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Thomson - 4218 - Discovery Practicum - Spring 2011

11 students submitted evaluations for this course.

69% of the students enrolled in this course submitted evaluations.

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	Zero	One	Two	Four	Four +
1. Approximately how many times were you absent from this class since the beginning of the quarter?	7	3	1	0	0
	I wasn't absent	Time Conflict	Illness	Did not deem class attendance worthwhile	Other
2. What was the usual reason for your absence?	0	1	1	0	2
	Never	Rarely	Usually	Always	Other
3. Indicate how often, on the average, you read the assigned materials prior to classes.	0	0	3	8	0
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
4. This professor stimulated my interest in the subject matter of this course.	8	3	0	0	0
5. The assigned readings were valuable to my understanding of this course.	8	3	0	0	0
6. The professor covered the course material in depth.	8	3	0	0	0
7. I found this course to be well organized.	9	2	0	0	0
8. The professor held my attention in class.	6	4	1	0	0
9. This professor is always prepared prior to class.	10	1	0	0	0
10. This professor was willing to assist me outside of class.	9	2	0	0	0
11. This professor was responsive to my questions.	8	3	0	0	0
12. This professor makes good use of class time.	5	6	0	0	0
13. This professor taught the class at a level that challenged me.	8	3	0	0	0
14. This professor effectively communicated the content of the course to me.	8	3	0	0	0

15. I would recommend to others that they take this course.	9	2	0	0	0
16. This professor motivated me to do my best work.	9	2	0	0	0
17. I was able to keep up with the work load for this course.	1	10	0	0	0
18. I would enjoy taking another course from this professor.	9	2	0	0	0

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Positive and Negative comments about the professor:

Quite possibly one of my favorites classes I have taken thus far in law school. I felt that this class has greatly prepared me for working in a law firm and was fun at the same time. The reading is light, but he work is heavy. You have an assignment due weekly, but on the plus side, you end way before finals. Professor Thomson was always available to speak with students and always challenged his students to do their best work. If you are thinking about going into civil litigation, this is a **MUST TAKE COURSE**.

Prof. Thomson is amazing. I **HIGHLY** recommend this class to everyone. It's structured very well and everything is extremely relevant to actual practice. He even brings in student court reporters for depositions so you can see your deposition style and how it looks on paper.

Professor Thomson is very nice, knowledgeable and helpful. I would recommend taking any class from him. This class is a lot of work, so if you are looking for an easy class, look elsewhere. You will spend an average of 5 hours per week preparing the assignments for class. If you want to learn about the discovery process and get a lot of hands on practice, this class is for you.

Professor Thomson obviously put a lot of thought and work into the Discovery Practicum class. He managed to convey a lot of practical information in an accessible and easy to use manner.

Positive and negative comments about the course materials:

Great. The book was written by Professor Thomson. He kept the text simple and straightforward and gives you the option of further exploring the subjects through the "supplemental" info online.

Nothing pertinent; however, on the calendar syllabus, it would be helpful if he noted when assignments are due before the next class (like deposition outlines and settlement approval amounts), just so no one forgets. But like I said, nothing big. This class is the best class I've taken in law school!

Professor Thomson's course book is great! No hiding the ball, no extra cases to wade through, just the facts. Very helpful. The online portion of the class had a few issues (wiki page not easy to format, etc.), but for the most part worked really well with the book. My only complaint was that I rarely found the online examples helpful.

This was a great course. I really enjoyed the hands on learning.

I am not crazy about technology. I would like to see more material in the course book including a critical case if there was one. The samples online were very helpful, although real samples might be better than student samples. I would also have students draft a motion to compel and/or respond to a motion.

I really enjoyed the class and the material we covered. I liked the use of LexisNexis. Sometimes I thought the class was a little long. Most of the information the professor went over in class was extremely helpful, but I think it could have been condensed by about 30 minutes.

Professor Thomson is very knowledgeable with the discovery process. He has an enthusiasm that makes the course exciting and very realistic. Anyone that wants to be a litigator should definitely take this course.

Professor Thomson's course was very enjoyable. This is a practical class, but much more work than other courses. Professor Thomson was very knowledgeable about the course contents having wrote the textbook. This course is a different style of teaching than most, but that is what I enjoyed about it. Every week we prepared a different discovery document and Professor Thomson provided feedback on all of our assignments.

Prof. Thomson is great! He has a more mellow teaching style, which is a nice change from some of the super intense professors I have had in the past. He is always looking for ways to improve the class and welcomes suggestions. The class is amazing because it really does give you practical experience that you will be able to use. I highly recommend this class.

One suggestion I would have has to do with the case file we turn in every week. Prof. Thomson grades your discovery requests using a rubric and will occasionally write comments on the actual documents. I think it would be great to re-write one or two of the documents to see how we could make them better. While I did get a grade, sometimes I wasn't really sure what I could have done to improve. I probably could have met with Prof. Thomson to discuss, but my schedule was crazy. Some kind of organized way to do that would be nice. In addition, I'm not sure if we get our files back, but there are at least 2-3 assignments, including the depositions, that we have not received feedback on, and it would be nice to get that eventually. For students, you should know that this class requires quite a bit of work. But, it's worth it as long as you're willing to put in the work. The way the class is set up, you would really

The Discovery Practicum textbook was put together nicely. It comprehensively covers all areas of the discovery process in a way that is easy to follow. The book definitely does not try to "hide the ball."

The course materials were great, but be prepared for a lot of busy work throughout the semester. There is an assignment due every week which usually takes a few hours to complete, along with reading the book and online quizzes. However, I know more about civil procedure and the discovery process now than I did after taking civ pro first year. The class is very worthwhile if you are planning to practice civil law litigation.

I loved that we did not have to buy a huge case book for this class! The book was short and to the point. The online materials were good too. I found the website to be organized and helpful. I thought the case would be better if we had a few more documents, which we discussed in class. I believe Prof. Thomson is working on that for next time. Also, I would suggest changing the example documents on the website. I believe the examples posted are previous students' work, and I wasn't quite sure if the examples were stellar. Overall, great class.

hurt the class if you signed up and then dropped several weeks in. Plan on sticking with it.

Professor Thomson is very knowledgeable and has great practical experience to share in this area of law. He is a supportive teacher who seems to be willing to answer questions, help students grow, and make the class as valuable as possible. He is open to new suggestions and willing to try new ways to teach the material. He was even willing to let me bounce ideas off him by e-mail and for two additional hours in school so we could come to a settlement plan, dedication which I really appreciate. His responses to my questions were always prompt, thoughtful, and helpful.

This course is a great hands on experience for discovery. I feel much more confident about the federal rules in this subject and how to draft discovery documents. This course had quite a bit of work at times, especially when we had to do two weeks worth of it at once. I really did not like the html version of the cali lesson. It was frustrating, hard to use, and took several more hours to complete than it should have. That is really my only complaint though, the rest of this course was useful, well thought out, and engaging.

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