

**VANDERBILT
PROGRAMS FOR
TALENTED YOUTH**

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Dear Kaleigh Ruiz,

Thank you for serving as an instructor for INTRODUCTION TO LEGAL STUDIES: A CRASH COURSE IN LAW with Programs for Talented Youth.

We believe that the success of our programs is largely due to PTY's commitment to offering courses that excite our inquisitive students. Your contribution was critical to our success this program season, and we are grateful for your hard work. We also believe that continued growth comes from feedback and reflection. Below is the compiled survey data that we received from students concerning the course you taught.

Survey items were rated on a scale of 1 to 4, where 1 meant 'Definitely False' and 4 meant 'Definitely True'. Mean values for your course are presented. Overall means for VSA courses during the session that you taught are also presented for your comparison.

TWENTY were enrolled in INTRODUCTION TO LEGAL STUDIES: A CRASH COURSE IN LAW

NINETEEN (95%) completed this survey.

Mean Scores from Student Evaluations of Your Course and All Classes For The Session

	Your Mean Score	Overall Mean Score From the Session
This course was too easy for me.	1.79	2.13
This course made me feel more confident in my academic abilities.	3.16	3.19
I learned new information in this course.	4	3.68
I would recommend this course to a friend who is interested in this content.	3.89	3.50
The activities in this course kept me engaged.	3.74	3.15
We had meaningful discussions in this course.	3.68	3.45
The course did not keep my attention.	1.21	1.88
I am motivated to learn more as a result of taking this course.	3.58	3.32
This course was what I expected after reading the course description.	3.47	3.01
I felt appropriately challenged in my class.	3.63	3.19
I felt appropriately supported in my class.	3.42	3.55
The instructor explained advanced content in a way that I could understand.	3.95	3.58
The instructor was interested in my learning.	3.84	3.62
The instructor provided an appropriate mix of activities, discussion, and lecture.	3.89	3.46
I felt comfortable sharing my ideas in this course.	3.47	3.61
The instructor allowed time for me to share my opinions/ideas.	3.53	3.71
The instructor sought a variety of opinions from different students.	3.58	3.73
The instructor had high expectations of me.	3.53	3.32
The instructor and teaching assistant created a supportive environment where I could learn.	3.79	3.63

Selected student comments:

What were some of the best aspects of your PTY course experience?

- I loved my instructor. My instructor somehow found a way to include a lot of information and made it all comprehensible and interesting. The mock trial was amazing and it was really cool to go to the courthouse.
- The group activities. I really liked that she used straws because it forced us to interact and didn't leave me looking around (I'm less sociable than the others)
- I loved how there were a mix of activities such as lectures, group activities, independent case readings, and overall discussions. I enjoyed being challenged, but never felt overwhelmed or stressed. I learned so many new things about the law, but also learned new skills that I can apply in areas across my life like reading skills, writing an argument, and enjoyed being challenged and being cold called to prepare me for future classes.

What classroom activity or assignment helped you learn the most?

- The mock trial was the most helpful activity because it gave me a real world sense of how lawyers and attorneys practice their specialization.
- Writing an oral argument in law class.
- The lectures because they were a quick way to learn lots of information and she made them interactive with hypothetical questions and knowledge checks.

What would have helped you learn even more?

- I would've liked more outside of the classroom activities
- Maybe more group discussions about the content we were learning.
- More brain breaks

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thanks again for your hard work.

Sincerely,

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