

Course title	Advanced Legal English 1				
Responsible person to enter grades	CARPENTER Keith		開講区分	単位数	
			1st semester	2.0	
Numbering Code		Day・Period, etc.	Mon2(対面)	Timetable Slot Code	1J383

Lesson topic

This course is the first part of a two semester course the aim of which is to develop high level technical skills required in international legal work in a business environment.
The focus will primarily be on reading skills but there will be some discussion and listening activities during classes and writing activities after classes.
The course is aimed at students who already have a reasonably advanced level of general English ability.

Lesson target

By the end of this first part of the course, students

1. will have developed their understanding of both terminology and legal concepts in a variety of written contexts (contracts, statutes, case judgments and legal articles)
2. will have improved their ability to communicate (writing, speaking and listening) on legal topics at an advanced level
3. will have acquired a solid base on which to proceed to the second part of the course (second semester)

Syllabus and plan

The lectures are expected to be conducted with students attending in the classroom. In the event that the infection levels of the covid virus deteriorate and classes are required to be given online, details will be provided on BEEF. Depending on the circumstances, possible changes may be required.

The following are the topics to be covered and approximate timetable which, depending on rate of progress, may be changed:

1. Introduction, lawyers & legal work
2. Lawyers & legal work
3. Banking
- 4 & 5. Contract law
- 6 & 7. Employment law
- 8 & 9. Tort law
- 10 & 11. Contracts I
12. Business law & legal correspondence
13. Company law
- 14 & 15. Contracts II

The course instructor is a native English qualified lawyer and has over 20 years' professional experience of working in an international legal environment.

Evaluation method

Students will be assessed:

- 25% written assignments
- 15% in-class performance
- 60% final exam

Evaluation baseline

Written assignments will be assessed on ability to achieve the set objective of the written assignment including accuracy of vocabulary and grammar.

Class performance will be assessed on class participation, with particular focus on level of understanding and interest shown on specific points as well as contributions to class discussions.

The final exam will test students' knowledge of the terminology and concepts covered during the course.

Notice (include info. on related class)

Exchange students can attend this course.

Participating in the course will help prepare students wanting to take the TOLES legal English certification exam.

Students intending to take this exam can receive extra support and training outside the scheduled classes.

Review and preparation

Students will be required to do significant amounts of reading and preparation work outside the classroom, with classroom time used primarily for review and discussion activities.

After lectures, students will be required to do review work and written assignments.

Kobe University requires 45 hours of study from students to award one credit, including both in-class instructions as well as study outside classes.

Students are required to prepare for each class and complete the review after each class, depending on the respective class goals.

Office hour · Contact information

Contact can be made by email to: keith@people.kobe-u.ac.jp

There will also be time to ask questions at the beginning or end of classes.

Message for student

An upper-intermediate level of general English ability is required to complete this course successfully. If a student is unsure about her/his ability, it is recommended that s/he attends the first class and discusses with the course instructor at the end.

Students must bring their laptop to every class.

Improvements in Teaching

Text

Students will need to buy their own copy of the textbook but it will not be necessary to have the textbook for the first class at which the purchasing procedure will be explained. Other materials, including reading texts and worksheets, will be distributed on BEEF.

Lawyer's English Language Coursebook / Catherine Mason : Global Legal English Ltd. ,2021 , ISBN:1800682972

Reference Material

Please see above

Classroom Language

English

Keywords

International lawyer legal work

Laptop

Exchange student (Special auditing student)

Term Paper

A faculty member with professional experience

Term paper