



TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL *of* LAW

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LAW 757

FALL 2017

PROFESSOR THOMAS KLEVEN

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COURSE BOOKS & MATERIAL

Frug, Ford & Barron, Local Government Law, West, 6th ed.

COURSE DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVE

DESCRIPTION:

A study of how local governments function, the sources of and limitations on their powers, and their interrelationship with each other, other levels of government and the citizenry. A study of democracy from the vantage point of local government.

OBJECTIVE:

To provide students with an understanding of how local government functions and of the place of local government in a democratic society, so as to enable them to effectively handle matters relating to local government as practitioners and to serve as leaders of their communities.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

To prepare students to answer proficiently essay questions relating to various aspects of local government law.

GRADING

There will be a three hour essay exam at the end of the semester. Two-thirds of the final grade will be based on the exam, and one-third on class participation.

ACCOMMODATIONS

If you require special accommodations, please fill out the necessary forms with the Dean's office. Your application and documentation will remain confidential. Your prompt attention will allow the law school to accommodate you, as soon as it has been made aware of your situation.

Please see:

http://www.tsulaw.edu/student_affairs/docs/2011-2012AccommodationsHandbook.pdf

PARTICIPATION, ATTENDANCE & PROFESSIONALISM

Attendance will be taken at the start of each class based on a seating chart. The Law School's attendance policy will be enforced. The Student Rules and Regulations do **not** provide for excused absences under any circumstance(s).

Students are provided a certain number of absences per class, per semester that may be used/taken for any reason whatsoever. The allowed absences follow this formula: [number of credit hours x 2] - 1, (Example: 3(hrs.) x 2 = 6 - 1 = 5 allotted absences for a three hour course for the entire semester).

Once the allotted number of absences are exceeded, a student's grade may be reduced. To this affect, a list of each student's name and the number of absences is submitted to the Office of the Dean at the end of each semester. As such, a scale is applied in order to calculate the grade reduction so that the rule is implemented in a uniform manner.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

FALL SEMESTER 2017 (SEVENTY DAYS OF CLASSES)

REVISED 09-05-17	Monday – Friday	August 14 – 18, 2017
Orientation		
First Day of Class	Monday	August 21, 2017
Last Day to Add/Drop Classes	Friday	August 25, 2017
Labor Day (NO CLASS)	Monday	September 4, 2017
<i>Purge of all unpaid course selections</i>	Thursday	September 20, 2017
Mid Term Examinations	Monday – Friday	October 16-20, 2017
*Legislative Monday	Friday	November 10, 2017
Thanksgiving Holiday	Thursday-Friday	November 23-24, 2017
Last Day of Classes	Thursday	November 30, 2017
Last Day to Drop a Class	Thursday	November 30, 2017
1st Year Professors' Grades Due	Thursday	November 30, 2017
*Legislative Tuesday	Friday	December 1, 2017
*Legislative Wednesday	Saturday	December 2, 2017
*Legislative Thursday	Monday	December 4, 2017
*Legislative Friday	Tuesday	December 5, 2017
Reading Day (NO CLASS)	Wednesday	December 6, 2017
Final Examinations	Thursday-Friday	December 7-15, 2017
University Commencement	Saturday	December 16, 2017



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POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Please reference the Thurgood Marshall School of Law [Student Rules and Regulations Handbook](#).

READING ASSIGNMENTS

Course Syllabus to be distributed at the beginning of the semester.