POL 331 : Law and the Legal Process

A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Prerequisites: WRIT 131 Writing I or equivalent, or have instructor's permission.

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week:

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies, Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

This course begins to examine law, both what it is and how it is practiced. The course focuses on the limits of law, the practice of law, and the strengths and weaknesses of the U.S. legal system. Students analyze these issues in the context of current controversial legal disputes.

B. Course Effective Dates: 08/01/1998 - 09/05/1999 09/06/1999 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. To know and understand the historical foundations and theoretical approaches to the contemporary legal process.
2. To develop higher order reading and thinking skills by analyzing and critiquing legal texts an upper division college level.
3. To identify and understand the modern dynamics, influences and functions of the legal system.
4. To write analytically in a style that is informed, well reasoned, literate and consistent with upper division college standards.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies

None

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
2. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
3. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.

G. Special Information

None