

Department of Criminal Law and Criminology Sciences

The Department of Criminal Law and Criminology Sciences is one of the oldest organizational units at the Faculty of Security in Skopje. It has existed as an independent department since the establishment of the Faculty in 1977, with the only difference that at that time, with the first Statute of the then Center for educating personnel for security and social self-protection it was formed under a different name, namely Department of Criminal Law and Criminology (which we consider inadequate, taking into consideration the structure of the scientific disciplines it comprises, particularly if we take into consideration the fact that within the Department, and within the Faculty as a whole, besides Criminal Law and Criminology, there are also other sciences which are developed from them and are becoming more and more independent, such as: victimology, prevention of criminality, juvenile delinquency, criminal policy etc.)

The Department is comprised of two scientific areas: criminal law and criminology.

The first area covers: criminal law and criminal procedure, i.e. criminal material and procedural (formal) law, as well as international criminal law.



The second area covers criminology, as well as: victimology, penology, juvenile delinquency, prevention of criminality, social pathology, organized crime and corruption, money laundering, crime against children, criminal policy, rights of victims of crime, restorative justice, transitional justice, rights of victims, penological andragogy etc.

In grouping the subjects from this Department, we followed the criterion of similarity of scientific disciplines encompassed by the study programs which are active at our Faculty. We can freely say that compared to other departments from our Faculty, the members of the

Department of Criminal Law and Criminology did not have any difficulties in defining the scientific areas, as well as in determining whether the scientific disciplines within the Department belong to respective scientific areas.

In its 40-year history, the Department of Criminal Law and Criminology has had the following heads of Department: professor Panta Marina, PhD, professor Jordan Spaseski, PhD, professor Naum Surbanoski, PhD, professor Ivanko Stojanov, PhD, and professor Oliver Bacanovic, PhD.

The Department is now composed of the following members: professor Oliver Bacanovic, PhD, professor Miodrag Labovic, PhD (head of Department), associate professor Sase Gerasimoski, PhD, assistant professor Vesna Stefanovska, PhD, assistant professor Katerina Krstevska, PhD (secretary of Department) and assistant professor Natasa Jovanova, PhD.

In the past period, many professors and assistants from other institutions and universities mainly from our country also participated in the realization of contents in certain subjects.

The members of the Department have raised many issues and initiated and implemented many activities, including, inter alia: lecturing and implementation of trainings, scientific and research work, publication of papers, participation and organization of scientific conferences and other scientific and professional gatherings, organization of round tables, expert discussions etc. The Department also organized round tables, and participated in the organization of international conferences and other activities organized by the Faculty. Its members also participate in the organization of seminars, expert discussions etc. through other professional associations (for ex. Association for Criminal Law and Criminology of Macedonia).

In the last few years, the members of the Department of Criminal Law and Criminology have published many scientific papers (monographies, textbooks, articles), both as authors and co-authors. They have been particularly active in publishing papers in the publications of the Faculty of Security (International Yearbook, Proceedings of the International Conference organized by the Faculty of Security on an annual basis) and also in the University publications (the scientific journal "Horizons"). We should also emphasize the fact that the Department's members are also authors and co-authors of papers in various scientific publications, handbooks, comparative analysis etc. related to the Law on Juvenile Delinquency, or more precisely the new concept of justice for children related to the so called restorative justice, the institutes and the institutions in this system, with particular emphasis on the role of the police etc., which were published in cooperation with UNICEF Office Skopje.

Scientific and research work is high on the agenda of the members of this Department. The members of the Department initiated and realized several scientific and research projects, and they also participated in regional and international projects, such as: "The Implementation of the Law on Juvenile Justice" (2008); "The Implementation of the Law on Juvenile Justice" (2009); "Students' Attitudes to Criminality" (2009,2012); "The Feeling of Security among Skopje Citizens" (2009); "Violence among Children in Schools" (2010); "Analysis of Court Rulings from Victimological Aspect" (2011); "The Position of Convicted Persons in Penitentiary Institutions in the Republic of Macedonia" (2012-13); "Students' Attitudes to Law and Police"

(2013); “ISRD-3 – International Self-Report Delinquency Study” (2014-15); “The Role of the Community and the Police” (2012-13); “Media Presentation of Criminality in Daily Newspapers in the Republic of Macedonia” (2015) etc.

Members of the Department were also selected for membership in commissions for drafting important laws, such as the Law on Criminal Procedure, The Law on Juvenile Justice, The Law on Access to Information, The Law on Preventing Corruption etc.

Some members of the Department actively cooperate with the NGO sector and within their scientific interest participate in organizing round tables and other gatherings and events, as well as research projects in this sector in the capacity of speakers, moderators, researchers etc.

The members of the Department are also members of professional or scientific associations at national level (for ex. Association for Criminal Law and Criminology of Macedonia) and international level (Victimological Society of Serbia, European Criminology Association, World Victimological Society etc). They are also members of editorial boards of relevant journals in their area of interest (for ex., the journal “Temida” in Belgrade etc.).