



STARK STATE COLLEGE

GENERAL SYLLABUS

Course Information

Course Name: Introduction to Law and the Legal System
Course Number: PSC122

Required Materials

Textbook(s): Joanne Banker Hames and Yvonne Ekern, Introduction to Law (6th ed.) Pearson 2019
Required Readings: See weekly calendar below
Additional Materials: Optional materials are posted on the LMS

Course Outline/Calendar

The date of coverage and order of coverage may be modified based on the faculty member and events beyond the control of faculty members that interfere with class times and teaching.

Week	Chapter/Topic/Lab
1	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 1, Introduction to Law
2	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 2, The U.S. Legal System
3	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 3, The Courts and Legal Personnel
4	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 6, Constitutional Law
5	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 7, Tort Law
6	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 7, Tort Law (continued)
7	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 10, Contract Law
8	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 11, Property Law
9	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 13, Civil Procedure Before Trial
10	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 14, Criminal Practice: Criminal Law and Juvenile Law
11	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 15, Criminal Procedure Before Trial
12	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 16, Rules of Evidence
13	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 17, The Trial
14	Reading assignment and topic: Mock Trial case, Appendix II
15	Reading assignment and topic: Mock Trial case, Appendix II <i>or</i> Ch. 18, Alternative Dispute Resolution
16	Comprehensive Final Examination or Mock Trial