

ISG Fall 2023 SYLLABUS

Tuesdays from 11:15am – 12:05pm

WHAT IS INTEGRATED STUDY GROUP?

Integrated Study Group (“ISG”) is an interactive program that focuses on helping first-year students develop the reading, synthesizing, and analytical skills necessary for success in law school and practicing law. ISG strives to foster students’ professional identity, including meaningful connections with other law students and sustainable wellbeing practices.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

As a member of ISG, you are committed to the following:

1. **Commitment to Group Success.** Each member of this group commits to working towards the law school success of every other member of the group.
2. **Commitment to Contributing in Group meetings.** Each member of this group commits to being personally responsible for contributing to each group session and holding everyone else in the group accountable for contributing to each group session. Group members must participate or bring materials for whatever learning activities the group is trying to achieve for that session.
3. **Commitment to Group Communication.** Each group member commits to communicate in group meetings.

ISG GOALS

- To assist students in developing law school study skills so that they can perform to their potential.
- To develop students’ study skills in a way that students gain skills they can generalize to their entire legal education.
- To develop students’ writing and analytical skills in the context of law school essay examinations.
- To improve student retention by helping students develop the attitudes (commitment, perseverance, self-regulation, thoughtfulness, excitement, self-confidence) they need to succeed in law school and in practice.
- To provide students with social support, to reduce student isolation, to improve wellbeing, and to positively reinforce students so they can excel.
- To create opportunities to identify students who are having problems and to make sure students receive appropriate referrals for assistance.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is mandatory. 1L students are required to attend ISG in the Fall semester **and will receive no credit if they miss more than 2 ISG sessions**. This course is a requirement for graduation. Students are allowed **no more than 2 absences, without prior approval from Dean Lee Schneider**. Attendance will be determined by the ISG leaders indicating who is present and who is absent at the beginning of each ISG session.

FAILING TO MEET THE ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS COURSE WILL RESULT IN GRADUATION IMPLICATIONS.

Blackboard

Blackboard will be utilized in this course, and as such students should register for the ISG Blackboard page. Course assignments, the syllabus, and reading materials will be placed on Blackboard.

STUDENT HANDBOOK AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Students are expected to abide by the Drake University Law School Student Handbook and Drake University Law School Code of Student Conduct.

Group Number	Section Number	Leader	Room Number
1	300	Michael Sharp	202
2	300	Brianne Miller	207
3	300	Delaney Kelly	Op 282
4	300	Caterine Arendt	Op LL16
5	300	Elena Pinnow	Op 269
6	301	Camryn Huyser	213
7	301	Nadia Valentine	203
8	301	Aubrey Kohl	Op 261
9	301	Jaswinder Nagra	137 (Dean's Suite Sutton Conf.)
10	301	Sam Augustyn	Op LL13
11	300/301	Dani Havel	Op 151 (Faculty/Staff Lounge)

ISG Fellows: Dani Havel and Madalyn Grask

ISG SCHEDULE

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Large Group sessions will be held in LL19

Week Number	Date <i>Important Dates and Deadlines for Week Noted in Blue</i>	ISG Session Topic or Activity
Week 0	Friday, August 18, 2023 <i>Orientation</i>	Case Briefing & Cold Calls
Week 1	Tuesday, August 22, 2023	Notetaking & Making Sense of Readings
Week 2	Tuesday, August 29, 2023	Time Management & Executive Functioning (Large Group)
Week 3	Tuesday, September 5, 2023	Rule Synthesis
Week 4	Tuesday, September 12, 2023	Study Aids & Supplements
Week 5	Tuesday, September 19, 2023	Wellbeing & the Counseling Center (Large Group)
Week 6	Tuesday, September 26, 2023 <i>Single Authority Memo due Monday, September 25</i> <i>C. Edwin Moore Rounds 1 and 2</i>	IRAC and FUL Analysis
Week 7	Tuesday, October 3, 2023 <i>Criminal Law Midterm Friday, Oct. 6</i>	One-on-Ones with ISG Leader Sign up through Blackboard
Week 8	Tuesday, October 10, 2023	Outlining
Week 9	Wednesday, October 18 – Friday, October 20, 2023 <i>Fall Break October 16-17</i>	Professional Identity in a Diverse World (Scattered Dates - Watch your email)
Week 10	Tuesday, October 24, 2023 <i>Multiple Authority Memo Due Monday, Oct. 23</i>	Strategies for Surviving Finals
Week 11	Tuesday, October 31, 2023 <i>Student Success Bingo Raffle!</i>	Finals Prep
Week 12	Tuesday, November 7, 2023 <i>Contracts Final Exam Monday, Nov. 6</i>	Career Development (Large Group)
Week 13	Tuesday, November 14, 2023	Registration & Final Exam Information (Large Group)
Week 14	Tuesday, November 21, 2023 <i>Final Perf. Memo due Mon., Nov. 20</i> <i>Thanksgiving Break</i>	No ISG
Week 15	Tuesday, November 28, 2023 <i>Student Success Bingo Raffle!</i>	No ISG