

**In the Name of Allah, The Most Merciful and
Compassionate**

Course Title: **Legal English Terminology (309)**

Lecturer: **Dr. Mesfer Mohammed Alsaluli**

Overview of the Course

This elective course is designed to introduce students to Legal English subjects and terminologies, and the instructor shall determine the subjects of the course using interactive learning methods including group exercises, supervised discussions, role play and presentations to develop students' ability of legal speaking, listening, reading, and writing. It also enhances the legal vocabulary and differentiates between using words in ordinary language and legal language. Moreover, the course aim to improve students' ability to read and understand legal texts by providing students a selection of real cases and legal clauses. Also, the course may mention international news and try to manifest any legal expression.

Students enrolled in this course are expected to master the key words in English language, and be able to write common legal texts and short memorandums in English. Also, students shall be familiar with the legal writing structure in the U.S.A.

Course Topics

- ▶ Judicial System
- ▶ Constitutional Law.
- ▶ Criminal Law.
- ▶ Civil Procedure Law.
- ▶ Tort Law.
- ▶ Contract Law.
- ▶ Property Law.
- ▶ International Law.
- ▶ Lawyer Ethics.
- ▶ ADR.

Class attendance and laptop policy

- Class attendance is required. You may miss up to four classes without an excuse, it will affect your attendance grading. If you miss a fifth or more class, you need a convincing excuse, not only for that fifth or sixth class but also for the previous four classes that you missed. In other words, you should try to avoid missing classes without very good reasons, though you should explain the reason to me only when you miss more than four classes in total.
- It is essential that you come to class well-prepared. If you are not able to prepare, you should inform me beforehand.
- **Laptops or other electronic devices *may not* be used in class unless instructed otherwise.**

Office hours

- ▶ If you have any questions, you can either ask them in class, or come to my office. I do not encourage email questions because email is an inefficient instrument in this respect.
- ▶ Office hours will be posted on my office.
- ▶ To schedule an appointment e-mail: malsaluli@ksu.edu.sa

Student Grading Methods

1. Two midterms will be conducted during this semester plus the final exam. 20% for each the midterms, and 40% for the final exam.
2. 10% is for contributions and attendance.
3. 10% is for homework, briefing cases, and other assignments.

Reference

- ▶ Main book:

Alsululi, Mesfer M., *Consice Legal Clavis: Termonologies and Subjects* (2019).
Daralegadh, Riyadh.

- ▶ Other Resources:

Christine Rossini, *English as a legal language*, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 1998.

Legal Terminology: Understanding and Using Legal Terms, Prof. Suleiman Mazyad,
2018.

Helen E. Charlton & William Robert McKay, *Legal English: how to understand and
master the language of law*,. Longman, 2005.