

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Academic year: 2023/2024	
University: Comenius University Bratislava	
Faculty: Faculty of Law	
Course ID: PraF.KPDPK/ENm17-3203/17	Course title: Introduction to Common Law
Educational activities: Type of activities: seminar Number of hours: per week: 2 per level/semester: 28 Form of the course: on-site learning	
Number of credits: 3	
Recommended semester:	
Educational level: II.	
Prerequisites:	
Course requirements: Continuous assessment: 20% preparation of a written assignment and presentation, active participation in seminars; 80% final written assignment Final assessment: Classification scale: A/1 = 91 – 100%; B/1.5 = 81-90%; C/2 = 73-80%; D/2.5 = 66-72%; E/3 = 60-65%; FX = 0-59%. During the examination, the student can use all available sources of legal information, especially uncommented legal regulations, commentaries, jurisprudence, legal literature and legal information systems.	
Learning outcomes: The graduate will acquire the knowledge necessary to acquire the ability to subject the Anglo-American legal system to a legal comparison with continental jurisdictions, including the legal system of the Slovak Republic. The course provides students with an overview of key legal concepts and institutions in Anglo-American real, contractual and delict law, which make up the so-called core courses taught in the first years at Anglo-American law schools. The graduate will also acquire practical skills when working with Anglo-American jurisprudence and especially with the concept of judicial precedent.	
Class syllabus: 1. Basic features of the Anglo-American legal system - Concept, sources of law, system and doctrine of judicial precedent 2. Contract law - Formation of a contract, requirement of mutuality of will (offer-acceptance) and synalags (consideration) 3. Contract law - Principles of interpretation, circumstances excluding the formation of a contract, termination of a contract 4. Quasi-contractual law - Restitution and estoppel 5. Moot Case - Contracts and quasi-contracts - Solution of a simulated case 6. Tort law - Intentional torts 7. Tort law - Negligence tort 8. Moot Case – Delicts - Solution of a simulated case	

9. System of property rights - Development, institutes, forms of ownership
10. System of property rights - Deeds, trust as a form of property title splitting
11. Moot case - Real rights - Solution of a simulated case
12. Inheritance law - Development, institutes, testamentary and statutory inheritance
13. Review room
14. Final test

Recommended literature:

BAKER, J.H.: An Introduction to English Legal History. 4th Edition. Edinburgh: Butterworths, 2002.

BRUCE, J.W. - ELY, J.W.: Modern Property Law. 6th Edition. Edinburgh: Butterworths, 2002.

BURNHAM, W.: Introduction to the Law and Legal System of the United States. St. Paul: West, 2006.

CORBIN, A.L.: Corbin on Contracts. One Volume Edition. St. Paul: West Group, 1952.

FARNSWORTH, E.A.: Contracts. 4th Edition. New York: Aspen Publishing, 2004.

HOLLAND, J. - WEBB, J.: Learning Legal Rules. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003.

PERILLO, J.M.: Calamari and Perillo on Contracts. 6th Edition. St. Paul: West Group, 2003.

KNAPP, C.L. – CRYSTAL, N.M. – PRINCE, H.G.: Problems in Contract Law. Cases and Materials. 6th Edition. New York: Aspen Publishing, 2007.

KNAPP, C.L. – CRYSTAL, N.M. – PRINCE, H.G.: Rules of Contract Law. 2011-2012 Statutory Supplement. New York: Aspen Publishing, 2011.

KEETON, W.P. – DOBBS, D.B. – OWEN, D.G.: Prosser and Keeton on Torts. 5th Edition. St. Paul: West Group, 1984.

CHRISTIE, G.C. – MEEKS, J.E. – PRYOR, E.S. – SANDERS, J.: Cases and Materials on the Law of Torts. 4th Edition. St. Paul: West Group, 2004.

STOEBUCK, W.B. – WHITMAN, D.A.: The Law of Property. 3rd Edition. St. Paul: West Group, 2000.

SINGER, J.W.: Property Law. Rules, Policies, and Practices. 4th Edition. New York: Aspen Publishing, 2006.

Languages necessary to complete the course:

English

Notes:

Past grade distribution

Total number of evaluated students: 24

A	ABS	B	C	D	E	FX
16,67	0,0	29,17	20,83	25,0	4,17	4,17

Lecturers: doc. Mgr. et Mgr. Matej Milkvy, PhD., LL.M.

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Approved by: