

General information		2023/2024
Academic subject	Legal English	
Degree course	LMG	
Academic Year	2°	
European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS)	6	
Language	English	
Academic calendar (starting and ending date)	2° semestre dal 19/02/2024 al 24/05/2024	
Attendance	Strictly recommended	

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Syllabus	
Learning Objectives	<p>The course aims at providing students with the essential tools in order to familiarize with Legal English, the lingua franca 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.</p> <p>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; ii) the International and European organizations. Within these contexts, sources of law, case-law, as well as selected law articles and book chapters will be examined.</p>
Course prerequisites	
Contents	<p>The course will be divided in two modules:</p> <p>Module 1 - Legal English in common law:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Common law method b. Stare decisis and binding precedent c. The evolution of the UK and the USA legal systems d. Legislation and the Legislature e. House of Commons and House of Lords f. Legislation and the Courts g. Constitutional Legislation h. Parliamentary Sovereignty <p>Module 2 - Legal English in international law and in Europe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Council of Europe b. The United Nations c. The European Union d. The European Convention on Human Rights e. The Human Rights Act 1998

Books and bibliography	A. Riley, <i>Legal English and the Common Law</i> , Cedam (latest edition), only: chapters 1 (only par. 1.1, 1.1.1), 2, 3, 5 (only part 2)
Additional materials	

Work schedule			
Total	Lectures	Hands on (Laboratory, working groups, seminars, field trips)	Out-of-class study hours/ Self-study hours
Hours			
150	48		102
ECTS			
6			
Teaching strategy			
		Lectures and problem-based classes (reading, writing, listening, arguing). Multimedia tools (power point presentations; bibliographic research on online databases, etc.)	
Expected learning outcomes			
Knowledge and understanding on:		Good command of Legal English with reference to both linguistic as well as legal skills.	
Applying knowledge and understanding on:		Understanding and using Legal English in a variety of international legal activities.	
Soft skills		•Making informed judgments and choices 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. •Communicating knowledge and understanding Ability to actively engage in discussions in English concerning the most relevant legal issues in the context of common law and European law. •Capacities to continue learning Ability to autonomously read and translate a legal text as well as to engage actively in a discussion on legal issues in English.	

Assessment and feedback	
Methods of assessment	<i>Oral exam</i>
Evaluation criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •<i>Knowledge and understanding</i> <i>Assessment of the students' command of Legal English with reference to both linguistic as well as legal skills</i> •<i>Applying knowledge and understanding</i> <i>Assessment of the students' ability to understand and use Legal English in a variety of international legal activities</i> •<i>Autonomy of judgment</i> <i>Assessment of the students' ability to critically understand and make autonomous judgments, in English, on the most relevant legal issues in the context of common law and European law</i> •<i>Communicating knowledge and understanding</i> <i>Assessment of the students' ability to actively engage in discussions in English concerning the most relevant legal issues in the context of common law and European law</i> •<i>Communication skills</i> <i>Assessment of the students' command of Legal English with reference to both linguistic as well as legal skills</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Capacities to continue learning <i>Assessment of the students' ability to autonomously read and translate a legal text as well as to engage actively in a discussion on legal issues in English</i>
Criteria for assessment and attribution of the final mark	<i>Pass-Fail Exam (idoneità)</i>
Additional information	