Legal Profession  
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Unedited student responses to prompt: “Reflect below on the extent to which the course overall achieved its goals of imparting knowledge, teaching skills, and inculcating values.”

Note: This prompt was part of a larger survey, and the responses were not anonymous.

1. This course did achieve it’s goals and it really opened up my eyes to professionalism.

2. This was a very informative and interesting course. I found that most of the aspects were helpful, however, I found that this course required as much work and as many hours as my graded courses and many times took away from that. I felt resentful about that fact at times simply because this is a pass/ fail course. That being said, I learned a lot about intrinsically valuing my education here at Mercer and I think that will help me a lot in the long run.

3. the idea of balance in my live is an underlying them that I will take away from this. Balance works on many different levels. For example balancing the work load of law school, family, and my own health. Also my intrinsic goals and keeping those in my mind while on this journey in law school and even later as I practice law.

4. The course overall was helpful in showing me that there were others who had knowledge, skill and values that would possibly change that of my own. I learned from more experienced individuals and gained new knowledge, skills, and values along the way. Each aspect of the class served this overall purpose.

5. Overall, this class was excellent; it taught us valuable lessons that we will definitely be using in real life -- which I know is true, because I've already found myself in discussions referring to our class. I think it's great to just have this class and remember that being a lawyer is more than understanding the law, and there's the human side of things that we need to prepare for and understand so we can great social activist
and use the law to help change society for the better.

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<th>I believe collectively the course was effective. This of course is my opinion and I do believe the value in this course depends on what you put into it. The course is more about imparting knowledge and values and less about skills. I believe you can only acquire skills by consistent exposure or exercises regarding ethical dilemmas.</th>
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<td>One of my biggest concerns about the course is that at sometimes I felt like it was attempting to teach morals and values. While I do understand the importance of these things, especially in the legal profession, I feel that everyone in the course is at an age where they have set of morals and values, whether they are good or bad. It is nearly impossible to think that at this age, if someone doesn't have a moral backbone that they will gain one in the course of one short semester.</td>
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<td>Overall, the course was successful in making us think about ethical dilemmas that will cross our paths in the future. Often times there is more than one way to skin a cat and the group discussions helped us explore many varied options that would be perfectly acceptable balances between client advocacy and ethical values.</td>
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<td>Overall I felt the course did a good job of not only teaching us the foundations of professionalism but also bringing them to life and providing a forum to discuss ethical issues.</td>
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<td>Overall, the course did a great job of imparting the necessary knowledge and teaching skills necessary for me once I enter the legal profession. I believe the combination of the in class interviews, out of class interview, and course blogs reinforced the overall objective of exposing me to the problems many lawyers face in the profession.</td>
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<td>This course did a great job of imparting knowledge, skills, and values to me. I now have a much better understanding of ethics and professionalism. I'm glad I took this course as a 1L and I think it will certainly help me make informed decisions as I continue my legal studies and eventually become a lawyer.</td>
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12. The course was good and different from anything else I have encountered in undergraduate and graduate school. Through all of the exposure to different types of lawyers and issues, much was covered in one semester.

13. Overall the course was informative and achieved its goals of imparting knowledge, teaching skills, and inculcating values. The extent is hard to measure, but I would say it was to a major extend since I feel completely different about the meaning of professionalism from when the course began to its end.

14. I think the course achieved these goals very well. The online lectures and the biography achieved these goals the least in comparison to everything else.

15. I think the course did an excellent job of achieving its goals.

16. Overall this course shone a light on problems in the legal profession without attempting to pontificate that a certain method would eliminate those problems. In summation, it taught us to be the lawyer that we would want to have if we were a client, and to be the lawyer that we want to have as an adversary.

17. Overall, this course was beneficial to my law school experience and my development as a person and attorney. After taking this course, I have a different meaning of professionalism and realize how important it is to uphold our profession and ourselves to high standards.

18. Overall I have really enjoyed this course and believe it was a very valuable one. I wish we had the course during our first semester here at law school rather than the second semester.

19. I think that the class was a great exercise to get us to think about these topics and issues. However, like the rest of law school; we are not going to learn anything tangible until we get out and begin practice. This class opened my mind to these issues and may have even changed the way I will analyze my next move if they ever pop up in the future, however until they actually come to fruition in my actual career; I don't
truly know how I will handle them.

20. The class does succeed in imparting knowledge about the subject matter, currently I do feel like I have learned much in the way of professionalism; however I currently lack any tools to apply this information.

21. The class again taught the skills that we are going to have to use in the future, but again no tangible context in which to apply them. I have no idea how these situations are going to resolves themselves until they actually happen in the future and by then the skills may be too far away from me to be recalled in an instant.

22. I personally don't think that this class has changed any of my values. Prior to the course I had valued my ability to perform academically and to work to the best of my ability now, for the benefit of my future clients. I haven't ever been motivated by external goals (sure success), the things that drive me are a feeling of accomplishment, of becoming a better person/student/future lawyer. This course did teach me how to conceptualize my pre-existing belief system, but has not and in my opinion could not change my value structure. Those beliefs are simply to ingrained into my everyday attitude to be altered by any course.

I learned a little about a lot of things throughout the course. I also learned how to better analyze myself.

23. Thanks to this course, I have learned a lot about myself and my peers. This course has done a good job in making us reflect on the "right" or "wrong" way to approach things. I think that the biggest skill that I take from this class is the skill of reflection, and how important it is to analyze just what is in front of me, but how my decision will impact others.

24. Overall, the course imparted knowledge, skills, and values that are practical. Since I have touched on every aspect of the class, I am not going to make a large contribution to this question. (I don't have anything else to say). I am glad that this is a required course.

The course as a whole imparted knowledge and values that attorneys need to succeed in the profession.
25. Overall, the course succeeded in imparting knowledge, teaching skills, an inculcating values. Each of the assignments helped teach about the values of professionalism and gave examples of what to do and what not to do. I think the best part of the class was gaining practical wisdom and learning from the mistakes and misfortunes that other lawyers had experienced so that way I can avoid them.

26. This class was great to take our first year and Professor Longan was a great man to teach it. Although he can be very strict at times, that is what professionalism is all about. For some, it was a wake-up call, which they should be thankful for. A lot of work went into this pass/fail" class, but at the end of the day that is not what matters. What matters is that we understood the point of the class itself. How it is graded should not matter, rather the great and helpful information we took from the class. I really enjoyed the class and wish there were more classes available that encouraged in-class interaction and conversation about certain subjects.

27. I think the course met its goals. I’m glad that Mercer offers it, because I won't be overwhelmed with professional issues coming out of law school--I will have had three years to think about these situations, which I think puts me ahead of students in other law schools.

28. I believe overall the course was very informative and helpful in providing information about professionalism and how to confront issues about it. My overall favorite was the off-campus interview.

29. Overall if the goal was to introduce us to this idea of professionalism, then yes that was achieved. However, if the goal was anything beyond that introduction, I do not think it was achieved.

30. Overall, this course achieved its goals. The reading assignments, section meetings, lectures, weekly interviews and the off campus interview all contributed to opening my mind more to the meaning of professionalism and what it's important to maintain as a lawyer.

31. I thought the course was, overall, effective in achieving its goals.
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<td>I really enjoyed this course. I found it beneficial to my legal education mainly because it taught me how to handle professional issues should they arise. Because of this class, I feel confident in being able to make a sound, ethical judgment call on what to do when I am confronted with a professionalism issue. This course has taught me, though example, what it means to be a true legal professional and defined a paradigm that I might aspire to as a future lawyer.</td>
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<td>Truly, it is hard to in a sense impart &quot;morals&quot; of a profession on to a group of people in a profession that is so varied as practicing law. I feel the course does a good job from an academic perspective of giving students an opportunity to seek out how they would define professionalism in their personal lives and practice exhibiting it in the early stages of a legal career.</td>
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<td>This course really opened my eyes to issues within the legal profession that I had never really thought about before. I always knew that being an attorney had certain conflicts involved that were inevitable, but there are certain things that I learned throughout the small section meetings that I think will really help me when I'm an attorney in a few short years. I'm grateful for this experience and I think if the course was constructed a little differently that it would be an incredibly valuable experience for future students.</td>
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<td>At this point in my life I either have it or I do not. I would agree that a straight through college student may need such a class. I did pick up a little from some of the interviews and a little of the reading but overall nothing has changed for me.</td>
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<td>Yes, but it is possible to do more. For example: Less lectures, and more exercises, maybe presentations in class instead the book.</td>
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<td>I believe the course met the goals it needed to meet, Professor Longan, you did a great job in the leadership of the course. My advice would only be toward the assigned readings. Having been out of school for five years, it was overwhelming often trying to keep up with absolutely everything - especially since I have this desire to do the best</td>
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that I can at everything and not cut corners. I understand your objectives, and completely respect them, having taught and been under strict deadlines with penalties for failure to head to certain time frames and other deadlines. However, the amount of required reading was a distraction from courses such as Contracts or Property.

My only other "constructive" comment would be to bring more diversity in terms of fields of law into the room. As I was trying to explain to my grandmother, attorneys are no different than doctors in that they specialize - if I specialize and focus my energy on criminal defense then asking me about antitrust regulations or Chapter 7 proceedings is useless. Same as asking a neurologist about a hysterectomy. (My uncle is an OBGYN, and because he is a doctor she thinks he walks on water...) He may be able to give you an idea, but in terms of actual performance...

Other than the sheer overwhelmingness of the course, I enjoyed it, and certainly see the value that this course would have for future classes.

39. The course overall achieved the goal of imparting knowledge of ethics in the legal profession. The virtues taught and the problems placed before use got these goals across. The course was able to teach us about these virtues, practical wisdom, etc. But it was a two man job. Those who put work in and took the course seriously will be successful when faced with these situations that we have seen so far.

40. As a whole, I enjoyed the class and acquired useful and applicable knowledge, skills, and values. I feel bettered prepared for the situations I will inevitably encounter in the future and I think, at its core, that is the course's true purpose.

41. I felt like most of the aspects of the class were extremely useful and insightful. I think the only issue I would have with the class was the use of assignment sheets. I have not used assignment sheets before and felt that maybe using a service like Blackboard could have saved time and effort on the part of the students.

42. Reflecting back on the entirety of the course some of my favorite
aspects were the interviews that we had with practicing professionals. Their insights into real life situations were extremely useful. Also the readings from all three of the assigned books I felt like broadened my own personal views on the expectations that are required of lawyers and the consequences many times, of the choices that they make.

43. I think that by taking the course seriously, I got a lot out of it. I feel as though everything in the course was helpful and did the job of developing my sense of what professionalism means. The interviews in class and off campus were particularly helpful and interesting.

44. I don't think that there's much I can say here that I haven't already said. To me, the blogs were not very effective and some of the readings were not effective. But overall, the entire experience was edifying. I learned about many potential pitfalls that I might encounter during my career and how to handle them. I think that the most effective thing that the interviews did was to immerse us in the the world of lawyers. I found that most of them were humble, and only spoke of their impressive careers when prodded by Prof Longan. It was good to see these people for two reasons: 1) it was a good cross-section of what potential employers look like, and 2) the diversity of the interviewees provided me with ideas of where I might want to go in my own career.

This course and the lessons learned here will certainly follow me throughout the rest of my career. I can't imagine attending law school without having a course like this to help guide students through the harder parts of the profession.

45. Overall, I think that this was a beneficial course that I did not recognize as quickly as I would have liked.

46. Coming from a background and career where I have had to learn and practice "professionalism" for over 14 years, I found the course to be at times remedial and frustrating. I believe, however, that for younger students who have never held a job, it might be a good introduction to understanding the importance of behaving "professionally" as well as appreciating the "practical wisdom" that comes with having a career. Nonetheless, I still took lessons and wisdom from the course and felt that I contributed to it to the best of my ability.
47. Overall, I found this course enlightening and again, a great way for me to reflect and begin thinking about my morals and ethics and those of which the legal profession will require of me.

48. The course exceeded its goals of imparting knowledge, teaching skills and inculcating values. I enjoyed this class but I think some of the post-Spring Break assignments could have been assigned before Spring Break in order to make this class more front-loaded. Overall, I'm glad we were required to take this course.

49. The course overall provided both a practical and theoretical element to determining what constitutes professionalism. Having both elements was essential in making this course as helpful as possible for future attorneys.

50. The course was a good way to get us thinking about acting professionally.

51. Knowledge and skills were certainly imparted, but as an intellectual exercise. Values were not inculcated because it is impossible to teach people to change their values for no other reason than a grade. It needs to be made abundantly clear, this semester I believe it was a little muddled, that these are the values the profession expects you to live and operate by, and have been dictated as such. This semester it seemed like the values were being presented as universal truths that were just self-evident to "real lawyers." As I said, knowledge and skills were taught, and values were taught, but values won't be adopted just for a class, students need to know that these values are what is expected of them for the rest of their professional lives despite whatever their initial value system is, and then I believe they will begin to more readily allow those values to inculcate.

52. I enjoyed the course. I understand why this course is valuable and I have learned a lot about being a professional because of it.

53. This course surpassed its goals in my opinion. This course provided very valuable lessons that will shape my life as a professional.
54. I liked and truly enjoyed the practical aspects of this class. However, talking about something in the abstract didn't always seem to benefit me. Especially when we had to do it multiple times in a week. The course was interesting and necessary; however, I feel like it was over-demanding and redundant at times. I think that the practical aspects were very informative and successful in the course objectives.

55. Prior to taking this course, I believed I knew what professionalism entailed. I believe that after taking this course, I better understand the different virtues of professionalism and how those virtues are vital in our future decision making circumstances.

56. This course helped me to think about ways in which I will want to act in the future. Growing up in a family that didn't have any lawyers, this course helped me to think about how I will want to react when I practice law. Not all of the assignments taught me something, but all of the assignments together taught me a lot.

57. I think the course serves its purpose. It gets students thinking about being a professional and teaches us what professionalism is if we didn't already know. I you knew, there is more knowledge imparted that help to expand your understanding.

58. I think the course did a good job overall imparting knowledge and giving us skills to be successful in the practice. To me, it probably did the best job of providing good examples to follow. I think there were knowledge, skills, and values gained but the examples were the most valuable part.

59. This class has been extremely helpful by imparting knowledge that I would not have otherwise gained through standard law courses. I learned real life lessons. I originally was inspired to go to law school so that I could obtain a degree to help others. This dream was quickly covered by the stress and extrinsic motivations of my first semester of law school. Hence, this class was really helpful in refocusing my goals for law school and the future.

60. I think that the course reached its objective in making students aware of the situations that they may face in their legal careers, and the
best ways to approach those situations.

61. Overall the class achieved its goals by giving perspectives, teaching essential ideas and opening discussion students would not otherwise engage in on their own.

62. I enjoyed the course a lot. The interviews were the most intriguing part to me but I also valued the group sessions we had. It was a bit of a challenge keeping up with when everything was due, but it taught me to balance and keep up with my work. I think the course definitely taught me about professionalism and made me think about what I would do in certain situations. I would say it achieved its purpose well.

63. The course overall was a wonderful experience to me because it definitely imparted some critical values which will be important as I start my career as an attorney.

64. Overall, the course cohesively brought together to impart useful knowledge, useful skills and further strengthened my values as an aspiring lawyer.

65. Overall, the course was a huge benefit to me and I laid out much of this reasoning in part one of this assignment.

66. Overall, I really enjoyed this course and I know some will disagree, but it is actually one of my favorite courses and the one that I think I will remember the most long after law school. Some of the other courses, I will have to know because the material covered is part of the practice, but I feel the contents learned in this course will apply not only to my law practice, but to my everyday life. So Professor Longan, Dean Floyd, and all the other faculty, lawyers, Judges, etc...Thank You

67. I think the class reached all the goals it was set out to reach and is a very unique class that mercer has and has some great befits. I don't think anything was lacking but maybe some things need to be tweaked so that the class is even more beneficial.

68. The overall course succeeded in teaching the practical side of the profession. The books and cases are a start, but there is a huge
difference between theory and practice. This course was the closest thing we had to practice, and hopefully this summer's work experience will expound upon that foundation.

69. Overall, the course did a good job in achieving its goals of imparting knowledge, teaching skills, and inculcating values. The lessons I learned in this course I will take with me to every job I have.

70. I think this course was helpful because I learned some new information and also thought about things from a different perspective so whenever that happens I am grateful. I enjoyed meeting some of the local professionals and hearing about their careers and how they practice. I don't know if my values changed, but they grew. I think we are all who we are and a course won't change something as strong as our "values." But I think it will make me approach some situations with some more empathy.

71. I think that the class does very well in imparting the knowledge of this area. It is a very important area, but sometimes, the numerous assignments in the beginning come off as an added burden. It makes it better that the class is pass/fail, but sometimes I felt like I was wasting effort on things because nothing was for a grade. I still did the things to the best of my ability.

72. I think this course impacts people differently, for me, I was raised with a strong moral back bone, Some might say too moral, my family is Traditional Baptist. Also, I feel like I've already decided who I am and what I would do if this or that ever fell into my lap. But I think for some people in the 1L class, they're still impressionable. From looking around it seems like there are a few students that think they're still in undergrad. Maybe these tough questions can and will sober them up.

73. The course was a great way to open my eyes to new things. While I am very firm in my believes, I was not as aware of what other people believe. I had a narrow assumption that everyone thought the same as me. That is a very poor way of thinking and I am glad I had this class to show me how differently everyone views things. I will always approach situations with sensitivity and with that idea in mind. I am glad to have taken this course and I hope it continues for future students.
74. Overall, I really did enjoy this course. I think that I learned a lot and the skills I learned will be useful to remember when I'm practicing.

75. I believe that overall, the class conveyed a very good message, and helped me to understand, and hopefully in the future become an exceptionally professional lawyer. I very much so did learn about the qualities, traits, habits and challenges of being a professional and a professional lawyer. I also learned about the standard of professionalism required by the bar, and how to be the best advocate for my client. I think the exercises that we did in the middle of the course including the scrivener’s error, and the discovery proceeding, were the most insightful and beneficial. I also appreciated the emphasis on pro-bono work as I learned the importance of that, and was encouraged by those among my peers who are likewise committing themselves to public service work. I think when I look back at the class, the things that stick out to me most are the positive experiences that I shared in Classroom E, the moments where things began to click after listening to the guest speakers, and the moments I spent in self-reflection. Not every moment was perfect, there was a lot of reading, and at times the reading were much and long, but the overall experience overshadows those challenging experiences. I can positively say that I have grown; and it feels good to say that.

76. I feel overall that the large class interviews of the various lawyers and judges were most beneficial because they provided a first hand account of the experience of the established individuals in our profession. I was able to take away some solid points from each class.

77. Overall, I think the class achieved its goals in imparting knowledge and teaching us the skills that we need to face certain challenges. It also helped me to understand how to weigh decision and look at the impact they will have.

78. I think this course was beneficial. I believe that the resources that this class offers, everyone should take advantage of. I think that a lot of the messages about professionalism that this class offers I will use in my future as practicing attorney.
79. Overall, I felt like I learned the most from the group discussions about how to handle certain professional and ethical situations. It made me reevaluate the choices that I would make and reflect on the potential consequences that they may have. I believe that the most important thing I also took away from the course is to stand behind what you believe in and not give in. I also learned about the importance of the virtues that are required and how to live as a professional and be more ethical when making decisions.

80. Overall, I feel like I learned a great deal about legal professionalism. Going into the course all I really knew was that lawyers should strive to be civil towards one another. I now consider public service, fidelity to the law and client, and competence to be of equal importance. Law school will provide us with competence, but I feel it is up to us to work on fidelity to the law and to our client in a way that emphasizes practical wisdom.

81. Overall, it was a very rewarding experience to hear all the lectures, read all the books that we read and to have had the honor of meeting with a judge. I honestly did not anticipate this class to be as rewarding as it was, but it far exceeded my expectations and the learning valuable learning experience I gained from this course is priceless.

82. I had high hopes for the course and mean no disrespect but I feel the course could have done more to teach the values of professionalism. The readings and section meetings were outstanding, some of the on campus interviews were excellent, and the off campus interview was a valuable resource for us. However, some of the interviews were unremarkable and the blog assignments were redundant.

83. Overall, I enjoyed the course. None of the concepts were talked about were completely foreign to me in terms of professionalism but I think the course is necessary to get students in the mindset that we will be held to a high standard. I think it was PERHAPS a bit time consuming for a "pass/fail" grade but overall it was a great course.

84. Overall, I enjoyed the course and thought that it was a necessary and (mostly) beneficial way to introduce new law students to the world of professional lawyers, the way we should behave and the standards to
which we will be held.

85. I believe that this course was very helpful because I was able to learn about the virtues of this profession in various different ways. I really enjoyed the various interpretation because they each imparted the different knowledge in many ways.

86. Overall, I believe the course was very helpful. I also think that it has prepared me more for what to expect when I become an attorney, and how to carry myself as an attorney. One additional plus the course gave me was an insight on what type of law I would want to do. Hearing the interviews were great in giving insight on the lives certain types of lawyers have which is very important in what kind of career path I choose.

87. I learned a lot from this course, especially about how it's important to have a balance of the professional virtues and that too much emphasis on one virtue can sometimes be a bad thing. I also learned about the importance of having mentors and learning from the experience of others.

88. I believe that the extent to which the course had originally set itself out to impart at the beginning of the semester was both met and exceeded. I learned a lot more about the profession and I learned a considerable amount more about the people within the profession. I am anxious to join the ranks of the rest of the lawyers out there.

89. Overall I felt the course was useful. It opened my eyes to some of the types of issues will face as attorneys.

90. The course fulfilled it's goals because it provided us with examples of practicing attorneys and judges and how they deal with professionalism, we also got a chance to discuss possible conflicts we come across as practicing attorneys, and we got to read about professionalism and learn about stories and information that defines professionalism as a whole that encapsulates the course goals.

91. Overall, this course imparted knowledge about the virtues of the professional lawyer, invited students to reflect on the values that will
guide their decision-making in the future, and provided the skills necessary to handle conflicts as they arise. In the class discussions, we explored the consequences of many alternative choices when faced with, for example, incivility by opposing counsel or a conflict between fidelity to the law and fidelity to the client, and we were encouraged to make up our own minds about the best course of action. Further, the off-campus interview, in-class interviews, and biography assignments provided examples of lawyers who have embodied the professional virtues, giving us role models and reminding us that law is a calling, not just a job.

92. Overall I think the course is pretty successful at reaching its goals. It presents us with many opportunities to grapple with tough decisions and see the different ways our peers would handle a similar situation. Like I said previously I am not sure how much this course influenced my morals or ethics because I feel like they were pretty well established by my parents and my up-bringing. However, I did find it thought provoking and created many opportunities to grow and evolve as a future professional in the legal field.

93. I think the course definitely achieved these goals. I learned a lot about issues that I didn't know existed. For example, the fact that the lawyers didn't tell the plaintiff about the life-threatening condition he had. I assumed that it was necessary to tell the plaintiff that, but I was wrong. I definitely gained practical skills as well. I practiced applying what I learned and reflecting on what I would do in difficult situations. I really do feel like I have a better sense of self because I was given this opportunity to evaluate these different situations and decide if I necessarily would be proud of what my initial decision would be. Sometimes I had already made up my mind about a course of action I would take, and then a group member would give me another perspective and I realized that what I was going to do wasn't the best thing. I really liked learning that about myself and changing what I would do for the better. I also believed that values were instilled in me. The first semester of law school is really tough, and I'm glad we had this class because we were reminded of why we are here and what a great and noble profession it is that we are becoming a part of. It motivated me to do well this semester so that I can live up to the competence value of the profession. I know what people expect of me and I have an
obligation to fulfill the expectations that the great lawyers and judges before me have set. I don't want any values of the profession to be compromised, and I feel like this course was a great reminder of our responsibility to live up to those values.

94. I think, overall, the course did a good job of imparting knowledge, teaching skills, and inculcating values. I think that I was able to learn by example, and that this was facilitated by interesting and very 'readable' material.

95. I truly believe the course was successful in achieving these goals.

96. I wish we had discussed more of the difficult questions in the section meetings to really dig into the issues. I feel we only scratched the surface.

97. The course was overall very helpful and I feel like a know a lot more about professionalism now than I did at the beginning of the semester.

98. the course did a pretty good job on imparting knowledge about ethics. But I would say the reading assignments need to be a lot shorter.

99. I feel the course succeeded in the stated goals. I've learned many things this semester and I feel much more confident that I will be able to conduct myself properly in my future practice of law. The method of teaching was largely effective and much knowledge was imparted to me. My established values were not changed, but the new ones that are specific to the practice of law were greatly aided by this class.

100. I did not expect to learn so much from this class, honestly. I'm glad I took the class seriously and gleaned much more than anticipated because without the readings, interviews, lectures, and section meetings, I would have had a far more naïve perspective of the legal profession than that which I am left with now.

101. As I said above the most effective part of this class was the scenarios and problems we worked through in our discussions and section meetings. I think the length of the course, the amount of reading, and the required class hours became tedious to the point of taking away
from the purpose of the class. If not for the discussion groups and small section meetings, I think the class would have been almost useless.

102. I appreciate this course. I felt as though the interviews and the discussions were the most effective. I learn better through talking and working my way through things- so that may be entirely personal. I definitely feel as though this course achieved its goals.

103. I reiterate again that this was a very valuable course. The wisdom and knowledge I have learned stretches bounds. Understanding that the hard situations will come up and when they do, I'm better for having this course as a way to apply what I have learned to a situation and show the five virtues that will continue to make me a better lawyer and a happier person.

104. I think that the course overall did a good job. I think that it was set up in such a way that required us to meet deadlines (which we will inevitably have to do) as well as learn about experiences from others who have been there. The interviews and the small section meetings were the most beneficial for me because I feel like I learned the most from listening to first hand experiences and getting to interact with classmates. This allowed me to grow as a person by showing me new ways to approach tough situations.

105. Altogether, if taken seriously, the course is effective in teaching what professionalism is, the five virtues of a professional, how to maintain ethical standards, etc.

106. Overall I felt as though the course accomplished its goal but that some of the assignments were taxing and frustrating to keep up with throughout the semester. However I loved the course for what it did in fact accomplish!

107. I believe the course served its purpose well, and the most influential part of the course were the small group meetings as well as the section meetings. If not for these, I might think otherwise. But the other course lectures did cause me to reflect, and showed me skills and values that other lawyers had exhibited in certain situations.
108. The course overall helped achieve the course goals of imparting knowledge, teaching skills, or inculcating values by providing a variety of methods to do so. If you do not get the message through one form, you are likely to get the message through one of the others.

109. Overall this course was an extremely beneficial one and one that I will always remember going forward. Unlike some of our other first year courses I don’t have over 100 cases in my head dissecting different areas of law. What I do have is real world situations in the legal community that affect lawyers and I think I know how to deal with them effectively.

110. The class taught me a lot and it was a combined effort of the readings, lectures, interviews, and class discussions that helped. Like I said earlier, the class discussion was the most helpful part of the class.

111. Overall, I like and disliked some parts of the course. I liked the advice from lawyers and hearing from them, but I did not like the biography assignment or some of the online lectures. I think that the most valuable part of the course was hearing lawyers in actual practice tell us stories about how they handled or should have handled professionalism situations.

112. Overall, I did gain knowledge and understand certain values more that I did not understand at first. I do feel as if the interviews could be reduced to only Mondays. Furthermore, the blog post assignments seemed repetitive. Lastly, the biography requirement seemed unfair with the amount of school work that we already had for the semester. I did enjoy the small section meetings and the off-campus interview.

113. Overall, I think the course provides a fantastic introduction to professionalism as it particularly pertains to lawyers. However, I cannot say I agree with its format completely. Lawyers and doctors play a special role in professionalism in that they focus much of their attention on their knowledge, imparting that knowledge to their client, and forming the best outcome in favor of everyone. I understand that this understanding is quite obtuse given my limited involvement with the legal community, but it is one that I have developed prior to law school and still believe to be true after this course. I think the course would
benefit greatly from receiving the idea of professionalism from people who rely mainly on their service to others, community, and profession; such as successful restaurant managers/owners; agents for real estate, mortgages, or insurance; or, even bank tellers.

114. The Legal Profession course was great at imparting knowledge of professionalism, teaching us skills for what to expect (i.e. conflicts) and how to respond, as well as inculcating the virtues of a professional lawyer. I do not see myself ever forgetting those.

115. The more practical aspects of the course were great. I feel that the only real lecture needed to be the first one and everything needed to be practical from there on to show how all of these aspects can affect us.

116. As I mentioned, I think that the course was very valuable. Not only in instilling what constitutes professionalism and its virtues in the legal field, but also in illustrations of countless success and failure stories. One can't help but reflect as to what is the path that he will choose, and hopefully choose a path that leads to success and happiness through applying this virtues of professionalism.

117. The course achieved its goal because they were numerous ways of conveying the same information so that each student learned the lesson.

118. Overall the course provided me with a new context of looking at and dealing with complex ethical issues. I think this will serve me well in my professional career.

119. I would hope to see a bit more structure and flow to it. by this i mean that the in class interviews should serve to impart information on a particular topic, and make sure that this topic is covered rather than just a narrative on how this lawyer came to be. It just didn’t feel like the course had any goals that were achieved by the interviews, or readings. Perhaps if the goals were laid out and then plans were made to achieve each of those goals with specific actions.

120. As I stated above, the course as a whole was nicely planned. I like all the different parts and the self reflection. I think every law school should have this course.
121. I believe the course accomplished its three main goals. I feel like I have begun to develop the necessary skills to maintain a high level of professionalism and I am very aware of why this is an important characteristic. I have learned the values an attorney must balance how to weigh the importance of each when facing ethical dilemmas.

122. The course achieved its goals of imparting the necessary material to each of us. I learned a lot of hypothetical situations this semester; should I ever encounter them, I will know a variety of ways to think about them.

123. I thought the course achieved these goals. I thought it may have been a bit short of instilling what values we should adhere to. I thought a lot of the course highlighted the importance and the difficulty of the decisions, but just ended on "think about it" and not with a clear answer. However, I do realize that the goal is to teach people how to think and not what to think because people will have different values based upon their societal position and status, socio-economic class etc.

124. This course did not teach me anything new, but that does not mean that it is not important. This course will not grant you wisdom or ethical understanding. However, it presents a medium for students to explore their own inherent qualities in an interactive setting.

125. Overall, this course did a very good job in achieving the goals of imparting knowledge, teaching skills, and inculcating values. All of the materials (the additional readings, in- and out-of-class lectures, interviews, off-campus interview, biography, and section meetings) correlated to one another and allowed the pertinent issues to be prominently discussed. Entering this course, I was eager to see the material and what it could offer. Exiting the course, I am grateful for all of the work it requires, as it forces the students to delve into the topics and issues of professionalism in a "safe" law school environment as opposed to the "real world." I gained a lot of knowledge on the subject, and I feel confident that I will be able to at least spot issues as I begin working and be able to comprehend their possible repercussions.

126. The course was provided knowledge through the scenarios, section
meetings, and interviews. The discussion that came from these three things provided a tremendous amount of knowledge and skills on how to handle professionalism issues. I think that identifying and exercising values was a recurring theme in whatever activity we completed in the course.

| 127. | This course imparted the knowledge necessary to make sufficient judgments in each situation. It taught me the values of fidelity to the client and the legal profession. Also how to conduct myself with civility so that I can work with opposing opinions. |
| 128. | This course overall was valuable to my understanding of professionalism, as it used multiple levels of teaching and learning styles to keep me focused on the underlying message and lesson. |
| 129. | I found the course as a whole to be helpful in determining what professionalism was and how to employ it. |
| 130. | The course overall served its purpose in displaying the right way to go about being a member of the legal profession. I just wonder if the root of professionalism can be taught. Can someone be taught to be "good" or "right" |
| 131. | The course work was able to impart upon me the necessary push to take everything I needed to learn from this course. |
| 132. | The course overall imparted knowledge and values about professionalism. |
| 133. | I think it did help teach us skills on how to effectively communicate with each other and challenge each other in a healthy way. We learned about how we could handle typical ethical and professional dilemmas that we are likely to face in our careers as attorneys. It provided me with a basic set of skills and instilled values in me to direct me towards the type of attorney I hope to become. |
| 134. | The course did an overall successful job of achieving the course goals. The variety of mediums used to relay information made this course more dynamic and interesting. I feel that after this course I have
a better sense of what I would say/react to certain situations. The tough ethical situation discussions made me reevaluate my values as well as instilled in me an appreciation and desire to uphold the professional values specific to a law career. This course not only taught me how to explore a variety of different responses to a situation, but also how to recognize instances where ethical and professional values could be on the line. It also did a good job of imparting knowledge about the law profession as a whole and different ways in which one can use a law degree.

135. With all due respect to the University and the Faculty that devised this class, after reflection and this survey, I don't see the need for a full semester course on this subject. The stated objectives could be covered in a one week intro instead of "intro to law", which was an unnecessary course. Second and in addition, the goals desired in this course could also be covered some in law of lawyering.

136. Overall, the course did a good job. Honestly, a lot of this stuff struck me as common sense. I think my parents did a good job raising me and instilling me with a sense of empathy and politeness, and this class helped to reinforce that. While I didn't learn a lot, my existing knowledge was sharpened and I have a new appreciation for what we will deal with once we enter the legal field.

137. I don't believe that this class altered my values. I believe values are inherent. I believe I have a strong sense of values and as a former educator, strove to encourage positive values and citizenship. I think you can try to help others build those values, but I am not sure if you can truly change someone who is motivated extrinsically by punishment, to intrinsically motivated without therapy, or their own desire to change. I believe the course served a reflective purpose and through that reflection, helped me work through situations where I will be tested through conflicting motivations.

138. Aside from popular belief, this course is very necessary. Must keep!

139. Overall I definitely gained knowledge, skills and understood the values I'm expected to follow in being professional. The course did achieve its goal because it shed light on a part of being a lawyer I did not
really consider before the class.

140. I think over all the course did a great job of getting me to think about professionalism in a manner I had not previously thought about. It was able to in a sense twist my mind into think about areas or situations that I believed that would never happen to me.

141. The course did well, overall. I am glad I had an opportunity to take this class. I have taken other ethics and professionalism classes in the past, and I have to say, this one was the most realistic and practical when it came down to real world situations that we may face as lawyers. I feel a lot more prepared for those situations now that I did before taking this class.

142. Overall, the course did a good job in teaching skills, inculcating values, and imparting knowledge. Perhaps inculcating values did not go over as well as imparting knowledge and teaching skills. One can attempt to force values on an individual all they like. But if one is not prepared to accept them, then the values will not be accepted.

143. Overall, I found this to be a very helpful course. I think that I have learned what it means to be a professional and how to think about tough situations and make decisions. It has opened my eyes to a new way of viewing things.

144. The course did achieve its goals. However I believe that it was painstaking. I think that most students learned from the same few assignments and that many of them were repetitious or tedious. That being said, the course did impart knowledge, there were plenty of opportunities to learn from the readings and lectures. The course helped each of us find our values and defend them at times. I believe overall I am better for having had this course, but if it were a 1 credit class I believe I could have had the same outcome.

145. I certainly think that I now have a better idea of how professionalism is executed throughout the legal profession. I certainly think that this a course that should remain at Mercer. I feel that it is one of the few so far that actually goes past a simple academic view of the law and gives us a good overview of some of the things we could
possibly come in contact to.

146. I feel this course did a good job of imparting both knowledge about life in the law but also to impart knowledge about the values and expectations for an attorney. However, I feel like you can inform people of values but you can't really teach values. People who decide to not live up to the values of the profession will do so regardless of whether they are aware of the values they don't live up to. However, I think the course serves a purpose in making law students aware of issues and problems in the profession and how we should confront these problems in the future.

147. Overall, the course was well equipped to impart its goals. I felt that the small section, interviews, OCI and finally lectures were the order of importance.

148. The course was somewhat helpful in imparting knowledge, but I did feel as though some of the material could have been conveyed by different methods than those used. I did not feel as though I received all of what the course was intended

149. The course was a well intended effort to achieve something that ultimately cannot be achieved in the classroom. Merging the small group discussion meetings into Law of Lawyering will, in my opinion, have similar or better effect than this course. I feel that I have wasted time and money on this course that can never be recovered.

150. This course overall helped shaped my idea of professionalism

151. I think the course does a great job. It is not an easy subject to teach and there are not a lot of ways that this type of knowledge can be imparted to students. I think the course did a good job in creating opportunities for students to reflect and learn on their own through assignments

152. I think the course as a whole did a pretty good job for what it was designed to do. If there was more of a focus on the in-class interviews and the section meetings and less of a focus on the readings, blogs, and biographies, then the course would be more efficient in achieving its
intended goal. Also it would reduce a lot of the bulk of the course, especially when the course coincides with the first legal writing course.

153. I think the goal was achieved overall, however, it was getting the goal achieved that was the hard part. I honestly feel like the assignment sheets are too repetitive/busy work -- we signed in every time that we attended an in-class interview/section meeting, I never understood why we had to fill that out in ADDITION since our attendance was already recorded. Also, the blog comments are repetitive of the section discussions and ended up being busy work too.

154. I believe that the balance of lectures, in class interviews, small section meetings, and off-campus interviews combined together to create a course that definitely achieved its goals of imparting the knowledge, values, and teaching skills that we as young attorneys will need to pursue a career in the law with professionalism. Each assignment and meeting served its purpose to build on each other and present a total and complete ideal of professionalism in a way that is conducive to learning while also imparting practical experience.

155. The course used a multitude of different combinations to impart knowledge, skills, and values, and I am surprised that we fit all of the stuff we did into one semester. I think the best part of the course is its not just the same thing with the same venue or set up week after week. Just keeping us on our toes by having off campus interviews or different classrooms really helps keep us, or me at least, focused. I think if the goal of this class was to get me to understand what professionalism means and what I need to do to help achieve it, it definitely succeeded.

156. Overall, the course did an excellent job of imparting knowledge on the legal profession and instilling or lighting a fire to already instilled values in each of us. Gaining knowledge on how different individuals in the profession worked in relation to their personal values was the most rewarding part of this course. Personal values are very important to me and often times people talk about lawyers as though they have no values, so it was great to learn about the really good and good-hearted attorneys out there.

157. I think the course achieved its goals. Initially, I was not very
enthused about the course (usually anything that's required is boring in my experience), but as I kept doing the readings and attended the interviews and listened to classmates in the small section meetings, I was able to see how valuable some of the concepts we talked about are. For instance, the potential conflict of fidelity to the client and fidelity to the law was an interesting subject, and one that I'm sure I will come into contact with at some point and honestly will reflect back on this class when dealing with it in my career.

158. I think that the most helpful parts of the class were the section meetings and the in class interviews. In the section meetings i felt like the hypos were the most helpful in the because it made me think about how i would handle the situations. The in class interviews were helpful because it showed me what attorneys go through during their professional career and how they got there.

159. The course was ok, I feel that it is very difficult to teach students on how they should make decisions. I feel that the most important knowledge gained was the awareness of the potential issues that come up. Being older, I have experienced similar issues many times before, and believe my age limited the potential knowledge I could have gained from this course.

160. I enjoyed the class. I found the varying ways of thinking about professionalism and the levels of meaning that this term has very helpful. I enjoyed the interviews the most - I think listening to varied prospective in the law is not something that we often take the time to do. Often this is a second thought, this course changed that - perspective is everything. If you don't have an idea of where you're going then what's the purpose of working hard to "get there."

161. The course, overall, achieved all three goals of imparting knowledge, teaching skills, and inculcating values. I learned a great deal of what professionalism means to the legal profession, how to tackle ethical dilemmas by formulating a decision and then implementing that decision, and what the virtues of professionalism are, how they matter to our careers, and how displaying them, or not displaying them, affects our careers and lives.
162. Overall, the course did achieve its goals of imparting knowledge, teaching skills, and inculcating values. I am happy that the course was front-loaded. First year, second semester is a lot of work. If you put the effort into this course, then there is plenty to gain from it. (See self-reflection part one response)

162. I think the course helped build a solid foundation for those who have not had real world experience (e.g. a professional job). I think many of these values are really applicable in all walks of professional occupations. But at the same time, I do not think that the legal professionalism virtues are weighed the same for every person, and I do not think that they should be. For me, some virtues are more important than others, so the question is how do we differentiate that. I think some of the section meetings covered that well by showing the different avenues one could use to approach different situations.

163. Overall, this course was beneficial in a sense because some of the conflicts that lawyers experienced during our readings and problems I did not know before this course how I would have had handled the conflict. When I become a lawyer and I encounter a situation that would require me to used professionalism to handle the conflict I am positive that I will reflect back on this course. I will weigh the pros and cons to handling the situation using professionalism, and then think how would Professor Longan want me to solve the dispute:)

164. I think the class has great intentions. It helps us reflect on ourselves and how we make decisions. It also prepares us for the future. Being a lawyer is so much more than being "book-smart." This is essentially the first step in learning the practical skills of being an attorney. Since I am an aspiring litigator, practical skills will end up being just as important as anything I learn in Torts or Criminal Law. I'm fairly certain I will some of the scenarios I encountered in class. Seeing it now can only help me in the future.

Nevertheless, I don't think this class motivated me to be a better attorney. That is something I can only do alone. I did not take out $30,000 in loans to learn to be a mediocre lawyer. I alone made up my mind that I want to be a really good and professional attorney.
165. Overall this course is important and I learned a lot but it was not front loaded. I felt like the course was fully loaded and a bit overwhelming when it came to doing so much reading, online lectures, class time and group meetings.

166. Considering this survey is not anonymous, I believe the course succeed as much as it could. I probably got more out of this course than many of the other students. I always paid attention in the interviews and section meetings. And I always attempted to provide an alternative perspective to my classmates.

167. Overall I found the course incredibly helpful and insightful and believe it will be of great value to me in making the best decision in difficult situations.

168. I think this course was successful in displaying the importance of professionalism, including morals, ethics, and adherence to the law. Providing us with particular examples, problems, and first hand accounts, the course was able to explain potential problems I may face, how to solve them, and why.

169. Overall, I believe the course achieved its goals. Not a single student can say they did not have access to enough informational readings involving all the topics covered, Therefore in my opinion, it is the students fault if they do not believe the goals were achieved.

170. I truly enjoyed the class interviews, seeing it as the best means of imparting knowledge in a way that was both engaging and informative. The class discussions were excellent for teaching skills. I liked that each problem was complex and forced me to rethink my own ethical principles.

171. I feel that the course was overall a good value to me. I feel that the course was able to impart within me a value for the law. I was able to see what actual lawyers go through on an every day basis, I heard the struggles they went through, I heard the good times and the bad times, I heard about how they got to where they are, I heard about their personal feelings about the law. Overall, it was a great class to have.

172. Overall the course helped me to better understand an ethical world
which I knew nothing about. I am definitely in a better place and am more knowledgeable about the ethical dilemmas attorneys are faced with.

173. Overall, I appreciated the professionalism course. I thoroughly enjoyed the interview portion of the course and am glad to have had that experience.

174. Overall I greatly enjoyed the experiences of this course. I was able to delve into issues that one normally does not experience while going through an academic experience. However, this course made me really analyze where I stood on my own beliefs with regard to character and professionalism. This course helped enforce and more specifically align my beliefs regarding faith, grace, and justice working through the judicial system.

175. I think the course achieved the goals set out very well; and I think the course has something for everyone in doing so as well. If you learn better from hearing people talk, or reading, or interviewing, or working as a group, etc.

176. The course was phenomenal in immersing me in the field of legal ethics. While it is scary to think that I may encounter some of the very tough challenges of the profession, I am so proud that I had this course to begin my thought process of how I will act and what I will do when tough decisions are thrown my way.

177. The course provided multiple opportunities to reflect and ponder on the realities of law. This is why it was very important as many of the problems we discussed were reasonably foreseeable, but without taking the time to ponder and discuss the issues there is nothing gained. Through discourse with fellow classmates and lawyers I feel like I have gained a greater understanding of the values needed for a legal professional and the knowledge required.

178. Overall the course completed its task. The information truly helped us to think of situations that we may not have considered in efforts to address it and think of all possible consequences assessing that we are truly prepared to handle what comes after our decision. As mentioned
amount of work required could decrease or the no absence because in
the real world things come up that one must deal with. Having had prior
employers I know that they vary yet most are understanding depending
upon the situation.

179. It was a very useful course. I dont think it was a waste of time. The
assignments were very time consuming at the beginning of the
semester, but as the work winded down and i had some time to reflect
about the course, I have nothing but fond memories of my time in Legal
Professionalism.

180. The course was very valuable as a whole in imparting the
knowledge and wisdom to know right from wrong, the best ways of
applying that wisdom, and always remembering that doing the right
thing, even when no one is looking, is what is most important about
being an attorney.

181. I feel that I understand the profession today, more than I could
from reading any blog or casebook over the summer prior to coming
here. I am happy to have had the chance to meet and learn from the
range of individuals that were able to impart their experiences to us and
give us a semblance of what is to come once we leave the law school
bubble.

182. Excellent course but the justice biography needs to go.

183. Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed the class. I appreciate that it is front-
loaded so I could dedicate the time and interest to it throughout and not
feel burdened by it at any point. I enjoyed working with my section and
hearing the thoughts of others. I enjoyed our friday morning and
monday morning classes. Do not change the set up very much for the
later classes because we need to experience deadlines and waking up on
time- we need to be prepared to represent Mercer appropriately and I
want our class to be better. Thank you.

184. The course overall did a good job of throwing students into tough
situations to see how we each decided to handle them. It was good
because many people may assume that their opinion is generally shared
but it only went to show that everyone comes from different
backgrounds and therefore has different ideas. It was mind opening and provided an opportunity for each of us to learn from each other.

185. I liked the format of this course. The professor is very well respected in the field of legal ethics and imparted a lot of valuable lessons.

186. Overall I feel that each law student should have to go through a professionalism course like this one. It was a great way to learn about being a professional in the legal field, how to act, how to mature as an individual and profession, learning how other colleagues would act in a similar situation and learning the virtues of being a professional. Professor Longan has placed together a class that we will be able to utilize during our entire career.

187. This course did not impart knowledge, teach me any skills or inculcate values. So no, it did not achieve it's goal if that is the goal. If the goal was reflection on the topic then yes, it did do that.

188. Legal Professionalism was honestly my favorite class of the semester. Everyone from my parents to my church family to perspective students I have met with know that I am a huge fan of this class because it brings to light what should be the true "why" of what we do as lawyers. So many aspiring lawyers or current classmates are motivated by the external goods that a law degree, a big firm job, or the prestige of being an attorney can offer. By hearing over and over again that you don't become a lawyer to make money but rather become a lawyer to change people's lives for the better, to uphold ethical standards, to find fulfillment in your own life, and to enhance the profession as a whole is a powerful lesson that has changed my attitude on going to class, preparing for exams, seeking internships, and choosing a professional life path in the law. I really appreciated how this class was structured and the freedom it gave us to discuss and debate, question and interview, and decide for ourselves what are the values we hold most holy as we approach the profession. By learning by heart the importance of competence, fidelity to clients and the law, civility, and staying committed to public service, I know that I am walking out of my 1L year and into the rest of my life in the law empowered with clear ideals, clear goals, and a clear mission of what I'm doing and why I am
doing it.