

OPEN ONLINE COURSES IN LEGAL ENGLISH



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The EDELNet Partnership

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The Legal English courses are an essential part of the EDELNet programme. The Legal English 1 course was designed for beginners (undergraduate students), the Legal English 2 course focuses on advanced learners (Master and PhD Students).

The objectives of the EDELNet Legal English courses is to give participants a legal English grammar review and legal English vocabulary. This will help them to express their views and opinions in debates with other legal professionals from other jurisdictions. Additionally, it enables them to analyse legal problems from different national and legal perspectives. The course, furthermore intends to create awareness on the difference in legal meaning of certain legal concepts in each national legal system. For instance, the word “contract” or “public limited company” may be understood differently in each national system. This awareness will enhance the dialogue between legal professionals of the different countries on legal matters.

The courses cover the following content:

- *Verb Tense Review*
- *Legal English Prepositions & Phrasal Verbs*
- *Common Law vs. Civil Law, Legal Professionals, Barristers & Solicitors, Lawyer Client Privilege, Code of Conduct*

- *Parties In Private Law and in Public Law*
- *Contract Law Vocabulary, Contract vs. Agreement, Contract Clases, Contract Law Principles*
- *Property Law Vocabulary, Property Law Principles, Transfer of Property, Mortgage*
- *Business Law Vocabulary*
- *Constitutional Law Vocabulary, Introduction To Constitutional Law, Forms of Government, Parliamentary vs. Presidential System, Separation of Powers*
- *International law, EU Principles of Law, EU Institutions, Sources of EU Law, Cross-Cultural Understanding*
- *Litigation Vocabulary, Criminal Law Concepts and the Law of Torts*
- *Useful Vocabulary For Expressing Opinions, for Referring to the Law, Describing recent developments in law, Principled Negotiation*

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Main Features

- The courses use web-based training programmes which allow a combination of observation, explanation, and interaction. The courses consist of a variety of exercises wherein the participants are asked to apply the Legal English grammar structures and Legal English vocabulary. All exercises are set within a legal context.
- The courses follow a specific logic: when an explanation is required a video is included, followed by an overview, followed by an exercise to apply the knowledge acquired.
- Participants can take part at their own speed, choosing the elements that they wish to complete at that time. The setup of the courses, however, only enables participants to continue and complete the courses in the pre-programmed order: in other words they need to follow the unit sequence.
- Students are able to repeat the exercises to improve their score and learn more.
- The courses are provided free of charge.