COURSE NUMBER & COURSE NAME: Multicultural Lawyering and Spanish for Lawyers 8904
PROFESSOR: Lehr-Lehnardt

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITE(S): Ability to converse in Spanish at an intermediate level (minimum). The professor will conduct an interview in Spanish to assess student’s Spanish conversation ability.

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITE(S): None

METHOD OF GRADING AND APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE: This is a pass/fail class. Students are required to actively participate in class. In addition, students will have a “midterm” and “final” presentation, in Spanish, of course. Appraisal of student progress is through these oral presentations.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: This course will focus principally on building students’ legal Spanish vocabulary. In order to do this, the class will focus on various areas of law and learn vocab associated with these areas of law, i.e., family law, criminal law, business law, immigration law, etc. Students will be given ample time to practice new vocabulary in class. Students will also have the opportunity to improve their Spanish generally as the entire class is conducted in Spanish. We will also have guest speakers (practitioners) who describe, in Spanish, their work. A portion of each class period will be devoted in in-class simulations where one student will act as a client and the other will act as an attorney.

COURSE BOOK(S): Spanish for Attorneys and Paralegals with Audio CDs (Book & Audio CD) by William C. Harvey (Oct 1, 2009).

COURSE MATERIALS: Text book and photocopied material.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES: This course will provide the student with opportunities to improve and expand their Spanish conversational ability, which will expand the student’s potential client pool. Many of the students who take this course are interested in immigration law, family law, criminal law, or international law.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR MISSOURI BAR EXAM PREPARATION: None.

COURSE OUTCOME: Students will be able to conduct client counseling and client intake interviews in Spanish focusing on the following areas of laws: family law, immigration law, criminal law, property law, corporate law.