

APD Fall 2011

Skills Workshop Schedule

All workshops are open to all students.
First Year, Directed Study, visiting, transfer, and LL.M. students are encouraged to attend.

~ August 26: Strategies for Reading & In-Class Learning ~

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Bannan 127

This workshop sets out the “big picture” of law school methods to help you work more strategically. We’ll connect reading and briefing cases to synthesizing rules to note-taking to class discussion to ultimate success on exams.

~ September 9: Outlining ~

12:00 – 1:00* p.m., Bannan 127

This workshop covers the purpose of outlining, suggests different textual and diagrammatic models for organizing legal material, and provides some concrete steps to get started.

~ September 23: Exam-Taking Strategies~

12:00 – 1:00* p.m., Bannan 127

This workshop focuses on classic essay questions, explaining “IRAC” and other organizing formats for answers. The workshop will emphasize spotting and prioritizing relevant issues, organizing the law, and developing analysis of pertinent facts to build successful answers.

~ October 21: 1L Professors on Exams ~

12:00 – 1:00* p.m., Bannan 127

A panel of first year professors will explain what they aim to assess in testing and describe their exam formats, how they grade them, and tips for success.

***Optional practice sessions will follow from 1-2 PM.**

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~ Practice Exams in Fall 1L Subjects ~

Fridays and Saturdays TBA

Writing out practice answers in a timed setting is an essential component to efficiently and effectively preparing for law school exams. This not only helps you practice timed writing and “test drive” your exam software, it also clarifies your understanding of the material and is an essential part of completing your outlines. (It’s backwards to delay practice exams until your “outline is finished” as you can’t finish an outline without test driving and revising it!) Feedback will vary, including some APD Student Fellow or professor comments, grading rubrics, and/or oral feedback.