

## Global Learning Initiatives Program Course Syllabus

### Course Information

Course Name	Introduction to Anglo-American Law
Lecturer(s)	Mark L. Shope
Course Description	This course is designed to introduce students to the key principles of American law and is a survey of the first-year J.D. curriculum at U.S. law schools. The course provides a basic overview of the U.S. legal system, then focuses on basic foundational subjects: constitutional law, civil procedure, contracts, torts, property, and criminal law, each in separate topics.
Course Objectives	<p>At the conclusion of the course, you will be able to do the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Evaluate and understand the purposes and key elements of various sources of law in the United States (constitutional, statutory, regulatory, and case law);</li><li>2. Evaluate and understand legal authority structures, identify legal issues, and assess source credibility and accuracy;</li><li>3. Apply U.S. legal materials to problems related to U.S. constitutional and common law;</li><li>4. Use sound methods of legal research relating to U.S. law;</li><li>5. Evaluate, orally and in writing, complex U.S. legal issues; and</li><li>6. Engage with faculty and fellow students in the case method of instruction.</li></ol>
Suggested Proficiencies (if any)	Prior study of the law in any jurisdiction is favorable, but not required. This class is entirely online. You should be logging onto the e3 platform at least three times a week (if not every day) to view assignments, presentations, contribute to discussions, read posting of others, etc. Activities and assignments will be posted in advance providing ample time for completion.

Reading List (if any)	Bruce Aronson et al., An Introduction to American Law (3d ed., Carolina Press, 2017)  Other cases and articles will be distributed in class.
Grading Criteria	2% Class orientation assignment 14% Discussion posts 42% Quizzes 42% Final Exam

### Course Schedule

Class	Date (YYYY/MM/DD)	Course Topic	Lecturer
Week 1	Week of 2021/02/22	Introduction to the U.S. Legal System; Reading: Chapter 1	Mark L. Shope
Week 2	Week of 2021/03/01	The Practice of Law; Reading: Chapter 5	Mark L. Shope
Week 3	Week of 2021/03/08	U.S. Constitution; Reading: Chapter 2	Mark L. Shope
Week 4	Week of 2021/03/15	U.S. Constitution; Reading: Chapter 2	Mark L. Shope
Week 5	Week of 2021/03/22	Property; Reading: Chapter 8	Mark L. Shope
Week 6	Week of 2021/03/29	Property; Reading: Chapter 8	Mark L. Shope
Week 7	Week of 2021/04/05	Contracts; Reading: Chapter 6	Mark L. Shope
Week 8	Week of 2021/04/12	Contracts; Reading: Chapter 6	Mark L. Shope
Week 9	Week of 2021/04/19	Civil Procedure; Reading: Chapter 3	Mark L. Shope
Week 10	Week of 2021/04/26	Civil Procedure; Reading: Chapter 3	Mark L. Shope
Week 11	Week of 2021/05/03	Torts; Reading: Chapter 7	Mark L. Shope
Week 12	Week of	Torts; Reading: Chapter 7	Mark L. Shope

	2021/05/10		
Week 13	Week of 2021/05/17	Criminal Law and Procedure; Reading: Chapter 4	Mark L. Shope
Week 14	Week of 2021/05/24	Criminal Law and Procedure; Reading: Chapter 4	Mark L. Shope
Week 15	Week of 2021/05/31	Final Exam	Mark L. Shope