

XII. HOT TOPIC QUESTIONS

101. Do you have students who speak English as a second language in your required legal writing program, and if so, approximately how many?

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| <u>29</u> | a. | No |
| <u>74</u> | b. | 1-5 |
| <u>26</u> | c. | 6-10 |
| <u>14</u> | d. | More than 10 |
| <u>24</u> | e. | More than 20 |

102. Into what category would you place the majority of these students?

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| <u>4</u> | a. | Students who have completed an LLM and have entered the JD program |
| <u>25</u> | b. | Students currently enrolled in an LLM program |
| <u>16</u> | c. | Foreign lawyers who have come specifically to get a JD |
| <u>30</u> | d. | Foreign students in the JD program who are not lawyers in their home countries |
| <u>63</u> | e. | Non-native English speakers who are residents of the United States |

103. Are international/multilingual students integrated into your regular JD writing courses, or are separate courses or sections of legal writing offered for your international students?

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| <u>44</u> | a. | Yes. All International students (both JD and LLM) are integrated into the regular JD legal writing courses and may be enrolled in any section. |
| <u>84</u> | b. | Yes. International students in the JD program are integrated into the regular legal writing course and may be enrolled in any section. |
| <u>2</u> | c. | No. International students in the JD program are separated into a specific section of the regular legal writing course. |
| <u>10</u> | d. | No. All International students (both JD and LLM) take an entirely separate legal writing course. |

104. If international students are integrated into your regular JD writing courses, do you perceive that their performance is:

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| <u>6</u> | a. | somewhat superior to the native speakers |
| <u>24</u> | b. | generally the same as the native speakers |
| <u>31</u> | c. | somewhat inferior to the native speakers |
| <u>7</u> | d. | markedly inferior to the native speakers |
| <u>59</u> | e. | so varied that generalizing is impossible |

105. What resources do you offer for students who do not speak English as their native language? (Please mark all that apply.)

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| <u>20</u> | a. | Cultural training (e.g. legal method, culture-based plagiarism issues, Socratic method introduction, etc.) |
| <u>8</u> | b. | Special classes in Legal English |
| <u>17</u> | c. | Writing center with a specialist in ESL |
| <u>31</u> | d. | Regular law school writing center |
| <u>49</u> | e. | Other (please explain) |
| <u>51</u> | f. | None |

106. If your school offers any special classes in Legal English for students who speak English as a second language, when are they offered?

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| <u>6</u> | a. | Before the start of the regular semester |
| <u>8</u> | b. | During the regular semester as regularly scheduled class |
| <u>0</u> | c. | During the regular semester on an occasional basis |
| <u>4</u> | d. | Other (e.g. "informal" meetings with an ESL specialist or peer tutoring from other students) |

107. Are international students given accommodations in your required program? If so, please indicate all accommodations you have given. *This would require marking either a or b, and then marking all others that apply.*

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| <u>93</u> | a. | No |
| <u>32</u> | b. | Yes |
| <u>4</u> | | Grading on a special curve |
| <u>7</u> | | Additional time for assignments |
| <u>22</u> | | Additional conferences with the professor |
| <u>13</u> | | Other (please explain) |

108. If your school has an international LLM program and a student who has completed that program is later admitted to the JD program, must the student take the regular required legal writing course or can any or all of the required program be waived?

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| <u>42</u> | a. | Yes, the student must complete the entire required program |
| <u>12</u> | b. | No, the student may be waived from any or all of the required program |

109. If requirements can be waived, who decides?

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| <u>0</u> | a. | Objective test assessment |
| <u>0</u> | b. | Committee evaluation |
| <u>1</u> | c. | Director of the LLM writing program |

- 5 d. Director of the required writing program
- 0 e. Director of the required writing program in consultation with ESL specialist
- 6 f. Associate Dean
- 5 g. Other

110. Has your law school conducted a needs analysis to determine what special instruction, if any, is needed by international students in your legal writing program

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- 6 a. Yes
- 99 b. No
- 5 c. A needs analysis is currently going on
- 9 d. No, but our school is currently considering a needs analysis