



# English for Law

## Course Ref: EL

### Entry Level:

Minimum Level CEFR B1+ except by special arrangement.

### Language of tuition: English

### Course Duration

According to each client's requirements.

### Minimum age for entry 18

### 30 lessons (22.5 hours) per week

### Maximum class size:

**Morning General English 14\***  
**Afternoon EL 6**

\*General English maximum class size is 14. However, where classrooms permit and are suitably equipped, lit, heated and ventilated, we reserve the right to use these rooms to their maximum capacity. No classes will exceed 18 students

### Course information & enrolment:

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### This course is of significant benefit to:

- ETC English for Law / Legal English trainees are lawyers and legal professionals from Europe and around the world.
- Many of our clients are lawyers from leading law firms providing a great opportunity to make new friends and build international contacts in the legal profession.
- Lawyers and legal professionals employed by international corporations and legal firms who need to be able to understand documents written in legal English and to communicate effectively with professional colleagues in English.
- Law students.

### Aim of the Full Course

Four start dates per year for full courses, flexible dates for short courses. Those choosing shorter stays will follow that part of the full programme delivered during the weeks chosen. Please ask for details of any optional external examinations/certificates.

The ETC course of English for Law / Legal English is designed to help you develop English language skills to be able to communicate effectively in a legal context.

### Preparation

- Needs Analysis and educative background profile.
- Online resources for pre-course, arrival and cultural information.
- Online language level assessment.

### Practical Arrangements

- Course tutor.
- Pedagogic learning materials.
- Setting of learning objectives.
- Ongoing assessment and evaluation including feedback on progress.
- Guidance and advice on homework exercises.
- Accommodation service and pastoral care: 24hr emergency contact.
- Optional additional language workshop every day.
- City orientation tour and welcome activity.
- Access to school study and media centre.

### Follow up provided

- A Certificate of Attendance and Achievement.
- End of course test and programme evaluation.
- Post-course forum.

## General English

The 4 skills of reading, writing speaking and listening are all developed systematically through activities (individually, in pairs or in a group), games, roleplays and more. This approach integrates both receptive and productive skills practice.

## English for Law

*This course will typically develop language appropriate to the following subject areas:*

Company Law.  
Law of Contracts.  
Employment Law.  
Sale of goods.  
Property Law.  
Intellectual Property.  
Competition Law.  
Negotiable Instruments.  
Debtor-Creditor. Secured Transactions.

*Effective teaching Built into every English for Law / Legal English course:*

Placement test.  
Needs Analysis.  
Skills development.  
Task-based activities.  
Systems work.  
Learner skills development.  
Progress tests.  
Tutorials.  
Homework.  
Academic counselling.  
Supportive error correction and constructive feedback.

All participants receive a certificate on satisfactory completion of all coursework and assessment pieces.

## Course Structure (Mon to Fri)

General English 20 lessons (15 hours)

English for Law 10 lessons (7.5 hours)

## Course Content and Strategies

### General English

Language classes are communicative with students encouraged and facilitated to use the language learned on the course. This covers all aspects of English language skills. Class work includes individual, pair and group work, discussions, debates, roleplays, presentations, writing exercises.

### English for Law

The ETC English for Law / Legal English course uses a modern communicative approach designed to develop the student's ability to understand and express concepts in legal contexts and situations which the student is likely to encounter in their everyday professional life.

The course uses task-based learning including group exercises, supervised discussion, role play and presentations to develop the student's ability in the key skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing. This widens their understanding of essential legal English, language structures, vocabulary, appropriate common expressions and grammar.

Methodology / Sample Activity Types: Analysis of selected legal texts and dialogues. Specialised vocabulary related to the main areas of law. Main structures of grammar and syntax. Written and listening comprehension. Role play. Supervised discussion and debate: expression agreements, disagreement and compromise. Task based learning exercises.

## Outcomes

- Improved General English: all language skills, fluency and accuracy
- More effective communication in a range of legal situations.
- Increased accuracy and clarity in common work-related topics.
- Use of appropriate communicative strategies.
- Increased ability to recognise and resolve misunderstandings.

Improved handling of the linguistic challenges presented by a complication or unexpected turn of events that occurs within the context of a routine work situation or communicative task with which they are otherwise familiar.