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First Year Courses

LAW 605 - Torts II

This course is a continuation of Law 604 and further develops the law regarding liability for and defenses to negligence. Additional topics include professional liability, strict liability, vicarious liability, and an introduction to products liability.

Credits: 4.00

Pre-Requisites: LAW 604

LAW 607 - Contracts II

This course is a continuation of Law 606 and further develops the law of contracts. Additional topics include the effect of changing circumstances on the bargain, remedies, and third party rights and obligations.

Credits: 3.00

Pre-Requisites: LAW 606

LAW 609 - Civil Procedure II

This course is a continuation of Law 608 and further develops the law of civil procedure, particularly in the federal courts. Additional topics include subject matter jurisdiction, venue, the Erie doctrine, joinder, supplemental jurisdiction, and class actions.

Credits: 3.00

Pre-Requisites: LAW 608

LAW 610 – Property I

This course examines the basic elements of the law of real and personal property. Topics include ownership and possession of property, gifts, the rights of bona fide purchasers, adverse possession, estates and future interests in real property, and co-ownership and concurrent interests.

Credits: 4.00

LAW 616 – Introduction to Interviewing, Negotiation, and Counseling

This course develops the practical lawyering skills of interviewing and counseling. Students will also be introduced to negotiation theory and practice. Grading is Credit/No Credit.

Credits: 2.00

Upper-Level Courses

LAW 617 – Constitutional Law II

This course covers issues in substantive and procedural due process and equal protection under the law. It also introduces issues related to personal rights, as embodied by the First Amendment.

Credits: 4.00

Pre-Requisites: LAW 614

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LAW 618 – First Amendment

This course examines speech and religion clauses of the First Amendment. It considers the philosophical and historical foundation of free expression; analytical problems in First Amendment jurisprudence; and the relationships between free exercise of religion and the separation of church and state.

Credits: 4.00

Pre-Requisites: LAW 614

LAW 620 - Lawyering Practice Seminar

This seminar focuses on learning from experiences, both in the Co-op and in later professional practice. Students will study the roles being played by lawyers and the institutions where lawyers work. They will discuss their fieldwork experiences, make formal class presentations, and listen to practicing attorneys. Enrollment is by permission only.

Credits: 2.00

Co-Requisites: LAW 621

LAW 621 – Co-op

Co-op is a two quarter field placement in a corporation, law firm, judicial office, public interest organization, or government agency. Students must attend a pre-placement orientation and will work 20-25 hours per week and satisfy or exceed the supervisor's expectations. Students enrolled in Co-op must enroll in LAW 620. Enrollment is by permission only. Grading is Credit/No Credit.

Credits: 7.00

Co-Requisites: LAW 620

LAW 623 – Law and Economics [W1]

This course examines the law through the economist's lens. We will see whether a cohesive economic theory can be applied to explain the law, and examine the efficiency of current legal provisions. Students will gain an understanding of the economic rationale-or lack thereof-that underlies the law.

Credits: 2.00

LAW 626 – Criminal Procedure: Prosecution and Adjudication

This course will study the basic rules of criminal procedure, beginning with the institution of formal proceedings. It will emphasize prosecutorial discretion, preliminary hearings, the grand jury, criminal discovery, guilty pleas and plea bargaining, jury selection, pretrial publicity, double jeopardy, the right to counsel, and pretrial release and sentencing.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 631 – Civil Litigation Remedies

This course will help students gain an understanding of the law and policies relating to equitable remedies (specific performance and injunctions), damages at common law (compensatory and punitive damages), and restitution.

Credits: 3.00

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LAW 636 – Payment Systems [S]

This course introduces the student to the law of negotiable instruments, primarily checks and promissory notes. The course focuses on Articles 3 (Negotiable Instruments) and 4 (Bank Deposits and Collections) of the Uniform Commercial Code.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 640 – Trusts and Estates

This course will survey the law of gratuitous transfers and inheritance. The class will cover the creation, execution, alteration and interpretation of wills as well as the creation, revocation and interpretation of trusts and trust instruments of various types.

Credits: 4.00

LAW 645 – Employment Discrimination [S]

This course studies the federal and state statutes and case law that prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, disability, and sexual orientation. Students taking LAW 645 may not also take LAW 646 (Employment Discrimination: Drafting Approach).

Credits: 4.00

LAW 660 – Administrative Law [S]

This course studies the law governing administrative agencies in the task of carrying out governmental programs; interrelations of legislative, executive and judicial agencies in development of public policy; decision-making processes and internal procedures of administrative agencies, and legislative, executive, and judicial controls on them.

Credits: 4.00

LAW 670 – Family Law

This course will examine the legal and policy issues relating to the family. Topics will include marriage, including barriers to marriage and the legal relationships between spouses; parents and children; divorce and its incidents, including child support and custody, and jurisdictional issues.

Credits: 4.00

LAW 680 – Education Law [S]

This course will cover constitutional and statutory law and policy issues relating to public schools, including rights of parents, teachers and students, school discipline, religion, speech, discrimination, and disability rights.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 701 – Health Law II: Regulating Cost and Access

This course examines the history of the American health care system and will consider the tensions between costs and access to care. Topics will include the federal Medicare and Medicaid systems, cost controls through health insurance and federal regulation, antitrust issues, ERISA, EMTALA, and other federal regulatory regimes.

Credits: 4.00

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LAW 704 – Food and Drug Law

This course considers the federal regulation of products subject to FDA jurisdiction, including food, human prescription and nonprescription drugs, animal feed and drugs, biologics and blood products, medical devices, and cosmetics. The course examines the public policy choices underlying the substantive law, FDA enforcement power, and agency practice and procedure.

Credits: 4.00

LAW 705 – Securities Regulation [S]

This course examines securities market regulation, including registration, exemption, and remedies under the Securities Act of 1933; reporting and accounting standards under the 1934 Act; the proxy system; and the regulation of broker-dealers, specialists, and self-regulatory organizations.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 706 – Mental Health Law [W1 option]

This course will focus on providing students with an understanding of some of the most important issues for which the mental health professions and behavioral science research can provide information that is relevant to courts and attorneys.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 711 – Health Care Fraud and Abuse [S]

This course examines the major federal and state legislation for providers who seek reimbursement under governmentally funded health care programs including the Medicare and Medicaid Anti-Kickback statute, the False Claims Act, and the Stark I and Stark II legislation and regulations.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 730 – Copyright [S]

This course surveys the law of copyright. Topics to be discussed include the subject matter of copyright; ownership and transfer of copyrights; the rights afforded to copyright owners; duration of copyright rights; infringement; and remedies. Related areas of law such as author's moral rights, unfair competition, and contractual protection of ideas may also be addressed.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 731 – Trademarks and Unfair Competition [S]

This course analyzes the law of unfair commercial practices. It covers trademarks, service marks, trade names, trade dress, infringement, interference with contractual relationships, appropriation of intellectual property created by another, defamation, disparagement, false advertising, unfair methods of competition, unfair or deceptive acts or practices, and remedies.

Credits: 3.00

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LAW 736 – Patent Litigation

This course provides an introduction to patent infringement litigation in the federal courts and will focus on the special aspects of patent litigation arising from its technical nature.

Credits: 2.00

Pre-Requisites: LAW 732

LAW 766 – Private Equity and Venture Capital Law [Sk] [W2]

This course examines the legal and financial aspects of venture capital and private equity transactions. Subjects include venture capital financing, leveraged buyout transactions, management equity incentive structures, and related tax topics. Students will also be introduced to the venture capital and private equity fund industry.

Credits: 3.00

Pre-Requisites: LAW 760

LAW 795 – Advanced Trial Advocacy: Civil

This course is a continuation of Introduction to Trial Advocacy and is an advanced civil trial skills class which also teaches students advanced evidentiary issues and case development skills. Students will perform exercises and develop case theories using mock civil cases. The course will culminate with a mock trial. Grading is Pass/Fail.

Credits: 2.00

Pre-Requisites: LAW 808

LAW 796 – Seminar: Reproductive Rights Law I [W1]

Reproductive rights have been a central and sometimes divisive topic in our country's recent history. This seminar will explore the legal regulation of human reproduction through caselaw and a variety of theoretical frameworks. It will consider constitutional, bioethical, moral, religious, and social issues around birth control, abortion, cloning, and embryonic selection. This course extends over two quarters. The second half of the class carries 1 credit, and is primarily designed to provide students an opportunity to complete the required research paper.

Credits: 2.00

LAW 797 (Section 001) – Conflict of Laws

The course focuses on cases involving multi-jurisdictional elements. Three primary areas are covered: choice of the law approaches; enforcement in a forum of judgments rendered in another state; and jurisdiction over an out-of-state party. Both relationships among American states and issues involving state and federal law are addressed.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 797 (Section 501/502) – Improvisation for Lawyers

In this intensive course, students will hone their legal performance skills by studying improvisational theater techniques. The course will involve extensive hands-on performance. This course will meet for only four weeks of the term.

Credits: 1.00

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LAW 798 - Appellate Litigation Clinic II [W2]

This clinic provides intensive training in appellate advocacy by involving students in cases before the state appellate and federal courts. Students provide research; draft briefs; engage in oral arguments; and assist in case selection, the development of substantive legal positions, and the creation of appellate strategy.

Credits: 5.00

Pre-Requisites: Appellate Litigation Clinic I & LAW 930

Co-Requisites: LAW 931 (if fulfilling W1)

LAW 798 (Section 002) – Enterprise Tax [S]

This course will survey the differing federal income tax treatments of the various forms of business and investment activities, including both corporations and partnerships.

Credits: 4.00

Pre-Requisites: LAW 650

LAW 799 (Section 001) – Seminar: The Economic Crisis II [W1]

This is a continuation of The Economic Crisis I, offered in Fall 2009. The second half of the class carries 1 credit, and is primarily designed to provide students an opportunity to complete the required research paper.

Credits: 1.00

Pre-Requisites: The Economic Crisis I

LAW 799 (Section 002) – Seminar: Housing and Urban Development Law II [W1]

This is a continuation of Housing and Urban Development Law I, offered in Fall 2009. This course extends over two quarters. The second half of the class carries 1 credit, and is primarily designed to provide students an opportunity to complete the required research paper.

Credits: 1.00

Pre-Requisites: Housing and Urban Development Law I

LAW 805 – Drafting Legal Documents [Sk] [W2]

This course focuses on the issues and principles of drafting transactional (non-litigation) documents, such as contracts, wills, and legislation. Students will complete a number of drafting assignments in and out of class. This course will include the use of form books with particular emphasis on customization of documents to a particular client's needs.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 806 – Litigation Drafting [Sk] [W2]

This course explores technical and strategic issues in the drafting of litigation documents such as complaints, answers, written discovery, motions, affidavits, discovery schedules, pretrial orders, jury instructions, releases, and correspondence. Students will complete a number of drafting assignments in and out of class.

Credits: 3.00

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LAW 807 – Appellate Advocacy [Sk] [W2]

This course provides students with advanced training in appellate advocacy, including the study of the rhetoric of persuasion, the preparation of appellate briefs and the effective oral advocacy, and will include an introduction to appellate procedure. This course is required for students serving on the moot court board.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 808 – Introduction to Trial Advocacy [Sk]

This course will develop students' trial skills based on strategic themes and theories. The student will conduct direct cross-examination of lay, party and expert witnesses, practice opening and closing statements, make objections, and introduce exhibits. The course will culminate with each student performing in a mock trial. Grading is Pass/Fail.

Credits: 3.00

Pre- or Co-Requisites: LAW 630; LAW 812 or LAW 806

LAW 810 – Mediation and Arbitration [Sk]

This course explores the theory, practice and law of mediation and arbitration, with an emphasis on the roles lawyers play in these processes. The course will include simulated mediations and arbitrations to foster a deeper understanding of the material and to develop lawyering skills in resolving disputes without litigation.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 812 – Pretrial Advocacy [Sk]

This course is designed for students with an interest in litigation and is a prerequisite to Introduction to Trial Advocacy. Students will learn the major steps in the pretrial litigation process including theory development, client interviewing, informal fact investigation, pleading, discovery, depositions, pretrial motions, jury selection, and the settlement process.

Credits: 2.00

LAW 821 – Advanced Co-Op

This course is for students who have already taken a two-quarter co-op and want to extend that placement by one quarter. Students must apply to their co-op professor with a written proposal for a specific project developed with, and approved by, their field supervisor. Grading is Credit/No Credit.

Credits: 3.00

Pre-Requisites: LAW 620 and LAW 621

LAW 823 – Criminal Litigation Field Clinic II

This clinical program places students in a criminal practice setting. Students will represent criminal defendants in all phases of pre-trial and trial activity.

Credits: 5.00

Pre-Requisites: LAW 930 and LAW 822

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LAW 826 – Civil Litigation Field Clinic II

This clinical program places students in a civil practice setting. Students will learn varied litigation skills in the context of direct representation of clients.

Credits: 5.00

Pre-Requisites: LAW 930 and LAW 825

LAW 829 – Public Health and Environmental Law Field Clinic II

This clinical program places students in a public interest practice setting. Students will be trained in varied advocacy, legal and technical skills working directly with clients. Students will learn to evaluate potential cases and work with community members to understand their desired outcome.

Credits: 5.00

Pre-Requisites: LAW 930 and LAW 828

LAW 901 – Seminar: Regulating Medical Errors [W1]

This seminar will look at the problem of medical errors in American health care, the emerging Patient Safety movement, and regulatory strategies for reducing errors and improving quality in hospitals, drug delivery systems, and physician office practices.

Credits: 2.00

LAW 910 – Seminar: Supreme Court [W2]

This seminar will introduce students to the history and function of the United States Supreme Court. Students will study several active cases, draft simulated Supreme Court opinions, and practice oral argument. Where possible, students will actually attend one day of Supreme Court argument.

Credits: 4.00

LAW 912 – Seminar: Regulation I [W1]

This seminar considers why we regulate and ways in which to make existing regulation more effective. Students review and critique the dominant economic regulation paradigm as well as other theories of regulation based on mortality and risk. It concludes with an investigation of the role of politics in regulation. This course extends over two quarters. The second half of the class carries 1 credit, and is primarily designed to provide students an opportunity to complete the required research paper.

Credits: 1.00

LAW 931 - Justice Lawyering Seminar II [W1]

This course, which is a co-requisite of the field clinics, is a critical look at law and social justice. In that context, students will develop individual research and writing projects inspired by their clinical experience.

Credits: 1.00

Pre-Requisites: LAW 930 and LAW 822 or LAW 825 or LAW 828

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LAW 950 – Representing the Regulated Client [Sk] [W2]

Using a practical approach, this course will cover the complex issues involved in representing clients who are subject to administrative regulation. Although it addresses issues relevant to a wide variety of regulated clients, it will have a particular focus on environmental regulation matters.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 951 – Health Policy Colloquium

This course will use case studies to examine regulatory choices in health care. The course will first examine the tools available to regulators in the U.S. health care system, from command and control regulation to market-enhancing devices such as the use of information to inform patients. The course will then consider regulatory strategies that a regulator might consider to handle several case studies: patient injury reduction in outpatient clinical/surgical settings; cost control of diagnostic imaging; in vitro fertilization and other reproduction enhancement developments; and malpractice tort reform, including insurance reform.

Credits: 2.00

LAW 952 (Section 001) – Seminar: E-Commerce [W1]

The advent of the Internet and the integration of electronic technologies into business has had an enormous impact on the way that commerce is carried out. This seminar will examine the legal challenges faced by businesses as they migrate to an electronic environment, and the extent to which the law must adapt to the changing landscape.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 952 (Section 002) – Trial Team

Enrollment by permission of the faculty supervisor(s) only. Grading is Credit/No Credit.

Credits: 2.00

LAW 953 – Comparative Constitutional Law

This course covers topics arising from the comparative study of constitutional systems. Focusing on constitutional structure and law in a variety of countries, the course will address comparative approaches to issues as judicial review, judicial appointment, separation of powers, federalism, and fundamental rights. The course will also explore fundamental, underlying questions about the nature of constitutions and constitutionalism, processes of constitution design, political constraints on constitutional rights and constitutional courts, and constitutional culture.

Note: Constitutional Law II is strongly recommended as a pre-requisite or co-requisite. Students who have not taken Constitutional Law II should speak to the instructor before registering for the course.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 954 (Section 001) – Employment Law

The purpose of this course is to help students gain a better understanding of the laws that govern the employment relationship, from hiring to firing. Students will review and discuss statutes and case law concerning restrictive covenants, Title VII, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, harassment, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Family and Medical Leave

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Act, and the Fair Labor Standards Act. Real life situations will be evaluated and students will work on a hypothetical case brought before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.
Credits: 3.00

LAW 954 (Section 002) – Animal Law

This course will encourage students to consider the philosophical and jurisprudential bases for the current status of animals in our legal system. The course will examine both the history of, and future trends regarding, that status. Students will read a diverse cross-section of legal theory and case law, which will explore the various moral, ethical, and public policy considerations that are implicated in the balance of the rights and needs of human beings and those of animals.

Credits: 2.00

LAW 990 – Law Review Staff

Enrollment by permission of the faculty supervisor(s) only. Grading is Credit/No Credit.

Credits: 2.00

LAW 995 – Moot Court Board

Enrollment by permission of the faculty supervisor(s) only. Grading is Credit/No Credit.

Credits: 2.00