

C-ID Descriptor

Introduction to Law and Society

Descriptor Details

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General Description

This course provides an overview of the American legal system including its development, structure and history. The course will review the legal and judicial process in the United States covering the adversarial system, jurisdiction of federal and state courts, and the general process of judicial review. Explanation of different sources of law including statutes, court cases and administrative agency rules. Review of basic legal reasoning and introductory research methods. Introduction to civil law, criminal law, family law, real property law, contracts, employment, immigration, intellectual property, and other areas of law. Also included is a review of the principles of legal ethics.

Prerequisites

No information provided

Corequisites

No information provided

Advisories

Eligibility for C-ID ENGL 100 (College Composition)

Content

- A. Foundations of Law & Government
- B. Case Law, Statutory Law, Administrative Law
- C. Review of General areas of Law (for example, criminal, civil, contracts, and torts)
- D. Equality and Civil Rights
- E. Theoretical and Practical Applications of Law & Democracy

Lab Activities

Not applicable.

Objectives

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Describe the structure of the federal and state court systems.
2. Understand the role of the Judicial branch in federal and state governments.
3. Explain the process a case takes from initial filing through the appellate proceedings.
4. Identify basic materials used in legal research.
5. Demonstrate basic legal research methods using traditional materials or online materials.
6. Analyze a case using traditional methods of legal reasoning.
7. Identify different roles in the legal profession including, lawyers, paralegals and judges. Describe the process to become each identified role.

Evaluation Methods

Quizzes

Exams

Written Assignments

Presentations

Textbooks

Law, Courts, and Justice in America, Howard Abadinsky, Waveland Press, Inc.

Introduction to Law and the Legal System, Frank August Schubert, Cengage

Introduction to Law, Joanne B. Hames (Author), Yvonne Ekern, Pearson

Introduction to Law, Beth Walston-Dunham, Cengage

Introduction to the Law and Legal System of the United States, William Burnham, West Academic Publishing

An Introduction To the American Legal System (Aspen College) John M. Scheb II, Wolters Kluwer Law & Business