**Globalization of Introduction to Law course**

**Module 1 – Introduction & Overview of the Legal System**

**Learning Materials:**

* Read Ch. 1 "Introduction to Law" in the textbook.
* Review [Module 1 Lecture.](https://canvas.mccneb.edu/courses/448/pages/module-1-lecture)
* CareerPrepped [Global Competence Modules 1-4 (Links to an external site.)](https://careerprepped.com/toolbox/global-competence-modules) (No log-in registration is needed to access the site, and if you end up on a page requesting a log-in, just return to the main link to access the modules.)
* Review [Chapter 1 PowerPoint](https://canvas.mccneb.edu/courses/448/files/1649768?wrap=1)

**Discussion Questions:** Review the learning materials in this Module. Then, prepare an Initial Post that incorporates these materials to answer the following questions. Note that in addition to your Initial Post, your grade for this learning activity relies heavily on your engagement in the discussion with your classmates through your Peer Replies. Engage with your peers in your Peer Replies by providing feedback about the posts of at least two of your classmates. You will be able to view their posts after you submit your Initial Post.

Written Topic Questions:

1. Article. Select and read a news article regarding a current case from a reliable source on the internet. Respond to the following questions, making sure to provide *sufficiently thorough explanations* of your answers:
   1. Is this a civil or a criminal matter?
   2. Does this involve substantive law or procedural law?
2. Self-Introduction
   1. What are you studying at MCC? Why have you chosen your career field?
   2. Do you currently work? If so, what do you do?
   3. Write a brief (at least 3-5 paragraphs) introduction of your cultural profile. This might include such things as how/where you were raised, travel abroad, what is considered rude or polite, traditional foods and ceremonies, interesting facts about your cultural background, etc.
   4. How do you think global competence impacts you in your current job (or if you do not currently work, in another life experience)?
   5. How might global competence impact you in your chosen career field?

Written Reflection Questions:

1. Describe what you learned about yourself from the Global Competence Assessment that you completed in CareerPrepped Modules 1-4. Tell how you can apply what you learned to your experiences (1) now, and (2) in the future.
2. Which topics did you find confusing or complicated? Why?

**Module 2 – The US Legal System**

**Discussion Questions:**After reviewing the learning materials in this Module, prepare an Initial Post that incorporates these materials to answer the following questions.  Also, your grade in this learning activity relies on your engagement in the discussion through your Peer Replies.

**Written Topic Questions:**

1. State versus Federal Court. Go to the State of Nebraska Court website for the state district in which you reside, and to the U.S. District Court website for the federal district in which you reside. Compare the two Courts. Write a summary of your findings, explaining the differences and the similarities between these systems. In particular, describe:

1. What types of cases they hear, i.e. what is the jurisdiction of each
2. The appeals process to challenge a decision

2. Choosing a Court. A law firm where you work represents a company that has a licensing agreement (i.e. a contract) with a Japanese corporation, XYZ Kaisha. XYZ Kaisha has failed to pay the required monthly royalty, thereby breaching the agreement and causing damages of $100,000. Your client would like to sue.

1. In which of the Court(s) above could you bring the case?
2. Instead of suing in the U.S., your client would like to resolve the dispute in Japan. They are willing to litigate, if needed. Read the sections 1) "Main Dispute Resolution Methods" and 2) "Court Litigation" in the article [Litigation and Enforcement in Japan: Overview](https://content.next.westlaw.com/practical-law/document/I2ef12afb1ed511e38578f7ccc38dcbee/Litigation-and-enforcement-in-Japan-overview?viewType=FullText&originationContext=document&transitionType=DocumentItem&ppcid=5051d15fd08c4246b51dd6ba35eded2a&contextData=(sc.Search)&firstPage=true). Describe three ways bringing the case in Japan would significantly differ from suing in the U.S.

**Written Reflection Questions:**

1. What specific knowledge and information did you gain from the learning materials and activities that you can apply to your experiences now?  In the future?
2. Which topics were confusing, complicated or contradictory? Why? Did you ask the class or instructor for assistance?