COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will teach you research methods to find international and foreign legal materials using both print and electronic resources.

ASSIGNMENTS

• Research Exercises. There are two required research exercises. The first is designed to test how you use and evaluate sources to find specific kinds of international law documents (e.g., treaties, U.N. resolutions). Due in class on February 7. The second exercises will test your ability to find information about the legal system of a foreign jurisdiction of your choosing Due in class on March 7.

• Annotated Bibliography. This 10-15 page assignment will allow you to focus on a topic involving international, foreign or comparative law, and perhaps do some preliminary research for your writing requirement. The assignment includes an annotated bibliography and a description of your research process and the sources you used; you are required to meet with me individually to discuss your project. Due on April 18.

All work for this course must be completed in adherence to all Law School rules and policies related to academic integrity, the Honor Code, and any supplemental requirements I may impose during the course of the semester. If you are unsure of what constitutes impermissible conduct, consult Law School Rule 5.2, the Law School bulletin on academic integrity (available in the Registrar’s Office), and the materials distributed in connection with a particular assignment.

E-MAIL DISCUSSION LIST

The e-mail discussion list created for this course is named RESMETHODS. The list may be used for announcements about the class schedule and assignments which will not be duplicated in paper. The list may also be used for discussion of questions and issues about the class or distribution of supplemental materials.
If you were enrolled in this class on December 21, 2005, you should already be subscribed to the list (if you are subscribed, you will have been notified by e-mail). If you enrolled late or are not receiving messages, you can subscribe by following the instructions posted at <http://www.law.duke.edu/computer/howto/classlists.html>; instructions are also available at the Help Desk Office (Room 2068, Level 2 in the Library).

Remember: replies to list messages go to everyone in the class (including me).

SYLLABUS AND READING ASSIGNMENTS
The class will meet on Tuesdays (1:30 to 2:51 p.m.) in Room 3043.
All printed reading assignments are on Reserve.

WEEK 1 (January 10): Introduction: Essential Resources for International Law Research
Reading Assignment: International Legal Research Tutorial
<http://www.law.duke.edu/ilrt/>: Introduction: Definition of Terms and Introduction to International Law
and
Borgen, Of Maps, Stories and Tapestries: Researching International and Domestic Law in the Age of Globalization

WEEK 2 (January 17): Treaties
Reading Assignment: International Legal Research Tutorial

WEEK 3 (January 24): United Nations and Other International Organizations
Reading Assignment: International Legal Research Tutorial
and

WEEK 4 (January 31): European Union
Reading Assignment: International Legal Research Tutorial
and
WEEK 5 (February 7): Tour of Perkins International Documents Collection
Meet at the entrance to the Bostock building at 1:45.
International Law Research Exercise: due in class.

WEEK 6 (February 14): Comparative and Foreign Law in General
Reading Assignment: DeCruz, “Introducing Comparative Law”
and
Reynolds, “Introduction to Foreign and Comparative Law”
and

WEEK 7 (February 21): Civil Law Legal Systems
Reading Assignment: Bruno, “The Common Law from a Civil Lawyer’s Perspective,”
and
one of the research guides on a civil law jurisdiction on LLRX <http://www.llrx.com/comparative_and_foreign_law.html> or GlobaLex <http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/>.

WEEK 8 (February 28): Common Law Legal Systems

WEEK 9 (March 7): Review
Foreign Law Research Exercise: due in class.

WEEK 10 (March 14): Spring Break

WEEKS 11 & 12 (March 20-31): Research Conferences

APRIL 18: Annotated Bibliography due