

# Course Expectations Planning Guide

## Social Studies

### 536 American Legal Systems

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Please Note: All listed information is intended to provide a general guideline for students in planning their course load. All information provided will vary according to the individual study needs and academic motivation. Events and responsibilities may vary year-to-year.

### **Time Commitment**

0-1 hours per week

### **Standard Responsibilities**

This course is designed to examine the institutions, participants, and processes which characterize the US Legal System in the United States. The course has two main objectives:

1. To introduce students to the basic structures of the US Legal System
2. To help students develop an analytical perspective toward the conduct of our legal system in the United States.

American Legal Systems encourages students to evaluate the US legal system, to understand their rights within the legal system, and to evaluate and understand the purpose and goals of the US Legal System as compared to other nations.

### **Significant Events**

The methods of evaluation and assessment will include Multiple Choice Tests, Chapter Analysis questions, Simulations, Projects, Text-based and supplemental videos, and class participation.