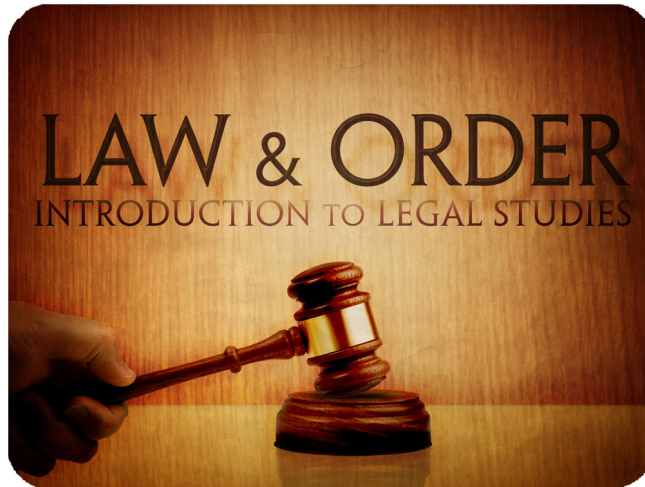




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Course Syllabus



Law & Order: Introduction to Legal Studies

Course Description

Every society has laws that its citizens must follow. From traffic laws to regulations on how the government operates, laws help provide society with order and structure. Our lives are guided and regulated by our society's legal expectations. Consumer laws help protect us from faulty goods; criminal laws help to protect society from individuals who harm others; and family law handles the arrangements and issues that arise in areas like divorce and child custody. This course focuses on the creation and application of laws in various areas of society. By understanding the workings of our court system, as well as how laws are actually carried out, we become more informed and responsible citizens in our communities and of our nation.

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Unit 1: The World of Law and Ethics

Unit Summary

We, as human beings, act in predictable ways most of the time: we follow laws, we make choices, and we go about our daily lives facing many problems and dilemmas. Yet, how do we make the best choices and what factors into our decisions? How do we decide what to do in the many choices that we face each day, like whether to cheat on an exam or whether to tell the salesperson that she gave us too much money back?

This unit focuses on the doctrines of laws and ethics, and how the two doctrines connect and conflict with one another. You'll learn about the different decision making approaches and how individuals can use each approach to solve ethical dilemmas in their lives. You'll also learn about the steps of decision making and about the history of the law in the United States.

Learning Objectives

- Understand how to make a well rounded decision.
- Understand ethics and their applications.
- Understand the importance of laws.
- Understand the history of the US legal system.
- Understand how our laws and ethics are related.

Assignments

Unit 1 Text Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 1 Online Lab Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 1 Discussion Assignment 1	Discussion	5 points
Unit 1 Discussion Assignment 2	Discussion	5 points
Unit 1 Quiz	Quiz	15 points



Unit 2: The Lawmaking Process

Unit Summary

Laws govern our behavior, yet, where do they come from? Without some guideline for the creation of a new rule, how can there ever be a unified code of behavior? In this unit, we will examine the evolution of laws and how they can be challenged or upheld. In doing so, we'll investigate what roles Congress, the courts, the President, and the average citizen play in the forming of laws. We'll also find who has the final say and learn about landmark cases that affect the rights of high school students across the country.

Learning Objectives

- Understand how a law moves through Congress.
- Understand the key players in law formation.
- Understand the President's power of veto.
- Understand what roles a citizen has.
- Understand the ways a court can affect a law.
- Understand how laws are changed.

Assignments

Unit 2 Text Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 2 Online Lab Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 2 Discussion Assignment 1	Discussion	5 points
Unit 2 Discussion Assignment 2	Discussion	5 points
Unit 2 Quiz	Quiz	15 points



Unit 3: A Look Inside Our Courts

Unit Summary

Laws govern our behaviors, but we don't always follow them. We may drive over the speed limit, take something that isn't ours, or do damage to someone else's property. When we don't follow the laws in society, we are committing a crime. We may then come to the attention of the criminal justice system. Sometimes, though, we get in disputes with other individuals that don't involve criminal activity. These disputes can be resolved through the civil court system. In this unit, you'll learn about the steps within each system, the important people involved, and the ways in which cases are resolved.

Learning Objectives

- By the end of this unit, you will be able to:
- Examine the parts and purposes of the state court system.
- Examine the parts and purposes of the federal court system.
- Understand the steps of a civil case.
- Understand the process and people involved in a criminal and civil case.

Assignments

Unit 3 Text Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 3 Online Lab Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 3 Discussion Assignment 1	Discussion	5 points
Unit 3 Discussion Assignment 2	Discussion	5 points
Unit 3 Quiz	Quiz	15 points



Unit 4: Criminal Law

Unit Summary

The US criminal justice system has very clear rules that citizens need to follow. Individuals who choose to violate these rules are dealt with in specific ways. But what makes someone likely to commit a crime? What type of legal trouble would a person be in, and what will happen to them after they enter the system? In this unit, you will learn about some of the factors that may contribute to crime. You'll learn what the purpose of the criminal justice system is and you will learn about the people involved.

Learning Objectives

- Identify the factors that may lead to crime.
- Understand the individuals involved in crime.
- Understand the purpose of the US criminal justice system.
- Understand the differences between crimes.
- Understand the different levels of liability.

Assignments

Unit 4 Text Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 4 Online Lab Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 4 Discussion Assignment 1	Discussion	5 points
Unit 4 Discussion Assignment 2	Discussion	5 points
Unit 4 Quiz	Quiz	15 points



Midterm Exam

Learning Objectives

- Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.
- Take a course exam based on material from the first four units in this course (Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)

Assignments

Midterm Exam	Exam	50 points
Midterm Discussion Assignment	Discussion	5 points



Unit 5: Tort Law

Unit Summary

Sometimes, through no fault of our own, we may be injured or harmed by something or someone in our society. These injuries may not be caused by criminal actions, so what recourse does that leave us? If the harm was caused because of someone else's actions or products, we may be able to hold them responsible for their actions, especially if they violated tort laws. We'd do this by having a lawsuit and seeking damages. In this unit, you'll learn about types of torts, how torts are handled in courts, and examples of different kinds of torts.

Learning Objectives

- Know and understand what torts are.
- Understand the concept of damages.
- Understand the different types of torts.
- Understand the concept of standard of care.
- Understand the idea of product liability.

Assignments

Unit 5 Text Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 5 Online Lab Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 5 Discussion Assignment 1	Discussion	5 points
Unit 5 Discussion Assignment 2	Discussion	5 points
Unit 5 Quiz	Quiz	15 points



Unit 6: Consumer Law

Unit Summary

People like to buy things and by doing that, they contribute to the stability of the economy. But what is the economy and what makes it stable or instable? In this unit, you'll learn what the economy is, the role consumers play in it, and their rights and responsibilities. We'll discuss some of the major aspects of an economy and what protections exist for individuals. Finally, the unit includes information on contracts, warranties, buying automobiles, and using credit cards.

Learning Objectives

- Understand how a consumer interacts within the market.
- Understand the purpose and reason behind the Federal Trade Commission.
- Understand what consumers are entitled to and what they should give back to the market.
- Understand what the different warranties are, and how they can affect a consumer's purchase.
- Understand the ramifications of legal documents and oral documents and which is better.
- Understand any hidden issues associated with credit cards, interest, payments, late payments, and credit card user rights.

Assignments

Unit 6 Text Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 6 Online Lab Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 6 Discussion Assignment 1	Discussion	5 points
Unit 6 Discussion Assignment 2	Discussion	5 points
Unit 6 Quiz	Quiz	15 points



Unit 7: Family Law

Unit Summary

The family makes up the building blocks of any society, but much has been said about how families are changing in the new millennium. In this unit, you'll learn about the legal and sociological definitions of family, what constitutes a marriage, cohabitation, how to end a relationship, and spousal abuse. You'll also learn how the family is changing and why.

Learning Objectives

- Define a family.
- Understand the meaning of common law marriage.
- Understand the seriousness of domestic abuse.
- Understand the reasons behind cohabitation.
- Understand how the family has legally changed in the last several decades.

Assignments

Unit 7 Text Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 7 Online Lab Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 7 Discussion Assignment 1	Discussion	5 points
Unit 7 Discussion Assignment 2	Discussion	5 points
Unit 7 Quiz	Quiz	15 points



Unit 8: Community Rights

Unit Summary

We all have rights as citizens of the United States of America, but what are they and where do they come from? This unit focuses on the rights of Americans, including the right to free speech, free press, and privacy. You'll also learn about the history and the practical applications of these rights.

Learning Objectives

- Understand each of the rights outlined in the US Bill of Rights.
- Understand the applications of the First Amendment.
- Understand the concept of Free Press and its regulations.
- Be familiar with landmark cases involved in the freedom of speech
- Understand where the concept of the right to privacy comes from.

Assignments

Unit 8 Text Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 8 Online Lab Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 8 Discussion Assignment 1	Discussion	5 points
Unit 8 Discussion Assignment 2	Discussion	5 points
Unit 8 Quiz	Quiz	15 points



Final Exam

Learning Objectives

- Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.
- Take a course exam based on material from units five to eight in this course – the last four units. (Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)

Assignments

Final Exam	Exam	50 points
Class Reflection Discussion Assignment	Discussion	10 points