SKILLS (LAW) (LSK)

LSK 900 - Legal Research and Information Literacy
Credits: 2
Taught in context, each topical section (Patent, Copyright/trademark, Social Justice, Traditional Practice) provides first year students an introduction to basic U. S. research tools and strategies including hierarchy of authority and primary and secondary sources of law. Students learn to develop coherent research strategies to locate information in line with information literacy frameworks. In addition to a graded research midterm and final, students must successfully complete 10 weekly research assignments and two research practicums.

LSK 901 - Advanced Legal Research
Credits: 2
Advanced Legal Research is a survey of basic and advanced legal research tools and strategies for students to be efficient and cost-effective researchers, no matter what area of law will be practiced. Legal Practice technology will be incorporated into the curriculum along with various research tools to be explored, evaluated and compared. This course will utilize a mix of techniques including lecture, active learning activities, hands on techniques, and evaluation/comparison. Students will be evaluated throughout the semester with a culminating final assessment.

LSK 903 - Advanced Trial Advocacy
Credits: 3
Students compete in one of two national trial advocacy competitions during the late winter. You will intensively prepare and conduct a trial with experienced coaches. One regional competition is held in mid-February and the other in late February. National finals (if a team advances) are held one month later. Practice rounds are held before a variety of local judges. UNH Law competes against trial teams from law schools throughout New England. Eligibility: 2Ls and 3Ls. Prerequisites: Evidence & Trial Advocacy. Instructor permission required to enroll. Course enrollment: 12 students. Course format: competition. Grading: other (see syllabus), 100%. No S/U grade.

LSK 907 - Legal Residency
Credits: 4
During a legal residency, students apply classroom knowledge in real-world legal setting by working under the supervision of attorneys and other professionals. Throughout the residency semester, students build skills, personal characteristics, and professional competencies essential to success. Students work in a variety of settings including in state and local government agencies, law firms, judicial chambers, non-profit organizations, or corporations. Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.
LSK 945 - Judicial Opinion Drafting
Credits: 2
This course is designed to appeal to students planning to either participate in a legal residency with a judge or to enter the market for a judicial clerkship. Students critically discuss the theories of case resolution articulated and applied by prominent jurists, develop their own theories of case resolution, identify and consider the varying audiences for trial and appellate court orders and opinions in both the state and federal court systems, and draft and polish a well-written and principled opinion that they can use as a writing sample when applying for a legal residency position or a judicial clerkship.

LSK 946 - Legal Research & Information Literacy
Credits: 6
This course is designed to help second- and third-year students develop the kinds of writing, organization, critical thinking, editing and collaborative work skills essential to law practice and passing the bar. Students will work on multiple short (less than 5 pages) weekly assignments, engaging them in reading the law; conceptualizing, outlining, writing, editing, and revising legal documents; practicing writing concisely and clearly; researching and using samples, templates, and other practice-based resources; and working on related tasks. These assignments are designed to help students sharpen their ability to write any kind of legal document, using the appropriate format for the intended audience. The course will focus primarily on civil matters and will include some writing on criminal issues. The course's focus on essential skills, organization, analysis, doctrine, precision and conciseness, will transfer to writing in any legal setting.

LSK 960 - Legal Writing & Analysis I
Credits: 6
This course focuses on the analysis of legal materials, argument, privilege, and the processes of writing and organizing an argument. While Part I focuses on the analysis of legal materials, Part II focuses on writing. Students participate in writing workshops and discussion forums designed to foster the development of an immature writing style and to provide for the exchange of information and ideas in a community of writers. This course is not a substitute for an upper level writing course.

LSK 961 - Legal Writing & Analysis II
Credits: 6
This course focuses on the analysis of legal materials, argument, privilege, and the processes of writing and organizing an argument. While Part I focuses on the analysis of legal materials, Part II focuses on writing. Students participate in writing workshops and discussion forums designed to foster the development of an immature writing style and to provide for the exchange of information and ideas in a community of writers. This course is not a substitute for an upper level writing course.

LSK 999 - Special Topics
Credits: 2
This course is designed to provide an opportunity for students to pursue advanced study in an area of law that may not otherwise be offered in a course. Students may also enroll in this course to continue work begun in an LSK 999 course in the first semester. Faculty participation is not required. (See syllabus for course description.)