

ADVANCED LEGAL RESEARCH: METHODS & APPLICATIONS

Semester: Spring 2014

Course Number: LITG 7049 001

Call # 000002

Professor: Hirsh, Boland, Jones

Credits: 3 Classroom

Primary Basis for the Grade: Tentatively Exam and Projects; Letter Grade

Prerequisites: None

Enrollment: Open

Meets Seminar Requirement? No

Meets Writing Requirement? No

Meets Client Counseling Requirement? No

Meeting Times: Monday and Wednesday 1:30-2:55

Location: 302

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course builds upon the basic research skills and techniques learned in the required Lawyering I course. Its problem-solving approach gives students practical research experience that will enhance their understanding of legal literature and legal research principles. Students will learn to assess and respond strategically to legal research problems using available resources in print and digital formats. Scope is limited to researching United States federal and state law. Weekly assignments give students practical research experience and a foundation for learning research techniques and principles. In addition, each student is assigned a specific research problem that serves as the subject of a 20-minute class presentation. The final examination is comprehensive. Recommended for all students, particularly those who plan to practice or pursue judicial clerkships.