

Legal English

This course is ideal for non-native English speakers working as lawyers or those who would like to work in the field of law. Our Legal English course can also help students who wish to gain an understanding of law as part of their other studies at Excel College – for example, Business English, Foundation, or a Pre-Master's Programme for university. In addition, previous students with a business background have found the knowledge gained on the course both practical and relevant to their future business ambitions.

Course Description

Although some previous legal knowledge is preferable, the course does introduce fundamental legal concepts for those students who have no previous legal training. Our Legal English course outlines the English legal system and examines various areas of law as well as the relevant vocabulary and jargon needed to study and work in law. Many of the course topics are directly relevant to the University of Cambridge International Legal English Certificate (ILEC) examination, so the course is of great benefit to students interested in this qualification.

The course covers the 4 main skills (reading, writing, listening, and speaking), vocabulary building, regular progress tests and homework assignments. A formal course test will be delivered once a term in exam conditions. The course will also include ILEC examination practice; by the third term of study, the students should be ready to take a mock ILEC test.

Topic Areas

- Legal systems – common law jurisdictions, civil law jurisdictions, pluralist systems
- Introduction to criminal law and criminal procedure
- Examples of criminal offences and torts
- Criminal law vs. civil law
- Sources of law: legislation (primary and secondary) and case law
- Types of law – Acts (statutes), precedents, treaties, directives, by-laws, etc.
- Environmental law
- Contract law: overview
- Employment law and employment contracts
- Company law: company formation and management
- Legal English
- European Union law
- Court systems, personnel, and legal documents
- Legal Latin
- Structure of a law firm
- Legal education

- Law practice areas
- Sale of goods law
- Real property law
- Intellectual property law
- Negotiable instruments
- Secured transactions
- Debtor-creditor relationships and insolvency law
- Competition law

Course Outcomes

By the end of the course students will:

- have a good general knowledge of: basic legal concepts, key areas of business law, legal occupations, professional legal training, legal documents, and bodies of law
- have improved their overall English language abilities (reading, writing, listening, and speaking) within a legal context
- have greatly increased their legal (and general) English vocabulary
- have had the opportunity to take a mock ILEC exam under exam conditions

Hours	6 hours per week
Time:	Tuesday & Thursday, 14.00 – 17.00
Fees:	For up to date prices, see our website: www.excel-college.com/fees.php

Students taking this course may wish to consider sitting for the University of Cambridge International Legal English Certificate (ILEC). This qualification proves that the student has the language skills to perform well in studies of law – whether in the UK or abroad – and therefore gives job seekers an advantage in the job market.



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