

## **Abstract**

This thesis deals with the growing importance of the English language in the world and social changes associated with it. The theoretical part is devoted to the historical development of English as a global language and its geographic expansion, as well as current changes connected with the English language. It is estimated that in the future the number of English speakers from other countries than the English-speaking ones will increase, and that this trend will affect the character of the language.

The practical part mentions statistics related to information technology, language skills of Europeans and learning English in the Czech Republic. They are followed by examples of Anglicisms used in Czech, German and other languages. An Internet survey among primary school pupils, teenagers and adults is also an important part of the thesis. Detailed results are presented in the appendices.