

Course Outline

Course number	RBA301				
Course title	Legal English				
Credit points	3 ECTS (2 LV)				
Total hours	80				
Contact hours	32				
Independent studies	48				
Course level	Bachelor				
Prerequisites	None				
Category	Mandatory	X	Restricted elective		Free elective

COURSE RESPONSIBLE

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Monica Migliarotti	B.A. J.D. LL.M	Visiting Lecturer

COURSE TEACHERS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
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COURSE ABSTRACT

The course is aimed at introducing RGSL students with an advanced level of English who are interested in working in an international environment. It consists in an introduction to Legal English for students to be able to use such knowledge during their studies and their working lives. The purposes of the course are to:

- enable the students to carry out a wide range of communicative tasks within an academic and international context similar to the one they may be working in in the future;
- improve the students listening, reading, writing and speaking comprehension through the use of different kind of materials;
- introduce specific vocabulary and concepts necessary for their future studies and professional careers;
- review and build an essential English grammar focused on the specific areas of the grammar and syntax of the language used in the Legal world;
- increase the students' awareness of current issues and events from a legal perspective;
- develop students' strategies to take control of their own learning process also through the use of class materials and online law resources;

- train the students to work individually and in small groups to produce oral and written assignments.

The course is designed to foster a collaborative approach to language learning and to favour a comparative perspective on the legal concepts and areas.

Each session except for the first introductory one will be divided into a lecture part and a seminar interactive part to practise what explained in the first part of the class or in the previous one.

GRADING CRITERIA

Criteria	Weighting
Class attendance, participation, interaction and homework	25%
Mid-term test	35%
Final exam	40%

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Class attendance is highly recommended since apart from the first class of introduction and explanation of the main basic concepts each session will be divided into a theoretical and into a practical part where students will be asked to do exercises, engage in reading and writing practice and in oral discussions individually or in small groups. There will be homework assigned at the end of each class to be collectively corrected in the following one. Students are expected to complete all assignments (exercises, homework etc.) at a passable level. There will be a mid-term test in the form of a writing exercise or a multiple choice based on what is explained and practiced in class which will be graded with a pass or fail basis and a final exam. The final grade will be a combination of the grades received in the three activities (class participation, mid-term test and final exam). **COURSE PLAN – MAIN SUBJECTS**

No.	Main subjects	Planned hours
1	Introduction to Legal English, Common and Civil Law system	4
2	Types of law, bodies of law, Courts system, Legal career	4
3	Introduction to Legal English for company and contract law	4
4	Introduction to Legal English for criminal law, torts, international law and human rights	4
5	Applying Legal English knowledge and skills (including drafting sessions, exercises, group discussions and presentations)	16