

Course title	Advanced Legal English 2				
Teacher(s)	CARPENTER Keith			開講区分	単位数
				2nd semester	2.0
Numbering Code		Day・Period	Thurs2	Timetable Slot Code	3J379

Lesson topic

This course is the second 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 essentially be on reading skills but there will also be some discussion during classes and some listening activities inside and outside classes.
The course is aimed at students who already have a reasonably advanced level of general English ability.

Lesson target

By the end of the course, students

1. should be able to fully understand straightforward formal legal documents and substantially understand more complex formal legal documents
2. explain in writing the meaning of straightforward legal texts
3. should have acquired a sufficient amount of legal terminology and understanding of legal concepts so that they can function in a professional legal environment of an international business organisation

Syllabus and plan

It is expected that classes will be conducted on a hybrid basis, with some students in the classroom and some students attending on-line. The exact details will be decided in light of the circumstances at the time.

There will be 15 classes. The topics to be covered:

L1 Introduction

L1-5 Banking & finance

L6-8 Contracts (international trade & trade finance)

L9-11 Company law

L11-13 Intellectual property

L13 Employment law

L14 Real estate & wills

L15 Review and wrap-up

The schedule may be varied depending on the rate of progress.

Evaluation method

Students will be assessed:

30% on class participation and written assignments

70% final test.

Evaluation baseline

Class participation will include in-class verbal contribution. Written assignments will consist of short explanations of parts of a text.

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 some written work outside the classroom, with classroom time used primarily for review 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. In addition, it will generally be necessary to have attended the first semester course though exception may be made for high level general English ability students.

Improvements in Teaching

Text

Students will need to buy their own copy of the textbook (if they have not attended the first semester course) 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.

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Reference Material

Please see above

Classroom Language

English

Keywords

International lawyer legal work