

# English for Law

## Section 1: Overview

### Is this course for me?

- This course is ideal for students who want to improve their English skills for use in a variety of legal contexts
- It combines general English with specialist English for law related topics
- You'll develop the language skills to communicate comfortably in legal contexts such as Legal English, company law, employment law, contracts, intellectual property, property law, and more.

### Key Facts

#### Available in

- London

#### Start dates:

- Every Monday
- Please check [UK public holidays](#) for exceptions

#### Entry level:

- Lower Intermediate (Kings Level 4)

#### Age:

- 16+

#### Duration:

- Minimum 2 weeks

#### Class size:

- Maximum 14

#### Lessons per week:

- 28 lessons per week total (21 hours). 20 lessons (15 hours) General English + 8 lessons (6 hours) Legal English

### **Included in the price:**

- 28 lessons per week (21 hours)
- Welcome Information Pack
- Access to multi-format course materials
- Placement test on arrival, weekly assignments, group participation and progress tests
- Use of Computer Learning Centre
- Free Wi-fi at school
- Regular accompanied visits to law firms or legal institutions
- Full access to Kings social programme, with at least two free activities per week
- Full access to join Kings' school clubs and societies
- Optional weekly lecture programme
- End-of-course certificate (90% or higher attendance required)

## **Section 2: Course structure and content**

- **20 lessons (15 hours) per week of General English**
- **8 lessons (6 hours) per week Legal English**

### **General English lessons**

Your general English lessons will be designed to improve your reading, writing, speaking and listening at a consistent rate. Each week, lessons will focus on a different topic.

### **Key areas covered include:**

#### Communication skills

- Conversational language skills
- Listening and accents
- Reading and interpretation
- Writing and presenting

#### Linguistic resources

- Building your vocabulary bank
- Fine tuning your pronunciation
- Interpretation of texts
- Grammar and syntax

#### Study skills

- Note taking and revision
- Research skills
- Time management and planning
- Dictionary work
- Learner autonomy

## Cultural and personal development

- Understanding cultural difference and similarity
- Team work and leadership
- Presenting an argument
- Discussion skills

You will be assigned to your general English class based on your current Kings Level. We have classes right through to Level 8 (Advanced), and you will progress up through the levels as your skills improve and your confidence grows.

## **Specialised Legal English lessons**

These lessons will focus on the following key areas:

- Legal English terminology including criminal vocabulary, types of court, employment law, intellectual property, company law, property law
- Presentation skills, formal letter writing
- Educational visits
- Legal case studies

Core example subjects using English for law include:

- Introduction to Legal English
- Company Law
- Employment Law
- Contracts
- Intellectual Property
- Property Law
- Legal Practitioners
- European Union Law
- Debtor-Creditor Law
- Competition Law

Students visit law firms and legal institutions as part of this course.

Example visits include:

- The Supreme Court
- The Houses of Parliament
- The Rolls Building
- The Old Bailey (Central Criminal Court)
- The Law Society
- Croydon Crown Court
- Firm of solicitors (firm to be chosen in relation to students' areas of interest)
- Magistrate's Court
- The Royal Courts of Justice

## Section 3: Meet the teacher - Susan Brice

- Susan Brice, the English for Law teacher at Kings London, has been teaching for over 30 years.
- She has a BA (Hons) English Language and Literature, RSA Preparatory Certificate in TEFLA from International House and a Diploma in Linguistics.
- In relation to her role delivering the Legal English section of the English for Law course, Sue has experience of criminal and civil court proceedings, having worked as a solicitors' clerk. This has involved attending counsel in court and taking notes of trial for both barrister and solicitor reference; liaising between barrister and solicitor during court hearings, when necessary; attending and recording counsel conferences in lieu of solicitor; attending counsel on prison visits; taking witness statements; filing claims with court office; acting as court interpreter Polish/English.
- Susan also has five years' experience teaching legal English skills at Warsaw University, Poland.

## Sample timetable

Please note:

- Sample timetable subject to change. General English lessons may take place in mornings or afternoons in summer.
- Placement test, induction, locality walk and ice breaker activities, which take place on the students' first day at Kings, are an essential part of the teaching programme, included in the weekly hours of lessons.