

**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.

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

EIGHTEEN (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.	1.94	1.9
This course made me feel more confident in my academic abilities.	3.44	3.29
I learned new information in this course.	3.94	3.85
I would recommend this course to a friend who is interested in this content.	3.83	3.68
The activities in this course kept me engaged.	3.56	3.43
We had meaningful discussions in this course.	3.78	3.6
The course did not keep my attention.	1.5	1.7
I am motivated to learn more as a result of taking this course.	3.56	3.54
This course was what I expected after reading the course description.	3.72	3.24
I felt appropriately challenged in my class.	3.56	3.47
I felt appropriately supported in my class.	3.61	3.68
The instructor explained advanced content in a way that I could understand.	3.94	3.71
The instructor was interested in my learning.	3.94	3.81
The instructor provided an appropriate mix of activities, discussion, and lecture.	3.61	3.56
I felt comfortable sharing my ideas in this course.	3.78	3.63
The instructor allowed time for me to share my opinions/ideas.	3.78	3.76
The instructor sought a variety of opinions from different students.	3.78	3.77
The instructor had high expectations of me.	3.83	3.41
The instructor and teaching assistant created a supportive environment where I could learn.	3.89	3.75

Selected student comments:

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

- I loved the collaboration with other students and the vast amount of knowledge I learned in a subject I knew nothing about before.
- The course was organized in a smart way. By that, the lessons built upon each other and ultimately culminated in an interesting final project: the mock trial.
- I absolutely loved the class! The way it was taught allowed me to easily learn challenging topics while having lots of fun. The assignments we got also made me really think deeply about the topics.

What classroom activity or assignment helped you learn the most?

- The mock trial was outstanding! I gained invariable experience and was incredibly appreciative of the way in which my knowledge was augmented.
- I think I got the most from the hypothetical situations because they put into context and practiced the topics we were learning about.
- I think that reading and analyzing the cases helped me to learn the most.

What would have helped you learn even more?

- I don't think that anything could have helped me learn even more. The class was set up well and taught amazingly.
- More courtroom experience
- More time to do certain assignments by myself

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

Sincerely,

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