

Navajo Bar Review
3 Credits Hours
Law 225 HYB
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Office Hours: Email or call to set up an appointment.

Modality: Online

Class Location: Law Building

Class Meeting Times: 1:30 – 4:30 pm Online virtual only.

REQUIRED MATERIAL:

LAW 106-01

- ❖ The Rights of Indians and Tribes, 4th Edition (Oxford University Press) by Stephen L. Pevar
- ❖ Navajo Courts and Navajo Common- A Traditional of Self-Governance, Raymond D. Austin
- ❖ “Fundamental Laws of the Diné ” entitled Diné Bi Beenahaz’áanii Biste Sil47 and enacted by the Navajo Nation Council (Resolution CN-69-02) on November 8, 2002, and codified at 1 N.N.C. §§201-206.
- ❖ Copies of Statutes and Cases: To be provided;

Current Affairs Materials: Students are *expected* to keep current on recent developments in the law and society, including reading at least one newspaper, law periodical or Internet site per week;

- Students are encouraged to obtain and use a “Flash Drive” to save their work

Tools: No required tools; flash drive recommended; Students will probably want to have a 3-ring binder to keep hand-out materials.

Lab Fee: No Lab Fees

Course description:

This is a preparatory course for all students who want to take the Navajo Nation Bar Exam. The students will review all Navajo bar outline materials pertinent to the exam. Examination of past bar exams will be undertaken to familiarize students with the content and format of the exam. Repeatedly taking past bar exams is a must. By applying the

IRAC method of lawyer thinking, students will learn to spot legal issues in fact patterns, state the legal issues and analyze the application of the law to facts to draw a legal conclusion.

Finally this course will adhere to the university's commitment to providing a student-oriented learning environment based on the Dine' philosophy of education: Nitsahakees, Nahat'a, Iina'a, and sihasin.

Learning outcome and assessment: Upon successful completion of the course, the students will:

- Understand the purpose of reviewing, taking and passing the Navajo bar exams. Measurement
- Understand purpose of taking the Navajo bar exam. Measurement
- Learn how answering law essay questions require that legal claims must be supported by relevant facts. Measurement:
- Understand how issues, rules of law, analysis and conclusion works as a lawyer's method of thinking on bar exams. Measurement
- Develop knowledge and study these fourteen (14) law subjects and bar outlines for the Navajo bar exam:
 - Dine Fundamental Law
 - Contract Law
 - Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure,
 - Civil Procedure,
 - Domestic Relations,
 - Federal Indian, Law,
 - Treaty of 1868



- Torts,
- Navajo Nations Bill of Rights,
- Navajo Nation Government,
- Navajo Peacemaking,
- Navajo Property,
- Navajo Rules of Evidence,
- Navajo Rules of Professional Responsibility.

Course Activities:

Week	Date	Class Topics/Reading Due	Assignments Due	Assessments
1		Course overview	Draft outlines	Take practice exam
		Last day to add/drop		
2		Contract	Draft outlines	Take practice exam
3		Torts	Draft outlines	Take practice exam
4		Fundamental of Diné	Draft outlines	Take practice exam
5		Rules of Evidence	Draft outlines	Take practice exam
		Graduation Petition due	Draft outlines	
		Ethics	Midterm	Take practice exam
		Midterm grades due		
6		Property	Draft outlines	Take practice exam
7		Peacemaking	Draft outlines	Take practice exam
		Last day to withdraw with "W"		
8		Navajo Nation Government	Draft outlines	Take practice exam
9		Navajo Bill of Rights	Draft outlines	Take practice exam
10		Treaty of 1868	Draft outlines	Take practice exam
11		Federal Indian Law	Draft outlines	Take practice exam
12		Domestic Relations	Draft outlines	Take practice exam
13		Criminal Law & Procedure	Draft outlines Draft outlines	Take practice exam
14		Civil Procedure		Take practice exam
15		Recap/review		
16		Project Presentation		
17		Take a 3 hr. practice bar exam	Finals	
		Grades due to the Registrar		



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Grading Plan:

- Homework
- Class Participation
- Project(s)
- Quizzes:
- Midterm
- Final Exam
- Portolio

- A = 90-100%
- B = 80% - 89%
- C = 70% - 79%
- D = 60-69% - 69%
- F = 59 or less

Grading Policy

Each student must do his or her own work. Cheating and Plagiarism are strictly forbidden. Cheating includes but is not limited to: plagiarism, submission of work that is not the student's own, submission or use of falsified data, unauthorized access to exam or assignment, use of unauthorized material during an exam, supplying or communicating unauthorized information for an assignment or exam.

Participation

Students are expected to attend and participate in all class activities. Points will be given to students who actively participate in all class activities including, field trips, laboratories, and all other classroom events.

Cell phone and headphone use

Please turn cell phones off **before** coming to class including during Zoom class. Cell phone courtesy is essential to quality classroom learning. Headphones must be removed before coming to class.

Attendance Policy

Students are expected to regularly attend all classes for which they are registered. A percentage of the student's grade will be based on class attendance and participation. Absence



from class, regardless of the reason, does not relieve the student of his/her responsibility to complete all course work by the required deadlines. Furthermore, it is the student's responsibility to obtain notes, handouts, and any other information covered when absent from class and to arrange to make up any in-class assignments or tests if permitted by the instructor. Incomplete or missing assignments will necessarily affect the student's grades. Instructor will report excessive and/or unexplained absences to the academic counselor for investigation and potential intervention. **Instructor may drop students from the class after 3 absences unless prior arrangements are made with the instructor to make up work and the instructor deems any excuse acceptable.**

Study Time Outside of Class for Face-to Face Courses

For every credit hour in class, a student is expected to spend two hours outside studying course materials.

Study Time for Hybrid or Blended Courses

For a hybrid or blended course of one credit hour, a student is expected to spend three hours per week studying course materials.

Study Time for Online Courses

For online course of one credit hour, a student is expected to spend four hours per week studying course materials.

Academic Integrity

Integrity (honesty) is expected of every student in all academic work. The guiding principle of academic integrity is that a student's submitted work must be the student's own. Students who engage in academic dishonesty diminish their education and bring discredit to the college community. Avoid situations likely to compromise academic integrity such as: cheating, facilitating academic dishonesty, and plagiarism; modifying academic work to obtain additional credit in the same class unless approved in advance by the instructor, failure to observe rules of academic integrity established by the instructor. The use of another person's ideas or work claimed as your own without acknowledging the original source is known as plagiarism and is prohibited.

Diné Philosophy of Education

The Diné Philosophy of Education (DPE) is incorporated into every class for students to become aware of and to understand the significance of the four Diné philosophical elements, including its affiliation with the four directions, four sacred mountains, the four set of thought processes and so forth: Nitsáhákees, Nahát'á, Íina and Siih Hasin which are essential and relevant to self-identity, respect and wisdom to achieve career goals successfully.

Students with Disabilities



The Navajo Technical College is committed to serving all students in a non-discriminatory and accommodating manner. Any student who feels he or she may need special accommodations should contact the Accommodations Office (<http://www.navajotech.edu/student-services#accomodations-services>) in accordance with university's Disabilities Accommodations Policy (see <http://www.navajotech.tech.edu/images/about/policiesD0cs/Disability Exhibit-A 6-26-2018.pdf>).

Email Address:

Students are required to use NTU's email address as a formal mode of communication.

Final Exam Date: May 9, 2022