International Legal English Course

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International Legal English is a legal English course offered at the law faculty in Bonn, lasting one semester at 3 contact hours a week. The course content consists mainly of commercial law (contracts, remedies, company formation and management, intellectual property, employment law, real property etc), concentrating on Anglo-American legal concepts, terms and vocabulary. Emphasis is put on legal vocabulary acquisition and the ability to use this when communicating in English. Course material consists of a legal English course book (core material) supplemented with authentic articles, videos and radio programs, all with a legal angle and designed to generate discussion and debate. Further emphasis is put on students' verbal improvement: students are given ample opportunity to use new vocabulary and structures through discussion/debate explanation and clarification. Furthermore, students are asked to give at least one law-related presentation, further enhancing verbal capabilities. There is also the possibility to improve written communication: students are required to complete at least 2 written assignments: e.g. letter/email to clients, internal business communication etc. Homework is an important and integral part of this course: the reading of texts, the completion of vocabulary exercises, audio tasks etc. are done at home, allowing more time for interaction and communication in the classroom.

Students wishing to participate in this course are asked to successfully complete an entrance test. The entrance test is designed to ensure that students are grouped together according to lan-

guage capability and that students are

able to actively take part in the course.

The Cambridge International Legal English Certificate (ILEC) – Intensive Course introduces students to the various requirements and tasks (with practice) of the ILEC exam. The exam is a high-level (B2 – C1) legal language qualification for law students and is internationally recognised by academic institutions and leading associations of lawyers. The course introduces the students to each part of the exam with advice, tips and strategies on how to best complete each part. With authentic Cambridge sample exams, the student will practice each part of the exam with full support from the instructor. On completion of this course, students will be well-equipped to enroll and sit the exam.

For information on the courses mentioned and enrolment please visit https://basis.uni-bonn.de

The course is highly student production orientated: students who wish to take part must be prepared to actively participate. The course can also be seen as moderate preparation for the Cambridge International Legal English Certificate.

Cambridge International Legal English Certificate—Intensive Course
The Cambridge International Legal English Certificate (ILEC). Intensive

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