

**Note:**

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## ***COURSE SYLLABUS***

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### **JURI 580**

#### **ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

A study of the authority and duties of lawyers in the practice of their profession as advocates, mediators, and counselors; and of their responsibility to the courts, to the bar, and to their clients, including a study of the various ABA standards of professional conduct.

#### **RATIONALE**

This course is designed to integrate a biblical worldview into the study of ethics and professional responsibility. Legal professionals often face ethical dilemmas and must be equipped with the tools to make correct decisions when faced with difficult choices. The student studying this course will gain a proper understanding of how ethics integrates the legal profession and the importance of a Christian worldview when engaged in the profession of law.

#### **I. PREREQUISITE**

For information regarding prerequisites for this course, please refer to the [Academic Course Catalog](#).

#### **II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASE**

Click on the following link to view the required resource(s) for the term in which you are registered: <http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm>

#### **III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING**

- A. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment
- B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
- C. Microsoft Office

#### **IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Articulate the moral, ethical, and professional responsibilities present in the legal profession.
- B. Discuss the sources of ethical standards for the legal profession.
- C. Describe the rules of professional responsibility.
- D. Explain how the rules of professional responsibility impact legal professionals.
- E. Apply Christian worldview principles to the rules of professional responsibility.

**V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS**

A. Textbook readings and lecture presentations

B. Course Requirements Checklist

After reading the Course Syllabus and [Student Expectations](#), the student will complete the related checklist found in Module/Week 1.

C. Discussion Board Forums (3)

Discussion boards are collaborative learning experiences. Therefore, the student is required to create a thread in response to the provided prompt for each forum.

Each thread must be at least 400 words and demonstrate course-related knowledge. Each thread must be supported by at least 2 citations in current Bluebook format. In addition to the thread, the student is required to reply to 2 other classmates' threads. Each reply must be at least 200 words and be supported with at least 1 citation in current Bluebook format.

D. ABA Model Rules Assignments (2)

This assignment will be completed in 2 parts. For each part of this assignment, the student will select 10 of the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct. For each selected rule, he/she will use a biblical passage that illustrates the moral duty imposed by Scripture on the Christian legal professional. In at least 150 words for each of the 10 rules, the student will explain how each particular passage relates to the model rule selected. For each rule, the student will indicate whether the biblical standard would impose greater ethical responsibility on the Christian legal professional than the model rule. These assignments must be submitted in current Bluebook format. Note: For the ABA Module Rules Assignment, LL.M. students only are required to write an additional 250 words for each answer totaling 2500 words.

E. Quizzes (4)

Each quiz will cover the Reading & Study material for the assigned modules/weeks. Each quiz will be open-book/open-notes, contain 25 multiple-choice, true/false, and short answer questions, and have a 1-hour time limit.

F. Final Exam

The Final Exam will cover the Reading & Study material for all 8 modules/weeks. It will be open-book/open-notes, contain 5 essay questions, and have a 2-hour and 45-minute time limit.

**VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES****A. Points**

Course Requirements Checklist		10
Discussion Board Forums		
Threads (3 at 75 pts ea)		225
Replies (3 at 25 pts ea)		75
ABA Model Rules Assignments (2 at 125 pts ea)		250
Quiz 1	(Modules 1–2)	50
Quiz 2	(Modules 3–4)	50
Quiz 3	(Modules 5–6)	50
Quiz 4	(Module 7)	50
Final Exam	(Modules 1–8)	250
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1010</b>

**B. Scale**

A = 940–1010    A- = 920–939    B+ = 900–919    B = 860–899    B- = 840–859  
 C+ = 820–839    C = 780–819    C- = 760–779    D+ = 740–759    D = 700–739  
 D- = 680–699    F = 0–679

**C. Disability Assistance**

Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University Online's Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at [LUOODAS@liberty.edu](mailto:LUOODAS@liberty.edu) to make arrangements for academic accommodations. Further information can be found at [www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport](http://www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport).

## ***COURSE SCHEDULE***

### **JURI 580**

Textbooks: Crystal, *Professional Responsibility* (2017).  
Seigel & Kelley, *Lawyers Crossing Lines: Ten Stories* (2009).

<b>MODULE/ WEEK</b>	<b>READING &amp; STUDY</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
<b>1</b>	Crystal: ch. 1 1 presentation 1 website	Course Requirements Checklist Class Introductions DB Forum 1 Thread	10 0 75
<b>2</b>	Crystal: ch. 2 Seigel & Kelley: ch. 4 1 presentation	DB Forum 1 Replies Quiz 1	25 50
<b>3</b>	Crystal: ch. 3 Seigel & Kelley: ch. 10 1 presentation	DB Forum 2 Thread ABA Model Rules Assignment 1	75 125
<b>4</b>	Crystal: ch. 4 Seigel & Kelley: ch. 6 1 presentation	DB Forum 2 Replies Quiz 2	25 50
<b>5</b>	Crystal: ch. 5 Seigel & Kelley: ch. 2 1 presentation	DB Forum 3 Thread	75
<b>6</b>	Crystal: ch. 6 Seigel & Kelley: ch. 7 1 presentation	DB Forum 3 Replies Quiz 3	25 50
<b>7</b>	Crystal: ch. 7 Seigel & Kelley: ch. 9 1 presentation	ABA Model Rules Assignment 2 Quiz 4	125 50
<b>8</b>	Crystal: ch. 8 Seigel & Kelley: ch. 5 1 presentation	Final Exam	250
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1010</b>

DB = Discussion Board

**NOTE:** Each course module/week begins on Monday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Sunday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final module/week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on **Friday**.