Introduction to Law & Legal Studies – UND Spring 2015

Arts & Sciences 351 (3 credits)
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Class – Tuesday/Thursday,  4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Merrifield Hall, Room 214

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Grades and other materials will be posted on Blackboard.

Segments on Contracts, Civil and Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, and Torts, taught in a customary law school manner to acquaint undergraduates and others interested in exploring a career in the legal profession with law school methodology and legal analysis.

Syllabus (subject to change)

January 13  Chapter 1  Class Overview - Assignment #1: DuPont case brief
January 15  Chapter 1 & 2  Intro, Ethics and Law - Assignment #1 due
January 20  Chapter 2  Ethics and Law - Assignment #2 – in class
January 22  Chapter 3  Institutional Sources of American Law
January 27  Chapter 3  Institutional Sources of American Law
January 29  Chapter 4  Judicial System
February 3  Chapter 4  Judicial System
February 5  Chapter 5  Civil Procedure
February 10  Chapter 5  Civil Procedure

February 12  Exam #1  in-class
February 17  Library Tour – Research Methods – Research Quiz handed out
February 19  Chapter 6  Limitations in Relief
February 24  Chapter 6  Limitations in Relief – Research Quiz due
February 26  Chapter 7  Judicial Remedies
March 3  Guest Speaker – Ben Hoffman, Director of Admissions
March 5  Chapter 8  Criminal Law & Procedure
March 10  Chapter 8  Criminal Law & Procedure
March 12  Chapter 8  Criminal Law & Procedure
March 16-20  Spring Break
March 24  Chapter 9  Family Law
March 26  Chapter 9  Family Law
March 30  (Monday)  Research Paper first draft due, 5:00 p.m.
March 31  Chapter 9  Family Law
April 2  Exam #2  in-class
April 7  Guest Speaker – Law Student Panel Q & A
April 9  Chapter 10  Contracts
April 14  Chapter 10  Contracts
April 16  Chapter 10  Contracts (Exam #3 – take home essay)
April 21  Chapter 11  Torts
April 22 (Wednesday) - Research Paper final draft due
April 23  Chapter 11  Torts
April 28  Chapter 11  Torts / Property (Exam #4 – take home essay)
April 30  Chapter 12  Property
May 5  Chapter 12  Property
May 7  Final Exam  in class, closed book essay

In addition to course exams, there will be additional assignments given during the course of the semester, including:

In-class assignments, a Research Quiz – locating legal materials, choosing topic, Larger Research Paper / analysis of a legal topic – approx. 1,500 words

Details on assignments / papers will be distributed during the course of the semester either as an in-class handout, posted in a downloadable format on the web page, or both.

The exams and assignments will be weighted according to these approximate percentages:

Total points for the semester will be approximately 500 pts.
Exam #1 (100 points) and #2 (90 points)
Exams for Chapters 10 (45 points), 11 (45 points) & 12 (60 points)
Assignments / research quiz / research paper - approx. 160 points

Grading scale:

90% - 100% A
80% - 89% B
70% - 79% C
60% - 69% D
00% - 59% F

Text:
(Required)
Introduction to Law and the Legal System, 10th Edition, Frank A. Schubert
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