

U.S. Law and Legal Writing

Summer Workshop Indiana University 2026

for Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú Law School

Program Dates: July 13 - 31, 2026 (3 weeks)

Target Participants: 30 Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP) law students

Program Overview

This is a short-term, non-credit professional skills workshop designed to provide PUCP law students with short-term skills training in U.S. legal research and writing methods. Participants will attend on B-1/B-2 visitor visas as this workshop does not constitute a course of study and does not confer academic credit, degrees, or certificates.

The workshop is structured as a professional skills training program with a recreational and avocational purpose, allowing participants to gain exposure to U.S. legal methodologies while visiting Indiana University Bloomington.

Program Fee

Workshop Fee: \$1,500 per participant (non-credit)

This flat fee covers instructional costs and program materials. The fee structure accounts for differences in purchasing power and promotes accessibility within the PUCP-IU partnership framework.

Housing and Meals: IU housing and meal options are currently under discussion. We are awaiting information on availability and costs. Additional details will be provided as soon as this information becomes available.

Visa Information

Visa Type: B-1/B-2 Visitor Visa

Participants will enter the United States on B-1/B-2 visitor visas. This workshop qualifies for B-1/B-2 status because:

- The workshop is a short-term training program (19 days)
- No academic credit is awarded

- The program does not constitute enrollment in a course of study
- The purpose is recreational and avocational professional development
- Participants pay fees to attend (no compensation is provided to participants)
- Duration is well under the 90-day limit for B-1/B-2 status

For more information on B-1/B-2 visitor requirements at Indiana University, please refer to: <https://ois.iu.edu/scholars/visitor-visas/index.html>

Important Note: All written exercises, practice activities, and presentations completed during this workshop are for professional skills training purposes only. No grades, academic credits, or formal evaluations will be issued. Participants will receive feedback and guidance to enhance their professional development.

Daily Schedule Framework

Monday-Friday

- **Morning Session:** 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM (Main curriculum)
- **Lunch:** 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM (On your own)
- **Legal English Support:** 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM (All participants)
- **Evening Activities:** Cultural immersion, law library tours, optional networking events

Weekly workshop hours: 12.5 hours main curriculum + 5 hours language support = 17.5 hours per week

Legal English Component (Daily 1-hour sessions)

Partnership: IU Intensive English Program (IEP)

Focus Areas:

- Legal vocabulary and terminology acquisition
- Academic and professional legal writing conventions
- Case law comprehension and analysis techniques
- Legal presentation and communication skills
- Cross-cultural legal discourse

Integrated Learning Approach

The Legal English sessions will be directly coordinated with the main curriculum to provide:

- **Vocabulary pre-teaching** before complex legal concepts
- **Language scaffolding** for writing exercises
- **Pronunciation and presentation coaching** for capstone presentations

Week 1: Foundations of Legal Analysis and Research

Day 1 - Monday, July 13: Introduction and Legal Systems

Main Workshop	Legal English
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Program orientation and introductions• Common Law vs. Civil Law systems (comparative analysis with Peru)• Introduction to U.S. court structure and jurisdiction• Case law vs. statutory law concepts• Practice Activity: Small group discussions comparing legal systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions• Vocabulary resources and learning strategies• Discussion of case briefing• Vocabulary: jurisdiction, precedent, statute, case law

Day 2 - Tuesday, July 14: Case Reading and Briefing Basics

Main Workshop	Legal English
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to read a legal case effectively• Parts of a judicial opinion• Introduction to case briefing methodology• Practice Activity: Read and discuss landmark case• Begin first case brief exercise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary: holding, dicta, ratio decidendi• Review: case brief vocabulary• Brown v. Board if there are questions

Day 3 - Wednesday, July 15: Case Briefing Workshop

Main Workshop	Legal English
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Case briefing format and techniques• Identifying legal issues and holdings• Distinguishing facts from legal principles• Practice Activity: Complete case briefs in pairs, peer review	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practice with legal abbreviations and citations• Practice as needed

Day 4 - Thursday, July 16: Introduction to Legal Research

Main Workshop	Legal English
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Primary vs. secondary sources in legal research• Introduction to legal databases (Westlaw/LexisNexis demo)• Boolean search strategies for legal databases• Practice Activity: Guided database searches, find cases on specific topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academic writing conventions for citing sources• Practice forming research questions in English

Day 5 - Friday, July 17: Legal Research Workshop

Main Workshop	Legal English
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Statutory research and interpretation• Legislative history and administrative regulations• Research strategy development• Practice Exercise: Research exercise - find cases and statutes on assigned topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding and using legal citation format• IRAC and vocabulary

Week 2: Legal Writing and Analysis

Day 6 - Monday, July 20: IRAC Methodology

Main Workshop	Legal English
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to IRAC (Issue, Rule, Application, Conclusion)• Legal analysis structure and organization• Issue spotting techniques• Practice Activity: Analyze sample legal problems using IRAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practice with "issue" and "rule" statements• Impromptu speeches—introduction

Day 7 - Tuesday, July 21: Legal Writing Fundamentals

Main Workshop	Legal English
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal writing style and tone• Objective vs. persuasive writing• Introduction to legal citation (Bluebook basics)• Practice Exercise: Writing exercise - convert case brief to IRAC analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agreeing and disagreeing politely• Impromptu speeches (for informal presentation practice—thinking on-your-feet speaking)

Day 8 - Wednesday, July 22: Memo Writing Introduction

Main Workshop	Legal English
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal memorandum structure and purpose• Question Presented and Brief Answer sections• Fact sections - organizing and presenting facts objectively• Practice Exercise: Draft question presented and fact section for memo exercise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Philosophical chairs ppt (used for debate framework—excellent for agreeing and disagreeing politely)• Impromptu speeches

Day 9 - Thursday, July 23: Legal Analysis Development

Main Workshop	Legal English
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion/Analysis section of memo• Case synthesis and comparison• Applying law to facts effectively• Practice Activity: Work on analysis section, peer consultation• Practice Exercise: Continue memo writing practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Connecting ideas and showing relationships between cases—analyze and distinguish• Debate preparation

Day 10 - Friday, July 24: Writing Workshop and Peer Review

Main Workshop	Legal English
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peer review workshop• Common writing errors in legal writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Editing checklist• Debate preparation

Main Workshop	Legal English
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice Activity: Peer editing and feedback session • Introduction to revision strategies 	

Week 3: Advanced Skills and Integration

Day 11 - Monday, July 27: Advanced Research and International Law

Main Workshop	Legal English
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International legal research • Comparative legal analysis techniques • Technology in modern legal practice • Practice Activity: Research international law topic relevant to Peru-US relations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-cultural communication in legal contexts—culture types • Debate

Day 12 - Tuesday, July 28: Ethics and Professional Responsibility

Main Workshop	Legal English
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal ethics in research and writing • Plagiarism and proper attribution • Professional responsibility in international practice • Practice Activity: Ethics scenarios and discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to academic presentations • Impromptu speeches

Day 13 - Wednesday, July 29: Capstone Project Preparation

Main Workshop	Legal English
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to capstone research project • Advanced legal research strategies • Project planning and time management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation workshop

Main Workshop	Legal English
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice Activity: Choose capstone topics, begin preliminary research 	

Day 14 - Thursday, July 30: Capstone Project Work

Main Workshop	Legal English
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual/group work on capstone projects • Instructor consultations available • Research and writing time • Practice Activity: Peer consultations and progress check-ins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation workshop • Slide check

Day 15 - Friday, July 31: Capstone Presentations and Completion

Main Workshop and Legal English Combined
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capstone presentations • Peer and instructor evaluation • Program reflection and feedback • Presentation of completion certificates • Farewell and networking session

Certificate of Completion

Upon successful completion of the workshop, participants will receive a certificate of completion from Indiana University. This certificate acknowledges participation in the professional development workshop and does not confer academic credit.