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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

PALUMBO HOEGGER

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This course is designed to equip students with essential lawyering skills including written and oral communication, legal analysis, and advocacy. Legal writing is the cornerstone of the curriculum. Students will explore and identify the characteristics of good legal writing and develop strategies to achieve clarity, precision, and effectiveness in their work. Students will engage in legal analysis, honing their ability to articulate legal issues and apply relevant laws to various scenarios. Students will also practice interviewing and counseling clients, writing professional correspondence, negotiating, and drafting predictive and persuasive memoranda.

The class combines lectures with in-class exercises, group work, and writing assignments that allow students to practice and receive constructive feedback. This hands-on approach ensures that students can apply theoretical knowledge in a supportive and constructive setting.

Forme de l'évaluation

A 2-hour, open-book, written exam. Students will answer questions about lawyering skills and draft a text that has been covered in class. Class attendance and participation are essential. Grades may be positively adjusted to reflect class attendance and participation.

Documentation

Course materials will be provided by the instructor and available to students online. Class materials consist of PowerPoint slides and selected texts, videos, and exercises. For additional information on legal writing, students are encouraged to consult: Legal Writing in Plain English (Third Edition – 2023), by Bryan A. Garner.

Forme de l'enseignement

Lectures, in-class exercises, oral presentations by students, 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 texts
- Present oral 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