

Course title	Introduction to Legal English 2				
Teacher(s)	CARPENTER Keith			開講区分	単位数
				2nd semester	2.0
Numbering Code	J2ML600	Day · Period	Fri2	Timetable Slot Code	3J554

#### Lesson topic

This course will be at an introductory level for those wishing to develop their English language skills in relation to legal subjects. The language covered will include both academic language (used by those studying law in English) and professional language (used by English speaking lawyers).

#### Lesson target

By the end of the course, students will have developed their 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

#### Syllabus and plan

There will be a total of 15 lectures. 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:

Commercial law

Litigation & arbitration

International law

Comparative law

#### Evaluation method

Students will be assessed as follows:

50%: by the level of their active participation and performance during lectures

30%: by written homework

20%: by an end of term test

#### Evaluation baseline

50%: by the level of their active participation and performance during lectures: this will include the level of attendance of classes and will be especially focused on speaking during class activities

30%: by written homework: there are likely to be 3 written assignments set during the term, each carrying 10%

20%: by an end of term test: the test will cover all the material covered during the term

#### Notice (include info. on related class)

This course is recommended for students who wish to progress to the Advanced Legal English course.

#### Review and preparation

Students will be required to do some reading in preparation for lectures and to do written and review work as homework after lectures.

#### Office hour · Contact information

Contact details will be announced during lectures.

#### Message for student

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

#### 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 lecture.

Introduction to Legal English / Amy Krois-Linder : Cambridge University Press ,2008 ,ISBN:9780521718998

#### Reference Material

#### Classroom Language

The lectures will be conducted in English

#### Keywords

International legal English communication