Course Catalog

2018

Courses offered Fall 2015 – Spring 2018
Accounting and Finance for Lawyers

LAW 864

Prerequisites: Not more than three (3) hours of accounting since high school, without permission of instructor; all first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

This course is intended for students with little or no background in accounting. Topics include principles of basic bookkeeping, accounting theory, the creation, use and interpretation of financial statements, the purposes of independent audits, the liability of auditors and management for published financial statements, legal regulation of the practice of public accounting and the special role of the SEC in financial reporting. Finance topics include valuation principles and techniques, finance theory and valuation issues in litigation.

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

ACLU Externship

LAW 964

Prerequisites: 60 hours, including all first-year courses, Constitutional Law I and Constitutional Law II.

Students must be certified under the Kentucky Student Practice Rule.

Students will be assigned to legal matters under the supervision of an ACLU-KY attorney. The externship allows students to develop lawyering skills and knowledge related to all phases of effective civil rights litigation and advocacy which may include the investigation of potential civil rights violation and participation in all phases of litigation. Students may also be exposed to legal advocacy strategies related to proposed state legislation, lobbying related civil rights and liberties program efforts, freedom of information requests and other forms of investigation. Students may have the opportunity to represent the ACLU in litigation matters.

Credit Hours: Two hours. Pass-fail grading.
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Administrative Law

LAW 862

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Study of the administrative process, including an examination of the law concerning the powers and procedures of administrative agencies and the law governing judicial review of administrative action.

Credit Hours: Two or three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: Yes

Advanced Civil Procedure

LAW 857

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

Study of various issues arising in complex and federal civil litigation procedure, including multiparty litigation, choice of law, extraterritorial application of law, application of state law in federal litigation, appeals, former adjudication, and full faith and credit.

Credit Hours: Three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: Yes

Advanced Legal Research

LAW 987

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

An in-depth study of methodologies and materials to be used in resolving complex legal problems. Coverage will include advanced computerized legal research in legal and non-legal databases as well as specific legal topics, which may include tax, bankruptcy, administrative or international law.

May be offered as a seminar.
### Advanced Trial Practice
**LAW 850**

**Prerequisites:** All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs; Trial Practice.

A trial practice course involving sophisticated problems designed to develop a high level of litigation skill. Topics that may be covered include: discovery in complex litigation, tactics in multi-party litigation, trials in specialized areas, expert witnesses and specialized types of evidence. A final trial is required with each student working individually rather than on a team. Enrollment is limited.

**Credit Hours:** Two or three hours  
**Course Type:** Upper-Class  
**Required:** No  
**Core Course:** No

### Bankruptcy Law
**LAW 835**

**Prerequisites:** All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. Secured Transactions is strongly suggested.

Study of problems arising under the federal Bankruptcy Code; includes preferences, fraudulent conveyances, proof and allowance of claims, composition, and discharge.

**Credit Hours:** Three hours  
**Course Type:** Upper-Class  
**Required:** No  
**Core Course:** No

### Antitrust Law
**LAW 915**

**Prerequisites:** All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Study of federal legislation and decisions thereunder, designed to protect competition; includes consideration of economic policy.

**Credit Hours:** Three hours  
**Course Type:** Upper-Class  
**Required:** No  
**Core Course:** No

### Bill of Rights Teaching Practicum
**LAW 866**

**Prerequisites:** All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs; Constitutional Law I and Constitutional Law II.

Students are assigned to teach in a local high school a semester (2 credits) or a half-semester (1 credit) long program. The course includes a mandatory classroom component in which students will be trained in both the substantive material to be taught and in principles of pedagogy to prepare them to deal with classroom situations once they begin their teaching assignment. The curriculum focuses on constitutional issues of particular interest to young people, and is designed to raise awareness of the Bill of Rights. The half-semester, one-credit option will be offered only on an as-available basis, and with the consent of the instructor. Enrollment may be limited, and students must be approved by the supervising law faculty member.

Official course name: "We the People" Bill of Rights Teaching Practicum.

**Credit Hours:** One or two hours. Credit hours awarded upon completion of the course in the spring semester. Pass-fail grading upon completion of all credit hours (0 credit hours CR grading at the end of the first semester).  
**Course Type:** Upper-Class

### Arbitration Practice and Procedure
**LAW 908**

**Prerequisites:** All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

An analysis of law applicable to labor arbitration, including participation in a mock arbitration proceeding as an advocate and arbitrator.

May be offered as a seminar.
Business Organizations
LAW 828

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Introduction to legal and ethical rules governing doing business in the corporate form; includes attention to a corporation's formation, financing, structure, and government; liabilities of corporate officers and directors, and share-holder derivative suits; transactions in corporate securities; changes in corporate structure and control; and special needs of close corporations.

Credit Hours: Four hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Civil Rights and Liberties
LAW 927

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

An examination of both constitutional and statutory materials dealing with selected civil rights and liberties.

Credit Hours: Two or three hours; may be offered as a seminar.
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Clinic I
LAW 965

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs; Evidence, Professional Responsibility (may take concurrently). Permission of Clinic Director.

Students must be certified under the Kentucky Student Practice Rule.

Structured educational experience in which students represent real clients who are victims of domestic violence, have eviction cases, or have other legal needs as determined by the Clinic Director. Students will gain and apply practical lawyering skills. This course requires 16 hours per week in clinic work, and has a classroom component. Students must apply to the Clinic Director to participate.

Credit Hours: One to four hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Civil Procedure
LAW 815

Prerequisites: None.

Introduction to the law of procedure, including personal jurisdiction, venue, pleading, process, discovery, motion practice, summary adjudication and dispositive motions, right to a jury trial, trials, as well as a brief overview of federal subject-matter jurisdiction.
Clinic II
LAW 966

Prerequisites: Clinic I and all first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. Permission of Clinic Director.

Students must be certified under the Kentucky Student Practice Rule.

A continuation of Clinic I, involving structured and supervised legal representation of real clients begun in Clinic I. This course requires 8 hours per week in clinic work. Students must apply to the Clinic Director to participate.

Credit Hours: Two hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Comparative Constitutional Law
LAW 824

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. Constitutional Law I is recommended.

A comparison of various aspects of the United States Constitution with the constitutions of one or more other nations. The course will cover issues such as the status of a constitution as enforceable law, the structure and nature of government, federalism, separation of powers and the roles of various branches of government, and individual rights. The course may deal with constitutional issues generally by sampling a wide range of constitutions, or focus extensively on the constitutions of one or two other nations.

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two or three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Constitutional Law I
LAW 819

Prerequisites: None.

Study of the key aspects of the Supreme Court’s interpretation of the structure of government in the United States, as defined in the U.S. Constitution and as interpreted, including the distribution of powers between the state and federal governments and, within the federal government, among its legislative, executive, and judicial branches. Study of the key aspects of the Supreme Court’s interpretation of the First Amendment, including free speech and religion.

Credit Hours: Four hours
Course Type: First-Year beginning Spring of 2016; Upper-Class before Spring 2016
Required: Yes
Core Course: No

Constitutional Law II
LAW 820

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Study of the key aspects of the Supreme Court’s interpretation of individual rights, emphasizing due process and equal protection, as defined in the U.S. Constitution and as interpreted.

Credit Hours: Two hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: Yes
Core Course: No

Contemporary Problems in International Law
LAW 889

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

In-depth study of current trends and changing areas in international law.

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: One to three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No
Contracts I
LAW 804

Prerequisites: None.

Introduction to contract and related theories of obligation. This course will focus on common law principles as well as Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

Credit Hours: Three hours
Course Type: First-Year
Required: Yes
Core Course: No

Contracts II
LAW 805

Prerequisites: All first-year two-semester courses must be completed in sequence except for extraordinary circumstances approved by the Associate Dean for Student Life.

Introduction to contract and related theories of obligation. This course will focus on common law contract principles as well as Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

Credit Hours: Two hours
Course Type: First-Year
Required Course: Yes
Core Course: No

Copyright Law
LAW 970

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

A course on the fundamentals of copyright law, covering such topics of its constitutional, statutory and common law origins in the context of literary, artistic, musical and related properties. Covers copyrightable materials, the present copyright protection, its relation to Unfair Competition, and various legal problems caused by the distribution of copyrighted materials, "fair use" and technological advancements and innovations.

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two or three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Criminal Justice Externship I
LAW 951

Prerequisites: All first-year courses. Permission of faculty member.

For some externships, students must be certified under the Kentucky Student Practice Rule.

Students in this externship may be assigned to one of the following agencies: Public Defender, Jefferson County Attorney, Commonwealth Attorney, or U.S. Attorney. Students are assigned to cases coming into those offices and prepare and try them under the supervision of an attorney in the agency and a member of the Brandeis School of Law faculty.

Credit Hours: Two to four credits. Pass-fail grading.
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

(Check that externships may have additional prerequisites. Check with the faculty member in charge.)

Criminal Justice Externship II
LAW 952

Prerequisites: All first-year courses, Criminal Justice Externship I is NOT a prerequisite for Criminal Justice Externship II. Permission of faculty member.

For some externships students must be certified under the Kentucky Student Practice Rule.

Students in this externship may be assigned to one of the following agencies: Public Defender, Jefferson County Attorney, Commonwealth Attorney, or U.S. Attorney. Students are assigned to cases coming into those offices and prepare and try them under the supervision of an attorney in the agency and a member of the Brandeis School of Law faculty.

Credit Hours: Two to four hours. Pass-fail grading.
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

(Note that externships may have additional prerequisites. Check with the faculty member in charge.)
Criminal Law

LAW 810

**Prerequisites:** None.

Introduction to the substantive law of crimes; includes offenses against the person, habitation and occupancy, and property, and other offenses; also questions of responsibility, defenses, and imputability.

**Credit Hours:** Three hours  
**Course Type:** First-Year  
**Required:** Yes  
**Core Course:** No

Criminal Procedure: Constitutional Issues

LAW 821

**Prerequisites:** All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Survey of the law of search and seizure, confessions and right to counsel.

**Credit Hours:** Three hours  
**Course Type:** Upper-Class  
**Required:** No  
**Core Course:** Yes

Criminal Procedure: Judicial Process

LAW 822

**Prerequisites:** All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. Criminal Procedure I is not a prerequisite.

Study of procedures in criminal cases in the pre-trial, trial, and post-trial stages; includes bail, grand jury, preliminary hearing, joinder and severance, speedy trial, pretrial publicity, juries, double jeopardy, discovery, habeas corpus, and appeals.

**Credit Hours:** Three hours  
**Course Type:** Upper-Class  
**Required:** No  
**Core Course:** Yes

Decedents' Estates and Trusts

LAW 853

**Prerequisites:** All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Study of wills, trusts, and future interests; includes pertinent common and statutory laws and considerations relevant to planning and drafting testamentary and trust documents and to the probate and contests of wills.

**Credit Hours:** Four hours  
**Course Type:** Upper-Class  
**Required:** No  
**Core Course:** Yes

Disability Law

LAW 978

**Prerequisites:** All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

An examination of the range of the law's treatment of individuals with disabilities. The course will address discrimination law issues (focusing primarily on the provisions and interpretations of the Americans with Disabilities Act); public and private benefits issues (including Social Security, the Family and Medical Leave Act, and employer-sponsored disability plans); and some criminal law issues (including transmission of communicable diseases and the treatment of mental and emotional disabilities in prosecutions).

May be offered as a seminar.

**Credit Hours:** Two or three hours  
**Course Type:** Upper-Class  
**Required:** No  
**Core Course:** No
Dispute Resolution
LAW 892

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

A comparative analysis of various dispute resolution methods, including litigation, negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and administrative processes. Taught through lecture, discussion and simulation.

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two or three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Domestic Violence
LAW 842

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

A study of the history, causes and effects, and treatment of domestic violence, and the responses of the legal system: tort suits, civil and criminal actions, roles of the courts and police. Violence between domestic partners will be examined cross-culturally and attention will be given to its effects upon children.

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two or three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Drafting
LAW 986

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

This course will provide a practical experience in drafting legal documents beyond that already acquired in other doctrinal courses. Students will learn general principles of good drafting and will draft a variety of legal documents. These documents may include some of the following: various litigation materials such as complaints, answers, interrogatories and jury instructions; wills and related documents; basic contracts; statutes; and administrative regulations.

A student may not take this course if he or she has received credit for or is enrolled in the Transactional Drafting Seminar or another offering of Drafting.

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two or three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Elder Law
LAW 923

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

An examination of the extent to which the legal system has been responsive to the needs of the elderly, including the study of problems of employment, mandatory retirement, social security, health care, housing, nursing homes, financial planning, protective services, and the right to die. May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two or three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Employment Discrimination
LAW 914

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

General problems from the standpoint of the practitioner in employment discrimination, including in-depth study of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, administrative and judicial practice remedies for discrimination and affirmative action.

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two or three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No
Employment Law  
LAW 912  

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Examines the foundations of employment law and the evolution of modern employment law; the employment relationship (hiring, discrimination); terms and conditions of employment (wages and hours, benefits, conditions of employment; safety and health, disability and illness); termination of employment (discharge, leaving a job, unemployment, retirement).

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two or three hours  
Course Type: Upper-Class  
Required: No  
Core Course: No

Energy Law  
LAW 841  

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Examination of legal problems related to utilization of coal, shale, nuclear, and solar energy sources; includes background of the energy crisis, identification of legal areas most relevant to energy development, and contributions of the law of energy planning.

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two to three hours  
Course Type: Upper-Class  
Required: No  
Core Course: No

Entrepreneurship 402  
LAW 963  

Prerequisites: Registration for this class is by prior approval of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and the law school faculty advisor. All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

This course provides knowledge, skills and awareness regarding the process of entrepreneurial endeavors. Emphasis on business plan competition and the fundamental knowledge areas: search and discovery, market research, new venture teams and strategy, networking, issue selling and negotiating that are generally expected of an entrepreneur/intrapreneur and/or small business owner. Legal issues to be covered include intellectual property, formation of legal entities, legal issues related to employees, and contracting issues including non-compete agreements, employment contracts, non-disclosure agreements, and letters of intent. Law Students seeking credit for the course must earn a grade of “C” or better from the course instructor, and satisfactorily complete additional work as specified by the law school faculty advisor for the course.

Credit Hours: Three  
Course Type: Upper-Class  
Required: No  
Core Course: No

Entrepreneurship Clinic  
LAW 958  

Prerequisites: Students must apply to the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and the professor teaching the course to participate. All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Students must be certified under the Kentucky Student Practice Rule.

Structured educational experience in which law students represent students enrolled in the Entrepreneurship MBA program at the University of Louisville College of Business who are participating in internal, national or international business plan competitions, or have other legal needs as determined by the Clinic Director.

Students will gain and apply practical lawyering skills in the field of business law. In addition, students may have the opportunity to travel with the teams (travel will be paid by the College of Business). There is a classroom clinic component to the Entrepreneurship clinic.

Credit Hours: Three hours  
Course Type: Upper-Class  
Required: No  
Core Course: No

Entrepreneurship Law and Practice  
LAW 829  

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs; Business Organizations.
Examination of selected problems in corporation law. Provides students an opportunity to conduct scholarly research and writing in the field of corporation law, focusing on issues such as insider trading, "Fraud on the Market" doctrine, banks as underwriters, Euroequity distributions, and dispute arbitration in securities transactions.  

May be offered as a seminar.  

**Credit Hours:** Two or three hours  
**Course Type:** Upper-Class  
**Required:** No  
**Core Course:** No

### Environmental Law  
**LAW 931**

**Prerequisites:** All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

This course provides a broad overview of the principles and structure of legal protections for the natural and human environment, and then focuses on specific environmental statutory and regulatory systems. While students will get some basic exposure to the system of environmental protection in the U.S., the scope of environmental law is too broad to cover all the major statutes and doctrines. Topics covered in any particular offering of this course may include endangered species and wildlife, waters and watersheds, water quality and pollution, wetlands, forests, grassland ecosystems, environmental impact analysis, air pollution, hazardous and toxic substances, waste management, risk assessment, and environmental justice.

May be offered as a seminar.  

**Credit Hours:** Two or three hours  
**Course Type:** Upper-Class  
**Required:** No  
**Core Course:** No

### Estate and Gift Taxation  
**LAW 869**

**Prerequisites:** All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. Federal Taxation of Individuals is not a prerequisite.

Study of law concerning federal estate and gift taxes, including determination of net gifts subject to tax, gross estate, permissible deductions, exemptions and credits, and impact of estate and gift taxes on estate planning.  

**Credit Hours:** Two hours  
**Course Type:** Upper-Class  
**Required:** No  
**Core Course:** Yes

### Estate Planning  
**LAW 870**

**Prerequisites:** All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs; Estate and Gift Taxation or Federal Income Tax of Individuals.

Consideration of methods for transferring property during lifetime or at death, with emphasis on tax features.  

May be offered as a seminar.  

**Credit Hours:** Two hours  
**Course Type:** Upper-Class  
**Required:** No  
**Core Course:** No

### European Union Law  
**LAW 885**

**Prerequisites:** All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Focuses on the evolution of supra-national rules in the European Union, including the EU influence on the regulation policies of non-EU countries.  

May be offered as a seminar.  

**Credit Hours:** Two or three hours  
**Course Type:** Upper-Class  
**Required:** No  
**Core Course:** No
Evidence
LAW 823

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Study of rules governing proof of alleged facts and admission of evidence in civil and criminal cases; includes treatment of presumptions, judicial notice, admissions, relevance, hearsay, opinions, real evidence and the best-evidence rule.

Credit Hours: Four hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: Yes

Extramural Advocacy Competitions
LAW 934

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Students participate in extramural advocacy competitions that the faculty has approved as means for earning academic credit. Such competitions require that competitors apply and demonstrate specific professional legal skills, such as written and oral advocacy at appellate or trial levels, arbitration, negotiations, or client interviewing and counseling. So much as competition rules permit, students must perform under substantial, continuous supervision and instruction by an advisor, a full-time law faculty member who shall evaluate each student's written and oral performance, and determine the number of credits each student has earned. Each competition must consist of a rigorous educational experience under the guidance and support of a qualified coach and/or faculty advisor which places emphasis on the development of professional legal skills. In order to receive academic credit for Moot Court competitions, preparation must consist of an adequate number of meetings and preparation sessions and regular communication with the team coach and/or faculty advisor. The coach and/or faculty advisor must provide the competitors with training in the skills that are the subject of the competition, multiple opportunities to practice those skills, and detailed, in-depth feedback. Students may earn up to two hours credit for participation in an extramural advocacy competition. Students who participate in more than one competition may earn up to six hours credit. In no case may the total number of hours earned in internships and extramural advocacy competitions exceed eight. A first-year student is ineligible to participate but can try out for a team if the competition will occur in the student’s second year.

Credit Hours: One or two hours. Pass-fail grading.
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Family Law
LAW 826

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

This course examines how the law defines and regulates the formation, operation and dissolution of families, including marital and non-marital relationships; parentage; the economic consequences of relationship dissolutions; child custody and visitation; and abuse and neglect.

Credit Hours: Three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: Yes

Federal Income Taxation of Individuals
LAW 865

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Introduction to federal income taxation. It includes an examination of the legitimate purpose of taxation; items included in and excluded from gross income; personal and business deductions; depreciation; capital gains, inventory problems, non-recognition and recapture provisions; and basic methods of accounting.

Credit Hours: Four hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: Yes
**First Amendment Law**

**LAW 939**

**Prerequisites:** All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs; Constitutional Law II.

A detailed study of the basic problems presented by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The study will include a review of the religion, speech and assembly clauses as well as specific current issues.

May be offered as a seminar.

**Credit Hours:** Two hours  
**Course Type:** Upper-Class  
**Required:** No  
**Core Course:** No

**Genetics and the Law**

**LAW 959**

**Prerequisites:** All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

This course examines the new developments in genetics that are taking place as a result of the Human Genome Project, the large scale effort to map and sequence all of the human genes. This course explores the many legal issues in genetics, including reproduction, access to healthcare, discrimination, forensics and gene therapy.

May be offered as a seminar.

**Credit Hours:** Two or three hours  
**Course Type:** Upper-Class  
**Required:** No  
**Core Course:** No

**Immigration Law**

**LAW 992**

**Prerequisites:** All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

An examination of the sources and limits of federal authority over immigration, as well as the govern-mental processes addressing admission, deportation, temporary and permanent residency, citizenship and asylum.

May be offered as a seminar.

**Credit Hours:** Two or three hours  
**Course Type:** Upper-Class  
**Required:** No  
**Core Course:** No

**Immigration Law Externship**

**LAW 961**

**Prerequisites:** First-year courses. Immigration Law is strongly advised, but not required. Permission of faculty member.

Students must be certified under the Kentucky Student Practice Rule.

Students will be assigned to cases under the supervision of a practicing immigration law attorney and a member of the Brandeis School of Law faculty. Students will participate in immigration matters relating to refugees such as lawful permanent resident petitions, citizenship petitions, and applications for employment authorization, as well as immigration matters for other noncitizens including all aspects of deportation defense and applications for asylum. Students may have the opportunity to represent clients before an immigration adjudication officer or before an immigration judge.

**Credit Hours:** Two hours. Pass-fail grading.  
**Course Type:** Upper-Class  
**Required:** No  
**Core Course:** No

(Note that externships may have additional prerequisites. Check with the faculty member in charge.)
Independent Study
LAW 933

Prerequisites: See rules in Student Handbook.

Supervised research and preparation of a publishable written work. Open only to students with the permission of the Associate Dean and the instructor. In seeking the permission of the Associate Dean the student must provide a detailed outline of the proposed research project with a schedule of projected deadlines and a projection of the length of the paper; the faculty member who will supervise the project must approve the outline.

Credit Hours: One or two hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

(Independent Studies cannot satisfy the Writing Requirement.)

In-House Counsel Externship I
LAW 982

Prerequisites: All first-year courses. Permission of faculty member.

Places students under the supervision of attorneys providing legal services within various business organizations, including both for-profit and non-profit entities. Experiences will vary, but students will observe and assist attorneys working in business organizations, develop a variety of lawyering skills and strategies, and learn specialty areas of substantive law. Descriptions of experiences at particular placements are available from the law faculty supervisor, Externship placements may vary from semester to semester.

Credit Hours: One to four hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

(Note that externships may have additional prerequisites. Check with the faculty member in charge.)

Insurance
LAW 825

Prerequisites: All first-year courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Application of contract rules to insurance contracts; involves study of insurable interests, formation of the contract, concealment, representations and warranties, waiver and estoppel, rights under the contract, and its construction.

Credit Hours: Three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No
Intellectual Property and Competition

LAW 928

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

A study of the law of unfair competition, false advertising, misappropriation, interference with business relationships, trade secrets and similar rights, plus an overview of patent, copyright, and trademark law. (This course was formerly titled Legal Regulation of Competition.)

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two or three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

International Law

LAW 886

Prerequisite: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Study of the international legal system; with emphasis on the principles of international law and activities of the United Nations and other international organizations encountered by the practicing lawyer.

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two or three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Intellectual Property Law

LAW 967

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. Students who have taken International Intellectual Property Law (Law 897) may only take this course with the consent of the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and the Instructor.

An overview of the law of patent, copyright, and trademark law, and trade secret together with a brief discussion of patent law. The course will also include a discussion of the relationship between federal and state-based intellectual property law. The primary focus will be United States law.

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two or three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Introduction to Health Law

LAW 946

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

This course provides an introduction to many fundamental health law issues such as those relating to access to and the quality of health care; private and public financing systems; antitrust in the healthcare field; privacy; and long-term care. The content of the course may vary from year to year, depending on which more specialized courses may be available to students. It is recommended that students with special interest in health law take this course as a pre- or co-requisite to more specialized health law courses.

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two or three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

International Business Transactions

LAW 887

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Investigation of problems which arise from doing business abroad.
### Journal Editorial
**LAW 937**

**Prerequisites:** First-year courses stipulated by the journal's bylaws. Selection by journal editorial board.

Credit Hours: One to three hours, with a maximum of three credit hours. Pass-fail grading. To be awarded academic credit, the student’s work must be sufficient quality to merit a grade of “C” or better, as certified by the student’s faculty advisor for the course.

**Course Type:** Upper-Class  
**Required:** No  
**Core Course:** No

### Journal Editor-In-Chief
**LAW 938**

**Prerequisites:** First-year courses stipulated by the journal's bylaws. Selection by journal editorial board.

Credit Hours: One hour. Pass-fail grading. To be awarded academic credit, the student’s work must be sufficient quality to merit a grade of “C” or better, as certified by the student’s faculty advisor for the course.

**Course Type:** Upper-Class  
**Required:** No  
**Core Course:** No

### Journal Membership
**LAW 935**

**Prerequisites:** First-year courses stipulated by the journal’s bylaws. Selection by journal editorial board.

Credit Hours: One to two hours. Pass-fail grading. To be awarded academic credit, the student’s work must be sufficient quality to merit a grade of “C” or better, as certified by the student’s faculty advisor for the course.

**Course Type:** Upper-Class  
**Required:** No  
**Core Course:** No

### Journal Publication
**LAW 936**

**Prerequisites:** First-year courses stipulated by the journal's bylaws. Selection by journal editorial board.

Credit Hours: One hour. Pass-fail grading. To be awarded academic credit, the student’s work must be sufficient quality to merit a grade of “C” or better, as certified by the student’s faculty advisor for the course.

**Course Type:** Upper-Class  
**Required:** No  
**Core Course:** No

### Journal Senior Editor
**LAW 940**

**Prerequisites:** First-year courses stipulated by the journal's bylaws. Selection by journal editorial board.

Credit Hours: One hour. Pass-fail grading. To be awarded academic credit, the student’s work must be sufficient quality to merit a grade of “C” or better, as certified by the student’s faculty advisor for the course.

**Course Type:** Upper-Class  
**Required:** No  
**Core Course:** No

### Judicial Externship
**LAW 948**

**Prerequisites:** All first-year courses. Permission of faculty member.

Selected students will be afforded an opportunity to observe the legal system from the perspective of the judge.

**Credit Hours:** Two hours. Pass-fail grading.  
**Course Type:** Upper-Class  
**Required:** No  
**Core Course:** No

(Note that externships may have additional prerequisites. Check with the faculty member in charge.)
Jurisprudence
LAW 926

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Inquiry about the nature of law and its relation to moral principles and to social facts and institutions; examines different ways of thinking about law (natural law, legal positivism, and legal realism) and how they affect how judges and lawyers think about what they do.

Credit Hours: Three hours.
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Juvenile Justice
LAW 845

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

A study of the juvenile and the legal system, including such topics as the history of the juvenile court system, rights of children, emancipation, abused and neglected and dependent children, commitment of children, parental care, and the juvenile and the criminal justice system.

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Kentucky Innocence Project Externship I
LAW 900

Prerequisites: All first-year courses. Permission of faculty member.

Students are required to enroll in the externship for consecutive fall and spring semesters.

This course teaches students the fundamental components for effective criminal defense investigative practice. The KIP student will have the opportunity to employ newly-acquired investigative skills and knowledge offered in the classroom setting to cases containing exculpatory evidence, possibly leading to attempts to overturn wrongful convictions. Lawyering skills emphasized include investigation, counseling, record keeping, and interviewing witnesses and experts. Students work under the supervision of an attorney with the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy.

Credit Hours: Two hours. Pass-fail grading.
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

(Note that externships may have additional prerequisites. Check with the faculty member in charge.)

Kentucky Innocence Project Externship II
LAW 901

Prerequisites: All first-year courses and Law 900 (Kentucky Innocence Project Externship I). Permission of faculty member.

Students are required to enroll in the externship for consecutive fall and spring semesters.

This course teaches students the fundamental components for effective criminal defense investigative practice. The KIP student will have the opportunity to employ newly-acquired investigative skills and knowledge offered in the classroom setting to cases containing exculpatory evidence, possibly leading to attempts to overturn wrongful convictions. Lawyering skills emphasized include investigation, counseling, record keeping, and interviewing witnesses and experts. Students work under the supervision of an attorney with the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy.

Credit Hours: Two hours. Pass-fail grading.
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

(Note that externships may have additional prerequisites. Check with the faculty member in charge.)
Labor Law

LAW 910

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Introduction to the law of collective bargaining and relations of unions with members; nonmembers, employers, and the public.

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two or three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Land and Ecosystem Conservation

LAW 903

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

A study of issues and methods concerning the conservation of ecosystems (e.g., forests, watersheds, prairies), environmentally sensitive lands (e.g., wetlands, coastal lands), and cultural landscapes (e.g., farmland, historic areas, national parks). Issues of sustainability will receive particular attention.

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two or three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Law and Economic Analysis

LAW 921

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Examines the uses and limitations of economic analysis in addressing legal problems. Specific topics include voluntary exchanges and their alternatives, private rights and wrongs, coping with uncertainty, competitive markets, the role of the government, public policy and distributive justice.

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two or three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Law and Education

LAW 898

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

A survey of the various state, federal and constitutional laws that have an impact on public and private education. Student discipline, teacher employment and discharge, curriculum, education of the disabled, student rights, free speech and press, and other legal issues which inhere in American educational processes at the elementary, secondary and college levels are examined.

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two or three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Land Use and Planning Law

LAW 904

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

This course examines legal issues related to planning and land use activities in the U.S. Students will study various legal and regulatory tools, including ordinances, state and federal legislation, and judicial decisions. Considerable attention will be given to planning perspectives on legal problems, as well as legal perspectives on planning problems, and thus has an interdisciplinary focus. This class may be composed of both law students and graduate planning students, and the course may be cross-listed with UPA 678 and/or PLAN 605. The course may be offered as a research seminar that would satisfy the writing requirement.

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two or three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No
**Law and Literature**

**LAW 985**

**Prerequisites:** All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

A study of the legal system and legal concepts by using works of literature. The purpose of the course is to encourage students to discuss and debate problems that challenge our legal system, e.g., spouse abuse, abuse of power, corporate responsibility, equal access, etc., by using nontraditional materials by writers such as Hurston, Dickens, Melville, Faulkner, and Ellison.

May be offered as a seminar.

**Credit Hours:** Two or three hours

**Course Type:** Upper-Class

**Required:** No

**Core Course:** No

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**Legal Aid Externship I**

**LAW 949**

**Prerequisites:** 60 hours, including first year curriculum.

Study and practice in lawyering skills; includes interviewing, investigation, counseling, negotiation, and courtroom behavior, with the goal of developing a model of lawyer decision-making. Students may have actual clients and represent them in court.

**Credit Hours:** Two to four hours. Pass-Fail.

**Course Type:** Upper-Class

**Required:** No

**Core Course:** No

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**Legal Aid Externship II**

**LAW 950**

**Prerequisites:** 60 hours, including first year curriculum

Study and practice in lawyering skills; includes interviewing, investigation, counseling, negotiation, and courtroom behavior, with the goal of developing a model of lawyer decision-making. Students may have actual clients and represent them in court.

**Credit Hours:** Two to four hours. Pass-Fail.

**Course Type:** Upper-Class

**Required:** No

**Core Course:** No

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**Legal History**

**LAW 838**

**Prerequisites:** All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Study of the origins and development of English law, its reception in the American colonies, and the development of law and legal institutions in the United States.

May be offered as a seminar.

**Credit Hours:** Two or three hours

**Course Type:** Upper-Class

**Required:** No

**Core Course:** No

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**Lawyering Skills I**

**LAW 811**

**Prerequisites:** None.

First-year legal writing course. Includes practical training and supervised instruction in the study and use of legal materials, legal research, preparation of legal documents, oral advocacy and other basic skills.

**Credit Hours:** Three hours

**Course Type:** First-Year

**Required:** Yes

**Core Course:** No

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**Lawyering Skills II**

**LAW 812**

**Prerequisites:** All first-year two-semester courses must be completed in sequence except for extraordinary circumstances approved by the Associate Dean for Student Life.

First-year legal writing course. Includes practical training and supervised instruction in the study and use of legal materials, legal research, preparation of legal documents, oral advocacy and other basic skills.

**Credit Hours:** Two hours

**Course Type:** First-Year

**Required:** Yes

**Core Course:** No
Legal History: Selected Problems

LAW 852

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

This course will involve an in-depth analysis of one or more selected major historical questions in the field and literature of legal history, using primary sources and major scholarly works in the field. Topics could include a focused study of selected major themes in legal history, a survey of the legal culture of a nation, state or region, or an examination of the history of a legal institution or area of law. Students may take both Legal History and Legal History: Selected Problems.

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two or three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Legal Problems of the Poor

LAW 922

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

A survey of the policies, laws and case decisions addressing the obstacles that people in poverty face in the United States. Poverty provides a framework to study the rights of the individual, the obligations of the state, and society’s values as reflected by welfare policies adopted over the decades. Particular areas of focus will include the ability of the poor to access the courts, the effectiveness of anti-poverty programs, and the legal implications when welfare policies attempt to shape behavior. Students learn to analyze the constitutionality of legislation, rules or state action which may limit a poor person’s ability to access to benefits. The course examines the substantive law of voting rights, domestic relations, access to the courts, public benefits, and healthcare.

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two or three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Legislation

LAW 919

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Study of the legislation process, including legislative apportionment and organization, investigations, lobbying controls, legislators privileges and immunities, state constitutional limitations on legislative action, and statutory construction.

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two or three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Mediation

LAW 891

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

This course introduces students to the theory and practice of mediation. Students learn about the mediation process primarily by experiencing it in role-play and hands-on exercises. Students will learn and gain understanding of the nature of conflict and principles of conflict management; develop the communication skills essential to effective mediation; evaluate various mediation models and mediator styles; consider the policy and ethical implications of the expanding use of mediation; and develop the skills necessary to represent clients in mediation. May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two or three hours; may be offered as a seminar.
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No
Medicine, Bioethics and the Law

LAW 980

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

This course will consider such topical issues as termination of life-support systems, abortion, contraception, genetic screening, disposition of incurably damaged infants, Do Not Resuscitate orders, living wills, human research and experimentation, organ donation and distribution, definitions of life and death, and duty to provide medical treatment to the poor.

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two or three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: Yes

Mergers and Acquisitions

LAW 969

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs; Business Organizations.

A study of the substance, form and mechanics of corporate combination transactions. This course explores issues that may arise under federal securities laws and state corporate laws in connection with corporate mergers, takeovers and defensive tactics, including the duties such laws impose on corporate directors. This course takes students from the planning and choosing of particular forms of combinations and into substantive areas, including but not limited to the application of the Williams Act.

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two or three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Negotiable Instruments

LAW 832

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Study of problems arising from issuance of and payment for goods or services by negotiable instruments such as checks, drafts, and notes; explores rights and liabilities of parties handling negotiable instruments and process by which commercial banks collect and pay checks.

Credit Hours: Three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Negotiations

LAW 893

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Gives students actual experience in a variety of negotiation settings, as well as discussion and analysis of the theory and practice of negotiation. The student will be required to participate in a minimum of five negotiations. Grading will be based on a final examination or written exercises, and on student performance in simulated negotiations.

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two or three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Patent Law

LAW 917

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Introduction to the substantive and procedural law of patents.

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two or three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No
Poverty, Health and The Law

LAW 944

**Prerequisites:** All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

A study of legal solutions to the health disparities of poor and vulnerable populations through an interdisciplinary, problem solving approach. Students will learn the basic substantive law regarding safe and affordable housing, family violence and child safety, special education and other disability rights, immigration, public health law, and public benefits. If designated as a Skills course, students will learn (a) the skills of client interviewing, negotiation, and other problem solving; (b) confidentiality and privacy in the context of health issues as they relate to legal matters; and (c) to work in an interdisciplinary setting with professionals from medicine, nursing, social work, education, public health, and government benefit programs.

May be offered as a seminar.

**Credit Hours:** Two or three hours

**Course Type:** Upper-Class

**Required:** No

**Core Course:** No

Products Liability

LAW 860

**Prerequisites:** All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Study of the law, rights, and remedies associated with injuries caused by defective products; includes strict liability, negligence, warranty, and important statutory controls.

May be offered as a seminar.

**Credit Hours:** Two or three hours

**Course Type:** Upper-Class

**Required:** No

**Core Course:** No

Professional Responsibility

LAW 859

**Prerequisites:** All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

The course presents an overview of the law of lawyering, emphasizing the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct and the ABA Code of Judicial Conduct while also examining case law and other standards governing lawyers. Topics include confidentiality; conflicts; disqualification; the marketing of legal services; malpractice; unauthorized practice; lawyer compensation; the role of the advocate; the attorney-client relationship; the lawyer’s duty to the courts, third parties and the public; and law firm issues.

**Credit Hours:** Three hours

**Course Type:** Upper-Class

**Required:** Yes

**Core Course:** No

Property

LAW 814

**Prerequisites:** None

Study of the legal principles governing interests and rights in property, including the right to exclude, adverse possession, leaseholds, estates in land (present, concurrent, future), easements, covenants, nuisance, land use controls, takings, transfer of real property, and mortgages. Some foundational principles could be introduced through a study of other property topics, such as natural resources, housing, or intellectual property.

**Credit Hours:** Four hours

**Course Type:** First-Year

**Required:** Yes

**Core Course:** No

Psychiatry, Mental Health and the Law

LAW 947

**Prerequisites:** All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Explores a broad range of areas where psychiatry and the law intersect. Topics include the relationship of mental illness to criminal responsibility and competence to enter into legal transactions and relationships; contemporary issues in involuntary civil commitment of mentally ill and retarded persons; protection of confidentiality and privacy within the therapist-patient relationship; the psychiatrist as expert witness in civil cases, and other.

May be offered as a seminar.
Public Interest Externship I

LAW 878

Prerequisites: All first-year courses. Permission of faculty member.

Places students under the supervision of attorneys providing legal services through entities serving low income or otherwise disadvantaged clients, or within state or federal government agencies. Experiences will vary, but students will observe and assist attorneys working in public interest settings, develop a variety of lawyering skills and strategies, learn specialty areas of substantive law, and gain insight into the process of making and implementing public policy. Descriptions of experiences at particular placements are available from the faculty law supervisor. Externship placements may vary from semester to semester.

Credit Hours: One to four hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

(Note that externships may have additional prerequisites. Check with the faculty member in charge.)

Public Service Requirement

LAW 955

Prerequisites: All first-year courses. Permission of public service program coordinator.

Race and the Law

LAW 906

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

This course examines the legal treatment and status of groups of color which may include the examination of one or more of the following racial groups: African Americans; Latinos/as; Asian Americans; and Native Americans. Students may consider the history and evolution of certain understandings of race. Students may examine critical perspectives on a variety of issues that may include: the difficulties of defining and understanding the meanings of "race," the nature of "racism," and "oppression;" theories of racial formation; the differing implications of colonization and immigration; the formation of stereotypes; theories of unconscious racism; the gendered and sexualized nature of race; and the situation of biracial and multiracial persons. Many discussions may focus solely on the experiences of racial minorities, and discussions may include the development of a white racial identity.

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two or three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No
Real Estate Transactions

LAW 902

**Prerequisites:** All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Study of selective problems encountered in financing, purchase and sale, and litigation concerning real property. Includes exercises in drafting documents and title examinations.

May be offered as a seminar.

**Credit Hours:** Two or three hours

**Course Type:** Upper-Class

**Required:** No

**Core Course:** No

Remedies

LAW 863

**Prerequisites:** All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Study of legal and equitable remedies, including damages, restitution, injunctions, specific performance, accounting, reformation and rescission, and declaratory judgment.

**Credit Hours:** Three hours

**Course Type:** Upper-Class

**Required:** No

**Core Course:** No

Secured Transactions

LAW 834

**Prerequisites:** All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Sales and loans when security is required; includes examination of how a lender can protect its interest on default by taking a security interest in a borrower's personal property, and how a lender secures a priority position under Uniform Commercial Code Article IX vis-a-vis other lenders.

**Credit Hours:** Three hours

**Course Type:** Upper-Class

**Required:** No

**Core Course:** No

Securities Regulation

LAW 918

**Prerequisites:** All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs; Business Organizations.

Study of laws affecting the capital markets, including a consideration of federal regulation of distribution of securities and trading in securities, civil liabilities thereunder, and state blue-sky laws.

May be offered as a seminar.

**Credit Hours:** Three hours

**Course Type:** Upper-Class

**Required:** No

**Core Course:** No

Selected Problems in Civil Procedure

LAW 942

**Prerequisites:** All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Students will consider, in depth, procedural issues related to litigation. Topics for study include motions to dismiss, class action, discovery, summary judgments, and post-trial motions.

May be offered as a seminar.

**Credit Hours:** Two hours

**Course Type:** Upper-Class

**Required:** No

**Core Course:** No

Sexuality and the Law

LAW 924

**Prerequisites:** All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

An in-depth examination of the government's regulation of consensual sexuality. Three primary constitutional doctrines will form the core of the course: the right to privacy, the right to equal protection of the laws, and freedom of expression. The course will also explore the treatment of sexual and gender minorities in areas such as the formation and recognition of families and antidiscrimination law.
May be offered as a seminar.

| Credit Hours: Two or three hours
| Course Type: Upper-Class
| Required: No
| Core Course: No |

**Special Topics**

*Course Numbers: LAW 827, 997, and 999*

**Prerequisites:** All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Inquiries into timely legal subjects, as announced.

May be offered as a seminar/

| Credit Hours: One to four hours
| Course Type: Upper-Class
| Required: No
| Core Course: No |

Topics addressed in recent years include Law Practice Management, Mediation, International Intellectual Property & Cyberlaw, Nonprofit Law, Electronic Discovery, Criminal Sentencing and many others.

**Sports Law**

*LAW 988*

**Prerequisites:** All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

A study of the framework of major federal and state laws which have a significant impact on the sports industry, including how legal principles affect the sports industry and management decisions.

May be offered as a seminar.

| Credit Hours: Two or three hours
| Course Type: Upper-Class
| Required: No
| Core Course: No |

**Summer Legal Externships**

*LAW 960*

**Prerequisites:** Varies, depending on the externship. See the faculty member for particular externships being offered and their prerequisites.

Ordinarily, summer externships involve the same experiences and requirements as externships offered during fall and spring semesters. Unless other arrangements are made and approved, a summer externship must be completed within the normal law school calendar for the summer term. Externships may vary from summer to summer.

| Credit Hours: Two to four hours. Pass-fail grading.
| Course Type: Upper-Class
| Required: No
| Core Course: No |

(Note that externships may have additional prerequisites. Check with the faculty member in charge.)

**Tax Externship**

*LAW 954*

**Prerequisites:** All first-year courses and Federal Income Taxation of Individuals (LAW 865). Permission of faculty member.

Students are assigned to the Internal Revenue Service. Selected students will be afforded an opportunity to work with the local office of the Internal Revenue Service. They will draft pleadings for filing with the United States Tax Court and the United States Bankruptcy Court, attend Tax Court trials and hearings in the Bankruptcy Court, draft correspondence to the Department of Justice concerning civil and criminal matters and draft letters to taxpayers' counsel, attend settlement conferences and other meetings with taxpayers and their representatives, and do tax re-search and draft memoranda. Student will study an overview of tax procedure and receive instruction in computer assisted tax research.

| Credit Hours: Two hours. Pass-fail grading.
| Course Type: Upper-Class
| Required: No
| Core Course: No |

(Note that externships may have additional prerequisites. Check with the faculty member in charge.)
Taxation of LLCs and Partnerships
LAW 872

Prerequisites: All first-year courses unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Federal Taxation of Individuals.

Study of the federal income taxation of limited liability companies, partnerships, and members and partners of such entities; with emphasis on the tax incidents of organization, operation, and dissolution of such entities. Includes consideration of tax aspects of subchapter S corporations. May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two to four hours.
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Title Reports and Insurance
LAW 907

Prerequisites: Concurrent enrollment in Real Estate Transactions (LAW 902) or an elective and permission of the instructor.

The course teaches students the basic skills of conducting title searches, drafting title opinions, and drafting title insurance policies. Students will also learn foundational legal principles about recording acts, the quality and protection of legal title to real property, the roles of lawyers in transactional due diligence and title matters, title insurance, and similar topics. A student who has successfully completed the Real Estate Transactions course may enroll only with the instructor's permission.

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: One or two credit hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Technology Transfer Externship
LAW 957

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Students in this externship will work in the university's Office of Technology Transfer under the primary supervision of the attorneys in that office and one law faculty member. Students will conduct legal research and draft a variety of documents relating to rights in technology produced at or transferred to the University, including licenses, material transfer agreements, cell line agreements, confidentiality agreements, and laboratory decommissioning agreements. Students may also participate in drafting portions of patent applications. Enrollment is limited to three students, who must be approved by the supervising law faculty member.

Credit Hours: One or two hours.
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

(Note that externships may have additional prerequisites. Check with the faculty member in charge.)

Torts I
LAW 802

Prerequisites: None.

Study of civil wrongs, including intentional torts, negligence, strict liability and products liability.

Credit Hours: Two hours.
Course Type: First-Year
Required: Yes
Core Course: No

Torts II
LAW 803

Prerequisites: All first-year two-semester courses must be completed in sequence except for extraordinary circumstances approved by the Associate Dean for Student Life.

Study of civil wrongs, including intentional torts, negligence, strict liability and products liability.

Credit Hours: Three hours.
Course Type: First-Year
Required: Yes
Core Course: No
Trademark Law
LAW 973

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs; Intellectual Property Law or International Intellectual Property Law.

A course dealing with the law of trademarks, service marks, and trade names, including coverage of the types of trade symbols that may function as marks, protection of trade dress and product design, geographic scope of rights, infringement, and registration of trade symbols under the Lanham Act.

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two or three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Trial Practice
LAW 848

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs; Evidence.

Gives the student actual experience in preparing and presenting all phases of civil and criminal litigation. The student will prepare and present voir dire, opening and closing statements, witness examinations and arguments on evidence. There will be particular emphasis on trial strategy and other techniques of persuasion.

Credit Hours: Three hours.
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Water Resources Law & Policy
LAW 839

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

This course involves the study of water rights, and the policies and legal principles governing the management of water resources generally. Specific topics may vary. Topics may include riparian rights, prior appropriation systems, water use permitting systems and statutory codes, the management of drainage and runoff, the law and practices of water institutions, interstate water disputes, watershed-based management, integration of water supply and water quality protections, and the control and distribution of clean drinking water supplies.

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two or three hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Women and the Law
LAW 905

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

This course examines the treatment and status of women in the U.S. legal system. Students will consider women’s historical treatment as outsiders in the legal system, constitutional issues that affect women, and jurisprudential perspectives relating to women and the law. Students will examine critical perspectives on a variety of issues that may include women in law school, in legal practice, in employment, in the family, in their reproductive role, and as targets of violence.

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two or three hours.
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No

Written Advocacy
LAW 929

Prerequisites: All first-year required courses, unless waived by the professor teaching the course and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

An intensive practicum in the development and application of those basic skills and techniques conducive to effective written communication and persuasion.

May be offered as a seminar.

Credit Hours: Two hours
Course Type: Upper-Class
Required: No
Core Course: No