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# Information about first-year English?

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# **SOME FACTS**

- 1. There are 360 million people who speak English as a first language. 1.5 billion people worldwide speak it as a second or additional language. The British Council claims that 25 per cent of the world's population has some understanding of English.**
- 2. Approximately 3 million new books written in English are published annually.**
- 3. 55% of the internet is in English. The second most popular internet language is Russian at just under 6%.**
- 4. In South Africa the best predictor of university success regardless of field of study is the matric English mark.**

# THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE REASONS WHY YOU NEED TO DO ENGLISH



**Quite simply, English is going to be central to both your university and professional lives.**





**1. As a law student you will have to read more English books than you could ever have imagined.**

# A GUIDE TO LEGAL DRAFTING

NEVER CHOOSE SIMPLE  
WORDS WHERE COMPLEX  
ONES WILL ~~DO~~  
PROVE  
REASONABLY  
PRACTICABLE



NEVER USE ONE DOUBLE  
NEGATIVE WHERE NO  
TRIPLE NEGATIVE WILL  
NOT PROVE UNNECESSARY.



MAKE FREE USE OF  
(a) SUB-PARAGRAPHS, and  
(b) (i) SUB-SUB-PARAGRAPHS  
and (ii) SCHEDULES  
(SEE ATTACHED  
SCHEDULE).



THE ONLY DOCUMENT  
YOUR CLIENT SHOULD BE  
ABLE TO UNDERSTAND IS  
YOUR BILL.



2. In fact, legal English is so dense and complicated that most ordinary people struggle to understand it.





**3. Reading literature is also the quickest and easiest way to learn about all the potential clients in the world whose cultures and experiences are very different from yours.**

# SO WHAT ENGLISH COURSES SHOULD YOU TAKE?



# ENGLISH 118

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- First semester grammar course
- Two lectures per week in two different time slots: Group 1- Monday 9.30 and Friday 11.30 and Group 2 – Monday 13.30 and Wednesday 12.30.
- All first semester classes will be online.
- Students doing BA Law or wanting to go on to second year English can only do this **with** ENG 110 and ENG 120 and **not instead** of one of them.



# ENGLISH 110

[eng1coordinator@up.ac.za](mailto:eng1coordinator@up.ac.za)

- First semester – older literature – good for improving formal writing.
- Two lectures per week in two different time slots: Group 1 – Mon. 15.30 and Wed. 11.30; Group 2 - Tuesday 7.30 and Wed 13.30.
- One **very important** practical per week.
- Students doing BA Law or wanting to go on to second-year English **must** do this course

# ENGLISH 110 : Practicals

- **Thurs. 10.30 or Fri. 7.30. Online.**
- **Once you are registered you will be allocated to a specific group and this will be shown on ClickUP.**
- **You may not change the practical group to which you have been assigned, unless you have a clash in your timetable. If you have a clash you will be told how to request a change to an alternative practical group.**

# ENGLISH 120

- **Second semester**
- **Can be taken after ENG118 or 110**
- **Focus on contemporary literature in English including African texts – so great for learning to understand the world in which you live..**
- **Two lectures per week in two different time slots and one **really important** practical per week.**
- **Students doing BA Law or wanting to go on to second-year English **must** do this course **plus** ENG 110.**



# Basically the rules are as follows:

- If you are doing an LLB, you must take Any two modules from this list:  
ENG 118, ENG 110 and ENG 120.
- If you are doing a BCOM (Law), you must do ENG 118, but it is a good idea to add either ENG 110 or ENG 120, if you plan to go on to an LLB.
- If you are doing a BA (Law), you must do ENG 110 and 120 but you may choose to add ENG 118 as an extra elective.



**Because of the pandemic, your classes will be recorded and posted online until it is safe for all of us to return to campus, but you should still try to follow your timetable. Practicals will be live streamed.**

**ALL ENGLISH LECTURES  
START ONLINE ON 21<sup>st</sup> February  
AND YOU SHOULD BE TUNED  
IN FROM THE FIRST LECTURE.**

**SUCCESS IN ENGLISH  
CORRELATES CLOSELY  
WITH STEADY WORK -  
CHECK CLICKUP FOR BOOK  
LISTS AND PRAC. GROUPS.**



**THANK  
YOU.  
SEE YOU  
SOON!**

