

Legal Profession

Course Number: LAW 505

Instructor: Professor James Ham

Course Description:

LL.M. Legal Profession considers the role of the lawyer in society, history, and organization of the legal profession, alternate career patterns, conflicting duties, the adversary system, equal access to justice, and other issues of ethics and professional responsibility.

The course attempts to generate student sensitivity to ethical issues faced by lawyers in various kinds of practice. The ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct and Ethics Opinions, the New York and California rules, and related statutes and leading case law are examined.

Emphasis is placed on classroom discussion surrounding hypothetical situations in order for students to recognize and resolve dilemmas stemming from legal, professional, and personal dilemmas that are likely to occur during the practice of law.

Students may enroll in Spring only.

Unit Value: 2

Grading Option: Numeric grading only

Exam: Yes

Participation: Highly encouraged

Enrollment Limitations: None

Prerequisite: None