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LAW KNOWLEDGE AND EDUCATION AT KHMELNYTSKYI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

The aim of this study was to explain how law is being studied in Khmelnytskyi National University, show different ways of teaching students of lawyer specialty. Data for this research were received via different sources including personal experience.

Institutions of higher education all around the world offer an education in many spheres of human life. Some of them concentrate their attention on certain professional areas, providing their students with wide range of knowledge in that exact specialty. There are institutions that offer many different specialties to study, therefore satisfying need of many people. Khmelnytskyi National University represents the second group of institutions. It doesn't specialize in one certain area, but rather in many different ones. The university covers many professional spheres and one of them is sphere of law.

It is worth deciding what law is. Basically, law is a set of rules that regulate human behaviour in society and is created and enforced by the government of certain country [1]. Some people think that only little part of the law is used outside of the work sphere of lawyers but in fact that's absolutely not true. It relates to many aspects of everybody's daily life.

There is almost no person in the world that doesn't know anything about the law. For example, most of people know some basic things, like not crossing the road at a red light or not to throw away the trash wherever they want to. Even if it seems as something really simple those are parts of the law as well. This kind of knowledge you receive from parents, schools, other members of the society, etc. By this way you straight up receive only the information about the law that you really need.

And there is another level of knowledge about the law that you can get – advanced level. This amount of information about this topic is mostly used by 3 types of people – lawyers of any kind, politicians and businessman (but there are also other people that possess this amount of understanding about it). And one of few ways of achieving is from the institutions of higher education.

Khmelnyskyi National University gives opportunity for applicants to start preparing for studying even before they become students. It has preparatory department, which provides increased studying of specialized disciplines necessary for admission to the university. Preparatory department implemented a special course to create small training groups. Members of department make significant efforts to improve the educational process, have their own way of working with future students of various levels of knowledge. In addition, it gives applicants information about structure of university, its internal procedures, form of conducting classes and many other things. [2].

As was mentioned before, our university, as many others, allows students to obtain knowledge about the law by giving an opportunity to get a Bachelor and Master degree in Law. It does so by providing numerous ways of educating students, the most common of which are lecture. Speaking of which, it's important to know that there are many subjects that are being taught in them. At the lectures students will examine creation and history of the laws all around the world, how different laws and legal institutions work and many

other different things. Usually, lecturers tell students different information about law (depending on subject that is being studied) based on scientific researches. During lectures, it is allowed to conduct an active discussion related to the topic under consideration. During seminars, students must report learned information to the lecturer, thus consolidating knowledge about it. Therefore, they can expand the boundaries of their knowledge about different parts and spheres of law by analysing given information. List of disciplines that are being studied consists of: History of Law, Legal Deontology, Criminology, Criminalistics, different branches of Law that are being studied separately and so much more [3].

But that's not the only way how institutions of higher education can teach their students. They also can arrange meetings with lawyers, providing different kinds of consultations for the learners. They are also giving an opportunity to get acquainted with various legal spheres practically. Even though they are not common, those educational methods are a great for making students analyse different information from new perspective giving a fresh air amongst basic kind of lectures.

Also, it worth mentioning that when you're studying at the institution of higher education in the specialty of law, at some point you'll have to decide which professional legal sphere you want to be part of. Despite the fact that you're receiving advanced level of knowledge here, different kinds of lawyers require different kind of education. If you are good as notary that wouldn't mean that you'll still be this good as defence attorney or prosecutor, or judge etc. That is the problem Khmelnytskyi National University usually helps its students to deal with.

In Khmelnytskyi National University it takes 3 years and 10 months to get Bachelor degree in sphere of Law [4]. During this time students learn advanced yet simple information about law and different branches of it. Starting from this period, students may get invitation from specialists to work with them. Thus, they can get more deep knowledge and specific information that can help them in future. For example, on April 2024 first year students of law department received an invitation from notary for practice.

Obtaining Master degree takes 1 year and 4 months [4]. Unfortunately, it is impossible to get Master degree in Khmelnytskyi National University as for now, although this might be changed in the nearest future.

The teaching staff of KhNU consists of a large number of professionals. All of them have been working in their respective professional spheres for very long time. And they are giving high-quality information about their subjects [5]. One of the main cons is how old many things in this University are. This mostly applies to work equipment but also some of the teaching methods and even university buildings.

Studying law is rather difficult task. Like the whole sphere of it, process of studying is very complex and consists of many different elements. Those who are unwilling to sacrifice their time and patience will never be able to reach great heights in legal profession. And while not being really fun sphere of law is still very fascinating to work with. Every single aspect of it has its own unique features and structure. Learning more about them definitely can be considered as interesting and useful activity.

As a student I can say with confidence that Khmelnytskyi National University does the job of giving proper education very well. Here, you can get a lot of different knowledge that you'll be able to use in your life. Still, studying will not be an easy task - you'll have to put a lot of effort in it. But those who feel confident to do so will be greatly rewarded.

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