

# Legal and Business English

## Summer Semester 2023

### Seminar Leader:

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### Module:

Part of "Integrationsbereich / Interkulturelle Kommunikation"

Title: Legal and Business English / Rechts- und Wirtschaftsentenglisch

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

### Teaching Form:

Seminar **every two weeks**, 4 lessons of 45 minutes each **over 2 semesters**.

### Course Requirements:

Compulsory course for BA students, normally during third and fourth semester. The course always starts in the winter semester and continues until the end of the summer semester. It is not possible to join the course for the summer semester only.

### Intended Learning Outcomes:

This course aims 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 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.

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### Assessment Methods:

- Listening Comprehension Test (approx. 45-60 minutes) at the end of the **Summer Semester** (50%)
- Reading Comprehension Test (60 minutes) at the end of the **Summer Semester** (50%)

**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)
  - Wörlen, Rainer, Introduction to Civil Law, Vol. 1, *Alpmann Schmidt* (ISBN 978-3-89476-952-9)
  - Wörlen, Rainer, Introduction to Civil Law, Vol. 2, *Alpmann Schmidt* (ISBN 978-3-89476-802-7)
- Moodle: <https://moodle.uni-kassel.de/course/view.php?id=5957>

### Session dates:

see Moodle Course

**Examination: 12.07.2023 – 14:00-16:00 – Registration via HISPOS/eCampus is necessary.**