

Proposed Syllabus

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