



# **THEORY AND HISTORY OF LAW AND STATE; COMPARATIVE LEGAL RESEARCH.**

**(IMPLEMENTED IN ENGLISH)**

**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME**



## PROGRAM ADVANTAGES

- ✓ The master's programme is unique in its interdisciplinary focus and research potential, based on modern methodology of legal science, trends in global civilizational and cultural development of society and intercultural communications, institutional development of law and the state.
- ✓ Fundamental theoretical knowledge in the field of law, skills in conducting legal research and analytical work with legal material, legal techniques in lawmaking and law enforcement, methods of teaching legal disciplines mastered by undergraduates open up great opportunities for realizing their creative potential and career growth.
- ✓ In line with the general strategy of RUDN University as an internationally-oriented university, undergraduates gain a large amount of knowledge in the field of comparative law, are well-versed in the legal systems and legal institutions of the countries of the world in all their civilizational and cultural diversity, and master the skills in comparative studies.
- ✓ Graduates of the program, possessing a broad outlook and analytical competencies, can work in various structures that exercise public authority, jurisdictional bodies, international organizations, and business. They are well prepared for research and teaching in law.



# STUDYING PROCCCESS

**120 credit.**

**Lectures, practical exercises, independent work, research and teaching practice.**

Education in the framework of the master's programme "Theory and History of Law and State; Comparative legal research" is based on the modern achievements of legal science, practice and education. The organization of the educational process within the programme involves an individual approach to each undergraduate. Training is carried out on the basis of interactive forms and methods, using plots of hypothetical cases and practice-oriented tasks.

The program is implemented by two departments of the RUDN University Law Institute:

- Department of Theory of Law and State. The head of the department is Andrei Klishas, Doctor of Law, Professor, Chairman of the Committee of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation on constitutional legislation and state building.
- Department of History of Law and State. The head of the department is Marina Nemytina, Doctor of Law, Professor, Head of the Master's Program.

Training within the program is conducted by: Professor, Doctor of Law Marina Nemytina, Associate Professor, Candidate of Legal Sciences Sergei Zinkovsky, Associate Professor, Candidate of Law Elena Trikoz and other teachers of RUDN University.

## FUNDAMENTAL DISCIPLINES



### HISTORY AND METHODOLOGY OF LEGAL SCIENCE

- Within the framework of the discipline, ideas about the trends in legal science development in general context of the evolution of society, state and law are formed. The legal picture of the world is presented against the background of scientific progress in the world of scientific revolutions. Undergraduates get acquainted with the latest achievements of legal science in Russia and abroad, master scientific approaches and methods of law research (philosophical and worldview, general scientific, private scientific, inherent in jurisprudence and other areas of scientific knowledge), and also learn to apply these approaches and methods within the framework of their research.





## THE PHILOSOPHY OF LAW

- The discipline is aimed at mastering the legal doctrines in their evolutionary development and current state by law students. Doctrinal approaches and principles that took shape in modern foreign and domestic jurisprudence are intended to serve as reliable guidelines in the professional activities of lawyers.



## COMPARATIVE LAW

- Legal comparative studies aimed at mastering institutional legal development of legal families and legal systems in the general context of civilizational and cultural development of countries and peoples is a promising area of scientific legal knowledge. Graduate students study the approaches, principles and methods of research existing in legal comparative studies, learn to conduct diachronic and synchronous analysis, macro and micro comparisons. This course successfully complements the discipline Legal systems of the countries of the world, in which graduate students master the “legal map” of the modern world, get acquainted with the legal systems of different countries.



## PROBLEMS OF THE THEORY OF STATE AND LAW

- In the framework of this discipline, graduate students master the basic legal concepts, terms and categories in their modern interpretation, identify the relationship between the theory of law and the state with the branches of law and areas of scientific legal knowledge, develop ideas about society, law and the state and their interdependence, establish the relationship of legal processes with other manifestations of the society culture, primarily politics and economics.



## **EVOLUTION OF SOURCES AND INSTITUTIONS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES LAW**

- This discipline considers the sources of law and the institutions of law enshrined in them, relating to various areas of social life, such as property and obligations, resolution of conflicts by legal means, criminal offense, prosecution and punishment. The institutional development of law is presented in a broad historical context, encompassing various legal cultures, legal families and systems.



## **THE EVOLUTION OF SOURCES AND INSTITUTIONS OF RUSSIAN LAW**

- In the framework of this discipline, the undergraduates concern with the sources and institutions of Russian law in different periods of national history, associated with a change in the social foundations of society, state and law, which allows a comprehensive understanding of modern Russian law and legislation.

## **APPLIED DISCIPLINES**



## **PROBLEMS OF LEGAL TECHNOLOGY**

- The discipline is of practical importance and allows you to navigate the legal dogma, take advantage of legal information and analyze it in line with the tasks, it also provides the opportunity to master the methods of legal technology in lawmaking and law enforcement.



## **PRACTICAL SKILLS OF A LAWYER**

- This is a simulation training course that reproduces the work of a lawyer in a format that is as close to real as possible. Practical skills mastered by undergraduates in the framework of the course include: communication skills, working with legal documents, forming a position of a lawyer in a case, resolving conflicts of a legal nature, preparing for a trial and public speaking in court and others.



## **LEGAL RESEARCH SKILLS**

- In the framework of this discipline, undergraduates master research skills and competencies, such as: updating the research topic, setting goals and objectives, determining the object and subject of research, choosing a methodology, defining a theoretical, normative and empirical base, putting forward scientific hypotheses.



## **METHODS OF TEACHING LEGAL DISCIPLINES**

- This course successfully complements the master's programme in terms of the formation of master's pedagogical skills and competencies. Undergraduates master the content of educational standards, learn to organize and conduct training sessions using interactive methods.





# HEAD OF THE PROGRAMME

**NEMYTINA MARINA VIKTOROVNA**



Head of the Department of the History of Law and State of the Law Institute of RUDN University, Doctor of Law, Professor.

- In 1987 she defended her thesis, in 2000 – a doctoral dissertation. She has published over 200 scientific and educational works, including individual monographs “The Court in Russia: the second half of the 19th – early 20th centuries.” (1999), “The Law of Russia as an Integration Space” (2008). Under her editorship, an innovative textbook, “Professional Skills of a Lawyer” was published (Moscow: URIGHT, 2014). Textbooks used within the framework of the master’s programme were published: “Comparative Studies of Legal Systems, Legal Cultures”, “History and Methodology of Legal Science”, etc.
- Professor M.V. Nemytina did her foreign internships: on problems of jury trials (Great Britain, 1995), clinical legal education (USA, 1997), local government (USA, 1999); Professor M.V. Nemytina makes presentations at international scientific conferences, and participates in international academic exchanges.
- Professor M.V. Nemytina successfully trains scientific personnel, along with her scientific work she is involved in developing innovative forms and models of teaching law. Under her leadership, students master modern approaches to law, methods of legal research, practical skills of a lawyer.