

Winter Semester 2020/21

English for Law Students – Online this Semester

Foreign language requirement: Law students at the University of Potsdam are required to take a foreign language course specifically designed for legal purposes. See §9 of the *Studienordnung*. While any legal foreign language fulfils the requirement, legal English is the only foreign language offered at the University of Potsdam.*

Timing: Students normally take legal English in their **third, fourth or fifth semester**. The sixth semester is possible as well, or even later, depending on when a student registers for the *Schwerpunktbereichsprüfung*. If places are available, students in the second semester may also take a legal English course.

English Placement Test: In order to register for any English course at all, students must take an English placement test at Potsdam. There are **no exceptions**, not even for native-speakers, students with English A-levels, or students with a TOEFL score. Registration for all English courses, which is electronic, requires that a test score be in the relevant data bank. The score is stored and can be checked **on the Zessko website (see below)**, not PULS!

The English placement test for law students (conducted in paper form on campus) is offered several times a year. Due to Covid-driven restrictions on group gatherings, the law students' placement test will not be conducted this semester as normal. Instead, decisions will be made in the next six months about the best way to administer the test as circumstances evolve.

Legal English courses: There are two courses which fulfil the foreign language requirement for law students. Each course is offered in multiple parallel sections every semester and all will be taught **online in WS 20/21**. Students who score fewer than 70 points must take the preparatory course EAP II/2. See the current course schedule for details.

English for Law Requires 70 to 100 points on placement test

*American Legal System – Part I*** Requires 80 to 100 points on placement test

**This course has a voluntary sequel, which leads to the UNICert III exam and certificate, which is why the entrance requirement is higher.

Registration for courses: Registration will take place **on the Zessko website** (not PULS!) as follows:

October 22 9:00 – 21:00 For law students in the **fifth semester and higher**

October 27 9:00 on For law students in the **third semester and higher**

https://ees.zessko.uni-potsdam.de/angebote/aktueller_zeitraum/_Rechtswissenschaften_Englisch_-.html

*Students who are interested in fulfilling the foreign language requirement by taking a different language, which can be done at another university, should contact Carolyn Mills personally to discuss it.