Course Description
This course will cover basic legal research strategies for finding secondary sources, cases, statutes, regulations, legislative history, administrative research, and practice materials.

Course Objectives
● Students will be able to conduct efficient and effective legal research.
● Students will demonstrate achievement of this objective by:
  ○ Developing a well-organized, cost effective legal research strategy.
  ○ Selecting appropriate legal research tools to locate relevant primary and secondary authority.
  ○ Identifying precedent and accurately assessing the weight of authority.
  ○ Analyzing, interpreting, and judging the relevance and quality of legal authority.
  ○ Distinguishing the strengths and weakness of various legal research technologies.
  ○ Developing an adaptive approach to evolving legal research technologies.

Texts
● The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation, 20th ed., 2015. ISBN 9780692400197

Technology
● See the eLC course for assignments, readings, etc. http://elc.uga.edu
● Laptop use in class is a requirement. Be prepared to use Westlaw, Lexis, and Bloomberg during class. (You’ll get your passwords at orientation, so please register them before class.)

Optional Westlaw and Lexis Training (Classroom A)
Lexis – Tuesday, August 27th 4:45 – 5:30
Westlaw – Thursday, August 29th 5:45 – 6:30

Grades

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• Assignments
  o Assignments are due on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

• Quizzes
  o Quizzes are due on Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.

• Midterm
  o Distributed Sept. 13
  o Due Sept. 23

• Final
  o distributed Oct. 25
  o due Nov. 4

Midterm & Final Assignment Grading Policy

• You have a 5-minute grace period before a midterm/final exam will be considered late. If late, the penalty is 10% of the total points for that exam.
• There will be an additional 10% penalty after each additional day (24-hour period) past the deadline.
• No grades will be discussed until at least 24 hours after the exams are returned.

Weekly Participation Grading Policy

• Class participation will be graded based on your thoughtful answers when called upon in class, as well as a willingness to participate generally and constructively in class discussions. Participation requires presence, and multiple absences may reduce your participation grade even if they do not result in your removal from the course.
• Discussion participation will be graded based on your thoughtful responses in the discussion forum on eLC. I value quality over quantity; what I have in mind is a thoughtful response to one of the discussions, or you can start your own discussion thread. Reflections and thoughts on the research process are encouraged.

Assignments/quizzes Grading Policy

All assignments and quizzes will be graded on good faith effort, so incorrect answers can still receive full credit. Late assignments and quizzes will receive no credit, but I will provide feedback.

UGA & UGA Law School Policies

Attendance Policy
Academic Honesty
UGA Student Code of Conduct
UGA Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy (NDAH)
Resources for People with Disabilities
Health and Counseling