

**DESCRIPTION OF THE FIELD OF HABILITATION AND INAUGURATION PROCEEDINGS
LAW**

University	Trnava University in Trnava
Faculty	Faculty of Law
Name of the field of habilitation and inauguration proceedings (HIP)	LAW
Field(s) of study to which the HIP field is assigned	30. Law
Third-cycle study programmes in the field to which the HIP field is assigned	Civil Law – full-time study (Slovak language), external study (Slovak language) Labour Law – full-time study (Slovak language), external study (Slovak language) Theory and History of State and Law – full-time study (Slovak and English languages); external study (Slovak and English languages) Criminal Law – full-time study (Slovak language)
Second-cycle study programmes in the field to which the HIP field is assigned	Law – full-time study (Slovak language), external study (Slovak language)

Subject-matter scope of the field of habilitation and inauguration proceedings in law
Habilitation and inauguration proceedings in the field of law provide a scientific and pedagogical framework for assessing candidates' scientific and academic competence in legal science. The field encompasses individual legal disciplines and their interdisciplinary interconnections, reflecting the core body of knowledge of the study programme in law. Law, as a dynamic normative system, continuously responds to societal, economic, technological and international challenges. Modern legal research therefore cannot be strictly confined to individual branches of law; it must also reflect their intersections and interrelationships. Habilitation and inauguration proceedings in this field must therefore emphasise an interdisciplinary approach, the ability to synthesise knowledge from several areas of law, and the flexibility to respond to new challenges in legal regulation. Research conducted within these proceedings focuses on identifying innovative solutions to legal problems that transcend the boundaries of traditional legal disciplines and provide a comprehensive view of how the legal order operates. The aim is to systematically examine legal principles, institutions and mechanisms for regulating social relations from the perspectives of their historical development, theoretical foundations, practical application and comparative analysis. The field of habilitation and inauguration proceedings (HIP) is linked to the following third-cycle fields of study: Theory and History of State and Law, Labour Law, Civil Law and Criminal Law. The HIP field encompasses research into key legal issues addressed in doctoral studies across several fields, while creating scope for their further academic and scientific

development. Building on the existing accreditation of doctoral study programmes in the individual branches of law, habilitation and inauguration proceedings are brought together under the single field of law. At the advanced level of research and the development of teaching, this approach facilitates broader interdisciplinary cooperation among the various legal disciplines and, at the same time, provides a coherent framework for the advancement of legal science at a higher level.

Habilitation and inauguration proceedings in the field of law provide scope for research into key legal issues addressed by doctoral studies in the various branches of law. Candidates in HIP proceedings demonstrate their capacity to conduct research, apply scientific methods to the analysis of legal institutions, and formulate legal solutions that reflect societal needs. Particular emphasis is placed on the ability to engage in systematic legal reasoning, to connect theory with legal practice, and to adopt an interdisciplinary approach to the study of legal problems. Candidates must also demonstrate teaching competence, analytical and critical thinking, as well as active participation in scholarly discourse within the domestic and international legal community.

Conducting habilitation and inauguration proceedings within the broader field of law reflects the need for a more flexible and effective development of academic excellence in legal science, while building on the professional specialisations already established at doctoral level. This model creates synergies between scientific research, theory and legal practice and constitutes an important step in ensuring continuity and innovation in legal education and legal science.

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Research/art/teacher profiles (VUPCH) are available on the websites of the departments and the HIP field:

<http://iuridica.truni.sk/katedry>

<https://iuridica.truni.sk/habilitacne-inauguracne-konanie>

Criteria – “Associate Professor” and “Professor”

Criteria for obtaining the scientific-pedagogical title “Associate Professor” and criteria for obtaining the scientific-pedagogical title “Professor” at the Faculty of Law, Trnava University in Trnava

Available at:

<http://iuridica.truni.sk/predpisy-haik>