

Street Law
Fall 2017

Wednesday – 4:00 – 6:00 PM and three hours weekly in the high school classroom.

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And by appointment.

Book:

Materials will be distributed electronically and in class.

Objectives:

1. Students will learn how to explain legal concepts in terms understandable to the general public and facilitate effective communication among large groups.
2. Students will consider how the law impacts the lives of people and the strengths and weakness of the legal system.
3. Students will develop skills on time management, meeting deadlines and handling multiple tasks simultaneously.

Assignments:

All assignments are subject to change. The reading assignments are from the distributed materials.

Class Participation:

All students are expected to be on time. Persistent problems with attendance and/or tardiness will result in a reduced participation grade OR being dropped from the class rolls. If you arrive more than 15 minutes late to class you will be counted absent for that day. Students are not allowed to miss more than four law school classes and should make up any high school classes that are missed.

Grading:

This course fulfills the practice requirement for graduation. Your final grade will be based on the following:

55 Points – Class presentations (5 points for introduction presentation, 10 points for introduction to law presentations, and 40 points for substantive presentation).

210 Points – Class teaching preparation, ability to communicate and assist the assigned high school teacher, and observations of your teaching of the materials

to high school students (maximum of 60 points each monthly log and observation and 30 points for final log and placing lessons in appropriate files on the Street Law drive).

70 Points – Weekly reflective journal writing (maximum of 20 points for each monthly journal and an additional 10 points for the final journal).

Students with Disabilities:

The faculty, staff and administration of the Law Center want to provide every reasonable accommodation to students with disabilities, including learning disabilities. For detailed information, please obtain a copy of the disabilities handbook available through Student Services. I will be happy to work with that office and you to make any necessary accommodations.

Student Services:

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) can help students who are having difficulties managing stress, adjusting to the demands of a professional program, or feeling sad and hopeless. You can reach CAPS (www.uh.edu/caps) by calling 713-743-5454 during and after business hours for routine appointments or if you or someone you know is in crisis. No appointment is necessary for the “Let's Talk” program, a drop-in consultation service at convenient locations and hours around campus.

http://www.uh.edu/caps/outreach/lets_talk.html

Assignments:

August 23rd

Look over the student Street Law text and read the Street Law Handbook.

Think of 4-5 personal goals.

Be prepared to present how you will introduce yourself, the course, and get to know your students.

August 25th and 26th

Two-day orientation. Review the street law text and handbook carefully.

Begin to rework your personal goals and begin on the goals for your students.

August 30th

Discussion of first classes.

Review Criminal Law unit from student text.

Student teaching presentation – Crime in America

September 6th

Student teaching presentation – Crimes against the person

Discussion of teaching

September 13th
No Class.

September 20th
Student teaching presentations – Defenses and Investigative Phase

September 27th
First log due
Student teaching presentation - Criminal Justice Process - Sentencing

October 4th
Read unit on Family law
Feedback on logs
Discuss teaching in high schools
Intro to Family law

October 11th
No class.

October 18th
Student teaching presentation - Family Law
Discussion

October 25th
Second log due.
Student teaching presentation – Family Law

November 1st
No class.

November 8th
No class.

November 15th
Last class session.
Determine areas to teach in the Spring
Confirm teaching assignments.

November 22nd
Third log due by COB.
No class. Thanksgiving break

November 27th
Final logs due – Hard copy only by 5:00 PM and lessons to the Street Law server.