



## **Courses offered for incoming students under the Erasmus+ Programme**

**2022/2023 Academic Year**

### **Department of Law**

#### **1. Dr hab. Anna Ostrowska: Introduction to Law – ECTS 4, winter semester**

The general aim of the course is to teach students two main country legal systems: common law (case law) and statutory law (codified law). Students learn hierarchy of law-making acts, deference canons of law interpretation (collision rules), textual canons of law interpretations (unclear regulations). Students also study the principles of the state of law (e.g. the principle of equality before the law and in the law, the principle of *vacatio legis*, the principle of *lex retro non agit*) and internal organization of the law (classification into: civil law, criminal law, administrative law, a divisions into a public law and private law, substantive law and procedural law). They also learn main legal terms and structures such as: natural person, juridical person, legal facts, legal relations, legal capacity, capacity to undertake legal actions, legal responsibility).

#### **Program of the course:**

- 1) The functions of law, legal norms, legal relationship
- 2) Legal country systems (statutory law, common law, other legal systems in the world)
- 3) International law and the Law of the European Union
- 4) Internal organisation of the law (public law and private law, substantive law and procedural law, branches of the law)
- 5) Validity of the law (collision rules, rules of legal inference)
- 6) Interpretation of legal regulations (principles and rules of interpretation)
- 7) Main legal terms and structures (legal duty and rights, legal responsibility, legal facts, legal relations)
- 8) System of courts and traditional legal professions



## **2. Dr hab. Anna Ostrowska: Intellectual Property Law, ECTS 2 spring semester**

During the course, students learn elementary intellectual property law concepts and structures. The additional aim of the course is to master elementary copyright English and prepare students to conduct professional conversation on copyright terms. Students have a knowledge of intellectual property system, concepts, principles and structures applied in Poland and Europe.

### **Program of the course (8 hours):**

#### **Part I The World of Intellectual Property**

- 1) Definition of Intellectual Property
- 2) International Copyright Protection
- 3) International Industrial Property Protection

#### **Part II Introduction to Copyright**

- 1) Protected Works
- 2) Owner of the Copyright
- 3) Rights Protected (Economic Rights and Moral Rights)
- 4) Duration of Copyright
- 5) Permissible Use of Protected Works
- 6) Organizations for Collective Copyright Management
- 7) Exercise of Copyright (Devolution of Author's Economic Rights)
- 8) Protection of Author's Moral and Economic Rights
- 9) Criminal Liability

#### **Part III Introduction to Industrial Property**

- 1) General Principles of Industrial Property Law
- 2) Inventions, Trademarks, Utility models, Industrial design, Geographical indications
- 3) Polish Patent Office and The European Patent Register

## **3. Dr hab. Anna Ostrowska: Tax Law, ECTS 5, spring semester**

The general aim of the course is to teach students elementary tax concepts and structures applied in Poland and in European Union. The additional aim of the course is to master elementary tax English and prepare students to conduct professional conversation on tax terms.



**Program of the course (8 hours):**

**Part I Introduction to Polish tax law**

- 1) Fiscal system in Poland
- 2) Direct taxes: - personal income tax (PIT), - corporate income tax (CIT), - local taxes and charges;
- 3) Indirect taxes: tax on goods and services (VAT), - excise duty, - gaming tax
- 4) Tax administration

**Part II Introduction to EU tax legislation**

- 1) Tax policy in the European Union
- 2) Common system of value added tax (VAT) ('the VAT Directive')
- 3) Harmonization of the structure of excise-duties



#### **4. Dr hab. Anna Ostrowska: Labour Law, ECTS 7, winter semester**

This course explores how law regulates the relationships between the workers and their employers. Labour law (also referred to as employment law) is a subject that deals with how employees are treated appropriately in workplaces, and their rights are protected as an employee. This law ensures that employers are treated well, and also, they are valued for their work. The course focuses on teaching the students how labour law works on the example of Polish Labour Code of 26 June 1974. The course consists of theoretical and also practical knowledge.

##### **Program of the course (8 hours):**

1. Labour law of the EU - general aspects
2. Various forms of employment
3. Employment contracts types (Non-EU residents, EU residents)
3. Equal treatment and discrimination
4. Working time and vacation
5. Termination of the employment

#### **5. Dr hab. Anna Ostrowska: Local Government Law, ECTS 2, spring semester**

Local governments, those which govern cities, villages, counties, and towns, are established and regulated by state law. Their authority in relation to state government rests ultimately on state law. The procedures by which their governing bodies are elected and their framework of governance rests on state law as well. The general aim of the course is to teach students what are the main concepts of local government (local self-government) in Europe and legal basis of local government operating in Europe.

##### **Program of the course (8 hours):**

1. Constitutional and legal foundation of local self-government
2. European Charter of Local Self-Government
3. Local government elections
4. Financial resources of local government
5. Administrative supervision of local authorities supervision
6. Structure and operation of local government in Poland
  - a) Overview of local government reform.
  - b) Legal and constitutional basis
  - c) Internal structure of regional and local government units
  - d) Distribution of power and responsibilities among different levels of government



e) Local service delivery

### **6. Dr hab. Anna Ostrowska: Local Government Finance, ECTS 5, winter semester**

The main aim of the course is to present the local government financial management system with particular emphasis on its sources of income and the structure of expenses. Students also learn about the European standards of local government finance and how they are implemented in practice on the example of Polish regulations in this area.

#### **Program of the course (8 hours):**

- 1) European standards of local government finance in Europe
  - a) The diversity of regional and local government in the European Union
  - b) European Charter of Local Self-Government – financial principles
  - c) Local government expenditure and activities in EU countries
  - d) Local government revenue sources in EU countries
  
- 2) Devolution and decentralization of public finance in EU countries
  - a) Public finance sectors and decentralization processes in selected European countries
  - b) Decentralization of public finance in Poland
  - c) Current issues, trends and developments in local government finance in Poland
  
- 3) The finances of local government in European unitary country (Poland)
  - a) Budget of local government
  - b) Structure of local government revenue sources (taxation revenues by tier of government, own taxation, shared taxation, grants - general subsidies and special purpose grants, other sources of income, borrowing)
  - c) Local government expenditure (by the type of expenditure, by the type of activities area).

### **7. Dr hab. Anna Ostrowska: Institutions and Sources of EU Law – ECTS 4, winter semester**

During the course such issues will be presented: history of European integration; characteristics of existing Community treaties: from the ECSC 1951 to Lisbon 2007; Legal nature of the European Union; EU competences.



There will be part of the course devoted to the sources of EU law. The attention will be also put on the institutional system of the European Union and general characteristics of the division into legislative, executive and judicial institutions.

**Topics:**

- discussion of examples of sources of EU law on the basis of selected acts of secondary law; a citizens' initiative in practice - writing a draft legal act on any subject.
- European Parliament: history of creation, composition, structure, competences and functioning
- European Council and the Council of the European Union: functions and competences, composition and organization, decision-making, subsidiary bodies and administration
- European Commission: composition and organization, competences, mode of operation
- High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy. European External Action Service
- Court of Justice, General Court, Specialized Courts, Civil Service Tribunal
- Court of Auditors: composition and internal structure
- Advisory bodies and agencies of the European Union

**8. Dr hab. Anna Ostrowska: EU Law, ECTS 3, winter semester**

The main aim of the lecture is to familiarize students with the knowledge of the basic concepts and institutions of European Union law, the ability to associate and co-apply EU and national regulations. It is also to make them understand in practice the essence of EU law in the context of national law.

**Topics:** History of European Integration, Sources of EU law. EU Institutions, Rules of EU law



**9. Dr Tomasz Machelski: Economic Law, ECTS 3, spring semester**

**10. Dr Tomasz Machelski: Introduction to Civil Law, ECTS 4, spring semester**

**11. Tomasz Machelski: Corporate/Commercial Law, ECTS 4, spring semester**

**12. Dr Magdalena Taraszkiewicz: Alternative Dispute Resolution – ADR system in Poland, ECTS 2, spring semester**

**13. Dr Anna Szafranek: Research methods in Law – ECTS 2, spring semester**

As a result of the necessity of interdisciplinarity in the modern world and the need for conducting administrative-legal research, the aim of the subject is for students to gain an insight into preparing, conducting scientific research, analyzing results and preparing reports. Student will also gain knowledge in methodology, formulating research questions and hypotheses.

Examples of topics: stage of research process (research questions, hypothesis, variables aim of research); conceptualization and operationalization process; research methods (diagnostic survey, case study, multiple case study, desk research, observation), research techniques; research tools (types and constructions); the rules of sampling (random sample); data reporting – rules, interpretation, preparing report

**14. Dr Anna Szafranek: Sociology – ECTS 2, spring semester**

The aim of this subject is for students to gain elementary knowledge on the field of sociology with particular focus on chosen social theories, processes, elements and social issues.

Examples of topics: socialization – theory, examples, main terms; social groups – theory, examples, main terms; family in social theories, violence against elderly, domestic violence