

SUBJECT:	Basics of Law	
HOURS:	30	ECTS: 3
semester	Winter	Academic year 2013/14

Name/title of the author:	Jacek Lachner
Course Description:	The course is to familiar students with basic legal terms and institution. This is a basic course. In more general terms – Students are familiarized with legal terminology and basic legal institution of Polish law.
Learning Outcomes (Goals and Objectives of the course):	After completing the course, Students should understand and be familiarized with the concept of law and basic legal institutions.
Entrance qualifications:	
Course Content:	<p>I. The concept and significance of law. Public law versus civil law. Provision and norm. Legal relationship. Kinds and hierarchy of normative acts.</p> <p>II. The principles of the application of law. Conflicts of laws. Presumption of law and presumption of fact. Interpretation of the law and types of interpretation, loopholes, the power of interpretation. Winding force of law.</p> <p>III. General characteristics of civil law as a branch of the legal system. The subjects in civil law. The objects of civil law. The concept and types of entrepreneurs. The principles of representation of subjects. Civil law instances – legal procedures and declaration of will. Limitation of claims and deadlines.</p> <p>IV. The concept and specific character of property law. Kinds of things. Types of property rights. Property – the concept, purchase, encumbrance, transfer, legal protection, co-ownership.</p> <p>V. The concept of obligation and its elements. The sources of obligations. Torts and liability in tort. Groundless enrichment. Concluding traditional and electronic contracts. Electronic auctions.</p> <p>VII. Elements of criminal law. The concept of criminal offence. Criminal offences against protection of information. The principles of criminal responsibility and the circumstances excluding responsibility. Penalty and legal means of penalty. Sentencing. Carrying out of the penalty.</p> <p>VIII. Elements of constitutional law. Polish Republic Constitution and its systematics. Civic freedoms and rights</p>

and means of their protection. Organs of legislative authority, executive authority and court authority. Organs of state control.

IX. Elements of labour law. The concept of labour law and pecuniary labour relations. Establishing and dissolution of work contract. Time of work and leaves. Remuneration for work. Responsibility for pecuniary labour relations. Protection of labour.

Assessment policy
(examination):

Test and presentation

Course
materials/bibliography:

Stanisław Frankowski, Adam Bodnar, Introduction to Polish law, Warszawa 2005, selected articles of Polish statutes in English

Methods of Instruction:

Lecture: traditional lecture + students' presentations + discussion

Notes / suggestions: