

ASP SYLLABUS

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Welcome! General Information and Availability. The academic support office is in room 728. The office will be staffed by the directors and four teaching assistants who are available to help you successfully navigate the first year of law school. The office is staffed by the directors Monday through Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The directors are always available without an appointment during the lunch break from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, and Tuesdays when there is no scheduled class. At other times when the office is staffed, you may drop in to see if we are available, or you may make an appointment. Appointments can be arranged in person or by email. Office hours will be posted on the door to the academic support office.

The academic support teaching assistants staff the office on Mondays from 3:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Thursdays from 2:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., and Fridays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The schedule of teaching assistant office hours will be posted on the door to the academic support office.

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Goals and Objectives. The Academic Support Program directors bring with them a wealth of experience, and are here to help you achieve academic success. Our goal is to help you develop the skills necessary to excel in the first year of law school. The role of the Academic Support Program is to help you identify and practice essential test-taking strategies and skills, rather than to teach you, or review, the substantive material for any particular course. We will usually refer to the substantive doctrines in your courses in order to teach a particular skill, however, your individual professors are the experts in their respective subject areas. Please see them if you have questions about the substantive law. Your teaching assistants may also be a useful resource if you have substantive questions, particularly if they had the same 1L professor that you did.

Classes. The Academic Support Program holds weekly classes on a variety of topics relevant to 1Ls. The class will meet on Thursdays from 12:00 – 12:50 p.m. in room 805 beginning September 3. Attendance at ASP class sessions is open to all first year students. Students who attend regularly will get the most out of the program. Attendance will be taken each class for our records.

ASP classes have been very popular in recent years, and for that reason, we will be repeating the first several classes the following week. You may attend either one of the sessions as they will cover the same material. The date of the repeated classes will be listed in the syllabus.

