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Introduction How to make a research



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Introduction

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Syllabus

- **4.10.** What is law, prescriptive and descriptive law, customs and laws
- **11.10., 18.10.** Sources of modern law, common law systems, continental systems
- **25.10., 1.11.** Civil and public law, main categories
- **8.11. - 15.11.** Judicial institutions, English courts
- **22.11. - 29.11.** Lawyers at work, education, range of work, legalese
- **6.12.** Credit test
- **13.12.** Evaluation of the semestr, presentations



Study materials

- Interactive tool, study materials
 - Texts
 - Vocabulary
 - Tests
 - Scans - Law Today
- Chromá, Marta. *New introduction to legal English. Volume I.* Univerzita Karlova, 2007
- Chromá, Marta. *New introduction to legal English. Volume II.* Univerzita Karlova, 2007
- Powell, Richard. *Law today.* 1. ed. Harlow : Longman, 1993



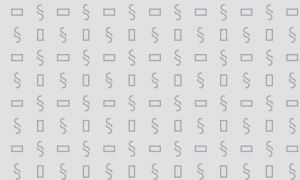
Study materials

■ Dictionaries

- Chromá. *English-Czech law dictionary, Czech -English law dictionary*

- Macmillian. English Disctionar

- Online dictionaries - interactive tool



Credit test, attendance

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1. 10 translations Czech - English
2. 10 translations English - English
3. 3 definitions of legal terms
4. 2 open questions

■ Attendance -1



How to make a research

■ Books

■ Articles

- periodicals
- collections of conference contributions
- electronic databases

■ Theses and diploma works

■ Law texts

- national laws
- international treaties
- European laws



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Books

- Krois-Lindner, A. *International Legal English*. A course for classroom or self-study use. -> ILEC
- Gubby. H. *English Legal Terminology: Legal Concepts in Language*. Hague: Boom Juridische Uitgevers, 2007.



How to make a research

- Language study room - Žerotínovo nám. 617/9
- Masaryk University Libraries
- E-databases
- Elportal, E-learning
- Portal of Electronic Information Sources
- Office for International Studies
- European Law, judiciary



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Masaryk University Libraries

- www.aleph.muni.cz
 - Books, articles
 - List of foreign/Czech journals,
 - Theses



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E-databases

1. Czech databases
2. Foreign full text law databases
 - www.law.muni.cz
 - [Beck-online](#)
 - [HeinOnline](#)
 - [Kluwer Law Online](#)
 - [Oxford Journals](#)



How to make a research Elportal, E-learning

- <http://is.muni.cz/elportal/>
- E-publikace



How to make a research

Portal of Electronic Information Sources

- www.muni.cz
- <http://library.muni.cz/ezdroje/index.php?lang=en>
- Full texts of articles and other useful links



Other useful links

Office for International Studies

- <http://czs.muni.cz/cz/out/home>
- Socrates/Erasmus, international exchange programmes

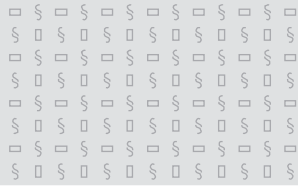
Masaryk University Language Centre

- <http://lingua.muni.cz/en/>



Other useful links

■ <http://books.google.com/>



Introduction to legal English

- Write down any English word connected to law (e.g. *legal*, *judge*, *attorney*...) and try to explain

- Do you know any legal profession?



Introduction to legal English

Adjective + noun	Noun + noun	Adjective + noun	Verb + noun	Noun of noun
... law	law ...	legal law	... of law
Civil law	Law enforcement	Legal term	Apply law	Role of law



What is law?

„If you like laws and sausages, you should never watch either one being made.“

Otto von Bismarck

„The law is what it is - a majestic edifice, sheltering all of us, each stone of which rests on another.“

John Gallsworthy

„Wherever the law ends, tyranny begins.“

John Locke



What is law?

„There is no jewel in the world comparable to learning, no learning so excellent as knowledge of laws.“

sir Edward Coke

„We must not make a scarecrow of the law. Setting it up to fear the birds of prey and let it keep one shape ‘till custom make it their perch and not their terror.“

William Shakespeare



What is law?

„Let all the laws be clear, uniform and precise. To interpret laws is almost always to corrupt them.“

Voltaire

„Morality cannot be legislated but behavior can be regulated. Judicial decrees may not change the heart, but they can restrain the heartless.“

Martin Luther King

“Law cannot persuade where it cannot punish.“

Thomas Fuller



Homework

■ Powell. Law Today

- Introduction to legal English, 1 What is law?, pp. 6 -13

■ Chromá - Unit 1

- **Interactive tool** - 1 What is law? - vocabulary, tests

■ Filling in