

## Opinions on TOLES

### Opinions of the Deans of the Faculty of Law at EMU

▶ ‘TOLES is the golden key to becoming a distinguished legal professional on the international stage.’

-Prof. Dr. Metin Gürkanlar, Former Dean of EMU Faculty of Law.

▶ “Legal education sets a person apart, and the legal English training received in TOLES courses differentiates a lawyer. Your uniqueness is your privilege.”

-Prof. Dr. Aynur YONGALIK, Former Dean of EMU Faculty of Law.

▶ ‘Having a TOLES certificate is a privilege for a legal professional.’

Asst. Prof. Dr. Tufan Erhürman, Former Deputy Dean of EMU Faculty of Law.

▶ ‘For a good lawyer, English is a privilege, and for English, TOLES is a privilege.’

Prof. Dr. Sema Taşpınar Ayvaz, Former Dean of EMU Faculty of Law.

▶ ‘TOLES is an invaluable opportunity to transform from a good lawyer to an excellent international lawyer.’

Prof. Dr. Murat Turgut Turhan, Former Dean of EMU Faculty of Law.

▶ Become legal professionals who prove your Legal English level with the TOLES Certificate, and stand out.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arzu Alibaba  
Acting Dean

### Opinions of TOLES Graduates

▶ I graduated from the Faculty of Law at Eastern Mediterranean University in January 2016. Since 2017, I have worked as a registered lawyer at the Ankara Bar Association. Since 2020, I have been working as the Contracts and Supply Chain Manager at KIM Technologies, a company operating in the defence industry in ballistic solutions and nanotechnology.

The TOLES training, I received in 2015 was merely a training certificate sitting in a drawer and the knowledge in my mind during the early days of my career. While practicing my profession as a freelance lawyer in my own office, to be honest, I never had the opportunity to use this knowledge.

However, after a while, an opportunity arose for me to use this knowledge, and I took advantage of it. Then, over time, one opportunity led to another, and life presented me with new chances.

Today, in my work routine primarily based on international contracts, as you might guess, my meetings and correspondence are in English. When I started my career, the knowledge I never used has become a significant part of my job now, and one of the dominoes in this transformation was the education I received during my university years.

In today's business world, where trade has globalized, distances have shrunk, and borders have disappeared, I believe I don't need to explain how important the role of English is. We see that even within the country's borders, some corporate firms use English in their internal correspondence, not just in international business. A client's contracts, reports obtained from the country's leading universities, and letters from banks will very likely come to you in English. Given this situation, having professional English alongside regular English will make you stand out from others in the highly competitive business world.

It should not be forgotten that law is not only about courts and trials, but that rules are necessary in every field and every stage of the business world. At this point, my advice to you is to take the TOLES training, continue to develop yourselves constantly, and be well-prepared for the doors and opportunities that life will open for you.

I owe a debt of gratitude to my esteemed instructors, who have played a significant role in my success today.

Lawyer Arel AYDIN

ACD Arabuluculuk ve Hukuk Bürosu

E-mail: [-arelaydin@live.com](mailto:-arelaydin@live.com) / [aaydin@kimtechnologies.com.tr](mailto:aaydin@kimtechnologies.com.tr)

Phone: +90 537 372 06 86

► I was a student at the Faculty of Law at Eastern Mediterranean University from 2014 to 2018.

After the basic English courses, I took the TOLES 1 course in 2015. Due to the fluency of the lessons, my high exam scores, and my enjoyment of the subjects and instructors, I completed all the TOLES courses in two years. In the classes, our level was assessed through various in-class evaluations over short periods. The topics we were insufficient in were supported with more detailed information prepared by our instructors in future lessons. Thus, it was aimed that no one would be left behind in the topics covered.

In 2017, I successfully completed all the courses and earned the right to take the TOLES exam, which originated in England. Before taking the exam, we practiced many times under the guidance of our exam coordinator. Workshops were organized in various areas such as speaking, writing,

and listening. Participation in these workshops was always high. Our instructors were always with us, not only during working hours but also in the evenings or on weekends. Whatever question we asked them; they answered us immediately. For exam preparation, our instructors provided us with additional study materials.

Before the exam, I learned that not only students from our faculty but also lawyers from Turkey specifically came to EMU for this exam. This information has contributed to my increased motivation for the exam. We evaluated the benefits of the certificate we would receive in our professional lives through an interview conducted by the university's promotion unit before the exam.

The interviews conducted with us were later shared with the local press by the EMU Promotion Unit, and we feel honored by this.

Lawyer Efide Kübra ÖZKALE  
Türkiye İş Bankası  
E-mail: [ekozkale@gmail.com](mailto:ekozkale@gmail.com)  
Phone: +90 530 339 41 49

► I am Selin Faydalıtürk. Between 2016 and 2020, I completed my undergraduate education at the Faculty of Law, Eastern Mediterranean University. I started taking TOLES classes in my second year and continued them until my final semester. One of the greatest long-term benefits this program provided me was that, thanks to the knowledge I gained, I never lost my connection with English throughout university.

One of the key factors that will make a difference in the legal profession is undoubtedly having sufficient proficiency in the English language. Thanks to the TOLES classes, we gained the ability to use this language fluently in our professional lives.

The contribution of the TOLES classes to me has been my familiarity with both legal correspondence and international court decisions from the university years onward. Currently, since I mostly follow the cases of foreign-based companies in Turkey, correspondence in English constitutes a significant part of my work. The benefit of the TOLES courses in this regard is undeniable. Having completed my master's degree in English, European Union and UK court decisions now form a large majority of my academic research.

Therefore, all the topics I covered in the TOLES classes now serve as an extension of the work I am doing. When I entered the professional world, I observed that not many people were familiar with the TOLES exam. However, I believe that my proficiency in this area has given me an edge in language skills.

The TOLES international exam holds a special place for me because it was an opportunity to test my knowledge in the eyes of international organizations. The exam was a comprehensive assessment that covered all the TOLES courses I had taken over three years. Thanks to our program coordinator, I prepared for the exam at an intense pace and scored 80 (very good). Before the exam, my goal was to score at least 81 (excellent). Although I didn't achieve my exact goal, getting so close and succeeding is the result of my efforts. This success has further boosted my motivation in English.

I am deeply grateful to all my instructors who played a crucial role in helping me achieve the goals I set for myself.

Lawyer Selin Faydalıtürk  
Grup Hukuk Avukatlık  
Bürosu E-  
mail:[selinfurk@gmail.com](mailto:selinfurk@gmail.com)  
Phone: 05067070839)

► I took advantage of this opportunity and completed the legal English courses and TOLES courses (TOLES Foundation Course). Subsequently, I successfully passed the TOLES Foundation Level exam and earned the certificate.

As I started my professional career, I can never deny the benefit of being able to communicate in the correct language with law firms working in the field of private international law and succeeding in interviews. Thanks to this certificate, while conducting work at my law firm, I had the opportunity to work in coordination with a law firm operating in the United Kingdom. While trying to meet with institutions and individuals to contribute up-to-date data to cases being heard in our country by following reports and publications on human rights from around the world, I received an offer to join an advisory board within a program under the ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL. My membership on the advisory board is still ongoing.

I served as the Founding President of the Zafer Party in Pamukkale district and ran as a parliamentary candidate in the 28th term parliamentary elections, aiming to contribute to the political landscape of my country. Recently, I have started preparations to carry out an association activity to support our youth who are passionate about traditional sports. I am preparing a promotional program to do my best to better promote our traditional sports on the international stage and to attract interest.

The vision of our faculty is still being shaped by competent faculty members who aim to educate young people who have internalized the general principles of law and are aware of what is happening in the world. We can only thank all the faculty members who have worked hard through the good things we do for the world. I hope their presence continues to illuminate our future.

Lawyer Hasan Hüseyin Halastar  
Denizli Bar Association  
E-mail:  
[av.hasanhalastar@gmail.com](mailto:av.hasanhalastar@gmail.com)  
Phone Number: 05551452095

► In 2011, while studying at DAU, I attended all the TOLES courses. After completing all these courses, I took the international TOLES exam and received my certificate. With the help of this certificate, I was hired by my dream law firm. TOLES helps lawyers improve their Legal English and, since it is one of the requirements demanded by many institutions or law firms, it also helps you find a good job. Having a TOLES certificate sets you apart from other lawyers.

Lawyer Laçın SÖNMEZOÇLU

► As everyone knows, English has become a global language. For this reason, I believe that every lawyer should have an international TOLES certificate, no matter where they continue their careers, and I am glad I attended the TOLES courses.

Lawyer Havva AKİF

► My instructors and senior colleagues have always emphasized the important role of a foreign language in the legal profession and pointed out that I needed to improve myself in this area. In addition to all this, as a legal practitioner, I can observe the importance of English in my current profession. In addition to general English skills, TOLES also offers opportunities for legal English practice and certification for lawyers. During my time in university, I had doubts about the essence of the TOLES certificate and couldn't decide whether it was necessary to attend the courses and take the exam. However, as soon as I began my professional career as a lawyer, I realized its significance for lawyers and legal professionals. I recommend that all my colleagues obtain the TOLES certificate. This way, law firms will prioritize you both in your internship and in recruitment.

Lawyer Eşref KAHYA

► If you ask me what Legal English has contributed to me, the first thing I can say is that I have never regretted choosing TOLES courses. One of the things that made studying at a school with an experienced academic staff even better is the way the lessons go by without getting boring. You

eagerly wait for the next class, and before you know it, you're already looking forward to the next lesson, as the hours seem to fly by.

After receiving that certificate, when you tell a lawyer that you have a TOLES certificate or they see it on your CV, even though it might seem unnecessary because you'll mostly be dealing with enforcement procedures during your internship, it inevitably catches their attention and makes you feel like you're one step ahead of other candidates.

Legal English is not only important for international law and contract law, where the parties need an international aspect. It is an essential part of even domestic corporate firms' commercial life. For example, even Turkish companies that only operate within Turkey are still looking for sworn translators to translate the protocols between them and their dealers in any part of Turkey into English. Unfortunately, because those translations are not prepared by legal professionals, despite knowing good English, the results can be disastrous since the terminology is as inaccurate as something from Google Translate.

The three things the President of the Istanbul Bar Association said during our first SEM class, which will also be shared with you as professional secrets by experienced lawyers, are:

1. Have an agenda, track your work daily, and work in an organized and planned manner.
2. Keep reading and stay updated on changes in the legislation.
3. Have professional English.

I began to feel the benefits of these wise words early in my career when I was selected to attend meetings and trials abroad, and I experienced the material and spiritual rewards of my contract and opinion translations.

In short, I recommend you choose the course without thinking too much, and even if you don't want to, you will see how much it adds to you, your awareness, and your distinctiveness.

Otherwise, I wish you success in dealing with uncollected debts, clients who want to drown you in a spoonful, and unreturned certificates.

Lawyer Kaan Angün  
AN-KA Law and Consultancy Office  
Email: [kaanangun@yandex.com](mailto:kaanangun@yandex.com)  
Phone: 05366016194

► Between the 2012-2014 academic years, during my studies at the Faculty of Law at Eastern Mediterranean University, I began attending TOLES courses upon the recommendation of my instructors, believing they would provide significant advantages in my career. After completing the courses, I took the TOLES exam in February 2014. I can confidently say that the lessons I took and

the exam I sat for have helped me successfully climb the career ladder. Thanks to the TOLES certificate, I had the opportunity to intern with a renowned professor and a prominent law firm in Turkey. I can state that TOLES is a completely unique experience that uniquely supports your professional development and also enables you to undertake international assignments. TOLES not only supports your English development but also enables you to actively use legal English in your profession. I recommend all my colleagues who wish to stand out in their careers to obtain the TOLES certificate. Remember, this is always a privilege!

Prosecutor Esmâ Nilsu Karadağ

► I graduated from the Faculty of Law at Eastern Mediterranean University in 2014. I am currently a registered attorney with the Aydın Bar Association. The importance of foreign languages in a globalized world cannot be denied. In this context, professional English holds particular significance in the legal profession, which impacts all aspects of life and international relations. After taking a TOLES course at Eastern Mediterranean University, I observed a remarkable improvement in my legal English skills. Subsequently, I completed all the remaining TOLES courses. By the time I finished all the TOLES courses, I felt extremely confident in my legal English, which indicated that the courses had achieved their purpose.

Following my graduation, the presence of the TOLES certificate made me a preferred candidate for internship opportunities in law firms. In this regard, I extend my gratitude and appreciation to Eastern Mediterranean University and my instructors for providing me with this unique opportunity.

Lawyer Ulaş KIRAY

► I am a 2015 graduate of the Faculty of Law at Eastern Mediterranean University, where I graduated at the top of my class. I am currently a lawyer registered with the Istanbul Bar Association. After graduation, knowing that I would be entering a highly competitive environment, I had various goals to get ahead of the competition, and one of those goals was Legal English. I had planned to take Legal English courses during the summer vacation, and then I found out that my university offered such an opportunity. Without hesitation, I enrolled in the TOLES courses as electives and completed all of them with an A grade.

Before taking the TOLES exam, my goal was to achieve the highest level, which corresponds to an "Excellent" grade, and thanks to our professors who trained us intensively, I was able to reach that goal. As you will all agree, knowing English and knowing Legal English are two very different things. By knowing English, you may be one step ahead, but by knowing Legal English, you are five steps ahead and immediately stand out from your peers.

Thanks to my success both at school and in the TOLES exam, I am now working at one of Turkey's top criminal law firms. Although criminal law is a national field, we also have international clients. Additionally, our firm participates in legislative work and joint projects with the European Union, and during this process, knowing Legal English has helped me in ways I cannot even describe.

My advice to all of you is not to miss the opportunity to take the TOLES courses. TOLES is a great opportunity that should not be missed. You should take the TOLES courses to distinguish yourself from your future colleagues who graduate from other universities. Everyone will graduate as a "law faculty graduate," but those who take the TOLES courses will be "law faculty graduates with knowledge of Legal English." I sincerely thank all my professors who enabled me to take these courses and pass the exam, contributing to my success.

Lawyer Yiğit Gökçehan KOÇOĞLU

Karakaya Law Office

Email: [yigitgk@hotmail.com](mailto:yigitgk@hotmail.com) / [yigit.kocoglu@karakaya.av.tr](mailto:yigit.kocoglu@karakaya.av.tr)

Phone: 05312069307-(0) 212 274 7141

► I graduated from the Faculty of Law at Eastern Mediterranean University in 2014. Since 2015, I have been practicing law as a registered attorney with the Izmir Bar Association.

During my studies at the faculty, I completed all "English for Lawyers 1-4" courses with an 'Excellent' grade. On June 30, 2014, I scored 71 out of 100 in the TOLES Foundation Level exam and added this certificate to my resume. One of the main reasons I was preferred in job applications was my success in this exam. Of course, there is a big difference between saying "I know legal English" and proving it with an internationally recognized certificate.

Even as an intern lawyer, I was translating and sending English legal correspondence to foreign clients and employees of my employer. Additionally, when my employer wanted to contact an Italian company, I was the one who made the phone calls and facilitated the communication. As a result, I earned more than the average intern salary.

TOLES allowed me to start my career with confidence. Every lawyer may have foreign clients at any time. I believe that to avoid regret later, the TOLES certificate is a great opportunity and I highly recommend that every student develop themselves in this field before entering the workforce. This certificate will satisfy you both financially and emotionally.

I sincerely thank our valuable expert instructors who have always been by our side after graduation and have never withheld their support. I am grateful for their effort and patience.

Lawyer Adil  
ENDİRCE Izmir Bar  
Association  
Email: [adilendirce@gmail.com](mailto:adilendirce@gmail.com)  
Phone: 0532 154 57 37

► I graduated from the Faculty of Law at Eastern Mediterranean University in 2017. Since 2018, I have been practising law as an attorney registered with the Kahramanmaraş Bar Association. In November 2018, I opened my own law and consulting office, where I am still working with three colleagues. At the same time, I am continuing my Master's program.

During my studies at the faculty, I completed all the "English for Lawyers 1-4" courses with an 'Excellent' grade. Later, I succeeded in the TOLES Foundation Level exam and received my certificate. At this stage, I was unaware of the impact the TOLES certificate would have on my career. However, as I graduated and obtained my attorney's license, I became a sought-after name in many prestigious law firms as well as the bar association, thanks to my TOLES certificate.

The legal profession today requires knowing a foreign language, particularly Legal English, and this is essential for success. Even as an intern lawyer, many companies and holdings in my city requested preliminary meetings with me to discuss potential collaborations. The legal education I received, combined with the TOLES training, opened significant doors for me even during my internship. The TOLES training also had an impact on my acceptance into graduate school. I took on important roles in International Law and Civil Society Organizations.

Having taken the TOLES training gave me great confidence as I began my career. Thanks to the training, I am now providing consultancy to large holding companies and businesses involved in import-export. Even though I am at the beginning of my career as a lawyer, the TOLES certificate has always set me apart from my colleagues. My first introduction to TOLES came through a recommendation from my advising instructors. From the moment I participated in the program, I have continuously seen the benefits of TOLES education in my professional practice.

Finally, I would like to thank my expert instructors who supported me during the TOLES program and the university that provided us with this opportunity. I recommend that you, my future colleagues who are in the same classrooms as I was, seize this opportunity and make the most of it.

Lawyer Zeynep KAHVECİ  
Kahramanmaraş Bar  
Association

Email: [avukatzeynepkahveci@gmail.com](mailto:avukatzeynepkahveci@gmail.com)  
Phone: 05056707903

► After completing the Legal English training within the Faculty of Law at Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) in 2016, I participated in the TOLES exam and earned a certificate at the 'Excellent' level. I noticed the benefits of the language skills I gained while pursuing my master's and doctoral studies, especially in interpreting foreign legislation and court decisions. I observed that the training not only helped me learn the English equivalents of legal concepts but also familiarized me with the functioning of foreign legal systems. Furthermore, since receiving the certificate, I have realized that I have been able to carry out many international correspondences in the field of law without facing difficulties in using English legal terms and concepts. I would like to thank the dedicated faculty members of the EMU Law family who helped me progress in Legal English and made me feel different and confident in the profession I will practice for the rest of my life.

Dr. Eda Karasaç  
Faculty of Law,  
EMU

E-mail: [edakarasac@gmail.com](mailto:edakarasac@gmail.com)

Phone: 03926302285

► The increasing globalization of our world has expanded countries' commercial relations and eliminated borders. As a result, international commercial relations have become an important area of international law. The TOLES certificate I obtained through Eastern Mediterranean University in 2015 has helped me better understand contracts and academic writings in the field of international law. Additionally, during my master's program in the International Trade department at Ghent University from 2016 to 2017, the TOLES certificate served as a valuable guide. It not only supported my courses but also provided a strong foundation in legal English during my thesis writing process.

Lawyer Samet GÜLAYDIN

► I graduated from the Department of Translation and Interpreting at Eastern Mediterranean University in 2015. In my final year, with the guidance of our professors, I learned that elective courses in Legal English were offered at our university. Through these courses, I discovered that I could participate in the internationally recognized TOLES (Test of Legal English Skills) certification exam. In the same year, I successfully passed the exam and earned the "TOLES Foundation" certificate. In 2019, I obtained the "TOLES Higher" certificate.

As a translator working in the legal field, I believe that TOLES has been one of the key factors shaping my professional career. I want to emphasize that the TOLES certificate is a key factor that can open many doors for those who want to specialize in Legal English. I believe that the TOLES certificate is a prestigious privilege for legal professionals and translators working in the legal field.

Feza KILGIN  
Legal Translator  
E-mail: [kilgin.feza@gmail.com](mailto:kilgin.feza@gmail.com)

### Opinions of students currently taking TOLES courses

#### Opinions of Students Who Took the TOLES Course in the 2025-2026 Fall Semester About the Program

##### **Fatma Hacıhasanoğlu (ENGL 352)**

When I first started this course, I felt quite anxious and tense. I approached it with prejudice, fearing that I would not be able to learn or succeed. However, I believe that meeting Peril Hoca was a turning point in both my personal life and my professional development. Previously, I struggled even to combine two words in English while speaking, but thanks to this course, I can now read legal texts fluently and without hesitation. I am able to express myself comfortably. Becoming someone who is no longer afraid to speak is one of the most significant skills this course has provided me with. I believe that the progress I have made within just one semester will place me one step ahead of my colleagues in my professional life and provide me with an important advantage.

In order to use legal terminology correctly within sentences, I engage in various forms of practice. First, I watch legal-themed series and films to observe how these terms are used within real-life cases and events. In this way, I better understand the context of the words while also gaining practical experience. Additionally, watching educational and entertaining English-language legal videos makes the learning process more enjoyable and increases my command of terminology. I believe that the practical activities carried out during the lessons also contribute significantly to this process. I am convinced that all these efforts make it easier for me to learn legal terms and help them become permanent. For this reason, I consider the practices I follow to be both sufficient and highly efficient. The group practices we conduct in class are both enjoyable and highly instructive. In addition, the online competitions organized by our instructor increase my interest in the course and help me learn legal terminology in a more permanent way. I believe that these interactive methods positively influence my learning process.

The most important reason I chose this course was to improve myself and to stand out among law graduates. I believe that competition in the field of law is quite intense today. Therefore, I preferred this course in order to gain an advantage in my professional life and to acquire the competence necessary to serve foreign clients as well. In my opinion, the course has largely met my expectations and has made significant contributions to both my professional and personal development.

I have a very strong feeling that the education I have received within the scope of this course will make an important contribution to my goal of becoming a prosecutor in the TRNC and will open new doors in my career. Since we live in a country that hosts a considerable foreign population, it is essential to establish effective communication with foreign clients and understand their problems in order to come

up with better solutions. At this point, proficiency in English is one of the most important elements that will enhance my professional competence. I do not wish to limit myself to a single field, and I believe that learning different languages is based on having a strong English foundation. In an environment where the number of law graduates is quite high, possessing qualifications that distinguish us from others is of great importance. For this reason, I strongly believe that knowing a foreign language and specializing in certain areas will provide a significant professional advantage. I am confident that this course has created a strong foundation for me in line with this goal.

### **Yağmur Öger (ENGL 352)**

I actively communicate with foreign individuals, which allows me to practice and improve my language skills in real contexts. In addition, I research British legal cases and read various cases in English through foreign legal platforms and websites. This exposure enables me to observe how legal terminology is applied within authentic judicial decisions and professional environments.

The group activities carried out during the course — including discussions, question-and-answer sessions, whole class pronunciation practices, educational games, and the opportunity to express and share our ideas — significantly enhance our analytical and reasoning abilities. These interactive elements strengthen not only our legal English proficiency but also our capacity for critical thinking and legal interpretation.

I lived in England for a long period during my childhood, and I still have family members there. For this reason, I aim to strengthen my connection with England and pursue professional opportunities in that country in the future. The course, at this stage, fully meets my expectations and supports my long-term goals.

I see this course as an essential pathway that will enable me to participate in legal proceedings and professional work in different countries. The more proficient one becomes in English, the more countries one can engage with; the more countries one engages with, the more clients one may reach; and the more clients one reaches, the greater the professional and financial success one may achieve. In this sense, English functions as a gateway to international legal practice.

I firmly believe that this course will make a positive and lasting contribution to my professional development. It strengthens both my linguistic competence and my confidence in working within an international legal environment.

### **Elif Su Gün (ENGL 352)**

In client relations and in establishing clear communication, I believe that the ability to write emails and petitions is highly important. Thanks to the intensive and comprehensive course content, I believe that I will be able to use these skills actively in my professional life. Practices based on everyday examples, such as sentence construction and translation exercises, make the learning process more concrete and applicable. Proceeding in a question-and-answer format also becomes a highly effective method for interactive learning. One of the most important factors at this point is ensuring the continuity of these practices and maintaining their relevance to the subject matter. The instructor's role at this point is undeniable. The activities designed by our instructor, along with her energetic teaching style, serve as a motivating force that encourages active participation in interactive exercises. Question-and-answer sessions, practical examples, group work, participation-based digital practice activities, and pop quizzes all function as highly effective in-class methods for ensuring that legal terminology becomes internalized by students.

It becomes evident in legal education that in today's globalized world, individuals from every nationality can be involved in various legal matters. Fields such as immigration law, international law, commercial law, trademark law, and consumer law are areas that people encounter in their daily lives, either consciously or unconsciously. Therefore, considering the widespread use of English, proficiency in English has become a necessity for every legal professional.

I chose this course for the reasons mentioned above. Rather than being merely an additional qualification, English proficiency — especially legal English — has become a requirement in today's world and in the digital era in which we live. For this reason, I believe that the knowledge and terminology I gain through ENGL-352 will be highly beneficial when dealing with foreign-related legal disputes and matters in my professional life.

This journey does not end with the course itself; continuous self-improvement ultimately depends on the individual student. However, in terms of its comprehensive content and method of instruction, I believe the course is highly effective in providing the necessary foundational knowledge.

### **Simge Seyhan (ENGL 352)**

I believe that having knowledge of Legal English will contribute to my future profession in every respect. The ENGL 352 course has made me more knowledgeable and better equipped. I am confident that by taking the other TOLES courses as well, I will further strengthen and multiply this knowledge.

In class, we actively use the legal terms we learn by incorporating them into different sentences. We rewrite them using synonyms and turn the learning process into something more enjoyable through various games; as a result, the material becomes more memorable and we learn more quickly. At the end of certain topics, we sometimes take quizzes to assess our level of understanding and test ourselves. I believe the amount of practice is sufficient because we do not learn merely by reading; instead, we learn through multiple methods and techniques.

Peril hoca supports us greatly in this process by using different teaching strategies that make the lessons easier to understand and more engaging. We also divide into groups in class and organize competitions, which encourages knowledge sharing among classmates and enhances collaborative learning. I strongly believe that such activities contribute significantly to the learning process, as they increase classroom interaction, promote the exchange of ideas, and make the lesson more accessible, understandable, and lasting.

The main reason I chose this course is that, after completing these classes, I aim to pass the exam, become better equipped, and increase my career opportunities. The course meets my expectations very well; even after taking only my first TOLES class, I have already gained substantial knowledge and improved my English. I believe that earning a diploma as a result of this course will be highly beneficial in my professional life and will provide me with a competitive advantage. Since there are many graduates from my field, I believe that what I learn in this course will form the foundation that distinguishes me from the majority. I aim to broaden my perspective, become more knowledgeable and competent, and position myself one step ahead of my colleagues by increasing my career opportunities.

### **Talha Bayraktar (ENGL 453)**

Through this course, I believe I have developed the ability to read, understand, and interpret legal texts in English. My command of terminology used in contracts, petitions, and academic legal texts has significantly improved. I am confident that I will be able to use this knowledge effectively in my professional life when communicating with foreign clients, examining international agreements, and analyzing foreign legal sources. Additionally, learning the rules of legal English writing will increase my opportunities to work in international environments in the future.

In our classes, we actively practice through quizzes, up-to-date mobile games, and various digital applications prepared by our instructors. The dialogues directed to us and speaking practices help improve both our pronunciation and our ability to use legal terms correctly within sentences. Methods such as case analyses, text examinations, classroom discussions, and translation exercises ensure that legal terminology is understood within context rather than memorized superficially.

I chose this course because I considered it a safe and productive academic space within the intense and demanding schedule of law school. I believe TOLES is not merely an elective course but a privilege. I thought it would improve my current level of English and provide me with new skills in the field of legal English, and after progressing through the TOLES program, I realized how accurate this decision was. I am convinced that this course will significantly contribute to my professional life, especially in understanding and interpreting legal texts in English. Thanks to TOLES, I have become more familiar with legal terminology and can read documents such as contracts much more comfortably.

### **Elif Dilara Abbak (ENGL 352)**

The frequent use of legal terminology throughout the course has significantly expanded my vocabulary. As a result, I believe I will be able to understand legal texts more accurately and efficiently in the future. To reinforce what I learn, I watch foreign legal series and films and pay particular attention to how legal terms are used within context. The question-and-answer sessions, Kahoot activities, and group assignments conducted during the course help us immediately reinforce newly learned vocabulary. These methods not only accelerate the learning process but also enhance long-term retention.

The primary reason I chose this course was to improve my English proficiency. Additionally, I aimed to obtain a valid certificate that could support my potential goal of working in an international company in the future while further developing my language skills. The course has largely met my expectations. Although I have not yet decided which field I will specialize in, I believe that if I choose to pursue an international career, the knowledge I have gained and the certificate I will receive at the end of the program will provide significant professional advantages.

### **Tasia Çelebi (ENGL 352)**

Beyond being law-oriented, this course has significantly improved my English speaking and comprehension skills in daily life. During my internship, I noticed that I was able to communicate more effectively with clients. I also follow foreign lawyers on social media and can now easily understand their content.

Before starting each topic, we engage in individual or group practice sessions, which help me adapt to the subject more quickly. At the end of each topic, we reinforce our knowledge through friendly competitions, brainstorming activities, and interactive games. Our instructor also prepares additional

exercises that we can study at home. The short quizzes conducted after each topic are particularly helpful in assessing our understanding. I believe these methods make the learning process both enjoyable and productive. As my willingness to participate increases, I find myself learning more and becoming more curious.

The primary reason I chose this course was my desire to participate in the Erasmus program. In addition, I aim to establish stronger communication with my future clients when I begin practicing law. Although I am still at the beginning of the course, I am confident that it will meet my expectations once completed. Especially in a place like Cyprus, where there is a significant foreign population, proficiency in English provides a clear advantage. As a global language, English will serve as a strong bridge between my clients and myself. Moreover, if I pursue professional plans abroad in the future, the benefits of this course will be even more substantial. The fact that this course is offered as an elective is truly a valuable opportunity.

### **Çağrı Kamburca (ENGL 352)**

I believe that the knowledge and skills gained through this course will contribute to my professional life in many respects. In particular, it provides a significant advantage in analyzing foreign legal texts and conducting comparative evaluations within our own legal system. To fully understand legal terminology, I believe it is essential to pay close attention to how words are used within sentences. In this regard, legal texts and court records serve as the most effective sources. Examining, listening to, or, when possible, observing such materials strengthens the learning process. These practices make it easier to recognize and distinguish legal terms accurately. The case analyses, vocabulary exercises, and scenario evaluations conducted during the course enabled me not only to understand the literal meanings of legal terms but also to grasp the context in which they are used and what they represent within legal reasoning. I believe this approach is highly effective in ensuring long-term retention. The primary reason I chose this course was my interest in English and the professional advantages it would provide in the future. I believe that when referring to foreign case law as precedent, conducting comparative legal analyses, or pursuing academic research, the skills developed in this course will offer substantial benefits in terms of both communication and analytical competence.

### **Duygu Özyer (ENGL 352)**

Having learned the English equivalents of numerous legal terms has given me confidence that I will be able to use them comfortably in my professional career. Reading and interpreting English legal texts during the course has strengthened my ability to understand and evaluate legal documents I may encounter in the future. In addition, learning the correct drafting structures for petitions provides a significant advantage in written communication.

The examples provided by our instructor are both relevant and highly instructive. Working on these examples allows me to better grasp the subject matter. Through in-class activities and assignments, we consistently reinforce what we learn. I believe that the quizzes conducted throughout and at the end of each topic are particularly effective, both in assessing our knowledge and in ensuring long-term retention. We also participate in interactive discussions with our instructor and practice pronouncing legal terms aloud. These speaking exercises improve our pronunciation and help us understand the concepts more accurately. Such interactive methods enhance both our comprehension of Turkish equivalents and our ability to use the terms correctly in context.

The primary reason I chose this course was that the TOLES certificate is held by a limited number of individuals, and I believed this would give me a competitive advantage in my professional life. The course has largely met my expectations and enabled me to learn the English equivalents of many legal terms. I believe these skills will provide significant advantages when assisting foreign clients and applying for professional opportunities. Since the TOLES certificate is not widely held in our country, it will also enhance my professional visibility and distinction.

### **Sevim İmge Aydil (ENGL 453)**

This course provided me with a well-rounded education by integrating English with legal studies. I believe it has equipped me with valuable competencies that will help me stand out in my professional career. To maintain and strengthen the knowledge I have gained, I continue reading English legal texts and court decisions. The course fully met my expectations. My legal English vocabulary has improved significantly, and I now feel more confident using English within my field. Considering the large number of law graduates today, beginning a legal career with formal training in legal English offers a meaningful advantage. For this reason, I believe this course will place me not just one step, but several steps ahead in my professional life.

► I am Ceren Kesgin, a Law student currently taking ENGL 352. I believe that TOLES will provide a significant advantage in every aspect of my profession, such as job applications, the workplace, and standing out among my colleagues, by adding specialized English knowledge to my general English skills. While studying for my law courses, I make the knowledge more permanent by recalling what I've learned in TOLES classes and applying a comparative learning method. I can confidently say that our instructor is truly an expert in their field, and they teach the course in a way that makes us both love it and learn it effectively. By encouraging our active class participation, they teach us legal terms using much more memorable methods, which makes the learning process highly productive.

The TOLES 1 level might seem a bit easier for me compared to my peers. However, I believe the difficulty will increase in TOLES levels 2, 3, and 4, and this excites me. The quizzes and exams in the TOLES classes are never difficult for me, because I reinforce what I've learned in class with a quick review, and I almost always score close to full marks on these exams. The main reason I chose this course is my certainty about the contribution it will make to my professional life. My interest in English, my aptitude for the language, and my desire to develop this skill in the legal field were also important factors. TOLES is a course that is both enjoyable and educational for me.

I was impressed when I listened to the graduates of DAÜ at the TOLES Alumni Summit. In my professional life, I aim to showcase my legal knowledge internationally and be active beyond the national legal field. I want to provide legal consultancy to companies and move beyond the classic litigation perception when people think of "lawyers." I believe that my proficiency in legal English will play a significant role in achieving this. TOLES serves as a powerful tool and guide in helping me reach these goals.

► I am Nisa Ayrım, a Translation and Interpreting student currently taking TRAN446. As a future translator, I know how important it is to have extensive terminological knowledge in every field. I realize that I am making progress toward reaching a sufficient level for legal translation, and

with the support of our valuable instructor, Ms. Peril, I believe I will make significant strides in this field. In our translation work, we often encounter legal terms. During this process, I have the opportunity to see how these terms are expressed in both English and Turkish sentences and in what structures they appear. This helps me increase my mastery of legal terms by practising the translations I do.

Group discussions and simulations used in teaching legal terms are highly effective methods because they provide the opportunity to turn theoretical knowledge into practice. For example, group work on a contract or legal text not only reinforces terminological knowledge but also increases the accuracy of the translation. I believe that interactive activities like these during the preparation for the TOLES exam have greatly contributed to learning how to use legal terms in the correct context. The exams and quizzes in the legal translation and TOLES preparation courses are important tools for measuring the level of understanding of the topics taught in class. In particular, the quizzes on the correct use of legal terms and text translation help me identify my gaps and improve myself in these areas.

As a future translator, I want to learn terminologies in different fields and acquire the competence to translate in various areas. Law is one of these fields, and I can say that this course generally meets my expectations. In particular, practical exercises make my learning process more efficient and improve my ability to use legal terms in the correct context. Through this course, I believe I will have the opportunity to develop my area of expertise by learning professional terminology and to do more professional work at the international level. Furthermore, I believe that the TOLES certification will increase my chances of standing out in the job market and participating in prestigious projects. These skills will not only help me in the translation field but also in multinational environments. This knowledge not only provides a strong foundation for my career in translation but also for my goal of working in multinational companies or law firms.

► I am Ayliz Güzeler, a Law student currently taking ENGL352, and I believe that TOLES has had a significant impact on my life. First and foremost, it has made a great contribution to my learning of foreign legal terms, understanding how to write in the appropriate legal language, and utilizing foreign sources in my legal research. I practice by researching the meanings of English words and constructing sentences, and by using English words with my friends during conversations. Additionally, even if it's just for half an hour a day, selecting words from an English dictionary, writing them down with their meanings, and reading them has been very helpful. I can see the effects of these practices by better understanding what I learn in class.

TOLES is also an important resource for expanding my vocabulary. Watching foreign-language series with subtitles, using foreign dictionaries, and reading English books have all contributed to enriching my vocabulary. The knowledge I gained from these methods has helped improve both my speaking and writing skills. Furthermore, I believe that the quizzes in class are important for measuring students' knowledge. Through the quizzes, we can identify our gaps and focus on those areas.

The main reasons I chose this course include being able to speak and understand English fluently and accurately in my professional life, obtaining an international certificate by taking the TOLES exam, and adequately expressing my writing. At this point, I can say that the course meets all of my expectations, and I have already seen its benefits.

The TOLES course will give me great confidence in my future professional life and will enable me to speak English without hesitation. By effectively using legal terms, it will allow me to analyze legal situations better and make more informed decisions. Most importantly, I believe that earning an

international certificate will give me a significant advantage in professions such as prosecutor, lawyer, or judge.

► I am Sedat Can Şahin, a Law student currently taking ENGL 452, and I plan to take the IELTS exam for my future academic career. I believe that the TOLES program will be incredibly helpful to me during this process. In our ENGL 452 course, we generally practice by giving speeches, which plays a significant role in reinforcing the knowledge. Specifically, the exercises conducted by our instructor, Ms. Peril, between the topics ensure that the terms and concepts are firmly established. In addition to sufficient assessment and evaluation in class, the necessity of independent study for TOLES is also clearly evident. DAÜ had a strong influence on my choices, and it continues to exceed my expectations. Considering the areas I want to work in, such as international law and the importance of English as a global language, the TOLES program presents a great opportunity for me.

► I am Polat Mertbilek, a Law student currently taking ENGL 453. Although this course primarily targets the law department, it helps us learn words that we can use in everyday life as well. These words raise our English level above the average, give us prestige, and help us easily read and understand contracts written in English. The lessons are conducted with active dialogues, Q&A exercises, and pronunciation practice under the guidance of our instructor. The interactive, dialogue-based class structure greatly contributes to improving our English-speaking practice. Quizzes are based on the topics covered each week, and the questions in these quizzes are entirely related to that week's topics. This approach helps reinforce the topics before exams, supporting our learning process.

As law students who understand the importance of English, I believe this program takes us one step ahead. Being able to read and comprehend English texts opens the door to wider career opportunities. As a legal professional, I think knowing English is not an option, but a necessity. Therefore, I would recommend everyone to join this program. In terms of both professional development and accessing international opportunities, the TOLES training offers a significant advantage.

► I am Beyza Göçemen, a Law student currently taking ENGL-452, and I believe that what I learn in this course will make an important difference in my profession. I can particularly say that I have received training that will allow me to stand out from other prospective colleagues, especially in prestigious positions like corporate law. Our instructors place great importance and sensitivity on this subject, ensuring that every lesson includes activities related to the words we've learned in previous lessons and regularly conducting quizzes to reinforce our knowledge. The lessons are taught interactively, supported by speaking practice and technological tools. The occasional competitions based on applications make learning more enjoyable and effective. As a result, I did not face any difficulties in the midterm and final exams, as I had already reinforced my knowledge through the quizzes. I can say that the lessons ensure that the words we learn stay in our memory in the long term.

The approach of our instructors and the methods they use allow for high-quality legal English education. Despite having a very busy schedule as law students, our mastery of the topics increases due to the quizzes and exams, and we do not struggle in the exams. One of the main reasons I chose this course was the difference and advantage that legal English will create in my professional life. I believe that the language, especially legal English, is a key element for a lawyer to increase their client portfolio and stand out in their career. In a period when the number of lawyers is increasing, I think this training presents a great opportunity to succeed in one's professional life. The efforts of our instructors and the education they provide have satisfied me, and I am happy that I chose this school solely for this training.

The lessons provide great ease for making international correspondences, communicating with foreign clients, and for those who wish to work abroad. Particularly for those aiming to be lawyers in private companies, it creates a great advantage in international connections. In a globalizing world, with the spread of technological and communication tools and the increase in international connections, the importance of being able to use English in a legal context is growing. I believe that this training is an important detail that will greatly contribute to a lawyer's professional competence.

► I am Batuhan Mert, an English Translation and Interpreting student currently taking TRAN446, and I believe that thanks to what I have learned in this course, I will be able to easily translate legal and law-related texts. The activities we did in class and the information shared by our instructor were very sufficient for me. Thanks to the platforms our teacher used, utilizing methods like Q&A, sentence formation, and true-false exercises with external resources, we are able to remember legal terms more clearly. The fact that all the information taught in class appears in the exams and quizzes greatly contributed to reinforcing what I learned; therefore, I didn't encounter any topics or questions that I wasn't familiar with. One of the reasons I chose this course was my desire to have the necessary knowledge for a job related to legal or law-related topics in the future, and in this regard, the course fully met my expectations. However, I think it would be beneficial to slightly increase the level of the course. I believe that in my professional life, I will be able to carry out tasks in this field with confidence and competence because I feel fully prepared in terms of terminology and translation.

► I am Şevval Sude Dumanoglu, an English Translation and Interpreting student currently taking TRAN446, and I believe that the legal terminology I have learned during this course will be frequently used in my translations, and that this course will provide me with the necessary skills if I want to become a legal translator in the future. During the course, we translate legal terms and reinforce them by using these terms in sentences. Working on various legal texts ensures the correct use of the terms I have learned in translations and improves the accuracy of my translations. Programs that support learning, such as Padlet and Kahoot, are used during the lessons; thanks to these programs, the small competitions that arise in class make the lessons both more enjoyable and easier to learn. The quizzes conducted at the end of each class reinforce what we have learned, ensuring that the information stays in our memory and greatly contributes to our learning. I chose this course to help me in my translation career, and I can confidently say that it has more than met my expectations. Thanks to this course, which has provided me with new terminology and vocabulary, I believe I can become a legal translator in the future.

► I am Erçin Gökçebel, a law student currently taking ENGL352, and I believe that what I have learned in this course will benefit me in my future career. Thanks to group work, I think I have acquired skills that will be useful not only in the field of law but in any profession. In class, we translate and provide examples of the words we have learned within sentences; these practices are very sufficient in terms of becoming familiar with the words. Additionally, group work and knowledge competitions (such as Kahoot) provide an effective method for reinforcing what we have learned. I believe that the results of exams and quizzes are an important indicator for evaluating how much I have learned. My interest in English and the fact that this knowledge can give me an advantage in my professional life were significant factors in choosing this course. The course has not only met my expectations but has also helped me learn many new words related to my field. I believe it will increase my chances of finding a job, allow me to reach a broader audience at both the national and international levels, and allow me to connect with more people even if I work as a freelancer.

► I am Gürsu Bengihan, a law student currently taking ENGL352 and I believe that the legal text reading, writing, and translation techniques I have learned throughout the ENGL452 course will enable me to better understand disputes involving foreigners, and as a result, I will be able to prepare a quick and strong defense. Thanks to this course, I have gained the ability to write texts related to legal issues in English. Working with texts, paragraphs, and dialogues that are rich in legal terms makes it quite difficult to forget the words we learn. Additionally, we learn how to write letters using legal terms, and we acquire sufficient knowledge on how to use these terms in the correct context. Interactive games played through various websites during the class offer a fun way to learn legal terms and make the lessons more comprehensible. The weekly small quizzes, which contain questions prepared in the TOLES format, not only enhance the retention of what we have learned but also prepare us for future exams.

As a law faculty student, I preferred to take advantage of the opportunities offered by Eastern Mediterranean University. Due to the high costs of TOLES preparation programs and their incompatibility with my intensive class schedule, I aimed to differentiate myself from other graduates by taking this course. I can say that the course met my expectations, particularly in terms of understanding and translating legal texts into Turkish. The "Legal Correspondence" section even exceeded my expectations. I believe that knowing and being able to use English is essential in a country like the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, which receives a high number of immigrants. For law graduates, English plays a significant role in making effective defences in cases involving foreigners and finding clients. Thanks to this course, I can communicate confidently with foreigners, understand their issues, and prepare a stronger defence in their favour. The comprehensive teaching of legal jargon, along with the contribution the course has made to my English proficiency and vocabulary, is undeniable.

► I am Laren Avnioğlu, a law student taking the Engl 452 course and I believe this course has significantly contributed to my ability to communicate more clearly with foreign clients, especially in terms of vocabulary. I find the benefits provided by the course in this area to be sufficient. Moreover, I think that practising speaking more frequently and the interactive nature of the course is key to enhancing my English skills. This is why I find it extremely helpful for exam preparation as well. Overall, I consider this course to be crucial in further developing my English proficiency.

► I am Melike Şafak, a law student taking the Engl 453 course, and I believe the Legal English knowledge I've gained in this course will be directly applicable to the cases I encounter in my professional life. The course helps to expand our vocabulary, and we regularly engage in translation practice while participating in quizzes that reinforce our learning. Additionally, the various activities and exercises prepared by our instructor support our learning process and enhance the retention of information. I find the course content to be quite sufficient, and the consistent exercises we do are very beneficial. The fact that the exams and quizzes directly relate to what we've learned significantly contributes to the reinforcement of our knowledge. When I chose this course, my goal was to gain Legal English knowledge in addition to improving my general English skills, and I believe I have largely achieved this goal. I am confident that this knowledge will be valuable when working internationally in the future and will also support my preparation for foreign exams.