

# **Unconditional imprisonment**

## **Abstract**

This diploma thesis deals with the issue of unconditional imprisonment, which is the most severe punishment of all criminal sanctions, because it represents the most serious interference with the offender's fundamental rights and freedoms and also a universal punishment because it can be imposed for every crime contained in a special part of the Criminal Code. At the same time, unconditional imprisonment is an ultima ratio and should be imposed in cases where the imposition of a less severe criminal sanction is not sufficient. The purpose of serving a custodial sentence is to reduce the likelihood of recidivism and to encourage convicts to lead a self-sufficient life in accordance with the law after release. The aim of this work is to provide a comprehensive summary of the issue of unconditional imprisonment and to map and critically analyze the current state of Czech prisons.

The work is divided into six chapters. The first chapter deals with the definition of the concept and purpose of unconditional imprisonment. The second chapter is then focused on the legal regulation of this punishment. The third chapter discusses the general principles of imposing criminal sanctions, the rules for imposing an unconditional sentence of imprisonment and, last but not least, the types of unconditional sentences with regard to their length. The focus of the work is the fourth chapter, which provides a comprehensive summary of the legal regulation of the execution of imprisonment, which complements the analysis of the current state of prison. This part focuses mainly on the breakdown of convicts in the years 2009 to 2019, in connection with many criteria. The fifth, no less important chapter deals with the issue of treatment programs, where the emphasis is on the two most important activities - employment and education of convicts. In addition, these two phenomena are critically analyzed in detail. In the final, sixth chapter, he draws attention to some problems in the execution of unconditional imprisonment and offers possible solutions.

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