

Winter Semester 20/21

English Placement Test for Nanterre Students - Online

October 15, 2020

Dear Students:

Starting this winter semester, most of you will be taking an English course at the University of Potsdam Center for Languages and Key Competencies (*Zessko*.) Some students wait until the summer semester to take English but if they cannot get the course they need then, they have nothing to fall back on. You can take a legal English course or a general English course, as you prefer. Most students from Nanterre take a legal English course.

We at *Zessko* have a large number of courses available, in reasonably-sized groups. All of the legal English courses will be taught exclusively online, via Zoom and other learning platforms such as Moodle. Among the other suitable English courses (English for Academic Purposes and English for Social Sciences), some will be taught online and others in hybrid form. Please see the two-page course schedule you received to see which courses are hybrid.

Regardless of which English course you choose, you have to take a language placement test in order to determine your English proficiency level. Normally, law students take a written placement test on campus at Griebnitzsee. Due to Covid-related restrictions, however, that is not possible this winter semester. Therefore, I have arranged for Nanterre students to take the online placement test normally offered to non-law students.

Because the class sizes are limited, there is competition for seats when **registration begins on October 22 on the Zessko website**. That is why the placement test has to be taken before October 22.

This placement test will be made available on:

Tuesday, October 20, starting between 13:00 and 14:00
and ending 35 minutes later.

In order to take the test, students have to sign up soon on the following website:

[English Placement Test Nanterre](https://moodle2.uni-potsdam.de/course/view.php?id=25927)

@ <https://moodle2.uni-potsdam.de/course/view.php?id=25927>

The password (Moodle:enrollment key) is SIGNUP2020 (case-sensitive).

Taking the online test:

You can start any time between 13:00 and 14:00, and the test runs for 35 minutes.

Technical support will be available during the test (20.10.2020 13:00 – 15:00) at the following telephone number:

+49 331 977 3694 - Sarah Blum, Zessko Mediothek

It is important that you familiarize yourselves with the test beforehand by reading the included instructions and practicing the test online, as explained in the instructions.

Advisory Session for Legal English:

After the online placement test on October 20, you can consult with me on Zoom from 17:00 to 18:00 if you would like. You can also contact me any time by e-mail (in English or German) at cmills@uni-potsdam.de

Below is a copy of the Zoom invitation:

Carolyn Mills lädt Sie zu einem geplanten Zoom-Meeting ein.

Thema: Legal English Consultation for Nanterre
Uhrzeit: 20.Okt.2020 17:00
Zoom-Meeting beitreten
<https://uni-potsdam.zoom.us/j/62181661830>

Meeting-ID: 621 8166 1830

Kenncode: 04387418

Registration for English courses:

Registration for legal English courses takes place on Thursday, October 22, from 9:00 to 21:00. Places are limited so students should go online and register that morning. Registration takes place on the Zessko website and requires your student matriculation number in addition to other information. The website address is:

<https://www.uni-potsdam.de/de/zessko/sprachen/englischschluesselkompetenzen/englisch-der-rechtswissenschaften>

Other English courses are administered through a different system called PULS. More information will be provided upon request.

Best wishes for a successful start at University of Potsdam,

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