jurisprudence and their study in modern legal theory.

Problems of diversity of sources of law and their different meanings in modern legal systems.

Problems of research of the structure and system of law.

Problems of modern lawmaking and systematization of normative legal acts.

Problems of legal interpretation.

Problems of modern law enforcement.

Legal Theory in the Republic of Belarus: The State and Prospects of Scientific Knowledge Development. Current Research Areas in Belarusian Legal Theory.

Historical and legal sciences, their place and significance in the system of legal sciences.

Contemporary problems of the history of state and law of foreign countries.

Modern problems of the history of state and law of Belarus.

The importance of historical and legal sciences for the development of jurisprudence and the legal sphere in the Republic of Belarus. Specific aspects of conducting research in the field of historical and legal sciences.

Topic 14. Contemporary issues of public and private law sciences

Contemporary issues in constitutional law. Problems of defining the subject matter and methodology of constitutional law as a branch of legal science, problems of structuring constitutional law as a branch of law, identifying new sub-branches and institutions within it, and current areas of scientific research in constitutional law.

Contemporary issues in administrative law. Problems of defining the subject matter and methodology of administrative law as a branch of legal science, problems of structuring administrative law as a branch of law, identifying new sub-branches and institutions within it, and current areas of scientific research in administrative law.

Contemporary issues in criminal law. Problems of defining the subject matter and methodology of criminal law as a branch of legal science, problems of structuring criminal law as a branch of law, identifying new sub-branches and institutions within it, and current areas of scientific research in criminal law.

Contemporary issues in labor law. Problems of defining the subject matter and methodology of labor law as a branch of legal science, problems of structuring labor law as a branch of law, identifying new sub-branches and institutions within it, and current areas of scientific research in labor law.

Contemporary issues in environmental law. Problems of defining the subject matter and methodology of environmental law as a branch of legal science, problems of structuring environmental law as a branch of law, identifying new sub-branches and institutions within it, and current areas of scientific research in environmental law.

Contemporary issues in civil law. Problems of defining the subject matter and methodology of civil law as a branch of legal science, problems of structuring civil law as a branch of law, identifying new sub-branches and institutions within it, and current areas of scientific research in civil law.

Contemporary issues in family law. Problems of defining the subject matter and methodology of family law as a branch of legal science, problems of structuring family

law as a branch of law, identifying new sub-branches and institutions within it, and current areas of scientific research in family law.

Contemporary issues in private international law. Problems of defining the subject matter and methodology of private international law as a branch of legal science, problems of structuring private international law as a branch of law, identifying new sub-branches and institutions within it, and current research trends in private international law.

EDUCATIONAL AND METHODOLOGICAL MAP OF THE ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE
"Modern Problems and Methodology of Legal Science"
Full-time advanced higher education

Section number, topic	Section title, topic	Number of classroom hours							Literature	Forms of knowledge control
		Lectures	Practical classes	Seminar classes	Laboratory classes	Number of hours of supervised independent work				
						Lectures	Practical classes	Seminar classes		
1	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**11**	**12**
Topic 1	Introduction to the academic discipline "Contemporary Problems and Methodology of Legal Science." Legal Science in the System of Social Sciences and Humanities.	2							[1-6]	
Topic 2	The concept and features of the methodology of legal science	4							[7-36]	
Seventh lesson	The concept and features of the methodology of legal science			1						Preparation of abstracts on topic 2
Topic 3	Features of the use of general methods of scientific research in jurisprudence and the main trends in their evolution	4							[7-36]	

Seventh lesson	Features of the use of general methods of scientific research in jurisprudence and the main trends in their evolution			1						Round table discussion on topic 3
Topic 4	The use of formal-logical methods of scientific research in jurisprudence. The history of development, subject matter, methodology, and current issues of legal logic.	2							[7-36]	.
Seventh lesson	The use of formal-logical methods of scientific research in jurisprudence. The history of development, subject matter, methodology, and current issues of legal logic.			1						Discussion aboutfeatures of the use of logical methods of scientific research in jurisprudence
Topic 5	Features of the use of phenomenological, systemic, synergetic and functional methods of scientific research in jurisprudence	2							[7-36]	
Seventh lesson	Features of the use of phenomenological, systemic, synergetic and functional methods of scientific research in jurisprudence			1						Preparation of abstracts on topic 5
Topic 6	The application of the semiotic method in jurisprudence. The history, subject matter, methodology, and key concepts of legal semiotics.	2							[7-36]	
Seventh lesson	The application of the semiotic method in jurisprudence. The			1						Preparation of abstracts on topic 6

	history, subject matter, methodology, and key concepts of legal semiotics.									
Topic 7	Features of the use of special methods of scientific research in jurisprudence and the main trends of their evolution	2							[7-36]	
Seventh lesson	Features of the use of special methods of scientific research in jurisprudence and the main trends of their evolution			1						Round table discussion on topic 7
Topic 8	The use of sociological research methods in jurisprudence. The history, subject matter, methodology, and current issues of the sociology of law.	2							[7-36]	
Seventh lesson	The use of sociological research methods in jurisprudence. The history, subject matter, methodology, and current issues of the sociology of law.			1						Preparation of abstracts on topic 8
Topic 9	The use of linguistic and hermeneutic methods in scientific research in jurisprudence. The history, subject matter, methodology, and current issues of legal linguistics and legal hermeneutics.	2							[7-36]	
Seventh lesson	The use of linguistic and hermeneutic methods in scientific research in jurisprudence. The history, subject matter, methodology, and current issues of			1						Preparation of abstracts on topic 9

	legal linguistics and legal hermeneutics.									
Topic 10	Features of the use of methods of deconstruction and discourse analysis in jurisprudence	2							[7-36]	
Seventh lesson	Features of the use of methods of deconstruction and discourse analysis in jurisprudence			1						Preparation of abstracts on topic 10
Topic 11	Features of the use of economic methods of scientific research in jurisprudence	4							[1-6]	
Topic 12	Private methods of legal science and the main trends of their evolution	4							[7-36]	
Seventh lesson	Private methods of legal science and the main trends of their evolution			1						Preparation of abstracts on topic 12
Topic 13	Contemporary problems of theoretical-legal and historical-legal sciences	4							[7-36]	
Seventh lesson	Contemporary problems of theoretical-legal and historical-legal sciences			1						Discussion on the issues of topic 13
Topic 14	Contemporary problems of public and private law sciences	4							[7-36]	
Seventh lesson	Contemporary problems of public and private law sciences			1						Discussion on the issues of topic 14
	Total 1 semester	**40**		**12**						**Exam**
	Total hours:	**40**		**12**						

EDUCATIONAL AND METHODOLOGICAL MAP OF THE ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE
"Modern Problems and Methodology of Legal Science"
Correspondence course for advanced higher education

Section number, topic	Section title, topic	Number of classroom hours							Literature	Forms of knowledge control
		Lectures	Practical classes	Seminar classes	Laboratory classes	Number of hours of supervised independent work				
						Lectures	Practical classes	Seminar classes		
1	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**11**	**12**
Topic 1	Introduction to the academic discipline "Contemporary Problems and Methodology of Legal Science." Legal Science in the System of Social Sciences and Humanities.	2							[1-6]	
Topic 2	The concept and features of the methodology of legal science	2							[1-6]	
Topic 3	Features of the use of general methods of scientific research in jurisprudence and the main trends in their evolution	2							[1-6]	
	Total installation session	**6**								
1st semester										
Topic 4	The use of formal-logical methods of scientific research in jurisprudence. The history of development, subject	2							[1-6]	

	matter, methodology, and current issues of legal logic.									
Topic 5 Sem is busy.	Features of the use of phenomenological, systemic, synergetic and functional methods of scientific research in jurisprudence			1					[7-36]	Preparation of abstracts on topic 5
Topic 6 Sem is busy.	The application of the semiotic method in jurisprudence. The history, subject matter, methodology, and key concepts of legal semiotics.			1					[7-36]	Preparation of abstracts on topic 6
Topic 7	Features of the use of special methods of scientific research in jurisprudence and the main trends of their evolution	2							[1-6]	
Topic 8 Sem is busy.	The use of sociological research methods in jurisprudence. The history, subject matter, methodology, and current issues of the sociology of law.			1					[7-36]	Preparation of abstracts on topic 8
Topic 9	The use of linguistic and hermeneutic methods in scientific research in jurisprudence. The history, subject matter, methodology, and current issues of legal linguistics and legal hermeneutics.	2		1					[7-36]	
Sem is busy.	The use of linguistic and hermeneutic methods in scientific research in jurisprudence. The history, subject matter, methodology, and current issues of legal linguistics and legal hermeneutics.									Preparation of abstracts on topic 9
	Total 1 semester	**6**		**4**						**Exam**
	Total hours:	**12**		**4**						

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