

LAWS 101 Introduction to Law

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Identify the sources of law in the US, the common law tradition, basic classifications of law and their relationship to ethics.
2. Explain major constitutional concepts (separation of powers, judicial review, federalism) and the outline of federal and state court systems.
3. Identify and compare major types of ADR (alternative dispute resolution) and describe major aspects of the legal profession.
4. Describe the administrative state and role of agencies in the US including rule making and adjudication process.
5. Define criminal law and outline the major elements of common crimes, criminal procedures, and defenses.
6. Analyze whether facts may equate to an intentional tort or negligent behavior.
7. Explain the elements of contracts and requisites for a valid contract, along with related equitable remedies.
8. Apply the major legal issues surrounding home and auto ownership along with the major landlord tenant rules in the US.
9. Discuss employment and labor laws relevant to the workplace.
10. Explain the laws related to marriage (and divorce), co-habitation, family formation, and reproduction in the US.
11. Illustrate how legal rules related to wills, trusts and end of life decisions add certainty and predictability.