

**Católica Porto** | Campus Foz  
Escola de Direito do Porto

# Curso

# English for

# Law

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**De 8 de março a 7 junho**

(12 semanas de aulas/36 horas)

**Inscrições: até 2 de março**



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DIREITO

In today's global marketplace, even small companies are increasingly conducting business internationally. To effectively represent their clients, it is essential that attorneys are able to communicate in English using appropriate legal terminology with both ease and accuracy.

Unlike the conversational English that is heard in Hollywood movies, the English that a lawyer uses has a specific vocabulary, grammar and style that makes it a type of language within a language in nomenclature. The lexicon of law has its own characteristics that can be initially very difficult to understand by the untrained ear.

This course, taught by Professor William K. Sheehy, will help students to develop key skills in reading, writing, listening to and speaking legal English so that they can communicate effectively in a legal environment.

To function capably in an English-speaking law environment there are several key areas of law (common to all legal systems) that need to be covered so that the student is able to understand and express legal concepts clearly and concisely. By integrating distinctive techniques and materials that Professor Sheehy has gleaned in over 40 years of practicing and teaching law, students in this course will study the legal vocabulary of contract law, corporate law, intellectual property law and tort law so that they can develop the skills to read, understand and write the legal texts that may be required by their clients.

Professor Sheehy believes that lawyers learn by doing. Therefore, students will be given periodic assignments pertaining to various types of legal documents. To use contract law as an example, this course will develop the student's skills in English to discuss, advise, defend and apply such basic concepts as the essential elements of (a) contract formation, (b) breach of contract, (c) remedies for breach of contract, (d) non-competition and confidentiality agreements, (e) force majeure, and (f) assignments of contract rights and delegation of contract duties. As contract law is fundamental to modern business transactions, students will also learn how to use and express such specialized English legal terminology as guarantees, indemnities, warranties and conditions.

This course, with each section having no more than 20 students, is taught using the Socratic method. Each section, which will meet twice per week for 90 minutes, involves intense and continuous interaction and dialogue between the students and Professor Sheehy... as it is for lawyers in a courtroom, students should attend prepared and ready and willing to interact.

William K. Sheehy, Esq. attended Harvard University earning his A.B., before receiving a Juris Doctorem from Boston College Law School and a Legum Magister in Trade Regulation from New York University School of Law. After being admitted to the New York Bar, Professor Sheehy worked for seven years at the Federal Reserve Bank before practicing law for nearly 30 years in New York where he specialized in various areas of Corporate, Banking, Taxation, Anti-trust and Maritime Law.

Since retiring from the day to day practice of law in 2003, Professor Sheehy has lived and worked in Peru, Brazil, Turkey and, now, Portugal and has taught hundreds of undergraduates, graduate students, practicing lawyers and judges. Please note that Professor Sheehy's courses fill up very quickly as his courses are consistently highly rated by students and the section size is strictly limited; if you are interested in taking one of Professor Sheehy's courses, we advise you to sign up early.

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**Horário:** quintas-feiras das 16h30 às 19h30

**Inscrições:** até 2 de março

**Propina:**

- Alunos licenciatura/Mestrado - 330.00 euros
- Ex-alunos da UCP - 360.00 euros
- Outros - 390.00 euros

O pagamento poderá ser efetuado em 3 mensalidades

**Número de participantes:** mínimo 10

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