

LEGAL ENGLISH PLUS - ENGLISH FOR LAW STUDENTS AND QUALIFIED LAWYERS

"An essential course preparing lawyers and law students for their career in international commercial law."

- ◆ Recommended for qualified lawyers and students who have completed at least a year of their law studies
- ◆ All students should be 19 years old or over
- ◆ Students must have an intermediate to advanced level of English
- ◆ 3 week course (63 hours of tuition plus private study time)
- ◆ Classes held at Cambridge University (Girton College campus)
- ◆ Maximum of 12 students in each group
- ◆ Serious and practical course
- ◆ Includes all materials, course book and trip to London law courts
- ◆ Certificate of attendance and personal report upon completion
- ◆ The TOLES Advanced examination included at no extra cost

Vocabulary development

The vocabulary you need to read and write authentic legal documents in English.

Grammatical accuracy

Our courses recognise that speaking is the most important communication skill and our trainers will constantly correct your mistakes in both legal and general English.

The language of contract

Contract can be a particularly problematic area for young lawyers who are often expected to read and draft contracts in English as part of their employment. Studying the language of contract is central to your course and the differences in style, vocabulary and content of contract used in the UK and USA are analysed.

The language of business law

Most of our students are commercial lawyers who need a good foundation in this specialist area. Our language trainers have experience of working in business law together with expertise in language training.

Negotiating

Negotiating and interviewing are two of a lawyer's most important skills. We use the Inns of Court training videos and authentic case materials followed by role-play activities to help you perfect your speaking in realistic situations.

Court visits

Visits to the Royal Courts of Justice and the Central Criminal Court in London form an important part of your visit. With one of your trainers to hand to answer questions we visit the civil courts (The Royal Courts of Justice) and the world-famous criminal court, The Old Bailey.

Sample timetable for Legal English plus

This is a typical week in our Legal English Plus courses. We change the timetable to suit the needs of each group. Most students use the private study time to review and consolidate the day's work and complete work which our trainers set. We recommend that you should try to do between one and two hours of private study each day.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09.15 - 10.45	Overview of the English legal system	Contract vocabulary	Business law vocabulary	The language of meetings	Writing a contract
10.45 - 11.15	Coffee break				
11.15 - 12.45	Formal letter writing	Reading a contract	Drafting skills	Authentic case study	Visit to law court
12.45 - 13.45	Lunch				
13.45 - 15.15	Negotiating skills	Interviewing clients (video & role play)	A comparison of UK and US drafting styles	Negotiation & corrections	Free afternoon
15.15	Private study				

Lessons

Our lessons are based on the Cambridge Law Studio Method and are intended to prepare you for the challenges and demands of life in a modern legal office.

We have written and developed exclusive teaching materials which are highly effective. In class we use material from our own publications as well as practice exercises for the TOLES examinations.

The London Trip

We consider this day in the London law courts an integral part of your understanding of authentic legal English.

With one of your trainers on hand to answer questions, students on the Legal English Plus course visit the civil courts (The Royal Courts of Justice) and the world famous criminal court, The Old Bailey.

We travel to London by private bus and spend the day visiting these famous legal institutions. The group normally has lunch together to discuss the issues raised by the visits to the courts. Very often we end the day with a group dinner and a night out at a west-end theatre.