POL 3707 - Moot Court 1

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Instructor

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Course Description

3707. Moot Court 1. An introduction to appellate advocacy through the practical application of legal analysis and synthesis. This course analyzes one or two specific constitutional issues based on pre-determined U.S. Supreme Court cases. Students will analyze and synthesize Supreme Court decisions and present simulated oral argument as if before the U.S. Supreme Court based on those decisions. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 s.h. Prereq.: POL 3702 and consent of chairperson. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	26-27 Case Problem	American Moot Court Association	

You will find the case problem, precedents and other resources at https://www.amcamootcourt.org/

A Microsoft Teams group has been organized to provide you with useful information.

It is advisable to prepare a case file or download both the hypothetical case and the relevant precedents in order to develop your arguments.

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	26-27 Case Problem Changes to the Case Problem Outline Case Problem Appellate Cases	Overview of moot court and schedule Assignment of case briefs	
8/31	26-27 Case Problem Changes to the Case Problem Outline Case Problem Appellate Cases	Discussion of case facts, legal issues, and argument construction	

9/7	26-27 Case Problem Changes to the Case Problem Outline Case Problem Appellate Cases	Students present case briefs Team assignments finalized	Brief
9/14	26-27 Case Problem Changes to the Case Problem Outline Case Problem Appellate Cases	First practice session	Oral argument
9/21	26-27 Case Problem Changes to the Case Problem Outline Case Problem Appellate Cases	Second practice session	Oral argument
9/28	26-27 Case Problem Changes to the Case Problem Outline Case Problem Appellate Cases	Discuss arguments and revisions	
10/5	26-27 Case Problem Changes to the Case Problem Outline Case Problem Appellate Cases	Practice session	Oral argument
10/12	26-27 Case Problem Changes to the Case Problem Outline Case Problem Appellate Cases	Team scrimmage	Oral argument
10/19	26-27 Case Problem Changes to the Case Problem Outline Case Problem Appellate Cases	Debrief scrimmage Discuss arguments and revisions	
10/26	26-27 Case Problem Changes to the Case Problem Outline Case Problem Appellate Cases		
11/2	26-27 Case Problem Changes to the Case Problem Outline Case Problem Appellate Cases		
11/9	26-27 Case Problem Changes to the Case Problem Outline Case Problem Appellate Cases		
11/16	26-27 Case Problem Changes to the Case Problem Outline Case Problem Appellate Cases		
11/23	26-27 Case Problem Changes to the Case Problem Outline Case Problem Appellate Cases		
11/30	26-27 Case Problem Changes to the Case Problem Outline Case Problem Appellate Cases		
12/7	N/A	Final Examinations	No Final

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