

Dynamic Introduction to French and UK Law

Cours en ligne pour le Semestre 1 de 3^{ème} année

Course Title

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Type de cours : Cours en ligne

Langue du cours: Anglais

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Course description – Targets

Law is everywhere in our daily life. We hear about it everyday when we turn on the TV or the radio, but we are sometimes not able to fully understand what it is all about, for lack of knowledge in this field. This absence of basic knowledge in law may turn into a problem in the professional life. Hence having some notions of law is not only helpful, but therefore essential in most aspects of our life, whether personal (when buying a house or getting married), or professional (when signing an employment contract, negotiating a contract, or running a business).

The aim of this course is to provide the students with the most useful notions of law, under both French law and UK law, with a comparative and exemplified approach. The students will be at the center of this course, and will learn, through case studies, how to handle a law case and where to look for information. Illustration, through case studies or news, will be the most important part of this course, in order to make law the most practical and concrete possible.

After this course, the student should :

- *Be familiar with the notion of law, rights and with the UK and French legal frameworks;*
- *Be able to provide a global and synthetic vision as to the main aspects of private law;*
- *Understand legal issues and solve case study, by applying general legal principles to concrete examples both individually and in groups;*
- *Be comfortable with technical terms ;*
- *Have some notions of law that the student could re-use in his/her personal and/or professional life.*

Skills that will be developed:

- *Ability to select information*
- *Ability to qualify a legal situation with legal vocabulary*
- *Ability to identify a legal question*
- *Ability to select the correct legal rule*
- *Ability to understand and apply a legal rule*
- *Ability to draw the practical consequences of the application of a legal rule*

There is no specific requirement for this course.

Online teaching method

ZOOM, Powerpoint, videos

Assessment

- For each session : research and presentation. I will of course help the students if they have any questions.
- During each session: case studies
- The two mock trials will require a more important amount of work, on several sessions. That is why the case studies will be given three or four sessions prior to the due date.

Course outline

Notion of legal system: the norms in France

- Presentation of the French legal system by a student
- Case studies in order to determine which norm should prevail on the other in a real-life situation, and/or illustration with the recent news

Notion of legal system : the norms in the UK

- Presentation of the UK legal system by a student, with a special attention to the UK “Constitution” and the UK legislative process
- Case studies in order to determine which norm should prevail on the other in a real-life situation and/or illustration with the recent news

Legal capacity in France and in the UK

- Presentation by a student
- Case study

The judiciary system in France

- Presentation by a student or by the teacher
- Case study : which court has jurisdiction?

The judiciary system in the UK

- Presentation by a student or by the teacher
- Case study : which court has jurisdiction?

Evidence rules

- Presentation
- Illustration with the loyalty of the evidence
- Case study : which evidence can be brought to court?

MOCK TRIAL (UK law)

- Students will have to work by groups of 4 or 5 people on UK mock trials, using the cross examination procedure

Tort law : civil law approach (2 sessions)

- Presentation
- Case study : can I ask for a compensation?

Tort law : common law approach (2 sessions)

- Presentation
- Case study : can I ask for a compensation?

Contract law : the formation of the contract : 2 sessions

- Presentation of the validity of the contract
- Presentation of the formation of the contract
- Case study : is the contract valid? Is there a contract at all?

Contract law : the performance of the contract

Contract law : the breach of the contract

Big final case study using all the previous notions : be the lawyer and defend your client

- Aim : being able to understand the role of the lawyer

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