

## **A comparison of the imprisonment legislation in the Czech Republic and in the Great Britain – abstract**

This thesis is concerned with particular issues of unconditional imprisonment and their legal framework comparison in the Czech Republic and Great Britain.

The first chapter deals with the meaning and objectives of punishment from the historical perspective and development in the world and both respective countries. The following chapter provides an explanation of these legal theories in the legislature as basic sentencing principles. Chapter three provides a legal framework of imposition of unconditional imprisonment under common rules. The following chapters cover legal framework which enables to impose a sentence over the statutory maximum or below the statutory minimum. The last chapter focuses on the final stage of imprisonment – the early release.

The thesis examines the issues covered on a purely legal basis rather than sociological basis. It evaluates and compares advantages and disadvantages in both countries and endeavours to discover whether certain parts of foreign legislation are suitable for implementation into the national law.