Introduction to the Study of Law  
Fall 2018  
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Class Hours: 9:00-11:30, August 1-3  
1:00-3:30, August 6  
9:00-11:30, August 7-9  
Room A250


COURSE OVERVIEW: This course will focus on preparing you for your upcoming law school experience. It will provide information on what to expect in law school, review the fundamentals of the legal system, introduce legal analysis skills, and preview various techniques, concepts, and strategies to assist your law school studies.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: By the end of this course, you should be able to

1. Identify types and sources of law  
2. Read and summarize a judicial opinion  
3. Understand core concepts used in legal analysis  
4. Begin synthesizing rules and engaging in legal analysis

ASSIGNMENTS: The assignments indicated in your Class Schedule are tentative; I will notify you of any changes. Assignments due "in class" must be ready at the beginning of the indicated class.

GRADING: This course is Pass/Fail, and your grade will be based on the final exam. The exam is scheduled for Friday, August 10 at 9:00 am. It will contain multiple choice and short answer questions.

PROFESSIONALISM: In the context of this class, professional conduct requires the following:

- **E-mail:** You must check your law school e-mail regularly for announcements, assignments, and other information related to your class. Please note that I frequently use email to communicate with my students.

- **Class Attendance:** You should be present, on time, and prepared. We have limited time together, so each class period will be critical to your success in
the course. Please notify me if you will be unable to attend any class.

- **Technology:** You may not use laptop computers or tablets during this course. We will spend time in class working in groups, engaging in discussions, and applying new skills. Laptops tend to distract students and hinder these learning processes.

  You may not record or photograph any portion of the class without my prior approval. Only in rare instances, such as a medical emergency, will I allow class to be recorded by the Law School's technology department. Please discuss any request to record class with me as soon as practicable.

  You should not use a cell phone during class for any purpose.

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