

**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 lessons of 45 minutes each over 2 semesters.

**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).  
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.

# Legal and Business English

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### 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)
  - *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: enrolment in accompanying Moodle course will be completed during the first session.