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.

British Law Centre fees:
- a) Annual course fee for students = £525 (payment is made in Euro)
- b) Annual course fee for graduates = £700 (payment is made in Euro)

University of Warsaw Fees:
There is an additional fee payable to the University of Warsaw which differs depending on whether or not the BLC student is a current student of the University of Warsaw:
- a) Local UW fee for current students = 840 zł
- b) Local UW fee for graduates = 1,020 zł

For more detailed information please view our web page at BLC (Warsaw)

We welcome applications from students of all years of study.

Application forms should be submitted by 30 September 2013 by email to the Warsaw Kierownik Dr Steve Terrett on s.terrett@uw.edu.pl

As the course has limited places available, students are advised to apply and register early!

While every effort is made to avoid changes to this course, published details and dates may be altered at any time. The BLC reserves the right to withdraw or amend any part of this programme without prior notice.
Introduction to Juris Angliae Scientia and the British Law

In 2012 the British Law Centre celebrated 20 years of co-operation with the University of Warsaw and the Centre for European Legal Studies of the Law Faculty of the University of Cambridge, the original collaboration being facilitated by 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.

Central and Eastern European Moot Court Competition 2009 in Kyiv

Academic committee:
University of Cambridge
Prof W.R. Cornish
Prof Richard Fentiman
Dr Jonathan Morgan
Prof Richard Nolan

External examiners include:
University of Cambridge
Prof Neil Andrews
University of Glasgow
Prof Rosa Greaves

“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)
Course 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
5. The law of trusts

**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 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.

The 2013 diploma continues 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.
Course Structure

The traditional two year diploma course contains nine modules (normally studied in two consecutive years, but with the possibility for a one-year break in studies).

Successful students will be awarded a Diploma in An Introduction to English and European Union Law and will also be eligible for the award of 16 ECTS credits in the Warsaw centre. Please contact the Warsaw Kierownik for further 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.

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 lectures and classes conducted regularly by visiting academics. Students are expected to prepare for classes in advance. Teaching is organized on the basis of small classes and active discussion.

In the lectures and 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.