Study Programme: Master Akademic Studies of Forensics

Course Unit Title: Analytics of Pharmaceuticals and Drugs

Course Unit Code: FH-02

Name of Lecturer(s): Dr. Daniela V. Šojić Merkulov Type and Level of Studies: Master Academic Degree

Course Status (compulsory/elective): Elective

Semester (winter/summer): Summer Language of instruction: English

Mode of course unit delivery (face-to-face/distance learning): Face-to-face

Number of ECTS Allocated: 6

Prerequisites: None

Course Aims:

Acquiring of theoretical and practical knowledge in the field of pharmaceutical and drug analysis. Training of students to apply a modern and adequate method for identification and quantification of pharmaceuticals and drugs using appropriate analytical technique.

Learning Outcomes:

After the successful completion of this course, the student is able to:

- 1. Explain the influence of pharmaceuticals and drugs on human environment and human health;
- 2. Provide a modern and adequate procedure for the identification and quantification of pharmaceuticals (antidepressants, sedatives, hypnotics, anti-epileptics, analgesics, etc.) and drugs;
- 3. Apply acquired knowledge from the field of chromatographic methods in solving unknown analytical problems;
- 4. Accurately and clearly analyzes and interprets experimental results obtained by applying the appropriate analytical technique.

Syllabus:

Theory

Pharmaceuticals and drugs in general. Types of pharmaceuticals and drugs. Use/abuse of pharmaceuticals and drugs. Antidepressants, sedatives, hypnotics, anti-epileptics, analgesics, etc. Structures, sources, properties, toxicity, bioaccumulation of pharmaceuticals and drugs. Application of GC-MS in the screening of pharmaceuticals and drugs in biological samples. LC-MS in forensic toxicology.

Practice

Application of liquid and gas chromatography for qualitative and quantitative analysis of various pharmaceuticals and drugs.

Required Reading:

1. W. G. Eckert, Introduction to Forensic Sciences, 2nd Ed, CRC, 1997.

2. J. Yinon, Advances in Forensic Applications of Mass Spectrometry, CRC, 2004.

Additional Literature:

- 1. D. V. Šojić Merkulov, presentations of lectures
- 2. Electronic databases

Weekly Contact Hours: 75	Lectures: 30	Practical work: 30+15
Teaching Methods:		

Lectures, laboratory exercises, library work, searching for suitable electronic databases, seminar work and consultations. **Knowledge Assessment (maximum of 100 points):**

Pre-exam obligations	points	Final exam	points
Active class participation	10	written exam	20
Practical work	20	oral exam	20
Seminar(s)	30		