

Title:	“About Law in English” – An Introduction to Polish Law with References to English Legal System and English Legal Language
Lecture hours:	30
Study period: (summer/winter)	Summer/ winter
Number of credits:	6
Assessment methods:	Attendance, active participation, oral presentations
Language of instruction:	English
Prerequisites:	Knowledge of basic legal concepts would facilitate the understanding of the material, however it is not an indispensable condition for attendance at the course.
Course content:	<p>The purpose of the course is to learn and practice legal English through the presentation of the main areas of Polish law with comparative references to the English legal system, as well as legal systems of the students' respective countries. The peculiarities of Polish legal and judicial institutions will be dealt with to enable the understanding of Polish legal culture against the background of the common traits of Continental legal tradition. Thus, information about Polish legal institutions will serve as a starting point and context in which English legal terminology will be enhanced and practiced. In particular, the following issues will be discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • principles and practices of constitutional law; • administrative law and procedure; • civil law, especially law of natural and legal persons, contract formation, interpretation and termination, elements of tort law, • property law; • family law (conclusion and dissolution of a marriage, property regimes of a married couple • principles of the law of succession • elements of commercial law, in particular formation and conduct of corporations and partnerships • the labour relationship and types of employment contracts • courts and special judicial bodies in Poland; • criminal law and procedure. <p>Since the course is given by a lawyer and English philologist, the emphasis will be placed on the development of language skills. The complementary exercises in legal English will therefore constitute an integral element of the course.</p>
Learning outcomes:	The student is supposed to acquire and expand English vocabulary embracing all relevant areas and institutions of law, especially those which are relevant in business practice. Furthermore, the student is supposed to get the overview of main institutions of Polish legal system by contrasting them with their counterparts in the system his or her respective country.
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Literature:	<p>W. Dajczak, S. Szwarc, P. Wilinski, Handbook of Polish Law, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan 2011.</p> <p>S. Frankowski, Introduction to Polish Law, Kluwer Law International, The Hague 2005</p> <p>A. Wyrozumska, Introduction to Polish Law, Lodz University Press, Lodz 2005</p> <p>H. Sierocka, Legal English; niezbędnik przyszłego prawnika, University of Białystok 2013.</p> <p>English translation of the discussed Polish statutes will be made available by the tutor.</p>
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