COURSE NAME: Elder Law

COURSE NUMBER: 8733E

PROFESSOR: Mary Kay Kisthardt

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES:
None

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES:
None

COURSE BOOKS: not yet selected

METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE:
Grades will be based on (1) preparedness and participation (including projects), (2) a midterm exam, and (3) a paper and short presentation on a topic related to elder law. There is no final exam.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:
Through a combination of reading, research, class discussions, and hands-on projects, this course introduces students to the broad legal issues that most often confront American elders.

COURSE CONTENT: The effects of aging; ethical issues, common to an elder law practice, federal programs such as Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid; state law approaches to guardianship and property issues; fundamentals of various retirement plans; healthcare decision-making; elder abuse and various issues of research and drafting.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES:
Essential for any student interested in a career in elder law.
Extremely advisable for students interested in careers in general law, family law, estate planning, or health care law, and for those interested in government program administration or politics.
Very helpful for students interested in advising small-business owners, individual taxpayers, or employee benefit plans.
Inevitably useful for anyone planning to grow old or related to someone planning to grow

Limited enrollment.