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Lawyering Skills and Legal Writing (4DR2182)

Filières concernées	Nombre d'heures	Validation	Crédits ECTS
Master bilingue en droit	Cours: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	4
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ph=période hebdomadaire, pg=période globale, j=jour, dj=demi-jour, h=heure, min=minute

Période d'enseignement:

- Semestre Automne

Equipe enseignante

ANDRES Paul, Chargé d'enseignement.

Contenu

Students learn and practice fundamental lawyering skills in a constructive and experiential environment. Class sessions combine brief lectures and numerous practical exercises. Emphasis is placed on both oral and written legal communication. Students will practice interviewing and counselling clients, drafting predictive and persuasive legal memoranda, and negotiating and documenting transactions.

Forme de l'évaluation

A 2-hour, open book, written exam. Students will answer questions about lawyering skills and draft a legal memorandum, applying facts to the law with proper legal reasoning and expression. Class attendance and participation are essential. Grades may be positively adjusted to reflect class attendance and participation.

Documentation

Course materials consist of PowerPoint slides and selected texts which are freely available on Internet. Students are encouraged to purchase the following book, which is often cited in class : Legal Writing in Plain English (Second Edition – 2013), by Bryan A. Garner.

Forme de l'enseignement

Lectures, occasional guest talks, in-class exercises, and written assignments. Students are expected to participate in class exercises and discussions, to submit assignments on time, and to provide constructive comments to classmates.

Objectifs d'apprentissage

Au terme de la formation l'étudiant-e doit être capable de :

- Write predictive and persuasive legal memoranda
- Formulate transactional clauses to document agreements
- Present legal concepts and arguments in an organised and persuasive manner
- Analyse legal issues and counsel clients on their legal options

Compétences transférables

- Write legal texts in a professional manner
- Present and defend legal arguments
- Apply the law to specific factual situations to reach sound legal conclusions