

Academic Foundations
ABES 2L (Supervised Study)

Fall 2020

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Dear students,

Your first assignment is to analyze your Spring 2020 exams in preparation for your first weekly 1:1 meeting. This assignment will take some time and will be some of the most important work you do to prepare you for success in your 2L year.

Here is your assignment:

- ☐ Gather all of the following materials for four of your Spring 2020 classes (Contracts, Civ Pro, Crim Law, Crim Pro):
 - Final exam questions;
 - Your answers;
 - Any sample answers / rubrics/ memos from your professors;
 - *If you're unable to locate every single sample answer/memo, just gather everything you can and work with that*
- ☐ Using the above materials, analyze each topic individually (Contracts, Civ Pro, Crim Law, Crim Pro). Use the following reflection questions to do so. Your reflection for each subject should be about one to two type-written, single-spaced, bullet-pointed page(s).
Upload a single document with your analysis for all four subjects to Canvas by August 24, 2020 at 11:59 pm.

Subject: Contracts/ Civ Pro/ Crim Law/ Crim Pro

Big picture

- Going into the exam did you feel prepared for that subject? Why or why not?
- How did you feel while taking the exam? Were you flipping through notes, did you have the materials organized, or did you have most things memorized while you were taking the exam?
- Were you clear on what the exam asked you to do? Did you do what the exam asked you to do? What if anything did you fail to do?
- Were you able to fully express your knowledge of the topic in that final? Why or why not?
- If you have a sample answer/memo/rubric, how does your answer compare to that? What can you learn from that in terms of writing and content?

Organization & IRAC

- Did your essay use clear headers?
- Was each issue, rule, analysis, and conclusion in a separate paragraph?
- How much of your answer is rule statements compared to analysis? Should there be more analysis? Do you know how to do that?
- Did you have each issue/sub-issued raised in the sample answer/memo?

- Did you use each of the facts where appropriate? Were there any homeless facts you were unable to place?
- Were there any facts or rules you misunderstood?
- Did you argue both sides where necessary?
- Did you conclude (and where necessary, conclude correctly)?
- *What is/are the biggest strength(s) in your writing?**
- *What is/are the biggest weakness(es) in your writing?**
- *How are you going to improve your writing this semester?**
 - *Those three questions only need to be answered in one of your reflections.

Study habits

- Did you practice writing hypos for that class throughout the semester? Why or why not? If yes, was that helpful for exam preparation?
- Was your outline regularly updated throughout the semester? Was your outline a useful exam preparation tool?
- *How will your study plan differ in your 2L year? Why?**
 - *That question only needs to be answered in one of your reflections.

- Email the above materials and your reflection document to Professors Ho (hho1@usfca.edu) and Wilson (wilsonc@usfca.edu) in preparation for your first 1:1 meeting by **August 24, 2020 at 11:59 pm**. In response, one of them will reply to you to set up a time for weekly 1:1 meetings. In your first 1:1 meeting, you will discuss your Spring 2020 exams and come up with a plan for your 2L year.