

Common Law Practice & Legal English

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Departments	Department of International, European Union and Comparative Law, Department of Law
Teaching Languages	English
ECTS	3
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Course Goals	The purpose of the course is that students become conversant with practice and legal principles in a Common Law jurisdiction.
Prior knowledge	A knowledge of contract, company, is an advantage.
Prerequisites	An intermediate level of English or higher.
Teaching methodology	Lectures on course content. Active class participation is expected. Towards the end of the course, we concentrate more on drafting legal documents.

Description

Course contribution to program	The course contributes to the program in that: - Students will be able to impart their knowledge to both professional and lay clients without ambiguity and with clarity. - Students will be able to contribute positively to society from a legal and ethical point of view. - Students will be able to express themselves both orally and in writing to a high professional standard.
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Activities

In-class discussions and debates
Students are expected to be proactive and participate

Written and/or oral exams

Role-play exercises and simulations

Moot court/mock trials

Group presentations

Presentations

Common law cases

Case study analyses

Content

#	Topic
1	1 Introduction to Legal English Spanish, etc (civil) legal system v UK/USA (common law) system. Spanish (etc) legal education and training- Pros and cons
2	2 Civil Law v Criminal law Distinguishing between both especially vocabulary Barristers v Solicitors Their roles and functions. Legal false friends
3	3 Case law /precedents. Case study Allocate student presentations for following week.
4	4 Student case law presentations
5	5. Legal DVD- viewing and discussion. Evelyn-Ireland. Common Law system, constitutional law, precedents, Barrister v Solicitor
6	6 Contract law The essential elements. Offer, acceptance and consideration. Contract law. Drafting contracts. Typical clauses and mistakes. Contract law Students negotiate then draft a contract in class. (part 1) Contract law Students negotiate then draft a contract in class. (part 2)
7	7 Legal Writing Non-contractual legal writing- Letters, emails, memorandums etc,

Assessment

Tool	Assessment tool	Category	Weight %
Attendance and punctuality		Ordinary round	10.00%
In-class analysis and discussion of issues		Ordinary round	30.00%
Written and/or oral exams		Ordinary round	60.00%

PROGRAMS

LCP23-Master of Lifelong Learning in Corporate Compliance and Criminal Law (Masters: MUA)

LCP23 Year 1 (Mandatory)

LMA12-Master in Legal Practice (Masters: MUA)

LMA12 Year 1 (Mandatory)

MUA23-Master in Professional Legal Practice and Procuring (Masters: MUA)

MUA23 Year 1 (Mandatory)