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This online class teaches students the key documents of the American Legal System, and how to locate and use these documents both in traditional legal research databases such as Lexis and Westlaw as well as on the many free websites available on the internet. The class will also discuss the availability and use of secondary sources such as periodical literature and legal treatises that assist in understanding and interpreting laws, court opinions, and administrative regulations. Students will learn how to use all of these sources both in academic projects and in their everyday professional lives. Students will also learn strategies to enable them to carry out their research in an efficient and effective manner. The course is designed for students in the Master in Laws program as well as other non-JD students who want a thorough understanding of U.S. legal research methods.