

Censorship - Graduate
JB 5773 Spring 2008 1:30 - 2:20 p.m., MWF (JB 103)

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COURSE CONTENT AND GOALS: The purpose of this graduate course is to teach you about the topic of censorship and to introduce you to legal research skills. You are responsible for attending the JB 4773 Censorship course and for the material presented in that course. Please follow the schedule listed in the syllabus for JB 4773. In addition to the quizzes and exams in that course, you also will write a 15-page minimum, conference-quality, original **research paper** on a censorship topic of your choosing using the legal research methodology. It is my hope that you will submit that paper for presentation to the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication national conference. We will meet outside of class to discuss the research paper requirements.

Required Text & Readings:

1. Course Home Page
2. Introduction to Basic Legal Citation (2007 ed.), Peter W. Martin (Cornell Law School)
<http://www.law.cornell.edu/citation/index.htm>

Recommended if you are interested in conducting legal research beyond this course:

1. The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation, 18th edition. (\$24.95)
www.legalbluebook.com/

Grading:

Course grades will be calculated as follows:

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| Quizzes | 150 points |
| Research Paper | 250 points |
| <u>Exams</u> | <u>800 points</u> |
| | 1,200 points |

Point Scale: (A) 1,200 – 1,080 / (B) 1,079 – 960 / (C) 959 – 840 / (D) 839 – 720 / (F) 719 – 0

You will receive detailed instructions on how to write a legal research paper.

Research Paper Schedule:

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| Proposal | Feb. 1 | 25 points |
| First Half | Feb. 25 | 50 points |
| Completed | Mar. 24 | 100 points |
| <u>Polished</u> | <u>Mar. 31</u> | <u>75 points</u> |
| Research Paper | | 250 points |