ADVANCED LEGAL RESEARCH // HYBRID


Tuesdays @ 3:45 – 5:45 pm, Room 1/205.

GOALS / OUTCOMES / CREDIT HOURS
The objective of this course is further develop the legal research skills acquired in the 1L year and prepare students for complex research problems they will encounter in practice through simulations. Topics include administrative law, municipal law, legislative history and international and foreign law. At the end of this course, students should be able to create efficient and productive research strategies, to organize their research, to review, and alter their strategies. Students are also introduced to fact investigation tailored to a particular legal problem. This is a 2-credit course. Pursuant to CUNY Law’s Credit Hour Policy this class will require at least 85 hours of work, of which approximately 25 hours will consist of classroom or direct faculty instruction (which includes both in-class instruction and asynchronous hybrid learning activities) and approximately 60 hours of out-of-class work, including required readings and class preparation, and completion of both the Research Guide Assignment and the Final Simulation.

TEXTS
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GRADING
Grades will be determined by Simulations (20%, miss a class, complete Simulation before next class), a Research Guide (20%), and a Final Simulation (60%).

CONTACT
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ABSENCES & ACCOMMODATIONS
Policies on Absences, Accommodations & Academic Integrity in the CUNY School of Law Student Handbook are incorporated by reference.
TENATIVE SCHEDULE (subject to adjustment as the semester progresses)

CLASS 1: JAN. 22, INTRODUCTION & REVISITING LEGAL RESEARCH

CLASS 2: JAN. 29, DOCKETS & LITIGATION

FEB. 5: NO CLASSES

CLASS 3: FEB. 12, RESEARCHING PEOPLE & THINGS / FOIA/FOIL

CLASS 4: FEB. 19, STATUTORY & LEGISLATIVE HISTORY RESEARCH: FEDERAL

CLASS 5: FEB. 26, STATUTORY & LEGISLATIVE HISTORY RESEARCH: NEW YORK

CLASS 6: MAR. 5, ADMINISTRATIVE RESEARCH: FEDERAL

CLASS 7: MAR. 12, ADMINISTRATIVE RESEARCH: NEW YORK

MAR. 19: NO CLASS / SPRING BREAK

CLASS 8: MAR. 26, NYC MUNICIPAL RESEARCH

CLASS 9: APR. 2, FOREIGN LAW /

CLASS 10: APR. 9, INTERNATIONAL LAW

CLASSES 11 & 12: TBD