

Course title	Advanced Legal English 2				
Responsible person to enter grades	CARPENTER Keith		開講区分	単位数	
			2nd semester	2.0	
Numbering Code		Day・Period, etc.	Mon5(対面)	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 primarily be on understanding and interpreting legal texts but there will be discussion activities during classes and writing activities after 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

The lectures are expected to be conducted with students attending in the classroom.
The following are the topics to be covered and approximate timetable which, depending on rate of progress, may be changed:

L1 Introduction

L1-5 Banking & finance

L6-8 Contracts (international trade & trade finance)

L9-11 Company law

L11-13 Intellectual property

L14 Real estate & wills

L15 Review and wrap-up

The course instructor is a native English qualified lawyer and has over 20 years' professional experience of working in an international legal environment.

Evaluation method

Students will be assessed:

15% in-class performance

20% written assignments

30% mini-tests

35% final exam

Evaluation baseline

15%: 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.

20%: Written assignments will be assessed on ability to achieve the set objective of the written assignment including accuracy of vocabulary and grammar. There will be 2 short assignments (5% each) requiring interpretation of sections of texts and a longer assignment (10%) requiring interpretation of a longer text.

30%: There are expected to be 6 mini-tests (5% each) which will be on the content of the previous class or classes.

35%: The final exam will test students' knowledge of and ability to explain the terminology and concepts covered during the course.

Notice (include info. on related class)

Exchange students can attend this course.

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.

After lectures, students will be required to do review work and written assignments.

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 the past, students have successfully taken this course without taking the first part of the course (spring semester). However, such students generally have an advanced level of ability in general English and need to do some extra studying to catch up with students who have taken the first part of the course. Any student who is unsure about their suitability for the course is welcome to attend the opening class or classes on a trial basis and discuss any concerns with the course instructor.

Students must bring their laptop to every class.

Improvements in Teaching

Text

Students will need to have 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, including reading texts and worksheets, will be distributed on BEEF+.

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

Reference Material

Please see above

Classroom Language

English

Keywords

International lawyer legal work

Laptop

Exchange student (Special auditing student)

Term paper

A faculty member with professional experience