

COURSE TITLE: «LEGAL ENGLISH»
(PROFESSIONAL ENGLISH)**COURSE LEVEL: Intermediate / Upper-Intermediate****COURSE DURATION:** 9-10 weeks (*for Intermediate-level*), 5-7 weeks (*for Upper-Intermediate*) with 4 ac.hrs per week (*two lessons/week*)**OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE:**

Upon completion of the course the students should be able to demonstrate the ability to:

- ✓ use legal terms and expressions;
- ✓ get, analyze and evaluate important points in legal cases presented in texts;
- ✓ communicate both in speaking and writing in legal context;
- ✓ express opinions and conduct presentation and negotiation in legal context;
- ✓ write summaries of law-related reading texts and legal cases;
- ✓ debate and solve difficult ethical and legal problems;
- ✓ categorize different types of crimes, such as murder, manslaughter, burglary, battery, arson, forgery, and embezzlement;
- ✓ differentiate among categories of crime, such as felonies, misdemeanors, and infractions
- ✓ determine several defenses to civil and criminal acts, including computer crimes, such as the insanity defense and self-defense;
- ✓ differentiate among classes of contracts, such as bilateral and unilateral; express and implied; and oral and written;
- ✓ examine the ways that assent can be disrupted, such as fraud, non-disclosure misrepresentation, mistake, duress, and undue influence.

THEMATIC STRUCTURE OF THE COURSE:

- ✓ **The Legal System**
 - Sources of law
 - The Court System
 - Criminal justice and criminal proceedings
 - Civil procedure and Tribunals
 - European Union law
- ✓ **Law in Practice**
 - Solicitors, barrister and judges
 - Money Laundering
 - Business organizations and share capital
 - Insolvency; mergers and acquisitions
 - Corporation Tax
- ✓ **Contract**
 - Forming a contract
 - Structure of commercial contract
 - Licensing agreements
 - Commercial leases
 - Copyright and patent

✓ **Other types of law**

- Intellectual Property
- Information technology law and cybercrime
- Environmental law

COURSE OUTLINE (FIRST 8 LESSONS)*:

Week	Theme	Lesson activities	
		Day 1	Day 2
One	The Legal System	<p><i>Topics to be considered:</i> Sources of law; The Court System; Criminal justice and criminal proceedings;</p> <p><i>Introducing new vocabulary</i> related to the topics of the lesson;</p> <p>Reading a text “Tribunals” and use information to present arguments in a debate;</p> <p><i>Use terms and expressions</i> related to field of study and expressing your opinion on legal system in your country;</p>	<p><i>Topics to be considered:</i> Civil procedure and Tribunals; European Union law;</p> <p><i>Practicing to present arguments</i> at meeting\negotiations: <i>role-playing</i> a meeting with client consulting on how partnerships are established;</p> <p><i>Reading a text</i> about organizational structure of companies; describing and explaining how companies are managed;</p>
Two	Law in Practice	<p><i>Topics to be considered:</i> Solicitors, barrister and judges; Money Laundering; Business organizations and share capital;</p> <p><i>Introducing vocabulary:</i> differentiating types of civil and corporate defenders;</p> <p><i>Reading a text</i> which provides explanation of terms related to Court; <i>Completing exercises</i> to check understanding;</p>	<p><i>Listening</i> about takeover process and note taking the details for further discussion;</p> <p><i>Case study:</i> interviewing clients about legal problems;</p> <p><i>Writing</i> a declaration concerning debtor’s schedules;</p> <p>Signing a declaration under penalty of perjury on behalf of a corporation or partnership;</p>
Three	Law in Practice	<p><i>Topics to be considered:</i> Insolvency; mergers and acquisitions; Corporation tax;</p> <p><i>Listening</i> to the interview with international lawyer telling about legislation towards money launders;</p> <p><i>Sharing ideas</i> about money laundering methods in your country;</p>	<p><i>Reviewing</i> the vocabulary by <i>completing exercises</i> and <i>translation</i>;</p> <p><i>Reading</i> a text about taxes; detailing the procedure of paying taxes;</p>
Four	Contract	<p><i>Reading a contract</i> (Joint Venture Agreement), following the details of presentation conditions and Implementing formation of contract;</p> <p><i>Considering</i> linguistic features of contract writing;</p>	<p><i>Describing and role-playing</i> the procedure for registering companies, both public and private;</p> <p>Detailed consideration of contract (Partnership Agreement) to study connectors and conjunctions frequently used in corporate law;</p>

Five**Revision and Progress test**

* THIS IS A SAMPLE OUTLINE REFLECTING THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE COURSE. ALL SYLLABI ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE TEACHER FOR INDIVIDUAL STUDENT'S PURPOSES.

COURSE LITERATURE:

1. International legal English, Cambridge, Matt Firth, John Kokko
2. Business Law, Longman
3. Market Leader, Law, Longman
4. Cambridge Professional English in Use - Law by Gillian D. Brown and Sally Rice, Cambridge
5. Test your Professional English: Law

COURSE POLICIES**Teaching methods**

Role-plays, dialogues, discussions, case-studies, debating, letter writing, translation completion, text reading and discussion, audio-records listening, essays and summaries writing, reports completion, contracts reading, agreement features discussion and other activities available to the teacher by the methodic approach chosen for the course, etc.

Attendance

Attendance is essential and required (legitimate excuses will be considered). When circumstances prevent you from attending a class, it is your responsibility to notify the teacher or coordinator, preferably prior to the absence. The critical level of missed lessons is set up at 20%. By reaching the critical level of missed classes the school is entitled to stop your studies.

Homework and homework check

Homework is provided every lesson and is given 5-10 minutes before the end of the class. Home task may vary in dependence on the skills being developed. Every lesson begins with check-up of your homework; the typical home assignments for this Program will include vocabulary study, presentation preparation, contract detailed consideration, preparation for in-class debates and survey carry out;

Revision

The Revision is set up one lesson before the Progress Test and two lessons before The Final one; it assumes revising of style, punctuation and syntax, vocabulary and grammar techniques. Besides, the lessons are set up as a consequent process of proper practice of the material taken before. The revision of already studied grammar and vocabulary is arranged every lesson so that the student has to encounter with it in every exercise, listening task and text.

Progress test

The progress test is mandatory and held every 8-10 lessons to check and control the advance. The assignments of test are obligatory to include vocabulary check, topic discussion, letter writing, contract reading and any banking application form fulfillment (mortgage&credit).

Final Test

The Final Exam assumes written (this may involve contract reading and discussing terms) and oral (discussion) assignments.

The Exam is credited by points. Every task (oral\written) is marked with max 25 points. If you make a mistake you get one point less. So you seem to succeed if you get not less than 80 points.

Certificate

At the end of your course you can request the certificate on education. The certificate is awarded to students who complete the program and who don't possess any financial and other obligations before Active English. To claim the Certificate you must succeed in passing The Final Test.



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