



Foundations of Legal Research Using LexisAdvance Course Outline

Unit 1: Blackstone's Skills for Success

- Discover How You Learn
- Find a Place to Study
- Learn How to Study

Unit 2: Legal Research and Writing Part I

- Introduction to the Law and the U.S. Legal System
- Primary Sources
- Secondary Sources
- Computer-Assisted Legal Research
- Conducting Legal Research
- Updating and Verifying Legal Research
- Legal Analysis
- Graded Assignment: Shepardizing

Unit 3: Legal Research and Writing Part II

- Introduction to Legal Writing
- Writing Legal Letters
- Legal Research Memorandums
- Trial Court Legal Memorandums
- Appellate Briefs
- Graded Assignment: Demand Letter
- Graded Assignment: Legal Research Memorandum
- Graded Assignment: Q & A Appellate

Unit 4: English Usage and Written Communication

- Parts of Speech
- Parts of a Sentence
- Pronouns, Verbs and Agreement
- Sentence Types and Punctuation
- Written Communications

Unit 5: Effective Legal Research Using LexisAdvance

- Online Tutorial
- One-on-one training with a dedicated LexisNexis Instructor
- Training Session 1 – Initial Case Analysis
- Training Session 2 – Cite Checking with Shepard's
- Training Session 3 – Drafting Legal Documents
- Training Session 4 – Public Records and News
- Training Session 5 – Company and Financial Information