

# ADVANCED LEGAL RESEARCH

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Tuesdays @ 11:30am – 1:30 pm, Room 1/202.

## GOALS / OUTCOMES / CREDIT HOURS

The objective of this course is further develop the legal research skills acquired in the 1L year and prepare students for complex research problems they will encounter in practice through simulations. Topics include administrative law, municipal law, legislative history and international and foreign law. At the end of this course, students should be able to create efficient and productive research strategies, to organize their research, to review, and alter their strategies. Students are also introduced to fact investigation tailored to a particular legal problem. This is a 2-credit course. Pursuant to CUNY Law's Credit Hour Policy this class will require at least 85 hours of work, of which approximately 25 hours will consist of classroom or direct faculty instruction (which includes both in-class instruction and other learning activities) and approximately 60 hours of out-of-class work, including required readings and class preparation, and completion of both the Research Guide Assignment and the Final Simulation.

## GRADING

Grades will be determined by Simulations (20%, miss a class, complete Simulation before next class), a Research Guide (20%) due no later than May 1, 2024, and a Final Simulation (60%), due no later than May 16, 2024.

## CONTACT

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## ABSENCES & ACCOMODATIONS

Policies on Absences, Accommodations & Academic Integrity in the *CUNY School of Law Student Handbook* are incorporated by reference.

## **TENATIVE SCHEDULE (subject to adjustment as the semester progresses)**

CLASS 1: JAN. 16, INTRODUCTION & REVISITING LEGAL RESEARCH

CLASS 2: JAN. 23, DOCKETS & LITIGATION

CLASS 3: JAN. 30, STATUTORY & LEGISLATIVE HISTORY RESEARCH: FEDERAL

CLASS 4: FEB. 6, ADMINISTRATIVE RESEARCH: FEDERAL

CLASS 5: FEB. 13, PRESIDENTIAL RECORDS

CLASS 6: FEB 20, STATUTORY & LEGISLATIVE HISTORY RESEARCH: NEW YORK

CLASS 7: FEB. 27, ADMINISTRATIVE RESEARCH: NEW YORK

CLASS 8: MAR. 5, RESEARCHING PEOPLE & THINGS / FOIA/FOIL

MAR. 12: NO CLASS / MIDTERM WEEK

MAR. 19: NO CLASS / MIDTERM WEEK

MAR. 26: NO CLASS / SPRING BREAK

CLASS 9: APR. 2, FOREIGN & INTERNATIONAL LAW

CLASS 10: APR. 9, NYC MUNICIPAL RESEARCH

CLASS 11: APR. 16, FINAL WRAP-UP & FINAL SIMULATION HANDOUT