

Seminar Leader:

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Module:

Part of "Integrationsbereich / Interkulturelle Kommunikation"

Title: Legal and Business English / Rechts- und Wirtschaftsenglisch

(Additive Key competence credits = 6 ECTS-Points \triangleq 180 hours workload)

Teaching Form:

Seminar **every two weeks**, 4 UE á 45 minutes **over 2 semesters**.

Winter semester: ONLINE via Zoom

Summer semester: on Campus

Course Requirements:

Compulsory course for BA students, normally during third and fourth semester.

Intended Learning Outcomes:

The aim of this course is to prepare students for **academic** study in **business law** in the **English language**. We focus on the language skills a student of business law needs and in particular on the receptive skills *listening* and *reading*. The subject should enable students to understand the relationship between language and law and how they work together in professional settings.

Course Content:

As a rule, the following topics will be covered:

Essential Legal Terminology, The English Court System, Legal Precedent, Forming a Business (Incorporation), Legal Correspondence, Tort Law (Negligence), Contract Law, Employment Law.

A particular **focus** will be placed on the following range of situations and text types:

Reading Comprehension:

Situations:

reading for orientation

reading for information and argument

reading instructions

Text-types:

newspaper articles

general academic/legal texts

contracts

legal correspondence

Listening Comprehension:

Situations:

listening as a member of an audience (e.g. your instructor, fellow students, audio media and recordings)

understanding interaction between legal professionals and/or students of law or the general public

(e.g. interaction with instructor and other fellow students, understanding recorded lectures and radio/TV programmes and bulletins)

Required Academic Performance:

- Preparation of seminar, regular "active" attendance (see Language Centre [„Terms and Conditions.“](#) in particular max. tolerated absence!), active participation in discussion and group work, presentation of group work results and, where applicable, completion of tasks/activities in Moodle (course no. will be announced in first session).

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Course participants are expected to work through the prescribed readings/tasks **in advance** of each session and be prepared to discuss their answers in the relevant seminar.

Assessment Methods:

- Listening Comprehension Test (approx. 45-60 minutes) at the end of the Summer Semester)
- Reading Comprehension Test at the end of the Summer Semester (60 minutes) – **registration via HISPOS/eCampus necessary**

Grading:

| 0-50%: 5 | 51-55%:4 | 56-60%:3,7 | 61-65%:3,3 | 66-70%:3 | 71-75%:2,7 | 76-80%:2,3 | 81-85%:2 | 86-90%:1,7 | 91-95%:1,3 | 96-100%:1 |

Supporting material / additional aids in the final examinations:

None

Literature/Documents:

- Recommended Reading:
 - *Gubby, Helen*, Practical legal English: legal terminology , *Boom Juridische uitgevers*, (ISBN 978-9-05-454646-7)
 - *Wörten, Rainer*, Introduction to Civil Law, Vol. 1, *Alpmann Schmidt* (ISBN 978-3-89476-952-9)
 - *Wörten, Rainer*, Introduction to Civil Law, Vol. 2, *Alpmann Schmidt* (ISBN 978-3-89476-802-7)
- Moodle: enrolment in the accompanying Moodle course will be completed during the first online session.