Englisch für Juristen

Voraussetzungen für die Teilnahme an der fachsprachlichen Ausbildung:
- Placement Test
- Aufbaustufe


**Fachsprachliche Ausbildung (JAPO §24 Fassung 13.10.2003):**

- English for Lawyers 1 (SF1): Introduction to Legal English
- English for Lawyers 2 (SF2): Aspects of the Anglo-American Legal System

**UNIcert III (Fachrichtung: Jura)**

Voraussetzungen für die Anmeldung zur **Prüfung für UNIcert III**: *

- Aufbaukurs für Rechtswissenschaftler (2 SWS)
- Spezialisierungskurs SF1 English for Lawyers 1 (2 SWS)
- Spezialisierungskurs SF2 English for Lawyers 2 (2 SWS)
- Spezialisierungskurs SA2 allgemeinsprachlich (2 SWS)

**UNIcert IV (Fachrichtung: Jura)**

Voraussetzungen für die Anmeldung zur **Prüfung für UNIcert IV**: *

Erfolgreiche Teilnahme an den Kursen für UNIcert III (8 SWS) +

- Spezialisierungskurs SF3 English for Lawyers 3 (2 SWS)
- Spezialisierungskurs SF3 English for Lawyers 4 (2 SWS)
- Landeskunde 1 (Zielland 1, z.B. USA) (2 SWS)
- Landeskunde 2 (Zielland 2, z.B. UK ) **ODER** SF3 Mediation for Lawyers 5 **ODER** SF3 Advanced Legal Communication (2 SWS)

**Freischussregelung (JAPO §37 - Fassung 13.10.2003):**

Für die Freischussregelung müssen zu den obligatorischen fachsprachlichen Kursen (4 SWS) weitere 16 SWS belegt werden. Von diesen 16 SWS müssen 8 fachsprachlich sein:

- UNIcert III (8 SWS) 4 SWS fachsprachlich
- UNIcert IV (8 SWS) mind. 4 SWS fachsprachlich +

- UNIcert IV 2 SWS
- UNIcert IV 2 SWS = insgesamt **20 SWS** davon mind. 12 fachsprachlich

Vom Prüfungsamt werden auch Veranstaltungen der Fakultät anerkannt: z.B. Prof. Ohlys „Introduction to English Law“

*siehe hierzu auch die Zulassungsbedingungen zum Studiengang Master of Law unter [http://www.le.uni-bayreuth.de/de/Zulassung/index.html](http://www.le.uni-bayreuth.de/de/Zulassung/index.html)
Course Descriptions

Developing Reading Comprehension in Legal English (Vorstufe)

This course focuses on the needs of Law students who have failed to reach the required standard at the Placement Test administered by the Sprachenzentrum. Participants will study a corpus of authentic texts relating to law and legal practice as a means of enhancing their reading comprehension skills. Supplementary exercises and class activities will allow students to broaden their vocabulary and improve their grammatical accuracy. Students who achieve an overall grade of 2.3 or higher will be exempted from the Placement Test.

Successful participation is in the course is recognized as part-fulfilment of the requirements stipulated in JAPO §24 Fassung 13.10.2003. Note, however, that it is NOT a UNIcert® course.

Aufbaukurs für Rechtswissenschaftler (Aufbau)
Upper Intermediate Communication Skills

Promoting greater accuracy and variety of expression are the principal goals of this course which focuses on assisting students to develop a wider vocabulary base (including legal lexis) for effective spoken and written communication. Conversational English drawn from a variety of practical and professional situations will be used to enhance students' fluency and confidence in their use of idiomatic English. Exercises based on audio materials will help participants improve their listening skills. Relevant points of grammar will be revised as students 'rediscover' rules of structure and usage for themselves. Students will also read a corpus of texts on current legal issues and write brief commentaries in response; the emphasis, however, will be on oral competence and active participation. Note that participation in this course is NOT recognized as part-fulfilment of the JAPO §24 requirements.

English for Lawyers 1 Introduction JAPO §24 (SF1)

The aims of this course are to provide an introduction to the English legal system and to develop the language skills relevant to this area of study. The course will focus on central features of the legal system, the constitution, sources of law, legislation and the enactment process, common law and the development of equity, the doctrine of judicial precedent, statutory interpretation, the courts and the role of the jury, the education and training of barristers and solicitors.

English for Lawyers 2 Aspects of the Anglo-American Legal Systems JAPO §24 (SF2)

This course will build upon the foundations laid in English for Lawyers 1. Students will examine in greater depth relevant features of the legal structures in the British Isles and the United States. Emphasis will also be placed on expanding students’ knowledge of legal vocabulary to enable them to understand and discuss key legal concepts in areas such as the judiciary, civil courts and procedure, criminal courts and procedure, appeals, sentencing, international law, the European Court of Justice, the Human Rights Act 1998. Plenty of opportunities will be provided to actively participate in classroom activities and discussions.

English for Lawyers 3 (SF3)

This course builds on the competencies acquired by participants in the introductory English for Lawyers 1 and English for Lawyers 2 courses; it aims to prepare students for professional activity in an international business environment by equipping them with the necessary linguistic skills and relevant knowledge of the Anglo-American legal system.

The course will focus on the following areas:

Business organisations
- types of business vehicles (including SE companies); registration procedures and documents
- issue of shares and debentures; shareholder rights
- corporate insolvency and corporate rescue
- fiduciary duties

Contract law
- formation of contracts
- terms
- vitiating factors
Competition law
• European Community competition law
• merger control regulations in the UK & USA

Business resources
• intellectual property (patent law, registered designs, law of copyright, trade marks)
• data protection

Students will be expected to research, retrieve, study and discuss the relevant statutory and case law and apply this to actual/sample cases; they will be asked to read and interpret specimen documents and to formulate legal 'opinions' for potential 'clients'. They will also be required to present legal arguments in simulation exercises (moot courts) and analyse court rulings, thus relating the principles of business law to real-world scenarios. Students will also be required to read and discuss a selection of relevant press articles. Particular attention will be paid to expanding participants' legal and business vocabulary and enhancing their powers of logical expression, while consolidating their general communicative competence and rhetorical skills.

English for Lawyers 4
This course complements, but can be taken before, or concurrently with, English for Lawyers 3. The course will have a similar format to English for Lawyers 3 and will focus on the following areas:

Business and the law of tort
• tortious liability
• specific torts relevant to business (negligence, defective goods and services, economic torts)
• liability of professionals (lawyers, accountants and auditors)

Criminal liability in business
• misdescription of goods and services
• corporate malpractice: selective disclosure and insider trading;
• US Sarbanes-Oxley Act 2002 and UK fraud control

Consumer protection
• statutory approaches to consumer protection; consumer protection institutions
• codes of practice; advertising standards

Employing labour
• contract of employment
• discrimination; rights and remedies on dismissal
• vicarious liability

Mediation for Lawyers
This course will focus on an increasingly important part of the Anglo-American legal system, that of alternative dispute resolution (ADR). The escalating cost of court proceedings has served as impetus for potential litigants to resort to ADR and, in particular, to mediation – the use of a neutral third party to assist disputants in reaching compromise agreements. Mediation currently plays a key role in the settlement of disputes between business partners in the international arena.

Students will be encouraged to apply the legal and linguistic knowledge they have acquired in previous English for Lawyers/ courses as they explore the theoretical issues involved in ADR/mediation. Special emphasis will be placed in the course on contract renegotiation. Participants will have the opportunity to enhance their oral (negotiation) skills in simulation exercises based on authentic case material.

A variety of follow-up writing assignments will help to consolidate lexical and grammatical competence.

Advanced Legal Communication
As a successful lawyer you will have to be a persuasive communicator both on paper and before an audience. Whether writing an opinion or letter, negotiating on behalf of a client, or making a presentation in court, you will need to know how to communicate the best factual and legal arguments to support your case. Working with case law and studies from international business, this course will help you to develop the tools and techniques you will need to be able to argue most effectively in English in various legal contexts. Skills developed will include: identifying the key facts and points of law in a given case, building your winning arguments, dealing with counter-arguments, effective presenting on paper, convincing face-to-face (the art of advocacy), negotiation and persuasion tactics.