This course is an introduction to the US legal system and practice of law through an examination of significant areas of law such as constitutional principles, civil procedure, contracts, torts, property, criminal law, and professional ethics. The focus will be on law, legal institutions and legal processes as elements of the rule of law in a democratic, market-oriented society. The goal of the course is to understand the role of the law as a social, economic and political force in the life of the United States through case analysis and the Socratic Method.