English Language Skills Enhancement Program

Summer 2013: July 1 - August 7

The English Language Skills Enhancement program will focus primarily on English for Legal Purposes.

Students will work with a native speaker legal teaching assistant, who will help guide them through the details of case reading in such areas as torts and contracts. Initially, the pace of reading will be slow enough to ensure that students gain a basic understanding of legal case reading; closer to the end of the summer program, the reading pace will increase so that students may become accustomed to the volume of work that they will experience once they begin their LLM program in the fall semester.

Students will learn the basics of reading cases, writing case summaries (briefs), and improve their legal English vocabulary.

The typical day is divided into two sessions: the longer morning session is mostly devoted to case reading, legal discussion, or business and political issues. In the afternoon session, students work on conversation skills, focused pronunciation practice, idiomatic expressions, and topics of current cultural relevance.

Class sessions will also feature occasional debates, presentations, video segments, and visits from current law students and practicing attorneys.

The program also provides an orientation to Winston-Salem, with tours of historic Old Salem, Reynolda House Museum of American Art, and more.

For questions about the summer curriculum please contact Andrew Smith at smithac@wfu.edu.

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