Description of the Course: Introduction to the Study of Law is a one-credit, required course for all incoming JD students. The aims of the course are:
* To provide the basic knowledge and skills to prepare you for your other first-year courses;
* To explore the American legal system, legal methods, legal concepts, and the roles of students and lawyers;
* To provide a basic understanding of pedagogy in law school;
* To introduce skills of reading, writing, and communication that are central to legal education and practice; and
* To reflect on what it means to be a good lawyer.

Readings: Required readings for the course come from the following:
* Handouts

Grading: The course is graded on a Pass/Fail basis. In order to pass the course, you must read assigned material, attend every class, and demonstrate on the final exam that you understand the material. Any absence from class may result in a failing grade for the course.

Seating: I will circulate a seating chart on the first day of class. Please sit in your assigned seat for every session of the class.

Laptops: The use of laptops in this section is prohibited (except on Tuesday, during the final exam). I know this policy isn’t costless. In my experience, however, it improves engagement and performance in class, as well as performance on the final examination. If you have special questions or concerns, please let me know.

Class Schedule and Assignments: The schedule and assignments for each session of the course are as follows:
* Thursday, August 3, 1:00-3:30 p.m.: George & Sherry, pp. 1-59
* Friday, August 4, 9:00-11:30 a.m.: George & Sherry, pp. 61-102
* Monday, August 7, 9:00-11:30 a.m., 1:00-2:30 p.m.: George & Sherry, pp. 103-160
* Tuesday, August 8, 9:00-10:40 a.m.: George & Sherry, pp. 163-176
  10:50 a.m.: Final Examination
**Honor Code:** Your conduct in this course is governed by the School of Law’s Honor Code and the University of Alabama’s Code of Student Conduct. You may locate more information about these policies on the Law School’s website.

**ADA Policy:** The School of Law is committed to meeting the needs of students with physical, learning, and other disabilities, and provides appropriate accommodations and services tailored to each person’s specific requirements. The Law School and the University’s Office of Disability Services work together to help individuals with disabilities achieve and maintain individual autonomy. Students with disabilities are encouraged to contact Associate Dean Grace Lee at (205)348-7190, or glee@law.ua.edu, so that needs for services may be evaluated and accommodated in a timely manner.