



Comparative Theory of Private Law

Syllabus

2023/2024, Winter semester

University:	Comenius University in Bratislava
Faculty:	Faculty of Law
Course ID:	PraF.KPDPK/ENbMP19-20/19
Educational activities:	
Type of activities:	lecture / seminar
Number of hours:	per week: 2 / 2, per level / semester: 28 / 28
Form of the course:	on-site learning
Number of credits:	4
Recommended semester:	3
Educational level:	I.
Course requirements:	
<u>Continuous evaluation:</u>	20 % will be awarded based on in-class activity.
<u>Final evaluation:</u>	80 % will be awarded based on successful completion of oral exam that will consist of solving a short theoretical / practical problem and oral discussion. During the exam, students can use all available sources of legal information, mainly legislation, commentaries, case-law, legal treatises, and legal information systems.
Intended learning outcomes:	
Upon completion of the course, students should be able to define selected legal institute, to compare legal institutes in selected legal systems, to critically examine materials and legal sources to solve a legal problem. The seminars shall be principally focused on research, writing skills, argumentation, problem solving and presentation skills.	
Course description:	
The course, introductory in nature, is addressed to international students studying English bachelor's programme at the Comenius University, Faculty of Law. The course serves as introduction to the study of comparative law, giving students the opportunity to critically examine and compare selected legislation in different states. In respect to the student-centred learning, the emphasize is on the students' experience and learning of legal skills useful for their further studies and possible carriers in legal field.	
Lecturers:	
The course will be led by: Mgr. Terézia Švedová, PhD. (terezia.cokynova@flaw.uniba.sk)	
Class syllabus:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Introduction,2. Comparative Law and Comparative Methods,3. Legal Families,4. Selected Legal Systems,5. Law of Persons under Selected Legal Systems,





	<ol style="list-style-type: none">6. Family Law under Selected Legal Systems,7. Law of Inheritance under Selected Legal Systems,8. Commercial Law under Selected Legal Systems,9. Copyright Law under Selected Legal Systems,10. Consumer Protection under Selected Legal Systems,11. Labour Law under Selected Legal Systems,12. Repetition.
Recommended literature:	
<p>ZWEIGERT, K. - KÖTZ: An Introduction to Comparative Law. 3rd Ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1998.</p> <p>STEINER, E.: French Law. A Comparative Approach. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010</p> <p>ALPA, G. – ZENO-ZENCOVICH, V.: Italian Private Law. New York: Routledge, 2007.</p> <p>FOSTER, N. – SULE, S.: German Legal System and Laws (German Legal System & Laws). Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010.</p>	

