

## Information Privacy in the United States

### Basic information

<b>Field of study</b> Law		<b>Education cycle</b> 2023/2024	
<b>Speciality –</b> <b>Department</b> Faculty of Law and Administration		<b>Subject code</b>  <b>Lecture languages</b> English	
<b>Study level</b> long cycle		<b>Subject related to scientific research</b> Yes	
<b>Study form</b> full-time degree programme		<b>Disciplines</b> Legal science	
<b>Education profile</b> General academic		<b>ISCED classification</b> 0421 Law	
<b>Mandatory</b> elective		<b>USOS code</b>	
<b>Subject coordinator</b>	Piotr Szwedo		
<b>Lecturer</b>	Amy Gajda		
<b>Periods</b> Semester 4, Semester 6, Semester 8, Semester 10	<b>Examination</b>  exam  <b>Activities and hours</b> conversatory classes: 30		<b>Number of ECTS points</b> 4.0

### Goals

C1	This course will introduce students to information privacy law in the United States, including surveillance, the publication of embarrassing information, data privacy regulations, biometric privacy regulations, protections for information held by the government, and areas of information privacy protection that have grown through the common law or court-decided law.
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### Subject's learning outcomes

Code	Outcomes in terms of	Effects	Examination methods
<b>Knowledge – Student knows and understands:</b>			
W1	That information privacy protections in the United States stem from regulations passed by legislature, judicial decisions from courts, and some constitutional protections.	PRA_K3_W02, PRA_K3_W07	written essay exam, active participation
<b>Skills – Student can:</b>			
U1	Describe in some detail some of the ways information privacy is protected in the United States, including the reasons privacy may be protected in one state and not another.	PRA_K3_U04, PRA_K3_U08	written essay exam, active participation
<b>Social competences – Student is ready to:</b>			
K1	Know enough about information privacy law in the United States to be able to work comparatively with the information in conversations and written analysis.	PRA_K3_K01, PRA_K3_K05	written essay exam, active participation

### Calculation of ECTS points

Activity form	Activity hours*	
conversatory classes	30	
preparation for classes	35	
preparation for the exam	35	
Student workload	Hours 100	ECTS 3
Workload involving teacher	Hours 30	ECTS 1

\* hour means 45 minutes

### Study content

No.	Course content	Subject's learning outcomes
1.	An introduction to the US and the ways law is made there, with a focus on aspects influencing information privacy	W1

2.	Historical protections for information privacy in the United States, including older concepts such as “truthful libel”	W1, U1, K1
3.	The modern importance of “The Right to Privacy,” a law review article written in 1890	W1, U1, K1
4.	The first and second Restatements of Torts and their privacy protections, including misappropriation, intrusion, and publication of private facts	W1, U1, K1
5.	Privacy protections in the US for privacy people, politicians, and celebrities	W1, U1, K1
6.	Current regulatory laws and court-decided laws regarding data privacy	W1, U1, K1
7.	Current regulatory and court-decided laws protecting information regarding health, employment, and educational issues	W1, U1, K1
8.	Predictions for the future of information privacy in the US	U1, K1

## Course advanced

### Teaching methods:

Introductory lectures with slide examples; class discussion; case studies; small-group work.

Activities	Examination methods	Credit conditions
conversatory classes	written essay exam, active participation	Active participation in class discussion (at least 70% of classes) and completion of the essay examination

## Entry requirements

Good command of English is required.

## Literature

### Obligatory

1. Materials distributed to students before and/or during class periods.

### Optional