

Legal English » July 3–August 11, 2017

The principal components of this 6-week course:

- » Legal reading and writing
- » Listening and speaking skills
- » An introduction to U.S. law, legal procedures, and legal terminology

Legal English has three components designed to provide a foundation in legal terminology and language usage in areas like listening, speaking, reading, legal research, and writing. It is for nonnative speakers of English who intend to earn an LL.M. degree in the United States.

Course objectives include building on participants' ability to understand and discuss common legal matters, increasing skills so they are able to discuss more complex legal matters, and improving research skills to expand their knowledge of a wider variety of legal issues. All components include group and pair work as well as individual assignments. The course provides 25 instructional hours per week.



Legal Reading and Writing

- Reading and briefing legal cases
- Writing law office memoranda
- Expanding legal vocabulary through a variety of exercises, including reading and writing
- Understanding and practicing legal citations
- Practicing critical thinking in a legal context

Introduction to U.S. Law and Legal Procedures; Legal Terminology

- General overview of the State and Federal Court system
- General overview of major areas in the American legal system: Criminal Law, Torts, Contract Law, Civil Law, Intellectual Property Law, etc.
- General overview of the U.S. Constitution and Constitutional Law
- Practicing legal terminology used in various areas of law

Listening and Speaking Skills

- Introduction to the process of legal reasoning in the American legal system
- Expanding legal vocabulary through speaking and listening exercises
- Accent reduction
- Practicing legal discussion skills
- Practicing clear and concise argumentation and negotiation skills
- Legal listening exercises
- Simulating legal environment by conducting mock trials

ELI Legal English Summer 2017 Program Costs†

Tuition.....	\$3,540
Application Fee (nonrefundable)	\$100
Tuition Deposit (nonrefundable)	\$500
Express Mail Fee (nonrefundable)	\$50
Incidentals	\$800
(books, insurance, etc.)	

† Projected costs—subject to change without notice

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