

## **Legal English Course 2020 – 15 sessions, 30 hours**

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### **I. Description**

The course is aimed at law students and professionals who are non-native English speakers with the focus on the fundamentals of international legal English of Anglo-Saxon and Anglo-American jurisdictions in practice.

The required level of general English proficiency is *intermediate to upper intermediate*. Course will be held 100% in English.

### **II. Objectives**

The main objectives of the course are:

- to increase law practitioners' range of vocabulary of Legal English,
- to practise and increase comprehension of legal texts in various areas of law with a hands-on approach,
- to gain confidence in communicating in applied Legal English language, both in speaking and writing, and,
- to extend the knowledge of International Legal English practice.

### **III. Methodology**

A broadly communicative methodology and a text and task-based approach are used. Pair and group work is an important part of the learning process. The reading texts are authentic or semi-authentic and provide context for international English legal vocabulary.

## IV. Content

Among the main areas covered are the following:

**Practice of Law** (legal systems, bodies of law, types of law and courts; **Company Law** (company formation and management: memorandum of association (UK); articles/certificate of incorporation (USA); corporate governance disputes; Letter of Advice (lawyer to client); company capitalisation/company; and, fundamental changes in a company); **Commercial Law** (commercial agency contract/agreement between an agent and principal in international trade (i.e. ICC Model Commercial Agency Contract); **Contract Law** (understanding contracts' elements and style of a contract (UK and US law) vs Chile (offer, acceptance, consideration, intention); contracts and statutes; different types and parts of contracts; breach of contract – litigation; **Real Property Law** (Lease or Tenancy Agreements); **Employment Law** (Labour Law); and the **IRAC Structure** for drafting legal documents.

Further topics that might be included upon request:

Business Associations; Sale of Goods; Debtor-Creditor; Intellectual Property Law; Competition Law; Environmental Law; negotiable instruments; secured transactions; or aspects of International Law.

## V. Bibliography

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Mason, C. (2014). *The Lawyer's English Language Coursebook*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. Global Legal English Lt.

McKay and Charlton (2005). *Legal English - How to Understand and Master the Language of Law*. Harlow. Pearson Ed.

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## **VI. Course Resources**

- Letters of Understanding; Agreements; Letters of Advice; Memos.
- Case Studies.
- Presentations.
- Internet Resources.

## **VII. Assessment**

- Personal Glossary.
- Homework: explaining points of law under Chilean (or another optional different) jurisdiction.
- Self-assessment (objectives' checklists).
- Final (optional) mock exam.
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## **IX. Docente**

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## **X. Información General**

- Días de clases: Martes y Jueves.
- Horario: 19.00 a 21.15 hrs,
- Fechas: 14, 19, 26, 28 de mayo; 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25 y 30 de junio; 2 y 7 de julio.
- Arancel: \$500.000.-