Zero-L by Harvard Law School – Complete List of Modules and Lesson Titles

**Note:** UCI Law strongly recommends that all incoming students complete the modules/lessons highlighted in yellow below before attending UCI Law’s Orientation in August. We recommend that you use the remaining modules/lessons as supplemental resources to aid your understanding when you encounter these topics during your first-year classes as you learn directly from UCI Law faculty.

**Introduction to Zero-L**
- Faculty Bios
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Acknowledgments

**[1] Introduction to Law and the Court Systems**
- Thinking Like a Lawyer
- Kinds of Law: Some Major Categories and Sources of Law
- What is Law? Distinguishing Legal from Other Kinds of Rules
- Federal vs. State Law and Order of Authorities
- The Federal Court System
- The State Court Systems

**[2] How to Read a Case and Understand Precedent**
- How to Read a Case
- Kinds of Common Law Arguments
- Precedent: What does the Decision Mean for Future Cases?

**[3] Working with Statutes**
- How a Bill Becomes a Law
- How to Read a Statute: Introduction
- How to Read a Statute: Tools of Interpretation

**[4] A Preview of Your 1L Courses**
- The Stages of Civil Litigation
- Introduction to Criminal Law
- Introduction to the Separation of Powers
- Introduction to the Administrative State
- An Historical Overview of the Constitution
- Introduction to Tort Law
- Introduction to Contract Law
- Introduction to Property Law

**[5] Introduction to the Legal Profession**
- The Skills Involved in Giving Legal Advice
- Lawyers: Who Are They and What Do They Do?
- Kinds of Lawyering
[6] Introduction to Legal Theory and Interdisciplinary Scholarship
- Rules vs. Standards
- Ex Ante vs. Ex Post
- Using Economics to Analyze Legal Questions
- BONUS: “Law and…” Interviews

- Case Briefing Exercise
- Model Brief
- Deep Dive: Reading Like a Lawyer
- Deep Dive: More on the Facts
- Deep Dive: More on the Court’s Holding and Rationale
- Deep Dive: More on the Foster Court’s Reasoning
- Deep Dive: Open Questions