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Entrance Requirements and Fees

As all teaching in conducted entirely in English, students should ensure that they have the necessary level of ability in the English language to be able to follow the course.. We welcome applications from students of all years of study.

Annual course fees: €525 euros (student) €675 euros (graduate).

For full details on course fees and regulations, as well as contact information, please go to the Comenius University web site http://www.flaw.uniba.sk or to BLC site at www.britishlawcentre.co.uk and follow the link to the 'courses' page to locate the Bratislava centre where you may download all documents and submit your application form online. A local centre one-off administration fee of €360 Euros is also payable.

Course recruitment starts in April in each year and application forms should be submitted by July/ September 2017 online at the BLC website. For more information, contact:

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b) Director of Studies at: d.ashmore@britishlawcentre.co.uk

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Introduction to Juris Angliae Scientia and the British Law Centres

In 2017 the British Law Centre will celebrate its 25th anniversary which started with its initial co-operation with the University of Warsaw and the Centre for European Legal Studies of the Law Faculty of the University of Cambridge in 1992, through its then Director, Professor W.R. Cornish.

The primary aim of the Centre was to provide its students with an introduction to the fundamental principles of English and European Union law, which they would have an opportunity to study alongside/as part of their own university degree programme.

This project initially received financial support from both the 'Know How Fund' of the British Government and a number of international law firms. Its success led to a similar course being offered to a number of other Polish universities and subsequently to other universities throughout Central and Eastern Europe. Participating universities have included institutions in Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Romania and Bulgaria, and Slovenia.

Academic committee:

University of Cambridge
Prof W.R. Cornish
Prof Richard Fentiman
Dr Jonathan Morgan

External examiners include:

University of Cambridge
Prof Neil Andrews
University of Glasgow
Prof Rosa Greaves

Central and Eastern European Moot Court Competition 2009 in Kyiv

"Over the twenty years of its life the British Law Centre has transformed the approach to teaching law in Central Europe, and so played an important part in helping to strengthen the rule of law in those countries" (Lord Carnwath of Notting Hill, Chairman of Members of JAS Ltd and judge to UK Supreme Court)

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Syllabus

Year One (compulsory)

1. English legal system and introduction to EU law
2. English contract law and practice
3. English criminal Law
4. The law of torts and trusts/ property law

Year Two

1. Intellectual property law
2. An introduction to substantive EU law
3. English business associations (emphasis on company law)
4. International trade law (including international commercial litigation)

Assessment

Following completion of each module in the first year, students will undertake a written assignment.

Second year diploma subjects are usually assessed by examination, with an alternative option for a written thesis or practical assessment. Continuing assessment of students will take place in the compulsory seminars and tutorials.

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The British Law Centre Today

The 2017 diploma and certificate continue to maintain its standard of excellence in providing teaching in substantive law subjects and training in legal and professional skills to all its students who, in addition to receiving extensive course material through the designated virtual learning platform, also receive regular teaching by experienced BLC tutors. The English and EU law course is designed predominantly for law students, trainee and practising lawyers , but our students have also included translators, linguists and students from other disciplines such as international relations and European studies. BLC students also have the chance to participate in a range of extra-curricular activities , involving mooting, conferences, and debates.

Advocate General Michal Bobek and Dr Jonathan Morgan judging annual Central and Eastern European Moot Court Competition held in Malta in 2012 (ceemc.co.uk)

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Course Structure

The traditional two year diploma course contains eight modules (normally studied in two consecutive years, but with the possibility of a one-year break in studies), and successful students will be awarded a Diploma in An Introduction to English and European Union Law, and may also be entitled to receive ECTS credits/ university exemptions (this depends upon local centre regulations. Please contact the local course coordinator for information).

Teaching comprises small classes where students will apply substantive law to specific factual scenarios. The technique of small group teaching allows students to develop their problem-solving, advocacy and negotiation skills.

Distinction BLC graduate at Warsaw award ceremony, in company of Sir Konrad Schiemann (former UK judge at CJEU) and Prof. Cornish

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Teaching methods and materials

The course is composed of a flexible learning system, incorporating comprehensive workbooks made available prior to teaching visits on each module on the Moodle virtual learning platform, with classes conducted regularly by visiting academics. Students are expected to prepare for classes in advance. Teaching in organized on the basis of small classes and active discussion.

In the seminar and tutorial classes for each subject taught, students will learn to solve legal problems in complex factual scenarios, a key feature of the common law, and will acquire the skills of effective legal judgment, advocacy and problem -solving.

Members of BLC academic committee in run up to 2012 20th Anniversary conference

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