



ENGLISH FOR LAWYERS PROGRAM

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW

SAMPLE COURSE OUTLINE

- July 6 – July 23, 2020
 - Week One: Basics of the US Legal system and US Legal Analysis
 - Goals
 - Advanced reading skills
 - Following conversation about US legal topics
 - Analyzing a US legal issue
 - Week Two: US Business Law and Professional Skills
 - Goals
 - Reading and understanding a US contract
 - Negotiating portions of a US contract
 - Writing US legal business letters and emails
 - Navigating a business reception and delivering an elevator speech
 - Week Three: Advocacy and Oral Skills
 - Goals
 - Crafting a legal argument
 - Pronunciation
 - Listening skills



CLASSES

- Day is organized around various lessons
 - Start with a lesson for the entire group
 - Break into small groups for more individualized lessons that focus on language
 - Groups change from week to week depending on
- Exercises
 - Legal questions and legal sources that help to develop the answer
 - Review of basic US legal documents
 - Contract negotiation
 - Mock arbitration
- Fieldtrips
 - US Supreme Court
 - US Capitol
 - DC Superior Court



HOMEWORK

- There is daily homework
 - Write to your client
 - Summarize an article
 - Read materials
 - Prepare for a negotiation
 - Prepare a class presentation
 - Prepare an argument for the arbitration
- Extra
 - Teachers are happy to assign and review additional written work



WEEKENDS?

- Class is held Monday – Thursday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- There is daily homework to be completed after class
- Weekends have some homework, but you can travel, sightsee, and discover DC on weekends



WHO ARE THE PARTICIPANTS?

- Practicing lawyers and law students from around the world
- Some incoming LLM students
- Course is capped at 40
- Small sections are diverse



TOEFL

- English test such as TOEFL or IELTS is not required
 - If you have taken one, send us the score– it helps with creating the small sections
- High intermediate or advanced level of English is required
- We give an assessment on Day 1 of class



DO I NEED A STUDENT VISA?

- The course does not require a student visa
- This is a not-for-credit professional development program limited to 18 hours of classroom time per week

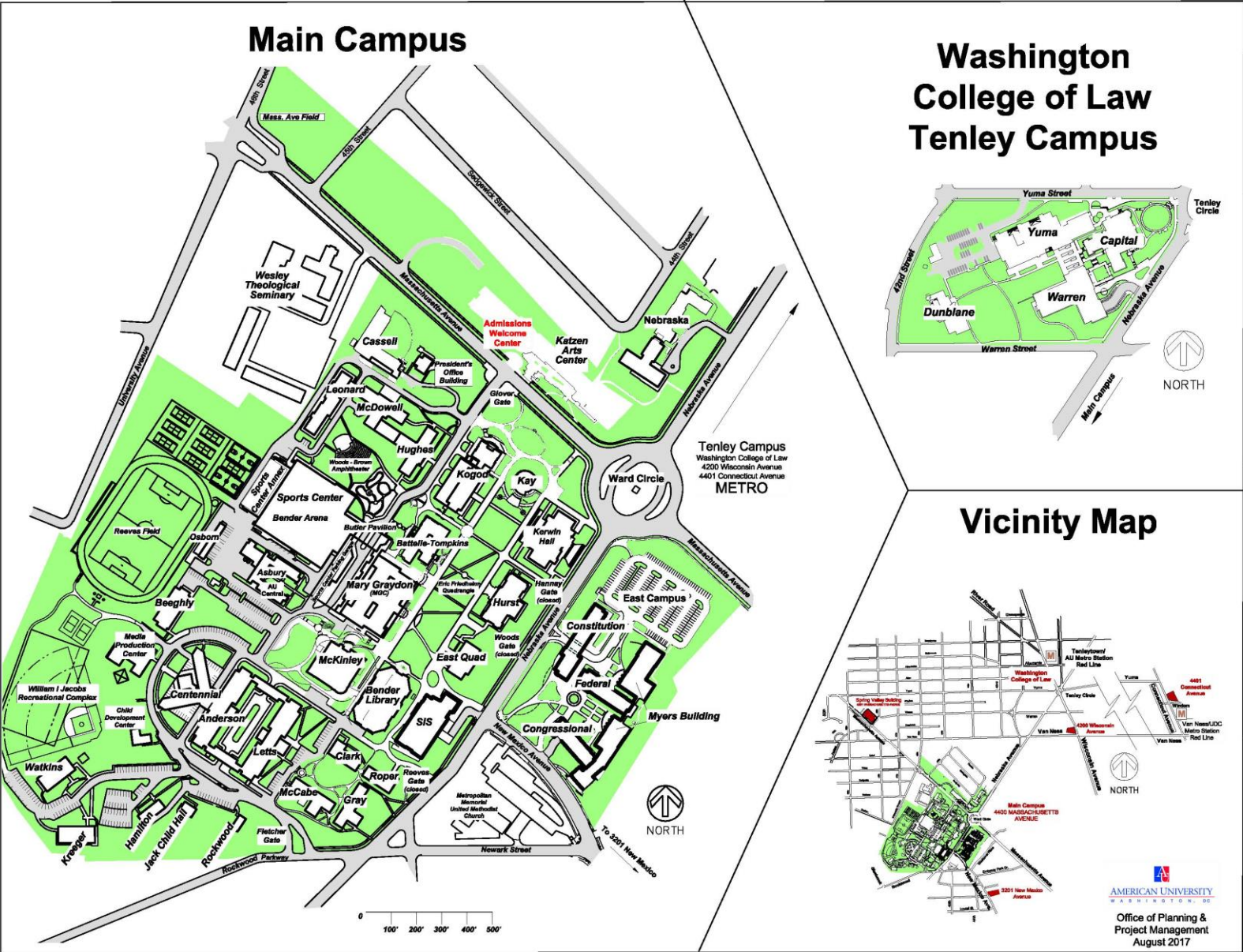


HOUSING

- Housing is typically available on American University's main campus, a 10-15 minute walk or 5 minute shuttle ride from the law school
- Cassell Suites:
 - Single rooms –
 - Double rooms –
- Amenities:
 - Shared bathroom with 2 -3 other people
 - Kitchen facilities (no kitchen utensils)
 - Option of eating at main campus dining facility (price of each meal not included in housing cost)
 - Laundry facilities (price for laundry not included in housing cost)
 - Free access to AU gym
 - Free linens including bed sheets, blanket, pillow, and towel
 - Free wireless internet access



MAP



HOW DO I REGISTER?

- Register online: <https://www.wcl.american.edu/impact/initiatives-programs/english/>
- Registration open until course is full
- Registration is not considered complete until payment has been received
- Waitlist will be created after course is full



HOW DO I PAY?

- Credit Card
- Check made out to American University Washington College of Law and sent to the attention of Emma Segalla, English for Lawyers Program
- Money transfer – Emma Segalla can send the details if you are interested



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