

LAW 7033: Interviewing/Counseling

A practical "lawyering" course designed to develop and practice techniques for effective client interviewing and counseling (something lawyers do every day) under simulated law office conditions. This course also develops skills in providing preventive law advice and applying accumulated knowledge of substantive law to a client problem or objective. Emphasis is on intensive, individual student role-playing and critiquing. Grade based on individual skills evidenced in class, written assignments, and class participation and attendance. 50% of the grade will be based on class performance and 50% will be based on a final interview of the instructor. As participation of all members of a group is necessary for the success of the simulated exercises, attendance is mandatory in the absence of permission from the instructor. Unexcused absences will affect the student's grade. All students who enroll for this course should be prepared to commit to full participation in all exercises. Note on Attendance: To hold a place in the Interviewing/Counseling course the student must attend the first class or notify the Professor in writing that he or she cannot attend, but that he or she wishes to accept the seat in the class. Any student who is on the class list, but does not attend the first class or notify the Professor in writing, will be dropped from the class and the seat will be given to the next person on the waitlist. All students on the waitlist who are interested in taking the course should attend the first class. Exam Info: No exam.

Credits: 2.0