COURSE DETAIL

INTRODUCTION TO ENGLISH COMMON LAW

Country
United Kingdom - England

Host Institution
University of Cambridge, Pembroke College

Program(s)
Summer in Cambridge

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Political Science Legal Studies

UCEAP Course Number
103

UCEAP Course Suffix
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UCEAP Official Title
INTRODUCTION TO ENGLISH COMMON LAW

UCEAP Transcript Title
INTRO ENGLISH LAW

UCEAP Quarter Units
5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description
The course provides students with an understanding of common law procedure, common law reasoning and argumentation, as well as an understanding of the place of human rights within the contemporary English legal system. To this end, the course fosters understanding through activities and reading. This course consists of three parts: In Part I there is an introductory lecture and a visit to the Crown or Magistrates' Court, including the completion of a court observation form as part of a learning log. Seminars are used to discuss the court observation, the notion of a fair trial and how the various actors in the court process contribute to the idea of a fair trial. Students complete the learning log by bringing together their observations, reflections, readings, and discussions. In Part II lectures examine the sources of English common law from domestic legislation and judge-made case law to international treaties and the law of the European Union. In seminars, students are introduced to reading cases, discovering the judges' legal reasoning, and applying the principles to new legal problems. In Part III students concentrate on the development of case-law and recent legislative changes in relation to the crime of murder and the civil wrong of defamation. Seminars explore causation and intent, general and partial defences to murder, and defences to defamation.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Campus
University of Cambridge

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