

# Introduction to English for Lawyers IV



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Spring 2014



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WELCOME BACK!



Nice to meet you! / Nice to see you!



# Today's *to-do list*:



1. Introduction
2. Syllabus
3. Study materials
4. Requirements
5. Revision
6. Mock exam



# Syllabus



- ✧ Constitutional Law and the Rights of Citizens
- ✧ Public International Law and Human Rights
- ✧ Enforcing the Law: Criminal Procedure
- ✧ Enforcing the Law: Civil Procedure
- ✧ Introduction to the Law and Language of the European Union

# Study materials

## COMPULSORY

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- ❧ Interactive syllabi, study materials
  - ❧ Skupiny MSme
- ❧ Chromá, Marta. *New introduction to legal English. Volume I.* Univerzita Karlova, 2007
- ❧ Chromá, Marta. *New introduction to legal English. Volume II.* Univerzita Karlova, 2007
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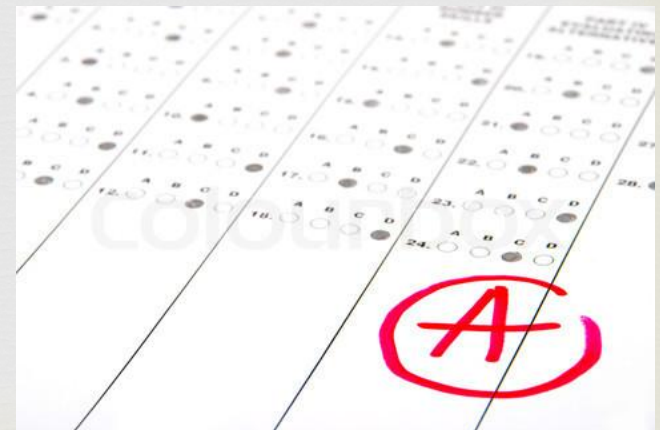
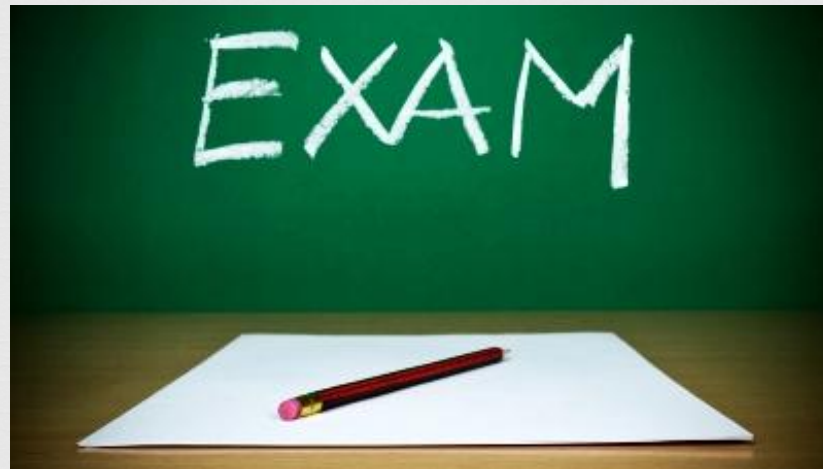
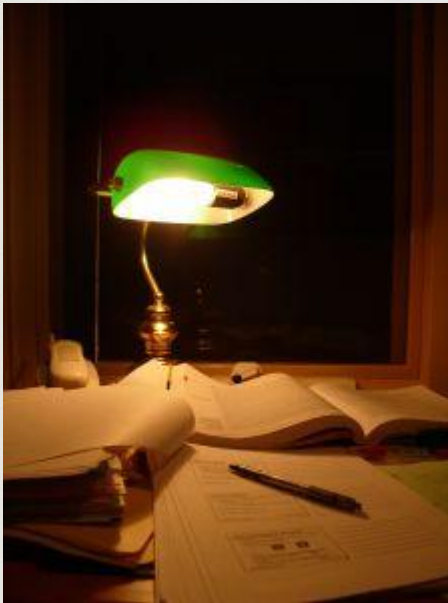
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## OPTIONAL



- ❧ Powell, Richard. *Law today*. 1. ed. Harlow : Longman, 1993
- ❧ Krois-Lindner, Amy – Firth, Matt. *Introduction to International Legal English*. CUP, 2008.
- ❧ Black, Henry Campbell. *Blackův právnícký slovník*. Praha : Victoria Publishing, 1993
- ❧ Online dictionaries

# At the end of this semester...





# Examination



- ∞ continuous assessment
- ∞ written test
- ∞ oral examination

# Requirements for continuous assessment



- ∞ attendance
  - ∞ 1 excused absence
- ∞ active participation
- ∞ presentation and its written summary
- ∞ listening test (20.5. / 22.5.)
- ∞ homework
- ∞ **I hereby reserve the right to add more requirements during the semester.**

# Written test



☞ *45 minutes*

☞ **controlled cloze test** (in the first part deleted expressions will be given in Czech and students will translate them to suit the context, in the second part there will be underlined expressions in English to be translated into Czech)

☞ **providing definitions**

☞ **language focus exercises**

(e.g. sentence transformation, word-formation, prepositions)

☞ **reading comprehension**

# Oral examination



- ❧ **discussion related to the topic chosen**
- ❧ **conversation topic** - Law studies, Faculty of law, Masaryk University
- ❧ **terminology based on prescribed texts**
- ❧ *Topics: What is law, Sources of modern law, Civil and public law, Judicial institutions, Lawyers at work, Contracts, Criminal law, Torts, Trusts, Land law, Running a business, The law and the family, The law and consumer, Employment law, Intellectual property, Constitutional law and the rights of citizens, Public international law and human rights, Enforcing the law: criminal procedure, Enforcing the law: civil procedure, The law of the European Union.*

# Failure to attend my own seminar...



- ❧ UNIMAGINABLE when I have to give my presentation
- ❧ in other cases ONLY EXCEPTIONALLY it can be made up for by appearing in a seminar taught by my teacher – always after a previous approval

# Presentations



- ❧ **Groups** (all group members have to be equally involved) or **individuals**
- ❧ Duration **10 minutes / person**
- ❧ The use of **visuals** such as power point, OHP, whiteboard, posters, ...
- ❧ Prepared **handouts** for the audience or **interactive tasks** for the classmates (questions, fill in exercise, crossword puzzle, ...)
- ❧ **Written summary** of the presentation by *each member* of the group for „odevzdávárna “
  - ❧ MSme Day Time (e.g. MSme Tuesday 13:30)
  - ❧ by **30 April 2014** incl.

# Presentations



- ❧ The presentation must be of **high quality**.
- ❧ The choice of topic will be up to your group, it should be something that you find interesting and all the members should be happy **about the topic**. Try to avoid general topics like The European Union, **choose more specific topics** like The Czech EU Presidency – Successes and Failures.
- ❧ **LET'S ASSIGN THE PRESENTATIONS!** 😊

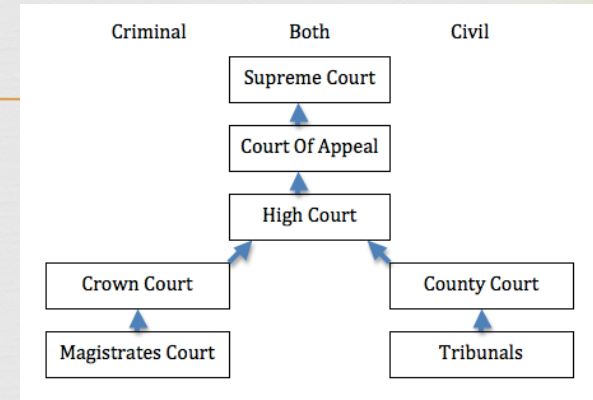
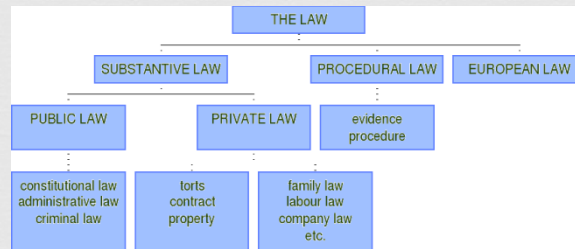
# Revision



What has been covered so far?



# 1st semester



## Sources of Law

Written Law

Unwritten Law

Federal Constitution

State Constitution

Legislation

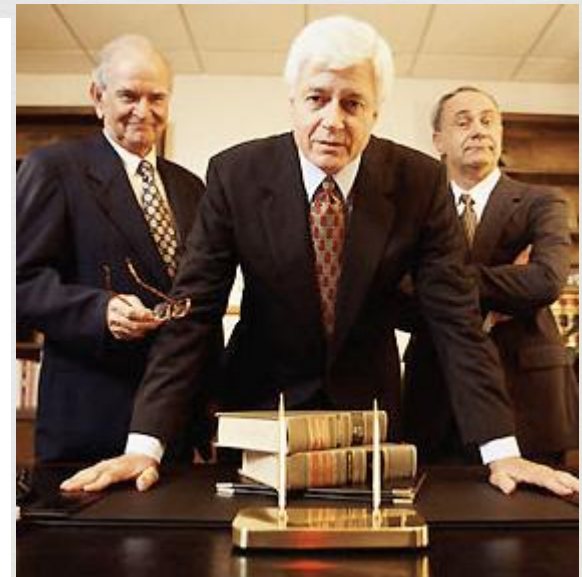
Subsidiary Legislation

English Common Law

Judicial Precedent

Islamic Law

Customs



# 1st semester



- ❧ What is law?
- ❧ Sources of modern law
- ❧ Civil and public law (division of law)
- ❧ Judicial institutions
- ❧ Lawyers at work

# 2nd semester



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- ✧ Contracts
- ✧ Criminal Law
- ✧ Torts
- ✧ Trusts
- ✧ Land law

# 3rd semester



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- œ Running a business
- œ Family law
- œ The law and consumers
- œ Employment law
- œ Intellectual property

# Homework



# Mock Exam



30 minutes



# 1.



1. **Criminal proceedings were brought**
2. bezprostřední riziko smrti či závažné újmy
3. **awarded compensation**
4. **a civil party**
5. usilující o náhradu škody, prostředek nápravy
6. **sentenced to two years' imprisonment**
7. **subsequently acquitted**
8. povolení odvolat se / napadnout právní důvody rozhodnutí
9. **right to a fair hearing**
10. **held unanimously**

# 1.



11. dvou stupních soudního řízení
12. **prohibition of inhuman and degrading**
13. byl vystaven špatnému zacházení
14. **manslaughter and a grave traffic offence**
15. **persuasive evidence**
16. svědecké výpovědi
17. rozhodnout / stanovit nade vší pochybnost
18. vyšetřování stále trvá / není ukončeno
19. základní pochybení / opomenutí
20. zpochybnily jeho spolehlivost

# 2.



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- a. treason
  - b. death row
  - c. human rights
  - d. community service order
  - e. the European Community

3.



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1. F
  2. F
  3. F
  4. F
  5. T

# 4.



to apprehend	ARREST, DETAIN	party in default	PARTY IN BREACH
compensation	DAMAGES	equity	NATURAL JUSTICE, FAIRNESS
procedural law	REMEDIAL, ADJECTIVE LAW	member of the jury	JUROR
perpetrator	CRIMINAL, OFFENDER, FELON	secondary legislation	SUBORDINATE / SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION
legal capacity	COMPETENCE, QUALIFICATION	blackmail	EXTORTION, REKETEERING
felonies	INDICTABLE OFFENCES, SERIOUS, MAJOR	a wrong	ILLEGAL BEHAVIOUR, UNLAWFUL CONDUCT, WRONGFUL ACT
litigant	PARTY TO THE DISPUTE	judge	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, MAGISTRATE
to outlaw	ILLEGALIZE, CRIMINALIZE	----	----

# Next week



Constitutional Law and  
the Rights of Citizens



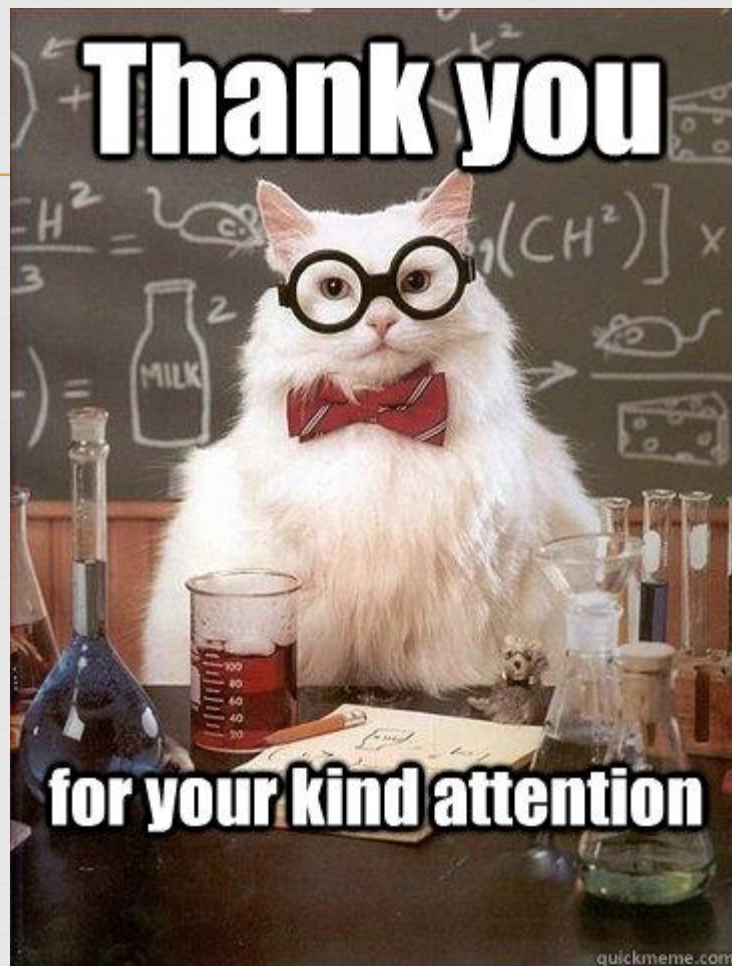
Read Unit 17 (Powell)

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**Thank you**

**for your kind attention**