Summer 2019 Vanderbilt English for Legal Purposes
Program Schedule Summary [tentative]

Week One
Fundamentals of the U.S. Legal System and Introduction to the U.S. Law School
Oral Skills: Community Building; Cultural Observations; Listening Strategies & Practice
Legal Topics: Fundamentals of the U.S. Legal System
Reading and Writing: Email; Response Paper on Legal Topic; Vocabulary Development

Week Two
Legal Reasoning and Legal Writing U.S. Style
Oral Skills: Academic Lectures; Listening Exercises; Presentation Skills
Legal Topics: Introduction to Law School Culture; Legal Reasoning and Writing
Reading and Writing: Reading Strategies; Reading Cases; Cohesive Legal Writing; Summaries & Plagiarism

Week Three
Functioning in a U.S. Law School Classroom
Oral Skills: Listening and Answering in the Law School Classroom, Lexical Phrases
Legal Topics: Legal Reasoning; Contracts of Sale – Implied Warranty of Merchantability
Reading and Writing: Case Reading; Legal Synthesis; Hedging & Boosting in Legal Writing

Week Four
Legal Reasoning & Negotiations
Oral Skills: Team Negotiation; Listening Practice
Legal Topics: Legal Reasoning; Contracts of Sale – Implied Warranty of Merchantability; Appellate Court Visit
Reading and Writing: Reading and Synthesizing Cases; Email

Textbooks
Starting Off Right in Law School, 2nd Ed., by Carolyn J. Nygren
Just Writing, Grammar, Punctuation, and Style for the Legal Writer 5th Ed.,
by Anne Enquist, Laurel Currie Oates