WINTER 2006 ELECTIVE COURSE INFORMATION  
UMKC School of Law

COURSE NAME: Consumer Bankruptcy  
COURSE NUMBER: Law 880  
PROFESSOR: Jerry Phillips, Charles Rendlen, Sherri Wattenbarger

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: Debtor and Creditor Rights, Law 736 or Secured Transactions, Law 720

DESI RABLE PREREQUISITES: Debtor Creditor Rights or Secured Transactions

COURSE BOOK:  

2006 Collier Portable Pamphlet of the Bankruptcy Code and Rules (LexisNexis 2006)

Supplemental Materials

METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE:  
Grades will be based on a final examination that will be largely essay and may contain multiple-choice questions. Class participation is expected and will be considered for purposes of a slight enhancement of the final examination grade. Students should be prepared to discuss the assigned readings and problems for each class session.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:

This course will cover the basic concepts of consumer bankruptcy proceedings under Chapters 7 and 13 of the Bankruptcy Code. Applicable provisions of the 2005 amendments to the Bankruptcy Code will be addressed. Principles of statutory interpretation of the Bankruptcy Code, with particular attention to recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions, will be discussed. This course will include a comparison and analysis of the respective requirements and legal attributes of Chapters 7 and 13. Each Chapter will be analyzed with respect to the legal rights and obligations of the debtor, the various kinds of creditors, and the case and standing trustees. The course will include a review of exemption, reaffirmation, and redemption rights of debtors; trustee avoidance and other strong-arm powers; payment priorities for allowed claims; and Bankruptcy Code provisions intended to prevent debtor abuse and provide for consumer protection. Specific requirements affecting attorneys for consumer debtors, as well as attorney ethical duties, will be covered.

COURSE CONTENT:  
Attached syllabus