



Course	POLT 2400 Introduction to Law
Term	Spring 2, 2008
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Catalog Description	Overview of the history and functioning of the American legal system. Covers such topics as the substantive laws of torts, contracts, and criminal procedure and terminology, the court system and the nature of legal reasoning.
Prerequisites	None
Course Level Learning Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To familiarize students with the essentials of American law.
Materials	<i>Introduction to Law and Paralegal Studies</i> by Scuderi; First edition; Publisher: Linda Schreiber; ISBN 978-0-07-352463-4. Textbook is available through MBS Direct Books at 1-800-325-3252
Grading	Midterm and final exam will be multiple choice, true/false, short essay and definitions. The exams will be 80% of the grade. Attendance and outside assignments are 20%. The GRADUATE catalog provides these guidelines and grading options: <ul style="list-style-type: none">A/A- Superior graduate workB+/B/B- Satisfactory graduate workC Work that is barely adequate as graduate-level performanceCR Work that is performed as satisfactory graduate work (B- or better). A grade of "CR" is reserved for courses designated by a department, involving internships, a thesis, practicum's, or specified courses.F Work that is unsatisfactoryI Incomplete workZF An incomplete which was not completed within one year of the end of the course. ZF is treated the same as an F or NC for all cases involving G.P.A., academic warning, probation, and dismissal.IP In progressNR Not reportedW Withdrawn from the course
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ReadingsLectureDiscussionsExams

<p>Policy Statements: University Policies</p>	<p>University policies are provided in the current course catalog and course schedules. They are also available on the university website. This class is governed by the university's published policies. The following policies are of particular interest:</p> <p>Academic Honesty The university is committed to high standards of academic honesty. Students will be held responsible for violations of these standards. Please refer to the university's academic honesty policies for a definition of academic dishonesty and potential disciplinary actions associated with it.</p> <p>Drops and Withdrawals Please be aware that, should you choose to drop or withdraw from this course, the date on which you notify the university of your decision will determine the amount of tuition refund you receive. Please refer to the university policies on drops and withdrawals (published elsewhere) to find out what the deadlines are for dropping a course with a full refund and for withdrawing from a course with a partial refund.</p> <p>Special Services If you have registered as a student with a documented disability and are entitled to classroom or testing accommodations, please inform the instructor at the beginning of the course of the accommodations you will require in this class so that these can be provided.</p> <p>Disturbances Since every student is entitled to full participation in class without interruption, disruption of class by inconsiderate behavior is not acceptable. Students are expected to treat the instructor and other students with dignity and respect, especially in cases where a diversity of opinion arises. Students who engage in disruptive behavior are subject to disciplinary action, including removal from the course.</p> <p>Student Assignments Retained From time to time, student assignments or projects will be retained by The Department for the purpose of academic assessment. In every case, should the assignment or project be shared outside the academic Department, the student's name and all identifying information about that student will be redacted from the assignment or project.</p> <p>Contact Hours for this Course It is essential that all classes meet for the full instructional time as scheduled. A class cannot be shortened in length. If a class session is cancelled for any reason, it must be rescheduled.</p>
<p>Course Policies</p>	<p>Attendance at all class sessions is expected.</p> <p>Late assignments will be accepted if prior arrangements have been made with the instructor, but will be given reduced points based upon the number of class sessions it is late.</p>
<p>Weekly Schedule</p>	<p>We will cover 2 chapters each week from the Scuderi text in the order set out therein. At the end of the third week students will be given a take home exam (Part I of the midterm) and will take Part II in class the following week.</p> <p>The final exam will be the same procedure. Take home at end of Week 7 and an in-class exam final in Week 8. Lecture on unfinished material will be in Week 8 prior to the in-class final, if necessary.</p>

Additional Information	Instructor will have handout material.
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