

Course title	Advanced Legal English 1				
Teacher(s)	KADOMATSU Narufumi			開講区分	単位数
				1st semester	2.0
Numbering Code		Day・Period	Tues3	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 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 lectures are expected to be conducted with students attending in the classroom. However, it is also possible that some students, who are outside Japan and are awaiting a visa to enter Japan, will attend on-line, as well as that the university and/or the faculty decide(s) to make all or a part of the classes on-line due to the epidemic etc.

The following are the topics to be covered and approximate timetable which, depending on rate of progress and other factors, 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. Contracts II
15. Review and wrap-up

#### 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.  
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 details will be given in the first lecture.  
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 will be distributed online.

Textbook: Lawyer's English Language Coursebook by Catherine Mason: published by Global Legal English Ltd.

Reference Material

Please see above

Classroom Language

English

Keywords

International lawyer legal work  
Laptop  
Exchange student (Special auditing student)  
Term Paper