COURSE NAME: Alternative Dispute Resolution

COURSE NUMBER: 8732

PROFESSOR: Mary Kay Kisthardt

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: None

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES: Civil Procedure

COURSE BOOKS: Riskin, Dispute Resolution and Lawyers  
Fisher & Ury, Getting to Yes

METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE:
Exam 50%, Dispute Analysis paper 30%, class work and short papers 20%

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: This is an overview course on the roles lawyers play in dispute resolution. It includes theoretical material on interviewing and counseling, negotiation, mediation, arbitration and other court-connected and private processes as well as simulated exercises.

COURSE CONTENT: See attached course syllabus

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES: Alternative dispute resolution processes like mediation and arbitration are no longer considered “alternative”, they are well ingrained in the legal system. Regardless of the area of practice attorneys today are expected to be familiar with them.