

Legal English I – Kursbeschreibung

Niveau laut Europäischem Referenzrahmen des Europarats: **B2/1. Phase**

Nötige Vorkenntnisse: B1

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Kommunikationssituationen	Vokabular	Grammatik
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Introduction to legal English</i> - differences between <i>Legalese</i> and <i>plain</i> English▪ Recording legal English vocabulary▪ <i>A career in law</i> - differences in the study of law from country to country▪ <i>Contract law</i> - formation of contract, remedies for breach of contract▪ <i>Tort law</i> - definition of "tort", distinction between tort and "crime", tort and "breach of contract"▪ <i>Criminal law</i> - categories of criminal offence, initiating criminal procedure, "street crimes" vs. "white collar crimes"▪ <i>Company law</i> - types of business entity, formation of companies, Companies Act 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Legal English key vocabulary necessary to describe the topics introduced▪ <i>Functional language</i> use:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>asking</i> simple and complex questions○ <i>clarifying</i> and <i>explaining</i>○ <i>giving advice</i>○ <i>expressing obligation</i>○ <i>discussing</i> advantages & disadvantages▪ Phrasal verbs used in legal English▪ Word partnerships▪ Writing emails and letters - differences in level of formality▪ Structure and language of short presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Basic tense review - present, past and present perfect tenses▪ Arrangements, intentions, predictions - use of future tenses▪ Modal verbs▪ Passive constructions▪ Comparative and superlative forms of adjectives and adverbs▪ Countable/ uncountable nouns▪ Word formation (verb / abstract noun / personal noun / adjective)▪ First & second conditional