A Tale of Two Tech Courses.

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Course Overview

Duke
- Introduction to Technology in the Law Office
- 2-credit seminar
- Offered at Duke since Spring 2007; current instructor pairing since Spring 2010

Stetson
- Technology in Law Practice Management
- 1-credit weekend course
- Offered for the first time Spring 2017
Structure

Duke

• **Weekly meetings:** 110 minutes, all semester long

• **Readings:** 25-30 pages per week; mostly from practice publications

• **Classes:** Combo discussions; lectures; in-class exercises; guest speakers via videoconference

Stetson

• **Weekend session:**
  • 3 hours Friday
  • 6 hours Saturday
  • 4 hours Sunday

• **Readings:** Approximately 300 pages from various sources, assigned at semester start

• **Classes:** Combo discussions; lectures; in-class exercises; videos
Topics Covered

Duke
- Ethical issues & tech
- Cybersecurity
- Legal research (companies; people; dockets; emerging services)
- Presentation tech
- E-discovery / litigation

Stetson
- E-communication
- Cybersecurity
- Legal research
- Billing / timekeeping
- Artificial intelligence
Assignments / Grading

**Duke**
- Participation (10%)
- 3 short assignments (10% each)
  - Online negotiation simulation/reaction
  - Company research
  - PowerPoint presentation
- Final group project
  - Presentation to class (30%)
  - Final paper (30%)

**Stetson**
- Participation (50%)
  - Written responses to prompts
- Final project (50%)
  - Presentation
  - Paper
Designing Your Own Course
Considerations

• Law School culture: how would your course fit in?
• Student career trajectory: Biglaw vs. solo practice?
• Scheduling: fast-track vs. full semester?
• Grading: how will you assess performance?
• Personal abilities & interests
For Further Reading


• American Bar Association Law Practice Division

• Teaching Technology to Law Students Special Interest Group Syllabi Commons: http://techforlawstudents.classcaster.net/syllabi-commons/

• Law School Tech Wiki: https://lawschooltech.wikispaces.com/
Questions?

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