

Course title	Introduction to Legal English 2		
Instructor	CARPENTER Keith	Lecture category	Credit(s)
		2nd semester	2

Theme and Objectives

The aim of the course will be to develop English language ability to:

1. listen to and understand both native and non-native speakers' of English talking about legal matters in situations such as meetings, discussions, lectures and presentations;
2. speak about legal matters in a variety of situations such as advising, negotiating, summarising, explaining complicated legal issues to both lawyers and non-lawyers;
3. read and understand legal texts such as contracts, statutes, case reports, law journal articles, law text books and legal correspondence;
4. write about legal matters in different ways such as email, letters and notes/memos

Description and Schedule

There will be 1 lecture a week totalling 7 or 8 lectures for each of the 4 terms (totalling 30 lectures over the year). The following gives an indication of the likely topics to be covered by the lectures but this may change depending on the speed at which the topics can be covered and by feedback from attending students:

introduction: studying law and law subjects	tort law (civil wrongs)	contract law
	commercial law	company law
litigation and arbitration		real property law
comparative law		international law

Evaluation

Information Regarding Preparation, Review and Related Subjects

Students will be required to do some reading in preparation for lectures and to do written and review work as homework after lectures. Information will be given about additional English classes available for students. Advice will also be given to students on strategies to develop their English language ability by further self-study and other activities on their own.

Office Hour and Contact Information

Contact details will be announced during lectures.

Message

In order to talk about legal matters, it is not sufficient merely to know the correct legal terms and so the course will cover language for discussing, comparing, suggesting etc. This functional language will be useful for other business and social situations. Students should consider the lectures as an opportunity to practise expressing their opinions in new ways and not be afraid of making mistakes.

Improvements in Teaching

Textbook

Students will need to buy their own copy of the textbook but it will not be necessary to have the textbook for the first lecture. Information will be given about other text books for those students who are interested in further reading.

Reference Materials

Classroom Language

Keywords