

TEACHING PROBLEMS IN TURKEY'S LAW SCHOOLS

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INTRODUCTION

- After the establishment of the Republic of Turkey, most law lecturers frequently complained that they could not teach law properly to Turkish law students as they did in developed countries.
- Mostly, they claimed about the physical environment, over-crowded classes, and the inadequacy of students.
- In this essay, I examined these lecturers' claims and concluded with some solutions on how these problems could be eliminated from legal education in Turkey.

LAW SCHOOLS' CURRICULA AND EDUCATION METHODS

CURRICULUM

- Legal writing techniques and legal methodology courses
- Legal writing petitions
- Legal thinking methodology

REQUIRED FOREIGN LANGUAGE

- English language is a requirement
- English preparatory classes
- If not possible, at least four hours a week

CLASS SIZE (NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN A CLASS)

- Average number of students: 200 to 500
- Should not be more than 50
- Interactive learning
- Connection between student and lecturer
- Students may able to write legal essays

ELECTIVE COURSES

- Variety of elective courses
- Specialization in one or more areas

RESEARCH MOTIVATION

- Extra reference books

REQUIRED INTERNSHIP (CURRICULAR PRACTICAL TRAINING)

- Court internships
- Students will see how justice system works

POST-GRADUATION PROBLEMS

ACCEPTANCE CONDITIONS FOR INTERNSHIP AND PROFESSION

- Five years of education
- Internship in the final year
- Exam questions by representatives from all law schools
- Higher standards to be a judge or a prosecutor

CONCLUSION

- In this work, we identified the major problems in law school education and after graduation.
- We suggested solutions to these problems.
- These recommendations will help Turkish justice system work with more qualified and well-experienced individuals.

THANK YOU