

Academic subject: Legal English			
Degree Class: L-LIN/12		Degree Course: LMG-LMGI-SSG	
		Academic Year: 2021/2022	
		Kind of class: Mandatory	
		Year: 2°	Period: II
		ECTS: 6 divided into ECTS lessons: 3 ECTS exe/lab/tutor: 3	
Time management, hours, in–class study hours, out–of–class study hours lesson:48 exe/lab/tutor: in–class study: 48 out–of–class study:150			
Language: English		Compulsory Attendance: No	
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Prerequisites: -----			
Educational objectives: The course aims at providing students with the essential tools in order to familiarize with Legal English, the <i>lingua franca</i> of the process of globalization of law. The focus will be not only on lexical skills but also on the role and impact of English language in the development of legal orders. Indeed, the final aim of the course is equipping students with a good command of legal English in order to understand and use it in a variety of international legal activities. In particular, the use and development of English lexicon will be analyzed in two different contexts: i) the legal systems of the common law tradition (with a particular focus on the United Kingdom and the United States of America); ii) the European organizations (with reference not only to the European Union but also to the Council of Europe). Within these contexts, sources of law, case-law, as well as selected law articles and book chapters will be examined.			
Expected learning outcomes (according to Dublin Descriptors)		<p>Knowledge and understanding: good command of Legal English with reference to both linguistic as well as legal skills.</p> <p>Applying knowledge and understanding: understanding and using Legal English in a variety of international legal activities.</p> <p>Making judgments: ability to critically understand and making autonomous judgments, in English, on the most relevant legal issues in the context of common law and European law.</p> <p>Communication: ability to actively engage in discussions in English concerning the most relevant legal issues in the context of common law and European law.</p> <p>Lifelong learning skills: ability to autonomously read and translate a legal text as well as to engage actively in a discussion on legal issues in English.</p>	
Course program The course will be divided in two modules: Module 1 - Legal English in common law: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The evolution of the UK and the USA legal systems The administration of justice The legal profession The Constitution and the sources of law Case-law and the binding precedent 			

- f. Current issues: marriage, divorce and civil partnerships; legal proceedings and the media; environmental legislation

Module 2 - Legal English in Europe:

- a. The European Union: historical evolution; institutions; sources of law; human rights; current issues: a failed federalizing process? The case of Brexit
- b. The Council of Europe and the protection of human rights: historical evolution; bodies and institutions; main conventions (in particular, the European Convention of Human Rights); the debate on the Human Rights Act in the United Kingdom
- c. Towards a European Constitutional Law?

Teaching methods:

Lectures and problem based classes (reading, writing, listening, arguing)

Auxiliary teaching:

multimedia tools (power point presentations; bibliographic research on online databases, etc.)

Assessment methods:

Oral exam

Bibliography:

G. Garzone, R. Salvi, *Legal English*, Egea, Milano (latest edition), with the exception of chapters 11, 14, 15, 16.