

**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE 710  
LEGAL RESEARCH  
FALL 2009**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES:** To provide students with a basic foundation in legal research. This course includes an examination of legal resources, techniques, legal writing and citation of legal authority.

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**TEACHING METHOD:** The course will be taught utilizing inductive pedagogy, i.e., each student will, on his or her own, work through legal research problems and exercises in order to gain an understanding of legal research. Electronic legal research, i.e. Lexis or Westlaw, is not to be used (except with the Federal Register). Rather, all work is to be completed by utilizing printed legal resources in a law library unless otherwise instructed.

**TEXT:** Blue Book of Legal Citation.

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:** Seeking, obtaining or accessing information in any form or by any method other than the unprompted knowledge of the student constitutes cheating. Plagiarism is the presentation of the work or ideas of another as one's own. All work must be the student's own. Sharing of information among students of the class is not permitted, and will constitute cheating. Cheating or plagiarism will result in failure and the severest disciplinary action.

**CLASS ASSIGNMENTS AND MEETINGS:** The course is divided into the following four segments:

- I. Statutes, Codes and Encyclopedias
- II. Cases, Shepardizing and A.L.R.
- III. Administrative Law & Rules of Court
- IV. Brief Writing

At the organizational meeting of the class, dates will be set for class meetings at which the material in each segment will be discussed. All requirements will be weighed equally.

**GRADING SCALE:**

A+	97-100	C+	76-79
A	93-96	C	74-76
A-	90-92	C-	70-73
B+	86-89	D	65-70
B	84-86	F	Under 65
B-	80-83		

**ATTENDANCE/PARTICIPATION:** Attendance and participation are components in the determination of the student's final grade. Attendance is both necessary and mandatory.

**LATE WORK:** Late work will not be accepted or graded. If you foresee a problem, make sure all assignments are turned in prior to the deadline.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Please schedule an appointment with Ms. Tara.

**DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION:** School of Criminal Justice, Arthell Kelley Hall, 601-266-4509. Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Labor Day Holiday	September 7, 2009
Last Day to Drop Full-Term Classes	September 30, 2009
Last Day to Drop Classes (100% Refund)	September 1, 2009
Fall Break	October 8-9, 2009
Deadline to File Application For Degree (Spring Commencement)	November 6, 2009
Thanksgiving Holidays	November 25-27

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