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
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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