



INTRODUCTION TO ENGLISH LAW

Master in International and European Business Law
Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences

Course information

Master year 1 15 HOURS

Fall Semester 5 ECTS

Seminars (S)

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Course description

The seminars are an introduction to the legal systems of the United Kingdom, with a particular emphasis on the English & Wales legal system. The objective is to highlight the key features of the legal system, from a comparative point of view, both as an example of a common law legal family (compared with the US and Australia) and in contrast to a civil law legal system such as France.

COURSE PROGRAMME

Seminar 1 – Introduction to the UK legal systems; evolution of the principle of separation of powers, including the case Miller 2.

Seminars 2 & 3 – Concepts of ‘common law’ – Equity – the doctrine of precedent from a historical and comparative perspective – Introduction to legal research in the UK

Seminars 4 & 5 – Statute law and statutory instruments; relationship between parliament and judiciary, notably the rules of interpretation – introduction to legal research in the UK

Seminars 6 & 7 (2h and 3h) – The international sources of law; Brexit; short overview of the Trust (to be contrasted with English contract law; aspects of Equity)