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LDDRT77: Introduction to Legal English

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DESCRIPTION GÉNÉRALE DU COURS

This course provides an introduction to technical legal vocabulary and concepts used by legal professionals in common law jurisdictions. It covers some of the basics of criminal and civil law (tort law and contracts), including both substantive and procedural aspects.

OBJECTIFS VISÉS ET COMPÉTENCES ACQUISES

Students should acquire a solid active legal vocabulary, enabling them not only to understand legal texts, but to express themselves with precision on legal issues, both orally and in writing. The course also aims to give students an insight into the functioning of the common law courts and the adversarial procedure used throughout much of the Anglophone world.

DÉROULE DES SÉANCES

Course outline 2024 (subject to modification):

1. Introduction to legal English: lawyers, courts, procedure – basic vocabulary
2. The distinction between civil law and criminal law in Anglophone jurisdictions
3. Criminal law (in three parts, including an introduction to adversarial procedure)
4. The law of Tort (in two parts, including civil law remedies and application of the vocabulary and concepts to case studies)

5. Contract law (in three parts, including negotiation skills and memo writing, and specific contract law remedies)

MODE D'ÉVALUATION

Contrôle continu

Examen Terminal

Oral

Ecrit

N.B. Depending on class sizes, the course content may be modified to enable students to prepare for and participate in mock trials or moot courts as part of their assessment.

PRÉREQUIS

A level of at least B2 in English. Some knowledge of the US and UK systems of law and government would be an advantage.

BIBLIOGRAPHIE

Material for this course will be provided via e-campus or in class, drawn principally from:

- *The English of Law : U.S. Law and Politics* (A. Bunon-Ernst, N. Chaudoir, S. Letalleur et. al., Belin Sup, 2007)
- *International Legal English* (Amy Krois-Lindner, Cambridge U.P., 2006)
- *Anglais: Droit, Science Politique* (Isobel Noble, Montchrestien, 3ème édition, 2013)
- *English for Law* (Jeremy Walenn, Garnet Education, 2009)
- *Professional English in use: Law* (Gillian D Brown and Sally Rice, Cambridge 2007)
- *The English Legal System* (8th ed. Gary Slapper and David Kelly, Routledge 2017)