

**SUBJECT FILE**
**1. Program data**

1.1 Higher Education Institution	West University of Timișoara
1.2 Faculty / Department	Faculty of Law
1.3 Department	Private Law
1.4 Field of study	Law
1.5 Cycle of studies	Undergraduate Studies
1.6 Study Program/ Qualification	Bachelor of Law

**2. Facts about the discipline**

2.1 Name of discipline		<b>Legal English IV</b>					
2.2 Holder of course activities		conf. dr. Flaminia Stârc-Meclejan					
2.3 Holder of seminar activities		conf. dr. Flaminia Stârc-Meclejan					
2.4 Year of study	II	2.5 Semester	II	2.6 Type of assessment	E	2.7 Discipline regime	DO

**3. Estimated total time (hours per semester of teaching activities)**

3.1 Number of hours per week	2	of which: 3.2 course	1	3.3 Seminar	1
3.4 Total hours in the curriculum	28	of which: 3.5 course	14	3.6 seminar	14
Time fund distribution:					Hours
Study by textbook, course support, bibliography and notes					8
Additional documentation in the library, on specialized electronic platforms / in the field					2
Preparation of seminars / laboratories, themes, papers, portfolios and essays					5
Tutoring					2
Examination					5
Other activities					-
3.7 Total self-study hours	<b>22</b>				
3.8 Total hours per semester	<b>50</b>				
3.9 Number of credits	<b>2</b>				

**4. Preconditions (where applicable)**

4.1 Curriculum	• None
4.2 Skills	• Good command of the English Language (B2-Level)

### 5. Conditions (where applicable)

5.1 Course conduct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access to <i>e-learning</i> platform</li> </ul>
5.2 Seminar conduct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access to <i>e-learning</i> platform</li> </ul>

### 6. Discipline objectives - expected learning outcomes to which the completion and promotion of the discipline contributes

Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledge and appropriate use of specialized terminology</li> <li>Knowledge of the bibliography related to the course</li> <li>Improving of skills and abilities of listening, speaking, reading, and writing in English</li> </ul>
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading and understanding legal texts in English</li> <li>Appropriation and command of legal terminology in the field of Companies and Insolvency law, Tax and Banking, Civil and Criminal Procedure</li> <li>Ability to write an academic paper in English on a legal topic relating to the branches of law to be studied</li> </ul>
Responsibility and autonomy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will be able to do autonomous research on a given topic</li> <li>Students will be able to gain command of legal terminology and key concepts of UK and US law pertaining to the course curriculum: Companies and Insolvency law, Tax and Banking, Civil and Criminal Procedure</li> </ul>

### 7. Content

7.1 Course	Teaching methods	Observations
1. Contracts in Common Law	Explanation, exemplification, elicitation, dialogue, case studies	4 h
2. Tort Law	Explanation, exemplification, elicitation, dialogue, case studies	2 h
3. Companies in Common Law	Explanation, exemplification, elicitation, dialogue, case studies	2 h
4. Tax and Banking Law	Explanation, exemplification, elicitation, dialogue, case studies	2 h
5. Civil Procedure	Explanation, exemplification, elicitation, dialogue, case studies	2 h

6. Criminal Procedure	Explanation, exemplification, elicitation, dialogue, case studies	2 h
<p><b>Bibliography</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• V. Avram, M. Roibu, Fl. Stârc-Meclejan, A. Verteș-Olteanu, <i>The Language of Law</i>, Editura Universității de Vest, 2006</li> <li>• Riley and P. Sours, <i>Common Law Legal English and Grammar. A Contextual Approach</i>, Hart Publishing, Oregon, 2014</li> <li>• L. P. Arbetman, E. L. O'Brien, <i>Street Law: A Course in Practical Law</i>, McGraw-Hill, Glencoe, 2010</li> <li>• J. M. Smits, <i>Contract Law. A Comparative Introduction</i>, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2014</li> <li>• Materials uploaded on the e-learning platform (discussed during the courses and seminars)</li> <li>• Morton, Joyce, <i>Legal Office Procedures</i>, Prentice Hall, New Jersey, 1998 (PDF extracts on the e-learning platform)</li> <li>• <a href="http://www.asil.org">www.asil.org</a> (video lectures) - International Law (links available on the e-learning platform)</li> <li>• Coursera Lectures (available on the e-learning platform)</li> <li>• Language Training on the Vocabulary of Judicial Cooperation in Civil Matters. Handbook, <a href="http://www.ejtn.eu/Documents/Resources/Handbook_Linguistics_Civil_2013_EN_FR.pdf">http://www.ejtn.eu/Documents/Resources/Handbook_Linguistics_Civil_2013_EN_FR.pdf</a> (extracts available on the e-learning platform)</li> <li>• English for Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters. Handbook, <a href="http://www.ejtn.eu/Documents/About%20EJTN/Linguistics%20Project/Handbook_Criminal_Penal_2015_EN_FR.pdf">http://www.ejtn.eu/Documents/About%20EJTN/Linguistics%20Project/Handbook_Criminal_Penal_2015_EN_FR.pdf</a> (extracts available on the e-learning platform)</li> </ul>		
7.2 Seminar / laboratory	Teaching methods	Observations
1. Contracts in Common Law	Explanation, exemplification, elicitation, dialogue, case studies	4 h
2. Tort Law	Explanation, exemplification, elicitation, dialogue, case studies	2 h
3. Companies in Common Law	Explanation, exemplification, elicitation, dialogue, case studies	2 h
4. Tax and Banking Law	Explanation, exemplification, elicitation, dialogue, case studies	2 h
5. Civil Procedure	Explanation, exemplification, elicitation, dialogue, case studies	2 h
6. Criminal Procedure	Explanation, exemplification, elicitation, dialogue, case studies	2 h

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- English for Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters. Handbook, [http://www.ejtn.eu/Documents/About%20EJTN/Linguistics%20Project/Handbook\\_Criminal\\_Penal\\_2015\\_EN\\_FR.pdf](http://www.ejtn.eu/Documents/About%20EJTN/Linguistics%20Project/Handbook_Criminal_Penal_2015_EN_FR.pdf) (extracts available on the e-learning platform)
- ECHR Caselaw, <https://hudoc.echr.coe.int/>
- EUCJ, [https://europa.eu/european-union/law/find-case-law\\_en](https://europa.eu/european-union/law/find-case-law_en)

**8. Corroboration the contents of the discipline with the expectations of representatives of the epistemic community, professional associations and representative employers in the field related to the program**

Students will be able to work autonomously in various multinational Law Firms, be able to network with their international peers in English, thereby significantly improving their chances of employability on both national and international levels, and also increase their chances of further education at renowned universities abroad, in the EU, UK and/or US.

**9. Assessment**

Activity Type	9.1 Assessment criteria	9.2 Assessment methods	9.3 Percentage of final grade
9.4 Course	Summative Evaluation	Written Language Test	70%
9.5 Seminar	Formative Evaluation	Assessment of students' oral and written performance during the whole semester	30%
9.6 Minimum performance standard			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One academic paper on a chosen topic submitted on time</li> <li>- Minimal command of the studied coursework</li> </ul>			
Passing grade: <b>5 (five)</b> after the final examination.			

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