

COURSE DETAIL

ENGLISH LAW IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

Exeter College, Oxford University

Program(s)

Summer in Oxford

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Legal Studies International Studies

UCEAP Course Number

138

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

ENGLISH LAW IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT

UCEAP Transcript Title

ENG LAW/INTL CONTXT

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

The common law is one of the great glories of England, which has been exported across the world. As the law intrudes on every part of human life, it is important to reflect on the distinctive approach to law that originated in England, and the ways in which it seeks to keep up with changing circumstances. This course examines the institutions through which laws are made and changed. The first part of the course provides an introduction to aspects of legal reasoning through reading some famous judgments in the common law tradition, and considers how the common law approach differs from others influenced by Roman law. The second part of the course explores the enduring challenge that the law faces when dealing with indigenous peoples, in particular the Aboriginal peoples in Australia and the Maori in New Zealand, whose legal systems and ways of life were dramatically disrupted by British colonial forces that brought with them the blessings of English common law.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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Host Institution Campus

Exeter College

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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