

Legal English



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Why Legal English?

English is the lingua franca of global communication, and the legal profession is no exception. For those planning a legal career in an international setting, English is an essential tool.

The English taught at school is an important basis, but it is by no means sufficient for professional purposes. Legal English, i.e. the English used in law, has its own expert vocabulary and its own special characteristics when it comes to style, usage and communicative aims. In order to master legal English, you need special training.



What is the Legal English Module?

This three-semester programme is offered by the ZfbK – Forum Sprachen & Kulturen in coordination with the Law Faculty for JLU's students of law. The module includes the following components:

Course	Semester	Credit requirements
Legal English Fundamentals	SS 2021, 2 x 90 min per week	presentation, end-of-term exam
Legal English: Advanced Written and Oral Skills I	WS 2021/22, 2 x 90 min per week	presentation, end-of-term exam
Legal English: Advanced Written and Oral Skills II	SS 2022 2 x 90 min per week	UNicert® Legal English exam

What can I learn in the Legal English Module?

The module was designed for students who are planning to study law abroad, to do an internship or pursue a legal career in an English-speaking country/international environment. It equips them with the necessary means to communicate successfully at university and/or work.

By the end of the module you will be able to ...

- ✓ understand a great variety of legal documents and texts
- ✓ understand lectures, presentations, discussions and interviews on legal topics
- ✓ explain legal terminology in plain English
- ✓ take part in discussions on legal topics
- ✓ give presentations
- ✓ write a wide range of texts including legal correspondence, case briefs and case analyses
- ✓ prepare a CV and covering letter for a job or internship application

You will also acquire ...

- ✓ an extensive legal English vocabulary pertaining to various areas of law (e.g. contract law, criminal law, public international law, human rights law)
- ✓ an in-depth understanding of language structures as they are used in a legal context
- ✓ an insight into the common law system and the work of legal professionals in an English-speaking/international environment



Who can participate?

The module is intended for JLU law students starting their **second or third semester** in the 2021 summer semester. Provided there are spaces still available, other law students can also attend the courses. The maximum number of participants is 25.

What level of English do I need?

The Legal English Module takes you from level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference (upper-intermediate) to level C1 (advanced), so the minimum level needed to start the module is B2. In order to confirm that you have the required level of English, **you must first pass the entrance exam in March 2021** (exact date, time, venue and format to be announced at the end of February).



What do I get at the end of the module?

After attending all courses and passing the UNICert® Legal English Exam, you are awarded a certificate which confirms that you have successfully completed the Legal English Module and states your level of English as well as your exam results in detail. This certificate will be a valuable asset when you apply for a job, an internship or a semester abroad.

What do the courses cost?

The courses are free of charge. The UNICert® Legal English Exam costs €40.

How can I register?

You can register for the entrance exam on the ZfbK website (see QR code and URL below). **The deadline for exam registration is 8 March 2021.** The maximum number of exam participants is 60. Only the first 60 registrations will be accepted. Successful candidates will be able to enrol in the Legal English Module after the entrance exam.

Any questions?

If you have any questions regarding the Legal English Module, please contact:

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