

## MASTERING LEGAL EDUCATION

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TR 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. open hours\* and 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. by appointment\*

REQUIRED TEXT: None

MEETING TIMES: **Tuesday 3:00 p.m.-3:50 p.m.**  
**Lesar Law Building, Room 202\***

**Welcome!** As part of the Academic Success Program (ASP), this year long course focuses on developing skills that are critical to your success in law school. This fall we will focus on: **(1) case reading and briefing; (2) synthesizing, summarizing, and creating a framework for course content (aka outlining); (3) building legal analysis skills and demonstrating rule application via written essays and multiple-choice questions; (4) improving your time management skills; and 5) helping you become a more skillful self-regulated learner.** A draft schedule for the fall semester (subject to change) is attached at the end of this syllabus.

The main goals of the ASP are to help you succeed in your law school classes and develop skills and knowledge that will enable you to confidently pass the bar and become an effective lawyer.

The Academic Success Program (ASP) is comprised of three faculty members, including myself. The other ASP Team Members are Professor Cox, Director of ASP and Professor Warren. While I will be primarily responsible for guiding the course for Section 2, other ASP members will be available to assist you and may participate in class activities from time to time and throughout your time in law school. Please seek any of our help at any time. We love to serve as sounding board and to coach to success.

The Mastering Legal Education class (Mastery class) has requirements to achieve the “S” credit, but it offers you much more the opportunity to improve your skills to as high a level as you would like to take them. Put in the effort and let us coach you to as high a level as you wish to achieve. You may be surprised at what you can accomplish!

**The Mastery class is graded on an S/U basis.** If you do not satisfy the requirements this course you will receive a U and not receive the transcript credit. You must demonstrate that you are putting forth a good-faith effort to build and master the foundational skills listed herein to earn a Satisfactory grade. I will work with you as needed throughout the year on each skill to help you develop mastery. **YOU MUST TIMELY SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED ASSIGNMENTS AND RE-WRITES, ATTEND CLASS, AND PARTICIPATE IN ALL REQUIRED INDIVIDUAL CONFERENCES TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THIS COURSE.**

**\*COVID flexibility and requirements.** Given the continuing pandemic, we will need to be potentially flexible as to how class might be conducted. For health reasons (mine, yours, the state’s, the community’s) it might become advisable to move completely to Zoom instead of having live classes. Individual required conferences are currently planned to be in person, but circumstances may change and lead to a switch to Zoom. Office hours are offered via

Zoom and in-person at this time, but it may become prudent to move to Zoom only office hours at some point.

We will follow university guidance as directed by public health experts, regarding mask wearing. At this time, masks will be required in class regardless of vaccination status or the ability to socially distance.

**Laptops and Electronic Devices.** Please use responsibly.

**Regular attendance is part of successful completion of the Mastery class. You are allowed only one (1) class absence and you are not permitted to miss an individual conference.** You will miss important information and/or exercises if you miss class and are therefore strongly discouraged from missing any class sessions. Tardiness also may count as an absence. It is possible to attend class by Zoom even if the whole class is not being conducted via Zoom, but you should let me know in advance if you will be attending class by Zoom when we are having a live class. If you miss more than one class session by not being present either in person or via Zoom, you will be in jeopardy of failing the class. Additionally, this class is not recorded on a regular basis.

**Workload Expectations:** All assignments in the Mastery course are tailored to complement your doctrinal courses. Everything you do for the Mastery class is rooted in doctrinal material and developing the skills necessary for law school success (and eventually to pass the bar exam). Every assignment represents a task you should be doing for your doctrinal courses regardless of whether this was explicitly assigned in your doctrinal course. Thus, there are few if any requirements for the Mastery class that take you beyond the workload expectations for achieving success in your doctrinal courses.

**Individual Conferences:** Two Individual meetings are required. You are ALWAYS welcome to schedule additional conferences, which is highly desirable.

**Mastery Class Schedule:** Required assignments are highlighted below. You must demonstrate that you are putting forth a good-faith effort to complete all required assignments. A good-faith effort is demonstrated by submitting assignments on time and completing assignments in a professional manner (both in content and submission). If you fail to show a good-faith effort, you will receive a U and not receive transcript credit.

	<u>Lecture Topic</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
1/11/22	First Semester and Final Exam Decompression	None
1/18/22	Memory Retention and Mastering CiRac/IRAC/CRAC/CREAC	Sign up for Individual Conference
1/25/22	No Class/Individual Conferences	Attend Individual Conference
2/1/22	Civil Procedure Exercise	Attend Individual Conference Contracts Question 7-3 (pg.710-712; Knapp) Due 2/2 at 4:00 p.m.
2/8/22	Deconstruction of Contracts Question	None
2/15/22	Outlining Workshop	None
2/22/22	Midterm Review	None
3/1/22	No Class—Midterm Exams	None
3/8/22	No Class—Spring Break	None
3/15/22	Midterm Exam Decompression	Sign up for Individual Conferences Attend Individual Conferences
3/22/22	No Class/Individual Conferences	Attend Individual Conferences
3/29/22	In-class Exercise	None
4/5/22	Essay Deconstruction	Essay Question Due 4/5 at 3:00pm
4/12/22	No Class	None
4/19/22	1L Wrap Up!!!	None

**SYLLABUS ATTACHMENT**  
**SIU SCHOOL OF LAW – SPRING 2022**

**EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:** We ask that you become familiar with Emergency Preparedness at SIU. Emergency response information is available on posters in buildings on campus, on the Emergency Preparedness at SIU website and through text and email alerts. To register for alerts, visit: <http://emergency.siu.edu/>.

**DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES.** SIU Carbondale is committed to providing an inclusive and accessible experience for all students with disabilities. Disability Support Services coordinates the implementation of accommodations. If you think you may be eligible for accommodations but have not yet obtained approval, please contact DSS immediately at 618-453-5738 or [disabilityservices.siu.edu](http://disabilityservices.siu.edu). You may request accommodations at any time, but timely requests help to ensure accommodations are in place when needed. Accommodations and services are determined through an interactive process with students and may involve consideration of specific course design and learning objectives in consultation with faculty. Upon completion of a Disability Accommodation Agreement with DSS, students should use the DSS Student Portal to notify their faculty members and the School of Law Registrar's Office of their accommodations.

**SALUKI CARES.** The purpose of Saluki Cares is to develop, facilitate and coordinate a university-wide program of care and support for students in any type of distress—physical, emotion, financial, or personal. By working closely with faculty, staff, students, and their families, SIUC will continue to display a culture of care and demonstrate to our students and their families that they are an important part of the community. For Information on Saluki Cares: (618) 453-2461, or [siucares@siu.edu](mailto:siucares@siu.edu), <https://salukicare.siu.edu/index.php>. At the School of Law, Assistant Dean Judi Ray is also available to help students access university resources. Her email is [judiray@siu.edu](mailto:judiray@siu.edu) and her phone number is 618- 453-3135.

**COVID-19.** SIUC'S policy on face masks and social distancing is consistent with the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Illinois Department of Public Health. For up-to-date information, students, faculty, and staff should visit SIUC's COVID website ([siu.edu/coronavirus](http://siu.edu/coronavirus)), which includes the Saluki Safety Plan. People can also send an email to [pandemicinfo@siu.edu](mailto:pandemicinfo@siu.edu).

# Syllabus Attachment

## Spring 2022

### MISSION STATEMENT FOR SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE

SIU embraces a unique tradition of access and opportunity, inclusive excellence, innovation in research and creativity, and outstanding teaching focused on nurturing student success. As a nationally ranked public research university and regional economic catalyst, we create and exchange knowledge to shape future leaders, improve our communities, and transform lives.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

<u>Semester Classes Begin:</u> .....	01/10/2022
<u>Last day to add full-term course (without Dean's signature):</u> .....	01/16/2022
<u>Last day to withdraw from the University with a full refund:</u> .....	01/21/2022
<u>Last day to drop a full-term course for a credit/refund:</u> .....	01/23/2022
<u>Last day to drop a full-term course (W grade, no refund):</u> .....	03/27/2022
<u>Final examinations:</u> .....	05/02–05/06/2022

Note: Please verify the above dates with the Registrar calendar and find more detailed information on deadlines at <http://registrar.siu.edu/calendars>. For add/drop dates that apply to shorter-than-full-term courses, please look at the Schedule of Classes search results at <http://registrar.siu.edu/schedclass/index.php>

#### SPRING SEMESTER HOLIDAYS

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday 01/17/2022  
Spring Break 03/05-03/13/2022

#### DIVERSITY

Southern Illinois University Carbondale's goal is to provide a welcoming campus where all of our students, faculty and staff can study and work in a respectful, positive environment free from racism and intimidation. For more information visit: <http://diversity.siu.edu>. Additional [informational flyer](#).

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#### MILITARY COMMUNITY

There are complexities of being a member of the military community and also a student, and military and veteran related developments can complicate academic life. If you are a member of the military community and in need of accommodations please visit Veterans Services at <http://veterans.siu.edu/>.

#### STUDENT MULTICULTURAL RESOURCE CENTER

The Student Multicultural Resource Center serves as a catalyst for inclusion, diversity and innovation. As the Center continues its work, we are here to ensure that you think, grow and succeed. We encourage you to stop by the Center, located in the Student Services Building Room 140, to see the resources available and discover ways you can get involved on the campus. Visit us at <https://smrc.siu.edu/>.

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#### SAFETY AWARENESS FACTS AND EDUCATION

Title IX makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender is a Civil Rights offense subject to the same kinds of accountability and the same kinds of support applied to offenses against other protected categories such as race, national origin, etc. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you can find the appropriate resources here: <http://safe.siu.edu>

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#### WITHDRAWAL POLICY ~ Undergraduate only

Students who officially register for a session must officially withdraw from that registration in a timely manner to avoid being charged as well as receiving a failing grade for those classes. An official withdrawal must be initiated by the student, or on behalf of the student through the academic unit, and be processed by the Registrar's office. For the proper procedures to follow when dropping courses and when withdrawing from SIUC visit: <http://registrar.siu.edu/students/withdrawal.php>

#### SIUC's EARLY WARNING INTERVENTION PROGRAM (EWIP)

Students enrolled in courses participating in SIUC's Early Warning Intervention Program might be contacted by University staff during a semester. More information can be found at the University Core Curriculum's Overview webpage: <http://corecurriculum.siu.edu/program-overview/>.

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#### CATALOGS

[catalog.siu.edu](http://catalog.siu.edu)  
[gradcatalog.siu.edu](http://gradcatalog.siu.edu)

Graduate policies often vary from Undergraduate policies. To view the applicable policies for graduate students, please refer to the graduate catalog.

#### CENTER FOR LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Tutoring: <http://tutoring.siu.edu/>  
Math Labs: <http://math.siu.edu/courses/course-help.php>

#### WRITING CENTER: <http://write.siu.edu/>

#### PLAGIARISM

See the Student Conduct Code: <http://sr.siu.edu/student-conduct-code/>

#### INCOMPLETE POLICY~ Undergraduate only

<http://registrar.siu.edu/grades/incomplete.php>

REPEAT POLICY: <http://registrar.siu.edu/students/repeatclasses.php>

MORRIS LIBRARY HOURS: <http://libguides.lib.siu.edu/hours>

ADVISEMENT: <http://advisement.siu.edu/>

SIU ONLINE: <https://online.siu.edu/>

Need additional help with an issue? Visit SALUKI SOLUTION FINDER at <http://solutionfinder.siu.edu/>