

TEXAS LEGAL RESEARCH
Dykes, Fall 2023

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Office Hours/ Communications	Office Hours: Via Zoom by Appointment. You must register for the course Blackboard page.
Required Textbook	There is no required text.
Attendance	This course is taught fully online. All aspects of this course, including readings, assignments, and multimedia material such as videos and audio files, will be available online. The course is broken down into weekly units, with assignments due throughout the course.

<p>Outcomes</p>	<p>This course will expand on research skills explored in your first-year lawyering skills and strategies course with a focus on Texas specific resources. Topics for the class will include sources for Texas case law, statutory, and regulatory research; secondary sources and practitioners’ materials specific to Texas; and understanding and using Texas legislative histories.</p> <p>Throughout the course, you will learn the research skills typical of a new attorney. You will know how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify a full range of Texas primary and secondary materials available, regardless of type or format • Locate Texas statutes, rules, and regulations using effective and efficient search techniques • Analyze and interpret what you find • Apply your research findings to a set of facts based in Texas law
<p>Grades</p>	<p>Course grades are determined by performance on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignment A (Secondary Sources) 20% • Assignment B (Statutory Law) 20% • Assignment C (Case Law) 20% • Assignment D (Regulatory Law) 20% • Class participation* 20% <p>* Examples of class participation include: posting in assigned forums, completing weekly comprehension quizzes.</p>
<p>Late Work</p>	<p>You are expected to turn in graded assignments by the date and time designated as listed on the course schedule. Deadlines are strictly enforced. It is your responsibility to communicate any emergencies that may affect your ability to timely submit assignments. Failure to timely submit assignments may result in loss of credit for the work in question.</p>
<p>Group Work/Collaboration</p>	<p>Unless specifically designated as collaborative work, all graded assignments must be only your work. No collaboration is allowed. Copying answers or providing answers to copy will be reported to the Honor Board and will result in a zero on the assignment in question for all involved. All quoted material must be in quotations and properly cited.</p>

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