

Law School Survival Guide from Themis.

It isn't easy. As a first-year law student your challenges are numerous. Coping with demanding coursework, understanding the complexities of the law, and learning an entirely new vocabulary can make everything be a little overwhelming. Themis to the rescue! Follow these tips to stay ahead of the curve and do more than just survive – thrive.

> Create your own outlines:

The very act of making the outline yourself as you move through the material helps you to understand the material as you write it and to remember what you read and why you wrote summarizing parts. You'll thank us come exam day.

> Study your own way:

Because every student is different, use whatever study habits and pace works best for you to retain and keep up with your course work.

> Utilize Study Aids:

Commercial study aids can help you to see the big picture, understand the classroom discussion, and fill in gaps in your outline. Keep in mind that not all study aids are equal. Find one that works best for you.

> Speak up in class:

Participating actively in class is the best way to “get it” and to evaluate yourself on how you're doing.

> Read critically:

Every word, paragraph, and reference is there for a reason. Slow down and focus on the reasoning used in the assigned case.

> Join a small study group:

After forming a tight-knit group, not only can you study together, but support and encourage each other as well.

> Get used to cold calling:

Most professors don't do it to be mean or cruel. They want you to learn how to quickly and effectively communicate the legal reasoning used within the assignments.

> Don't expect the grade inflation you enjoyed in undergrad:

Many schools enforce a B- curve. Some professors do not give out A's. Don't let your final grade shock you.

> Gain confidence:

If you see that you are answering the questions as well as your classmates, the confidence you gain will help you.

> Exercise, cook, watch a movie:

You will need to do something other than study to stay sane. This will also help cultivate some type of work/life balance.

With all you're tasked with in your first year, no wonder everything can seem a little crazy. Fight fire with fire. **FREE** Law School Essentials from Themis will help you conquer whatever law school throws at you with:

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