



Education Law: Responsibilities and Protections

Course Description

This course discusses the right to have a public or private education and the rights involved while participating in the educational process. While most of the course is focused on public education, it also covers government regulation of the private educational process.

Course Learning Outcomes

At the completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Identify the sources of education law in the United States;
- Discuss the basis for the state's power to mandate schooling, and allowable exceptions from compulsory schooling;
- Analyze how much and what kind of state support is constitutionally permissible for private religious schools;
- Pinpoint the federal statutes intended to secure equal educational access and explain how the government enforces them;
- Describe the laws Congress has passed that effect how schools educate children with disabilities;
- Describe the rights granted to students in schools and articulate how the scope of those rights differ from other circumstances because of the unique relationship between school and student.

Final Exam

Grades and credit recommendations are based solely on a final exam. When students are ready to take the final exam, they should register for a LawShelf account (or simply log in, for those with existing accounts). Go to the video-course page and click "Take the Final Exam" and pay the exam fee, where applicable. Students will be given instructions on how to take the exam. All exams are proctored by the Voice Proctor® proctoring system. An overview of the system is [provided here](#) and it requires no training or learning curve. Grades of 70% or above are considered passing grades and qualify for recommended transfer credit.

The final exam is based on the video course modules. Additional resources detailed in this syllabus are helpful for background and for building greater understanding of the course materials. Inquiries can be made through the LawShelf Contact form on our website

by clicking the “email us” button that appears at the bottom of most LawShelf pages. Transcripts can be ordered via Parchment, as detailed on our website.

Case Studies

Many LawShelf video courses include case studies. These do not necessarily teach new material but are meant to demonstrate how the materials covered in the course are applied by various courts. Concepts covered in the case studies are covered on the final exam, so make sure to watch the case studies before taking the exam. However, it is unnecessary to memorize the facts and details of the cases covered in these case studies.

Self-Quizzes

Video-course modules and case studies feature self-quizzes that consist of practice questions on the materials covered in the videos. These questions are presented for the benefit of the student and are **important to review before taking the final exam** because they are similar in style and substance to the questions on the final exam. These quizzes are not graded or monitored and there is no record of how students answer these questions. Students may answer these questions as many times as they like and are encouraged to keep re-taking the quizzes until they have mastered all the questions.

Study Guide

Introductory Videos

These videos provide background to help students better understand the main parts of the course, which are the video-course modules below.

Do Bible Lessons in Schools Violate the First Amendment’s Establishment of Religion Clause?

<https://lawshelf.com/shortvideoscontentview/do-bible-lessons-in-schools-violate-the-first-amendments-establishment-of-religion-clause>

Asian-American Groups Accuse Harvard of Discrimination in Admissions

<https://lawshelf.com/blogentryview/asian-american-groups-accuse-harvard-of-discrimination-in-admissions/>

Affirmative Action in Employment Law and College Admissions

<https://lawshelf.com/shortvideoscontentview/affirmative-action-in-employment-law-and-college-admissions>

Can School Districts Force Teachers Back to In-Person Teaching?

<https://lawshelf.com/blogentryview/can-school-districts-can-force-teachers-back-to-in-person-teaching>

Courseware Readings

These courseware readings provide background to help students better understand the main parts of the course, which are the video-course modules below.

Read the following sections of “Foundations of Law” courseware:

<https://lawshelf.com/coursewareview>

Constitutional Law

- Due Process

Video Course Modules

These videos constitute the main part of the course and are they sources of the questions on the final exam.

Education Law Course Overview Video

<https://lawshelf.com/videocoursescontentview/education-law-responsibilities-and-protections>

The Basic Structure of Education Law - Module 1 of 4

<https://lawshelf.com/videocoursesmoduleview/the-basic-structure-of-education-law>

The Right to An Education - Module 2 of 4

<https://lawshelf.com/videocoursesmoduleview/the-right-to-an-education-module-2-of-4/>

Students with Disabilities - Module 3 of 4

<https://lawshelf.com/videocoursesmoduleview/students-with-disabilities-module-3-of-4/>

Student Rights While in School - Module 4 of 4

<https://lawshelf.com/videocoursesmoduleview/student-rights-while-in-school-module-4-of-4/>

Supplemental Suggested Readings

These materials enable students to achieve a deeper understanding of the course materials and in applying the course to real-life situations.

Homeschooling: Parent Rights Absolutism vs. Child Rights To Education & Protection, Arizona Law Review

<https://arizonalawreview.org/pdf/62-1/62arizlrev1.pdf>

Wisconsin v. Yoder, 406 U.S. 205 (1972)

<https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/406/205/#tab-opinion-1949691>