# Proposed Syllabus

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| 1     | Keys to Success in Law School  
Understanding Socratic Method  
How to Prepare for Class: Read—Think—Reflect |
| 2     | Legal English  
Introductory Vocabulary  
Civil vs. Criminal Law in the United States  
Anatomy of a Trial: An Introduction to the U.S. Civil Litigation Process |
| 3 & 4 | Sources of U.S. Law  
Federalism  
Separation of Powers  
Identifying and Understanding the Primary Sources of U.S. Law |
| 5     | Civil Law  
Common Law  
Understanding How Courts Create New Law and Interpret Existing Law |
| 6 & 7 | IRAC  
IRAC as a Formula for Legal Analysis |
| 8     | Reading and Understanding Case Law  
How to Brief a Case  
Understanding Dicta  
Understanding Weight of Authority |
| 9     | Exam Preparation  
Outlining:  
What is it?  
Why should I do it?  
How should I do it? |
| 10    | Preparing for and Writing the Law School Exam  
Writing an Essay Exam  
Tackling the Multiple-Choice Exam |