SLIS 5647
Legal Information & Access Services
CALENDAR & OUTLINE

CLASS STRUCTURE

The general structure of the class is that each session we will cover sources of Anglo American Law. The class will meet on campus Saturday and Sunday, September 25 and 26, 2010 in an Institute format over a two-day weekend period and through modules using the WEBct course system. There will be weekly modules that include readings, Internet site evaluations, workbook exercises and summaries. The class will have weekly chat sessions on alternating Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. or as scheduled to discuss topics in legal research, answer questions, review each homework exercise, and train on legal databases. The modules will consist of online class chats, readings, homework exercises, and projects that will be due on a biweekly basis. We will have chat sessions on Saturday mornings to discuss topics and review exercises. There will also be training and exercises on legal research databases - LexisNexis and Westlaw.

All Assignments are due by Monday evening at midnight as scheduled.

Module 1 - CLASS CHAT: Monday, September 6, 2010: (7:00 - 9:00 p.m.) (Homework: Bring to Legal Research Residency Institute)

Module 1
- Introduction To Legal Research & Anglo-American Law
- Legal Citation

Homework: Introductory Exercise on Anglo American Law (Homework: Bring to Legal Research Residency Institute)

Class Chat :Monday, September 6

1. Introduction To The Class
   - Read the lectures
     - Introduction to Anglo-American Law (linked on the module 1 page)
     - Legal Citation (linked on the module 1 page)
   - Read about the Bluebook, Introduction to Legal Citation and the 17th edition of the Bluebook -
### Module 2 - CLASS CHAT: Monday, September 20, 2010: (8:00 - 9:00 p.m.) (Homework Due in Dropbox - Monday, September 20, 2010)

**READING ASSIGNMENT**

- [http://www.legalbluebook.com/](http://www.legalbluebook.com/) and Introduction to Basic Legal Citation (LII) 2010 ed.) by Peter W. Martin - [http://www.law.cornell.edu/citation/](http://www.law.cornell.edu/citation/)

- Tutorials on Finding the Law at the UNT Libraries and on the Internet (Getting Started - The Anglo American Legal System, Sources of Information and Case Law - The Court System) [http://www.library.unt.edu/govinfo/tutorials-on-finding-the-law](http://www.library.unt.edu/govinfo/tutorials-on-finding-the-law)


- Review the UNT Libraries Subject Guides - Law [http://www.library.unt.edu/research-tools/guides/law](http://www.library.unt.edu/research-tools/guides/law)

**Homework: Introductory Exercise on Anglo American Law**

*(Homework: Bring to Legal Research Residency Institute)*

**Next Class Chat: Monday, September 20**

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**Johnson & Phillips**

- 1A - Finding & Citing Cases *(Submit to Dropbox)*
- 2A - United States Supreme Court Reporters *(Submit to Dropbox)*

**Evaluation of Internet Resources**

1. Evaluate one legal guide, directory, or search engine *(Surveys and Quizzes Page)*
2. Evaluate one Supreme Court website *(Surveys and Quizzes Page)*

**Next Class Chat: Monday, October 4**

1. Module 3 - Lower Federal Courts and State Case Law
Legal Information & Access Services
Residency Institute

Class Session 1: Saturday, September 25, 2010

- Introduction to the Class
- Legal Citation
- Primary Sources - Judicial Branch Information
- Primary Sources - Federal Court Court Case Law
- Primary Sources - Regional and State Case Law
- Authority Tools: Digests
- Library Exercises - Intro to Legal Materials and Supreme Court Scavenger Hunt

Class Session 2: Sunday, September 26, 2010

- Authority Tools: Citators - Case Verification
- Primary Sources - Statutes and Annotated Codes
- Primary Sources - Administrative Law and Executive Publications
- Johnson & Phillips Workbook Exercise 1A - Review
- Lexis-Nexis Academic and Congressional

To prepare for the class sessions during the weekend of September 25 and 26 as well as throughout the semester, you will be required to read chapters from Sloan (BLR) or there are alternative legal research textbooks that you may use such as Berring and Edinger - Finding the Law (FTL) (An American Casebook Series or Legal Research in a Nutshell) and from the Harvard Bluebook. The chapter readings will coordinate with the lectures in class and during the modules throughout the semester. To prepare for the first class meetings on September 25 and 26 please read

- Chapters of the Sloan (BLR) or Berring and Edinger (FTL) textbook listed on the Institute Calendar.

- For those of you who are using Legal Research in a Nutshell, read chapters 1-7.

Module 3 - CLASS CHAT: Monday, October 4, 2010: (7:00 - 9:00 p.m.) (Homework Due in Dropbox - Monday, October 4, 2010)

Module 3

- Lower Federal Courts, Regional & State Case Law
Class Chat: Monday, October 4

1. Review Homework: J&P 3A
2. Lecture: Module 4 - Digests and ALR

ASSIGNMENTS

Johnson & Phillips

- 3A - Regional and State Court Reports (Submit to Dropbox)

Evaluation of Internet Resources

1. Evaluate one federal case law website. (Surveys and Quizzes Page)
2. Evaluate one state case law website. (Surveys and Quizzes Page)

Next Class Chat: Monday, October 18

1. Module 4 - Digests and ALR

Module 4 - CLASS CHAT: Monday, October 18, 2010: (7:00 - 9:00 p.m.) (Homework Due in Dropbox - Monday, October 18, 2010)

Module 4

- Digests
- Annotated Law Reporters

Class Chat: Monday, October 18

1. Review Homework: J&P 4A and 6A
2. Lecture: Module 5 - Citators

ASSIGNMENTS

Johnson & Phillips

- 4A - Finding Cases - Digests (Submit to Dropbox)
- 6A - American Law Reports (Submit to Dropbox)

Next Class Chat: Monday, October 25

1. Module 5 - Citators

Module 5 - CLASS CHAT: Monday, October
25, 2010: (7:00 - 9:00 p.m.) (Homework Due in Dropbox - Monday, October 25, 2010)

Module 5
- Case Verification And Updating Tools

Class Chat: Monday, October 25
1. Review Homework: J&P 5a and 7A
2. Lecture: Module 6 - Legislative Law - Statutes and Annotated Codes

ASSIGNMENTS
- 5A - Updating Cases--Shepard's Citators (Submit to Dropbox)
- 7A - Review--Finding, Citing and Updating Cases (Submit to Dropbox)

Next Class Chat: Monday, November 1
1. Module 6 - Legislative Law - Statutes and Annotated Codes

Module 6 - CLASS CHAT: Monday, November 1, 2010: (7:00 - 9:00 p.m.) (Homework Due in Dropbox - Monday, November 1, 2010)

Module 6
- Legislative Law: Statutes and Annotated Codes
- Lecture: Module 8 - Administrative Law - Rules and Regulations
- Lecture: Module 8 - Administrative Law - Executive Publications

Class Chat: Monday, November 22
1. Review Homework: J&P 8A
2. Lecture: Module 7 - Legislative Law - Session Laws and Legislative History

ASSIGNMENTS
- 8A - Finding and Citing Statutes (Submit to Dropbox)

Evaluation of Internet Resource
1. Evaluate two legislative law web sites. (Surveys and Quizzes Page)
Next Class Chat: Monday, November 22

Module 7 - NO CLASS CHAT: Monday, November 8, 2010: (Homework Due in Dropbox - Monday, November 8, 2010)

Module 7

- Session Laws
- Legislative History

1. Review Homework: J&P 9A and 10A
2. Lecture: Module 8 - Administrative Law - Rules and Regulations
3. Lecture: Module 8 - Administrative Law - Executive Publications

ASSIGNMENTS

Johnson & Phillips

- 9A - Federal Session Laws and Codes (Submit to Dropbox)
- 10A - Federal Legislative History (Submit to Dropbox)

Evaluation of Internet Resource

1. Evaluate one session law web site. (Surveys and Quizzes Page)
2. Evaluate one legislative history resource web site. (Surveys and Quizzes Page)

Next Class Chat: Monday, November 22

1. Module 8 - Administrative Law - Rules and Regulations
2. Module 8 - Administrative Law - Executive Publications
3. Lecture - Module 9 - Secondary Sources

Module 8 - CLASS CHAT: Monday, November 22 2010: (7:00 - 9:00 p.m.) (Homework Due in Dropbox - Monday, November 22, 2010)
Module 9 - CLASS CHAT: Monday, November 29, 2010: (7:00 - 9:00 p.m.) (Homework Due in Dropbox - Monday, November 29, 2010)

Module 9

- Lecture: Module 9 - Secondary Source Materials
- Lecture: Module 9 - Computer Assisted Legal Research - Lexis

Class Chat: Monday, November 16

1. Review Homework: J&P 14A and 15A
### Module 10 - CLASS CHAT: Monday, December 6, 2010: (7:00 - 9:00 p.m.)  
(Homework Due in Dropbox- Monday, December 6, 2010)

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2. 15A - Review -- Finding Secondary Authority  
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| 1. Evaluate two secondary sources web sites.  
(Surveys and Quizzes Page) |

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**Module 12**
- Lecture: Information Services in Legal Information Organizations - Issues, Management, Design, Implementation, and Marketing
- Present Pathfinder Projects

**Class Chat: Monday, December 13**

1. Discuss types of legal information environments
2. Discuss legal information services
3. Review marketing strategies in legal information environments (Elevator Speech)
4. Discuss unauthorized practice of law
5. Discuss professional associations

**ASSIGNMENTS**

- Readings - Summary Evaluation of two articles (Submit to Dropbox) & Post in the Conference

**ASSIGNMENTS**

- Pathfinder Projects

**Final Project - Pathfinder (DUE: Monday, December 13, 2010) (Submit to Dropbox)**

**Final Examination (DUE: Wednesday, December 15, 2010) (Submit to Dropbox)**