

Course title	Advanced Legal English 1				
Teacher(s)	CARPENTER Keith			開講区分	単位数
				1st semester	2.0
Numbering Code		Day・Period	Thurs2	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 writing and some discussion and listening activities during 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 classes will be conducted on-line in real time though there will be an option for students to attend in the classroom (hybrid face-to-face and on-line class).

There will be 15 classes. The following are the topics to be covered and approximate timetable:

1. Introduction, lawyers & legal work
2. Banking
- 3-4. Contract law
- 5-6 Employment law & tort law
- 7-8 Contracts I
- 9-10 Business law
- 11-12 Company law
- 13 Contracts II
14. Letter / email writing
15. Review and wrap-up

The order of topics may be varied depending on the speed of progression.

#### Evaluation method

Students will be assessed:  
20% written assignments  
20% in-class contribution  
60% final test.

#### 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 contribution will be assessed on class participation (including in-class verbal contributions).

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

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

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.

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

In order to participate in the course, students will need to be assessed by informal interview to ensure that their starting level of English is adequate.

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 will be distributed on BEEF.

Lawyer's English Language Coursebook Second Edition / Catherine Mason : Global Legal English Ltd. ,2014  
, ISBN:9780954071462

Reference Material

Please see above

Classroom Language

English

Keywords

International lawyer legal work