

Check Appropriate Boxes: Undergraduate credit Graduate credit Professional credit

1. School/Division College of Arts & Sciences 2. Academic Subject Code POLS
3. Course Number Y214 (must be cleared with University Enrollment Services) 4. Instructor variable
5. Course Title Computer Aided Legal Research

Recommended Abbreviation (Optional) _____
(Limited to 32 Characters including spaces)

6. First time this course is to be offered (Semester/Year): Summer 2008

7. Credit Hours: Fixed at 2 or Variable from _____ to _____

8. Is this course to be graded S-F (only)? Yes _____ No X

9. Is variable title approval being requested? Yes _____ No X

10. Course description (not to exceed 50 words) for Bulletin publication: This course is designed to introduce students to legal research on line. It will give students hands on experience in internet research of legal data bases and secondary sources.

11. Lecture Contact Hours: Fixed at 2 or Variable from _____ to _____

12. Non-Lecture Contact Hours: Fixed at 0 or Variable from _____ to _____

13. Estimated enrollment: 25 of which 100 percent are expected to be graduate students.

14. Frequency of scheduling: annual Will this course be required for majors? Yes Paradigm Studies

15. Justification for new course: See attached Certificate Students

16. Are the necessary reading materials currently available in the appropriate library? Yes

17. Please append a complete outline of the proposed course, and indicate instructor (if known), textbooks, and other materials.

18. If this course overlaps with existing courses, please explain with which courses it overlaps and whether this overlap is necessary, desirable, or unimportant.

19. A copy of every new course proposal must be submitted to departments, schools, or divisions in which there may be overlap of the new course with existing courses or areas of strong concern, with instructions that they send comments directly to the originating Curriculum Committee. Please append a list of departments, schools, or divisions thus consulted.

Submitted by:

Linda Chen Date 4/16/08
Department Chairman/Division Director

Approved by: [Signature] Date 5/8/08
Dean Assoc Dean CLAS

Date _____
Dean of Graduate School (when required)

Date _____
Chancellor/Vice-President

Date _____
University Enrollment Services

After School/Division approval, forward the last copy (without attachments) to University Enrollment Services for initial processing, and the remaining four copies and attachments to the Campus Chancellor or Vice-President.

New course request

Indiana University

South Bend campus

Check appropriate box: Undergraduate credit: XX Graduate credit:

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14. Frequency of Scheduling: annual Will this course be required for majors? Paralegal Studies certificate students - yes

15. Justification for new course: It replaces the previously offered SPEA course in this program. Course was previously offered under a SPEA number. Am requesting a new course number because the way the research courses are organized in the Paralegal Studies Program at IUPUI are configured differently. The course under consideration is better suited to the needs of the IUSB program, as determined by the professionals working in the area.

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[signatures]

SYLLABUS Pols Y214

Computer Aided Legal Research Summer 2008

This class will meet for seven sessions from 5:45 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Two unexcused absences will result in the failure of this course.

Course Objectives:

Gain the ability to competently find legal authority online;

Acquire proficient skill in using the Lexis search engine to find cases, statutes, secondary authorities, and to check citations to determine the continued validity of same;

Learn the basic skills needed to use online resources upon entering a working legal environment

- Week 1 Introduction to Internet based legal research
 Research fundamentals
 Overview of online resources
 Search strategies
 Boolean v. natural language searches
- Week II Identifying databases
 Keyword generation strategies
 Researching case law
- Week III Researching statutes, constitutions, administrative codes and court rules
 Homework assignment number 1 assigned
- Week IV Homework assignment number 1 due at 6pm sharp
 Review answers to assignment number 1
 cite checking with Lexis-Nexis
 Homework assignment number 2 assigned
- Week V Secondary sources (ALR, legal encyclopedias, law reviews, etc.)
- Week VI Homework assignment number 2 due at 6pm sharp
 Review answers to homework assignment number 2
 Other legal websites
 Review (open floor for questions)
 Final Exam issued
- Week VII* Final Exam due

* NOTE: The last class on WEDNESDAY, June 18th All other classes meet on Thursday nights

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