COURSE DESCRIPTION AND LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

This course is the first half of a one-credit, year-long course focusing on the legal profession and the role of the lawyer. This course is different from your other courses. While other courses are designed to convey information about legal rights and duties and practice skills that will enable you to represent clients, this course is about the values, norms, and ideals of the legal profession and your successful transition into it. This course will help you focus on matters relating to your development of your professional identity and purpose in a rapidly changing legal profession. We will reflect on the status of the legal profession, consider its future, and your role in it.

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REQUIRED READINGS: Over the summer, you were assigned to read portions of, *One L of a Ride*, and an additional book from an approved list. There are no other required textbooks for this course. Additional reading assignments will be either handed out in class or posted on line. You must ensure you are registered for this course on the D2L class page to have access to important information about the course, including reading assignments.

YOUR GRADE (COURSE REQUIREMENTS):

This course will be graded on a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis. In order to receive a grade of Satisfactory and credit for the fall component of this course, you must meet the following requirements:

Attend all “mandatory” sessions, including:

(1) Interdisciplinary Professional Responsibility Day (approximately 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 8; details TBA)
(2) Character and Fitness Presentation (September 14)

(3) Declaration Drafting Workshop (October 5)

(4) Induction Ceremony (5:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 11)

(5) At least two of the four major law school lecture events over the course of the academic year: Lesar, Ryan Bioethicist, Beatty Jurist-in-Resident, and Simonds.

Satisfy the attendance policy for the class (see below).

Complete all written assignments. Although there will be no final examination in this course, there will be other assignments throughout the semester and year. You must “pass” or satisfactorily complete all such assignments in order to receive a grade of S for the course.

You must make positive contributions to the class discussion, both in the large group discussions and in any small group activities to which you are assigned. In addition, you are expected to adhere to the conduct expectations stated below at all times in this course, including but not limited to the large and small group activities. If you violate the conduct expectations, you may receive a grade of U for this course.

CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS FOR THIS CLASS:

This is a course about professionalism and, as such, you are expected to conduct yourself in a civil and professional manner at all times in connection with all activities associated with this course, including in-class and outside-of-class activities that are conducted as part of this course and on social media. This means you should be respectful of others at all times. It is permissible for you to disagree and we encourage you to express your opinions, but you are expected to always do so in a respectful and courteous manner. Comments—written or oral—that are racist, sexist, abusive, profane, violent, obscene, libelous or threatening will not be tolerated and may cause you to receive an unsatisfactory grade in the course.

ATTIRE:

As a general rule, you are not required to dress in a particular way for this class (any exceptions will be announced). However, you should keep in mind that we often will have guest speakers who are alumni, judges, and other professionals on whom you may wish to make a good impression for purposes of networking, future job prospects, and your general reputation in the profession. Accordingly, it is recommended that you dress in business casual on days when we have guest speakers (e.g., no shorts, t-shirts, tank tops, etc.). Here at SIU, we participate in Saluki Spirit Fridays. On days when you are not dressing up for class, you are encouraged to wear your Saluki gear (T-shirts, polo shirts, jackets, etc.). (There may be prizes involved.)

ELECTRONICS POLICY:

You may not use any electronics in class except when expressly instructed otherwise. This means no laptops, cell phones, iPads or other electronic tablets or devices, or anything else with an on/off switch. Failure to comply with this policy may result in a grade of Unsatisfactory. You should bring paper and a pen or pencil to class instead.
ATTENDANCE POLICY:

The School of Law’s attendance policy applies to this class. Because this course meets only once a week and it does not meet every week, it is very important that you attend each class. You are permitted only one (1) absence.

If you miss more than one class, you will receive a grade of Unsatisfactory in this course.

The “one-absence” rule does NOT apply to the mandatory attendance sessions of this course; you are not permitted any absences at the mandatory attendance sessions. If you miss any of the mandatory attendance sessions without permission, you will receive a grade of Unsatisfactory in this class.

RECORDING POLICY:

This class will be recorded, but you must have professor permission to view the recording. Viewing a recording of the class does not count as being present in the class, unless the professor has made a special exception.

See the SIU SCHOOL OF LAW SYLLABUS ATTACHMENT for additional policies relating to emergency procedures, disabilities, and Saluki Cares: http://law.siu.edu/_common/documents/SYLLABUS%20ATTACHMENT%20FALL%202018.pdf.
## SCHEDULE OF CLASSES:

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<td>Introduction to the Course; to the Role of the Lawyer, Your Role as a Law Student; and the Core Values of the Legal Profession</td>
<td><em>Assignment: One L of a Ride: Chapter 4. What Kind of a Law Student Do You Want to Be?</em></td>
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<td>August 31</td>
<td>Introduction to the Core Values of the Legal Profession continued; discussion of summer reading with alumni guests</td>
<td><em>Assignment: Review the book you read over the summer and your reflection paper and come prepared to discuss.</em></td>
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<td>Bar Admission Character &amp; Fitness Requirements</td>
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<td>No class. Students are encouraged to attend and participate as bailiffs in the Intramural Moot Court Competition.</td>
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| October 5             | Declaration Drafting Workshop                                          | *Assignment: Materials for Declaration Drafting Workshop will be posted on the class D2L page. You must read these materials before coming to class.* | **ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY**
THURSDAY, October 11
Induction Ceremony – Law School Auditorium
Time: 5-7 p.m.
Wear courtroom attire – Friends and family are welcome!
Reception before ceremony at 5 p.m.
Ceremony at 6 p.m.

ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY

October 12 & 19
No class.

October 26
Pro Bono
Guest Speakers: Dean Mike Ruiz and panelists

November 2
No Class (Health Law Moot Court Competition)

November 9
Professional Panel – Multiple guest speakers TBA
Discussion of Winter Break Assignments

November 16
No class

November 23
No Class (Thanksgiving Break)

November 30
No Class

WINTER BREAK ASSIGNMENTS:

You will have two assignments to complete over winter break. Both will be requirements of the spring 2018 Professionalism course, but you will complete both during the break between the conclusion of fall exams and the beginning of the spring semester. The two assignments are as follows:

1. You will “shadow” a lawyer or judge (who is not a relative) for at least one-half day (at least 3.5 hours) and write a short paper about your experience. You will receive more details about this during the fall course.
2. You will write a 3-4 page typed, double-spaced reflection paper about your job shadowing experience. The paper should include a brief (1-2 paragraph) professional description of the person you chose to shadow and why you chose that person. The paper should then describe your observations and any professional or unprofessional behavior you observed by judges, attorneys, or their legal staff. Finally, you should relate what you observed to the professionalism concepts we are discussing in the course. If you received any professional advice from the attorney you shadowing, you are encouraged to share that advice and your reaction to it.