Intro to US Law and Legal Methods (Grogan)

Summer 2016   LAW 511-301

Meeting Times/Location
TR 5:30PM - 8:00PM
Silverman Hall 240B (tentative)

This course meets during a special session:
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Category: Masters in Law

Credits: 1 CU

Now more than ever a basic understanding of U.S. legal principals is indispensable across a wide array professional and academic landscapes. This survey course introduces non-law students to all aspects of U.S. law through a combination of case law and the Socratic method, both techniques unique to legal education. This methodology stimulates critical thinking and can be valuable whether you decide to enter law school or not. The course explores the structure of government and the constitutional foundations of the U.S. legal system and covers a wide range of topics in the areas of civil, criminal, and administrative law. The course will incorporate recent cases of note into the curriculum and provide an overview of legal issues which impact professionals in a variety of fields, including but not limited to law. JD, LLM, and LLCM students are not permitted to take this class.

Required Textbooks:

"Law 101: Everything You Need about American Law" by Jay M. Feinman
Edition: 4th 2014
Publisher: Oxford
ISBN: 979780199341

"Overview of U.S. Law" by Ellen S. Podgor and John F. Cooper
Edition: 2009
Publisher: LexisNexis
ISBN: 9781422421444