

ENGLISH LAW STUDIES



'Welcoming you to a Future'

The English Law Studies (ELS) course

The ELS course is entering its 8th year. It provides students with a unique opportunity to study the law, methodology and practice of the two legal systems which underpin modern international legal practice; 'Civil Law' (in Spanish) and 'Common Law' (in English), and to develop written and oral communication skills and practice competencies expected by leading international firms and institutions. All of this takes place on the campus of the University of Malaga, a modern, low cost/high value city on the seashore of Southern Spain that can boast of an exceptional Mediterranean climate throughout the year and direct access by air to over 60 European destinations. Malaga's own vibrant international residential and cross border business community has to be a natural choice for international law studies.

The duration of the course

The complete course consists of 5 Levels (Introductory, Advanced, Superior, Specific and Professional). Studies run parallel with the 4 year Spanish Law Degree Course and 'Master in Advocacy' (18 months).

Students attend one compulsory 4-hour class a week for 25 weeks between the beginning of October and the end of May/beginning of June at each level. Students are expected to put in a further 6 hours independent study time during the week to keep up with the course, be properly prepared for discussion in class and to prepare for and pass the continuing assessments.

Admission

Admission is granted to undergraduate 1st or 2nd-year students who successfully interview and pass any required pre-admission tests. Special classes exist for students who are doing the 'Master in Advocacy'. Most ELS students study law at the University of Malaga (the Spanish Law LL.B course), but any student may apply for admission to the ELS course provided he/she is attending an undergraduate course in any subject at any university. By way of example, students taking a degree in Translation and Interpreting (in the Faculty of Philosophy and Letters) may be interested because they want to specialise in legal translation.

Why take the course? Many providers of legal and financial services today operate across frontiers and are looking for a scarce market of young professionals able to take a 'global' approach and deal effectively with increasingly complex transnational affairs. A growing number of universities across Europe are seeking to meet this challenge by offering training programmes for aspiring international legal advisors and advocates.

What academic and professional qualifications will the ELS course lead to?

Malaga University, for the moment at least, is the only University which provides students with the opportunity to study a full university level course in both 'Common Law' (English Law) and 'Civil Law' (Spanish Law). This is what we refer to as "Dual-Training". Apart from the University of Malaga's own ELS certificates, The ELS course is recognised in the UK by the Institute of Paralegals (IoP). This is a British Government accredited Institute and legal professional body.

Students approved and recommended at ELS Level 4 are awarded a “Diploma in English Law Studies (D.ELS)” from the IoP. They are eligible to register with the “Paralegal Professional Register (PPR)” at ‘Tier 2’ and to apply for a Specified Practising Certificate (e.g. to practice ‘European Law’). ELS students who go on to Level 5 and are admitted to the Spanish Bar, are awarded the status of “Approved English Law Advisor (A.ELA)”. They can register with the PPR, at Tiers 3 and 4, and apply for a General Practising Certificate for all areas of English Law not specifically reserved for other types of lawyers (e.g. Notaries, Solicitors, Barristers, and Patent Attorneys). This is a strong professional accreditation in the UK that offers assurances to the public not only as to the professional’s academic and practice training, but also as to professional insurance cover and compliance with supervised standards of ethics and conduct.

The Study Programmes

See:

[SCHEDULE 1: table of Modules at each Level](#)

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[SCHEDULE 2: List of Transferable Skills](#)

Evaluation

There are no end-of-term exams. Evaluation is continuous throughout the course with both oral and written assessments. For automatic admission to a higher Level, students must achieve an average mark of 70/100. Students obtaining 50% or over are awarded a certificate from the University. However, they may not be allowed to move to the higher Level. Students fail if their average mark is below 50%, but may be allowed to repeat the course. More information regarding the evaluation process may be obtained on request. Successful students at each Level are awarded a University of Malaga Extension Course Certificate (‘Certificado de Extensión Universitaria, como Título Propio de la Universidad de Málaga’). Each level awards 10 European Transfer Credits (ECTS) or 20 UK credits. 12 ECTS can be set off against the optional subjects by students taking the LL.B in Spanish Law.

Class Times for Level 1

Thursday: Morning Group: 10:00 to 14:30

Thursday: Afternoon Group: 10:00 to 14:30

Fees

The Fee for Level 1 of the ELS course (2017-2018) is 720.00€. For more information, write to: englishlaw@uma.es and/or search for: “VIII CURSO DE EXTENSIÓN UNIVERSITARIA DE DERECHO INGLÉS” when published.

If you are interested in registering for the ELS course send us an email at: englishlaw@uma.es. We will send you a Pre-Admission Application Form. If you are an overseas student and want information on how to register for the Law Degree at Malaga University, please consult the ‘University of Malaga’ web page: www.uma.es and click on “Admisión y Matricula”. Change the language by clicking on the language button. Now scroll down to where it says “International Applicants” and click on “EU Applicants” or “Non-EU Applicants”.