POLS 3320: Legal Research

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: POLS 1101

An introduction to legal resources for law-related courses and to problems that demonstrate the effective utilization of legal research and reference tools in a manner designed to meet the needs of the student in both law and non-law fields. An understanding of legal rules is necessary for scientists, archaeologists and other professionals.

POLS 3328: African American Politics

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: POLS 1101

This course is an intensive introduction to ideologies, theories, and empirical research on the role of African Americans in the American political process. The course emphasizes black voting behavior, elite policymaking, public opinion, and the relationship of black information networks with mainstream media.

POLS 3340: Legal Analysis

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: POLS 3300

This course involves students in the processes of reasoning objectively and arguing persuasively within a socio-legal framework. Set against a background of formal and informal logic that guides reasoning in general, the course is primarily concerned with the reasoning underlying the construction of legal arguments from judicial, legislative, and scholarly points of view. Theoretical analysis is illustrated by investigating and writing about the law, with an emphasis on topics related to crime.

POLS 3343: Principles of Public Administration

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: POLS 1101

The methods and procedures of governmental administration and the control of public bureaucracies in democratic societies.