

Law Libraries and Legal Information
INLS 708

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Required: Readings as assigned (no course textbook purchase required)

Date	Topics	
9 Jan	Class introduction; syllabus; course expectations	
11 Jan	What makes legal research different from “traditional” research?	
16 Jan	No class (holiday)	
18 Jan	Introduction to primary law	
23 Jan	Statutory law	
25 Jan	Statutory law II	
30 Jan	Statutory law III	
1 Feb	Administrative law	
6 Feb	Administrative law II	
8 Feb	Case law	
13 Feb	No class (University well-being day)	
15 Feb	Case law II	
20 Feb	Case law III	
22 Feb	Information organization considerations	
27 Feb	Secondary sources	
1 Mar	Database presentations	
6 Mar	Database presentations	
8 Mar	Government documents	
13 Mar	No class (spring break)	
15 Mar	No class (spring break)	
20 Mar	Visit to Davis government documents collection	
22 Mar	Public records	
27 Mar	Reference and public services	
29 Mar	Reference and public services II	
3 Apr	Bluebook citation Legal periodicals	
5 Apr	Guest lecturer: Aaron Kirschenfeld (public academic law librarianship; digital initiatives and sample projects)	
10 Apr	Guest lecturer: Mary Susan Lucas (private academic law librarianship and management)	

12 Apr	International information: Foreign law and international law research	
17 Apr	Visit to UNC Law Library	
19 Apr	Video guest lecturer: Charles Szypszak (Law firm legal information work; Value of firm law librarians to practicing attorneys)	◆
24 Apr	TBD	
26 Apr	Legal Liability (last class)	
2 May 4:00 PM (3 hours)	Final exam	

Grading

UNC graduate students are evaluated on the H/P/L/F scale. The following are the specifics used for this course:

- 95%+ = High Pass: Clear excellence; beyond expectations for the course
- 80%-94% = Pass: Entirely satisfactory; fully meets expectations for the course
- 70%-79% = Low Pass: Minimally acceptable; clear weaknesses in performance
- 69% and below = Not Passing: Unacceptable performance

All academic work in this course is to be your own work, unless otherwise specifically provided. It is your responsibility, if you have any doubt, to confirm if collaboration is permitted.

Course grade calculation:

Participation.....	20%
Database Overview Report and Presentation	15%
Secondary Source Report	15%
Pathfinder.....	25%
Final.....	25%

The participation grade is based on class attendance, demonstrated preparation, timely submission of required graded and ungraded assignments, and thoughtful contribution to discussions. For basic good faith effort in class activities and routine participation, the assigned grade will be an 85 (P). Participation above or below this default will be assigned a grade accordingly.

The instructor reserves the right to institute unannounced quizzes if the instructor believes doing so will promote better class discussion of assigned readings. The instructor may adjust final grades upward or downward according to the criteria explained above.

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Assignments:

- Database Overview Report and Presentation
- Secondary Source Report
- Pathfinder

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Disability Accommodations: If you have a disability that qualifies you for academic accommodations, please provide a letter of accommodation from the UNC Accessibility Resources and Service (ARS) department. If you have a medical condition or physical disability that may require reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to this course, please contact the ARS department.