

Specialized Legal Research Courses: The Next Generation of Advanced Legal Research

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Reviewer's Summary:

This article provides empirical data on both Advanced Legal Research courses and Specialized Legal Research courses. The author reviews the previous literature and then provides the results of her own survey. To collect data, the author personally reviewed electronically available course information for ABA-approved law schools. She only reviewed data from the 2012-2013 academic year, so some schools may not be represented because they did not offer Advanced Legal Research every year. The author's data showed that 53.5 percent of law schools were offering an advanced legal research course. She also found that 27.7 percent of law schools were offering a Specialized Legal Research Course. The most popular topics for such courses were (1) foreign, comparative, and international law; (2) tax research; (3) state-specific research; (4) administrative law; and (5) intellectual property.

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