**Legal language, AIO**

**Lecturer:** mgr Wojciech Zomerski (doctoral candidate in the Department of Theory and Philosophy of Law and Centre for Legal Education and Social Theory)

**Subject of classes:** This course has an introductory character – it aims to provide a brief overview of basic concepts related to law. As an ontological bases for this classes we adopt an linguistic view – law is seen mainly as linguistic phenomena – a set of linguistic acts, e.g. norms and provisions. These classes have two main aims. The first one is to provide a glimpse of theoretical concepts related to classes’ subject and show how these theoretical concepts function in legal practice. The second aim is much broader and is related to the way that the subject is taught. Students are divided into two groups and they are encouraged to participate actively in classes, entering a discussion moderated by the lecturer. This is made in attempt to make students more engaged in learning process and to stimulate open and critical attitude. These reflects in such skills as capability to listen others, to formulate own opinions and to tackle problem from different sight.

The final grade will be granted on the grounds of grades for presence, group activity and test. Classes shall be conducted n the atmosphere of dialogue and mutual respect.

**Organization of classes**: work in group

**Time and place**: Tuesday, 9:45-11:15, room 405C

**Office hours:** on request (e-mail)

**e-mail**: [wojciech.zomerski@uwr.edu.pl](mailto:wojciech.zomerski%40uwr.edu.pl)

**Literature**:

1. Introduction to law and legal language – the script of the lecture (ed. by M. Pichlak) - <https://prawo.uni.wroc.pl/node/26622>
2. BLB: S. Brickley and B. Gottesman, Business Law Basics, <http://www.businesslawbasics.com/>

**Final grade:**

* Each presence on classes (1 points for each classes, except of first and sixth) – (5 points to obtain)
* Group work (2 points for classes, except of first and sixth) (10 points to obtain)
* Response paper (date: to be announced) – 5 points
* Test – 20 points

**Grade scale:**

36-40 – bardzo dobry (very good; 5.0)

33-35 – dobry plus (plus good; 4.5)

30-32– dobry (good; 4.0)

26-29 – dostateczny plus (plus satisfactory 3.5)

20-25 – dostateczny (satisfactory; 3.0)

**Schedule:**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Date** | **Subject** | **What to read?** | **Points to get** | **Other remarks** |
|  | 05.12 | **Cancelled / moved to**  **3rd or 4th or 5th of Jan** |  | - |  |
| 1 | 12.12 | **Organization of classes and introductionary remarks**  **Validty of law** | Syllabus  Chapter I and III of the script – validity of legitimacy of law | - |  |
| 2 | 19.12 | **Types of legal norms and provisions** | Chapter IV, V – types of norms  Chapter VI – legal provisions | 3 |  |
| 3 | 03-05.01 ? | **Legal interpretation** | Chapter VIII – legal interpretation | 3 |  |
| 4 | 09.01 | **Other methods of legal reasoning** | Chapter IX – legal inference | 3 |  |
| 5 | 16.01 | **Debate** |  | 3 |  |
| 6 | 23.01 | **Final test** |  | 20 |  |
| 7 | 30.01 | **Evaluation of classes** |  | 3 |  |