

Winter Semester 2019/20

English Courses at for law students from Nanterre

Students in the German-French law program can fulfill the English requirement of the university in Nanterre by taking either a legal English course or another English course in Potsdam. The classes are offered by the *Zentrum für Sprachen und Schlüsselkompetenzen (Zessko)*. In both cases, students have to take the English placement test for law students in order to register for any course.

Legal English:

There are two legal English courses available to incoming students from Nanterre, each of which is a four-hour course and is offered in parallel sections.

English for Law requires 70 to 100 points on the English placement test, and is taught by the qualified lawyers Mr. Heaven (Wales) and Mr. Harvey (England.)

The American Legal System – Part 1 requires 80 to 100 points on the placement test and is taught by the qualified lawyer Ms. Mills (U.S.A.) This course can be followed in a subsequent semester by the course *The American Legal System – Part 2*, which leads to the UNICert III exam and a certificate in legal English.

The course descriptions can be found on the next page.

Students can register for these courses on the Zessko website, after taking the English placement test for law students (paper version) on **October 7, 2019, at 11:00** in Griebnitzsee, Building 6, Room 1.20 (Zessko – upstairs.) The placement test will be followed by an advisory session in the afternoon.

Other English courses: Zessko also offers courses such as *English for Social Sciences* and *English for Academic Purposes*, which are accepted by the university in Nanterre to fulfill the English requirement. Registration for these courses takes place on PULS. Further information will be provided at the placement test/advisory session on October 7.

Legal English Courses:

English for Law - UNICert® III/1

This course is designed to give the student a working knowledge of the principles of the most important features of English law, to this end the course covers a wide range of topics. This course is interactive insofar that the students will be encouraged to take an active part in discussion of the various topics under consideration and present their points of view by reasoned argument. The course will be conducted entirely in English - this way the students' knowledge of general and legal English will be enhanced.

This course fulfills the foreign language requirement set forth in § 9 of the "Studienordnung" for law students. Registration requires 70 to 100 points on the English placement test.

The American Legal System - Part 1 - UNICert® III/1

This is the first part of a two-semester course offering a comprehensive introduction to the common law system of the United States. In this course we examine the lawmaking process, court structure, the function of the jury, the differences between civil and criminal law, and the American constitution. By reading and discussing original texts, including an authentic case concerning civil rights, students will develop their analytical skills and acquire a command of American legal terminology. The class, which is discussion-based, requires active participation, regular preparation and ends with a course test. Like all UNICert® courses, this class has a strict attendance requirement. No more than five absences are allowed.

This course fulfills the foreign language requirement set forth in § 9 of the "Studienordnung" for law students. Registration requires 80 to 100 points on the English placement test.

Upon completion of the second part of the course on torts and contracts (UNICert® III/2) students may take the UNICert III exam in Legal English to receive the UNICert® certificate.

The American Legal System - Part 2 - UNICert® III/2

This course is a continuation of "The American Legal System - Part I" and further develops students' competence in legal English. The course treats the principles and terminology of the law of torts and contracts, with special emphasis on developing speaking, writing and analytical skills. After completing this course, students are prepared to study law or do a legal internship in an English-speaking country as well as to discuss legal problems with English-speaking clients. Students who take this course are entitled to take the UNICert® III exam in legal English and receive the UNICert® III certificate.

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English Courses for Law Students

The following legal English courses satisfy the §9 foreign language requirement for law students:

A. *Require 70 to 100 points on the English Placement Test:*

English for Law (UNICert III/1)

E 01	Tue.	12:00 – 14:00	Thur.	12:00 – 14:00	1.19	Heaven**
E 02	Tue.	14:00 – 16:00	Thur.	14:00 – 16:00	1.19	Heaven**
E 03	Wednesday			12:00 – 16:00	1.20	Harvey*
E 04	Friday			12:00 – 16:00	1.20	Harvey

*This course – E03- starts with an extra session on Wednesday, October 16, from 9:00 – 11:00.

**These courses begin the week of October 21.

B. *Require 80 to 100 points on the English Placement Test:*

The American Legal System-Part 1 (UNICert III/1)

E 05	Wed.	14:00 – 16:00	Thur.	14:00 – 16:00	0.13/0.15	Mills
E 06	Tue.	12:00 – 14:00	Thur.	12:00 – 14:00	0.15/0.15	Mills
E 07	Wed.	12:00 – 14:00	Fri.	12:00 – 14:00	0.13/0.15	Mills

These courses have extra sessions: see the course descriptions on-line.

C. *Requires the completion of The American Legal System-Part 1:*

The American Legal System-Part 2 (UNICert III/2)

(leads to the UNICert certificate)

E 08	Tue.	14:00 – 16:00	Fri.	14:00 – 16:00	0.15/0.115	Mills
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This course has several extra sessions: see the course description on-line.

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