

Law & Order: Course Syllabus



Law & Order: Introduction to Legal Studies

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Every purchase, lease, contract, marriage, divorce, arrest, crime or traffic violation places the citizen face-to-face with the law. Law & Order is designed to provide students with an understanding of their legal rights and responsibilities.

Unit 1: The World of Law & Ethics

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * 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:

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| <i>The World of Law & Ethics: Unit Text Questions</i> | <i>Homework</i> | 10 points |
| <i>The World of Law & Ethics: Online Law & Order Lab Questions</i> | <i>Homework</i> | 10 points |
| <i>Unit 1 Discussion Assignment 1</i> | <i>Discussion</i> | 5 points |

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| Unit 1 Discussion Assignment 2 | Discussion | 5 points |
| Unit 1 Quiz – The World of Law & Ethics | Quiz | 15 points |

Unit 2: The Lawmaking Process

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * 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.

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| The Lawmaking Process: Unit Text Questions | Homework | 10 points |
| The Lawmaking Process: Online Law & Order Lab Questions | Homework | 10 points |
| Unit 2 Discussion Assignment 1 | Discussion | 5 points |
| Unit 2 Discussion Assignment 2 | Discussion | 5 points |

Unit 2 Quiz – The Lawmaking Process**Quiz**

15 points

Unit 3: A Look Inside Our Courts**Objectives:**

Upon completion 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:**A Look Inside Our Courts: Unit Text Questions****Homework**

10 points

A Look Inside Our Courts: Online Law & Order Lab Questions**Homework**

10 points

Unit 3 Discussion Assignment 1**Discussion**

5 points

Unit 3 Discussion Assignment 2**Discussion**

5 points

Unit 3 Quiz – A Look Inside Our Courts**Quiz**

15 points

Unit 4: Criminal Law

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * 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.

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| <i>Criminal Law: Unit Text Questions</i> | <i>Homework</i> | 10 points |
| <i>Criminal Law: Online Law & Order Lab Questions</i> | <i>Homework</i> | 10 points |
| <i>Unit 4 Discussion Assignment 1</i> | <i>Discussion</i> | 5 points |
| <i>Unit 4 Discussion Assignment 2</i> | <i>Discussion</i> | 5 points |
| <i>Unit 4 Quiz – Criminal Law</i> | <i>Quiz</i> | 15 points |

Law & Order Midterm Exam

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * 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.)

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| <i>Law & Order Midterm Exam</i> | <i>Exam</i> | 50 points |
| <i>Midterm Discussion Assignment</i> | <i>Discussion</i> | 5 points |

Unit 5: Tort Law

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * 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.

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| <i>Tort Law: Unit Text Questions</i> | <i>Homework</i> | 10 points |
| <i>Tort Law: Online Law & Order Lab Questions</i> | <i>Homework</i> | 10 points |
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| <i>Unit 5 Discussion Assignment 1</i> | <i>Discussion</i> | 5 points |
| <i>Unit 5 Discussion Assignment 2</i> | <i>Discussion</i> | 5 points |
| <i>Unit 5 Quiz – Tort Law</i> | <i>Quiz</i> | 15 points |

Unit 6: Consumer Law

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * **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.**

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| <i>Consumer Law: Unit Text Questions</i> | <i>Homework</i> | 10 points |
| <i>Consumer Law: Online Law & Order Lab Questions</i> | <i>Homework</i> | 10 points |
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| Unit 6 Discussion Assignment 1 | <i>Discussion</i> | 5 points |
| Unit 6 Discussion Assignment 2 | <i>Discussion</i> | 5 points |
| Unit 6 Quiz – Consumer Law | <i>Quiz</i> | 15 points |

Unit 7: Family Law

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

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

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| Family Law: Unit Text Questions | <i>Homework</i> | 10 points |
| Family Law: Online Law & Order Lab Questions | <i>Homework</i> | 10 points |
| Unit 7 Discussion Assignment 1 | <i>Discussion</i> | 5 points |
| Unit 7 Discussion Assignment 2 | <i>Discussion</i> | 5 points |

Unit 7 Quiz – Family Law**Quiz**

15 points

Unit 8: Community Rights**Objectives:**

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * 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:**Community Rights: Unit Text Questions****Homework**

10 points

Community Rights: Online Law & Order Lab Questions**Homework**

10 points

Unit 8 Discussion Assignment 1**Discussion**

5 points

Unit 8 Discussion Assignment 2**Discussion**

5 points

Unit 8 Quiz – Community Rights**Quiz**

15 points

Law & Order Final Exam

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * 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.)

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| <i>Law & Order Final Exam</i> | <i>Exam</i> | 50 points |
| <i>Class Reflection Discussion Assignment</i> | <i>Discussion</i> | 10 points |