

LAW (LAW)

School of Law

LAW 200 – Introduction to Law (1 unit)

Course Description: Introduction to basic concepts of the law, the historical roots of common law and equity, the precedent system in its practical operation, the modes of reasoning used by courts and attorneys, and the fundamentals of statutory interpretation.

Learning Activities: Discussion 1 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 200A – U.S. Legal System Seminar (LL.M.) (2 units)

Course Description: History and fundamental principles of the United States legal system. Important current legal issues, developments and trends. Required for LL.M. students who have not attended a U.S. law school. Fall semester only.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 200D – American Legal Concepts I (LL.M.) (3 units)

Course Description: Designed to provide basic skills necessary to succeed in both law school and legal practice.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Restricted to LL.M. students.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 200E – American Legal Concepts II (LL.M.) (3 units)

Course Description: Designed to provide basic skills necessary to succeed in both law school and legal practice.

Learning Activities: Lecture.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Restricted to LL.M. students.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 200L – Lawyering Process Lab (0 units)

Course Description: Lab which accompanies Lawyering Skills course for first-year law students.

Learning Activities: Laboratory.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 200S – Lawyering Process (2 units)

Course Description: Hone interactive lawyering skills needed for effective transactional and litigation work, including client interviewing and negotiation. Learn the role that interpersonal skills play in effective lawyering and contemplate the professional identity they wish to cultivate.

Learning Activities: Discussion.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 201 – Property (4 units)

Course Description: Study of doctrines and concepts of property law with primary emphasis on real property. Coverage includes: the estates in land system; the landlord-tenant relationship, conveyancing, and private and public land use control.

Prerequisite(s): AAS 010; LAW 200A; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Discussion 4 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 202 – Contracts (4 units)

Course Description: Examines sorts of promises that are enforced and the nature of protection given promissory obligations in both commercial and noncommercial transactions. Inquiry is made into the means by which traditional doctrine adjusts or fails to adjust to changing social demands.

Learning Activities: Discussion 4 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 202L – Fundamentals of Contracts for LLM students (3 units)

Course Description: For foreign attorneys familiar with contractual law in their home countries. Overview of American contract law and the application of American case law to interpret contractual concepts.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Restricted to Masters of Law students.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 203 – Civil Procedure (5 units)

Course Description: Study of the fundamental and recurrent problems in civil actions including the methods used by federal and state courts to resolve civil disputes.

Learning Activities: Discussion 5 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 204 – Torts (4 units)

Course Description: Familiarizes students with legal rules, concepts and approaches pertinent to the recovery for personal injuries, property damages and harm done to intangible interests.

Learning Activities: Discussion 4 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 205 – Constitutional Law I (4 units)

Course Description: Principles, doctrines and controversies regarding the basic structure of and division of powers in American government. Specific topics include judicial review, jurisdiction, standing to sue, federalism, federal and state powers and immunities, and the separation of powers among the branches of the federal government.

Learning Activities: Discussion 4 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 206 – Criminal Law (3 units)

Course Description: Study of the bases and limits of criminal liability. Coverage of the constitutional, statutory, and case law rules which define, limit, and provide defenses to individual liability for the major criminal offenses.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 207 – Legal Research & Writing I (2 units)

Course Description: Integrated legal research and writing skills course taught by Wydick Fellowship Program faculty. Basic legal research resources and strategies are introduced and practiced. Fall semester.

Learning Activities: Discussion/Laboratory 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 207A – Legal Research (LL.M.) (1 unit)

Course Description: Lectures and in-class exercises includes working with both print, and electronic, legal research materials to prepare responses to various fact patterns.

Learning Activities: Discussion 1 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Restricted to LL.M. students only.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 207B – Advanced Legal Research (2 units)

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

Course Description: Introduction to advanced legal research tools and techniques used in practice.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Restricted to 35 students.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 207B – Advanced Legal Research (2 units)

Course Description: Introduction to advanced legal research tools and techniques used in practice. Builds on legal research methodology, strategies and sources introduced in the first year Legal Research and Writing course.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 207; LAW 208; requires prior knowledge of and background in basic legal research methodology, strategies and sources introduced in the first year Legal Research and Writing, therefore, completion of a full year of LAW 001L required.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Restricted to 35 students.

Grade Mode: Letter.

This course version is effective from, and including: Fall Quarter 2027.

LAW 207C – California Civil Procedure Research (1 unit)

Course Description: Includes lectures and in-class exercises working with print, and electronic, legal research materials to prepare responses to various fact patterns. Extensive use of real-world case scenarios to mimic conditions likely encountered by legal practitioners. Half of the course time is lecture; half is in-class practical assignments or discussion designed to enhance the students' understanding of the concepts introduced.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 207; LAW 208.

Learning Activities: Lecture.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 207D – Intellectual Property Research (1 unit)

Course Description: Includes lectures and in-class exercises working with print, and electronic, legal research materials to prepare responses to various fact patterns. Extensive use of real-world case scenarios to mimic conditions likely encountered by legal practitioners working in the intellectual property legal practice.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 207; LAW 208.

Learning Activities: Lecture.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 207E – Transactional Law Research (1 unit)

Course Description: Introduction to tools and research strategies needed for the practice of transactional law. Learn the methods, databases, and specialized materials available for transactional law research..

Learning Activities: Practice 1 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 208 – Legal Research & Writing II (2 units)

Course Description: Focuses on persuasive writing and oral advocacy.

Complete integrated research and writing assignments, including a complaint, a strategic defense office memorandum, a motion to dismiss in federal court, and an appellate brief, with oral arguments by all students.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 208A – Legal Research & Writing II (LL.M.) (2 units)

Course Description: Persuasive writing and oral advocacy. LL.M. students complete integrated research and writing assignments, including a complaint, a strategic defense office memorandum, a motion to dismiss in federal court, and an appellate brief with oral arguments.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 208E – Introduction to U.S. Legal Methods A (3 units)

Course Description: Designed to provide foreign students with background skills at a more basic level than U.S. Legal Methods A and B. Audit carefully selected courses in the regular curriculum and complete assignments related to those courses.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Lecture.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Restricted to LL.M. students.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 208F – Introduction to U.S. Legal Methods B (LLM) (3 units)

Course Description: Designed to provide foreign students with background skills at a more basic level than U.S. Legal Methods A and B. Audit carefully selected courses in the regular curriculum and complete assignments related to those courses.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Restricted to LL.M. students.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 208G – U.S. Legal Methods A (LL.M.) (3 units)

Course Description: Designed to provide foreign and other students with background skills necessary to succeed in both law school and legal practice.

Learning Activities: Lecture.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Restricted to LL.M. students.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 208H – U.S. Legal Methods B (LL.M.) (3 units)

Course Description: Description of the evolution and use of sources of law and secondary authority.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 208M – LL.M. Legal Essay Writing A (2 units)

Course Description: Improve legal writing skills with a focus on law school essay exams. Focuses on the following skills: 1) how to understand the goals of a US law school exam and the expectations of the professor; 2) how to structure an answer logically; 3) how to write clearly; 4) how to explain reasoning and discuss complex legal issues. Experiential class.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 208N – LL.M Legal Essay Writing B (2 units)

Course Description: Improve legal writing skills with a focus on bar essay exams. Focuses on the following skills: 1) How to understand the goals of a US bar; 2) How to structure an answer logically; 3) How to write clearly; 4) How to explain reasoning and discuss complex legal issues. Experiential class.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 209A – Patent Law (3 units)

Course Description: Covers all essential aspects of patent law, including: prosecution, post-grant proceedings, patentable subject matter, utility, enablement & description, novelty, statutory bars, nonobviousness, infringement, and remedies.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 274; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 209B – Patent Prosecution & Practice (2 units)

Course Description: Examines core requirements and strategies for drafting and prosecuting a patent application before the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. Interact with real inventors and US PTO examiners to gain the experience of getting a patent issued.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 209BP – Patent Prosecution Practicum (2 units)

Course Description: Analyze if an invention is directed to patentable subject matter, identify prior art, analyze patentability, and draft and electronically file a provisional patent application with the US Patent & Trademark office.

Prerequisite(s): Patent Law as pre-requisite or co-requisite.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Laboratory.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated 1 time(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 209C – Patentable Subject Matter: Genes, Methods, & Software (2 units)

Course Description: In-depth look at recent cases and debates behind genetic patenting, software; business models; diagnostic methods, and others. Reviews the crucial and rapidly evolving field of patent law which affects some of the most important hi-tech industries.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 209F – Patent Litigation Skills – Claim Construction (1 unit)

Course Description: Skills-based course develops advocacy skills using the often case-critical patent claim construction process and hearing as a framework. Learn how to distill highly technical material into content more easily understood by a judge.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 274; Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Fieldwork 1 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 209G – Privacy, Technology, & the Law (2 units)

Course Description: Seminar evaluates the privacy law issues that arise from technological advancements and data trade transactions. Likely topics that the course will cover include the Internet of Things and legal responses to privacy related problems, such as the European General Data Protection Regulation and the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 210 – Reforming the Police & Criminal Justice (2 units)

Course Description: Focus on major current issues: policing ethnic neighborhoods; use of deadly force; modernizing the work of prosecutors and defense counsel.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Limited to 25 students.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 210A – Privatization of Criminal Justice Seminar (2 units)

Course Description: Analyze the legal, historical, and sociological aspects of the growing private sector provision of criminal justice services traditionally assumed by government, including prisons, policing, and adjudication.

Prerequisite(s): Prior social theory or criminal procedure knowledge not required; completion of LAW 227A strongly recommended.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Restricted to 10 students.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 210B – Law of Policing (2 units)

Course Description: What are the expectations and roles of the police in a democratic society? We need order maintenance and crime control, but to assume these tasks the police sometimes intrude upon interests considered fundamental to free societies.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Limited enrollment.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 210C – Sexual Assault & the Law (2 units)

Course Description: Criminal law of sexual assault, traditional and modern offenses, and proposals for reform. Discussion of procedural developments, victim's counsel, evidentiary reform, and ADR. Implications for civil law, tort liability, Title VI, Title IX, and civil liability of perpetrators.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 210D – Comparative Criminal Justice (2 units)

Course Description: Explores ways political units in different countries attempt to maintain social order and advance criminal justice.

Examine people, policies, and institutions responsible for adjudicating alleged criminal law violations around the globe, learning how rules of professional responsibility and legal ethics guide the behavior of institutional actors who participate in criminal processes. Engage in research, formal presentations, and produce a publishable final paper.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 227A recommended, but not required.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 210ET – Race, Mass Incarceration & Policing (2 units)

Course Description: Explores key issues in the historical development and the current state of modern American imprisonment, policing structures, and the criminal justice system in relation to race.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 210F – Restorative Justice (2 units)

Course Description: Explore both the theory and practice of restorative justice as an alternative approach to the retributive justice model of our current criminal law system and many other institutions.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 210H – Aoki Federal Court Amicus Project (3 units)

Course Description: Work on actual federal criminal cases in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and United States Supreme Court. File briefs amicus curiae on critical issues, and develop research, writing, and oral advocacy skills.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 219; LAW 227A; both required or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Project.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 210J – Best Practices for Justice Seminar: Advocates Working to Improve the Criminal Justice System (2 units)

Course Description: The Criminal Justice System continues to evolve as perceptions regarding judges, police officers and criminal attorneys change. Analyzes how our sense of justice is formed and what it looks like in the actual practice of criminal law.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 206; LAW 227A (can be concurrent).

Learning Activities: Lecture.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 210N – Conviction & Sentence Integrity Practicum (3 units)

Course Description: Review individual cases for District Attorney offices for possible Prosecutor-Initiated Resentencing (PIR), a post-conviction remedy designed to address excessive sentences, reduce mass incarceration, and advance racial justice.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 206, LAW 227A, LAW 219 recommended.

Learning Activities: Fieldwork.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated 3 time(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 210S – Federal Criminal Defense Skills (2 units)

Course Description: Practice criminal defense in federal court. Study every aspect of client representation, culminating in simulated sentencing hearings.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 227A; LAW 219.

Learning Activities: Practice 2 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Previously taken criminal procedure, evidence, and/or trial advocacy, or have externed or will be externing in public defender offices.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 211 – Negotiations (2 units)

Course Description: Skills course teaches theoretical and empirical approaches to negotiation strategy for the purposes of making deals and resolving disputes. Participate in simulations to hone their negotiation skills, and write analytical papers.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Limited enrollment.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 211A – Advanced Negotiations Strategy & Client Counseling (3 units)

Course Description: Understand the dynamics of interviewing and counseling process. Designed to be relevant to a broad spectrum of negotiation problems that are faced by legal professionals.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Application course; must apply and secure professor approval to enroll; will involve participating in discussions and a series of simulations; your classmates will be counting on you to actively participate and be well prepared for every simulation; do not apply to take this course unless you are willing and able to participate fully and can accept constructive feedback; if you anticipate missing more than two class sessions, do not apply to take this course.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 211B – International Business Negotiations (3 units)

Course Description: Structured around a simulated negotiation exercise with students from a similar class at Stanford Law School. Experience the development of a business transaction over an extended negotiation in a context that replicates actual legal practice.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 215 (can be concurrent); prior or concurrent enrollment in Business Associations (LAW 215) required; prior enrollment in Negotiations (LAW 211) and/or International Business Transactions (LAW 270) preferred.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 211C – Negotiating Joint Ventures (2 units)

Course Description: Business negotiation and dispute resolution strategies through simulations, reading, and writing assignments.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 211D – Treatymaking: International Agreement Negotiations (3 units)

Course Description: Negotiation simulation intended to produce a multinational convention on a subject to be determined that is timely and meaningfully contributes to the real-world discourse. Begins with lectures/discussions of the fundamentals of treaty law. Followed by the class seeking Circular-175 authorization to enter into negotiations, and a variety of written and oral exercises/simulations leading to eventual conclusion of a multinational instrument.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 211E – International Negotiation & Mediation (2 units)

Course Description: Introduction to cross-cultural negotiation and mediation in international business. Numerous guest appearances by non-U.S. lawyers and business professionals. Simulated negotiation exercises.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 202 recommended.

Learning Activities: Fieldwork 2 hour(s), Discussion.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 211F – Environmental Negotiations (2 units)

Course Description: Teams analyze one or more environmental problems on behalf of an assigned, hypothetical client, develop a negotiation strategy, and implement the team's strategy in live negotiations.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 285 recommended.

Learning Activities: Fieldwork 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 212A – Medical Liability Law & Policy (2 units)

Course Description: Considers the many ways in which society seeks to establish and maintain quality in patient care.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 213A – Transnational Criminal Law (3 units)

Course Description: Examines the laws responses to a particular aspect of globalization, transnational crime. Explore the phenomenon of transnationality and how it affects the power of nation-states, acting alone or together, to prosecute certain crimes.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 205; LAW 206.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 213B – Transnational Civil Litigation (2 units)

Course Description: Examines transnational civil litigation in U.S. courts, focusing on the jurisdictional and procedural challenges that arise when a case involves foreign elements. Use case studies in the areas of consumer protection, climate change, and human rights.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 203.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 214 – Tax Issues Related to Estate Planning (2 units)

Course Description: Tax issues Related to estate planning.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 221 recommended.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 214A – Migration, Work, & Taxation (2 units)

Course Description: Explores workers' and prospective workers' choices to move from one place to another, both across and within national borders. In particular, explores how tax policy and broader economic forces shape those choices.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 215 – Business Associations (4 units)

Course Description: Legal rules and concepts applicable to business associations, both public and closely held. Corporate form of organization, partnerships and other associational forms.

Learning Activities: Discussion 4 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Not open to students who have previously taken LAW 215C.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 215A – The Law of Corporate Governance Seminar (2 units)

Course Description: Advanced issues in the governance of publicly held corporations. Separation of ownership and control and how the law has addressed this issue at the theoretical level and in the context of topics such as the duties of corporate directors, shareholder voting rights, and competition among states to attract corporate charters.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 215.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 215B – Corporate Integrity & Responsibility (2 units)

Course Description: Equips future business lawyers with the legal knowledge and technical skills to better understand, the U.S, European and Asian (select jurisdictions) regulatory responses to ethical and socially responsible corporate governance practices. Instruction seeks to re-define the aim of corporate governance as a tool to address efficiency, reduce agency costs and improve access to capital, as well as an emerging anti-corruption tool and a means to ensure more ethical corporate behavior.

Learning Activities: Lecture.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 215C – Business Associations (3 units)

Course Description: Provides a broad survey of the legal rules and concepts applicable to business associations, both public and closely held. Principal attention given to the corporate form of organization, although partnerships and other associational forms are also treated briefly.

Learning Activities: Lecture.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Students who take this course are ineligible for LAW 215.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 215D – Business in Society (2 units)

Course Description: The pandemic, racial injustice, income inequality, and climate change have heightened the demands for companies to minimize their negative externalities. Explore how these stakeholder demands are shifting business practices, and transforming corporate law.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 215 (can be concurrent).

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 215E – Business Law & Climate Change (3 units)

Course Description: Climate change is redefining corporate law. Through case studies of the business and investment community, we will explore the intersection of business law and climate risk and discuss and debate how the climate crisis is impacting traditional corporate law paradigms.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 215 (can be concurrent); or LAW 215C (can be concurrent).

Learning Activities: Seminar 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 215F – Comparative Corporate Governance (3 units)

Course Description: Fundamentals of corporate governance. 2023 version of the G20/OECD Principles of Corporate Governance. Anglo-American, European, Asia Pacific, African, Latin American, and Emerging Countries systems. Global challenges and corporate governance.

Learning Activities: Seminar 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 215G – Modern Topics in Business Law: Business Law Seminar (2 units)

Course Description: Exposure to recent developments in business law, with a focus on key developments in corporate law, securities, and antitrust. The subjects of inquiry will draw from issues at both the frontier of academic research and legal practice.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 215 or LAW 215C.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 215H – Corporate Risk Management & Compliance (2 units)

Course Description: Introduction into governance, risk management and compliance in business organization. Focuses on common legal and regulatory frameworks underpinning compliance programs and will use recent case studies to examine effective and failed compliance programs.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 215 (can be concurrent)

Learning Activities: Discussion, Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 216A – Law & Religion (2 units)

Course Description: Federal constitutional law relating to religion; the interpretation and application of the Free Exercise Clause and the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Restricted to 20 students.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 217 – Insurance Law (2 units)

Course Description: Covers the following topics: I. Insurance Law and Society, II. The Impact of Insurance, III. Contract Law Foundations, IV. First-Party Insurance, V. Liability Insurance: Coverage Issues, VI. Liability Insurance: Relationship Issues.

Learning Activities: Discussion.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 218 – Constitutional Law II (4 units)

Course Description: Principally covers the First Amendment and the Equal Protection Clause.

Learning Activities: Discussion 4 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Not open to students who have completed LAW 218A or LAW 218B.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 218A – Constitutional Law II: Equal Protection (2 units)

Course Description: Focuses on the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Not open to students who have previously taken LAW 218, or who plan to take LAW 218 for 4 units.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 218B – Constitutional Law II: First Amendment (3 units)

Course Description: Covers the Free Speech, Free Exercise, and Establishment Clauses of the First Amendment. It will examine permissible limits on free speech, the government's obligation to accommodate religious exercise, and the separation of church and state.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Not open to students who have previously taken LAW 218, or who plan to take LAW 218 for 4 units.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 218C – Critical Perspectives on Equal Protection (2 units)

Course Description: Discussion-based course focusing on academic articles, drawn from critical race and critical gender traditions, that examine the doctrine covered in LAW 218A. Choice and sequence of readings are tied to those assigned in LAW 218A.

Prerequisite(s): Must be taken concurrently with LAW 218A; or consent of instructor if previously taken LAW 218 or LAW 218A.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 1 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 218D – Constitutional Theory Seminar (2 units)

Course Description: Provides students with a broad understanding of the shape of modern constitutional theory, and the ability to understand the implications of that theory for concrete historical and modern constitutional disputes.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 218E – Direct Democracy in California (3 units)

Course Description: Study initiative, referendum, and recall, their impact on law and policy in California, and how they can be improved. While learning how they work in practice, examine significant initiatives and recent attempts at recalling elected officials.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 205.

Learning Activities: Lecture.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 218F – Implicit Bias & the Law: Modern Forms of Discrimination (2 units)

Course Description: Explores modern forms of discrimination from various perspectives and effective ways to address these issues through the law.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 218G – State Constitutional Law (2 units)

Course Description: Inquiry into the way the various constitutions of the fifty States—as they relate both to the conferral of powers and the articulation of rights—are structured and interpreted, both historically and modernly.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 205; LAW 218 recommended.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 218P – The Press Clause (1 unit)

Course Description: The press is the only industry the Constitution specifically safeguards. In practice, however, freedom of the press often appears to protect nothing beyond the separate freedom of speech. Examines the clause's origins, cases and development into the digital era.

Learning Activities: Seminar 1 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 219 – Evidence (3 units)

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

Course Description: Covers rules regarding the admissibility of testimonial and documentary proof during the trial of civil and criminal cases, including rules governing relevancy, hearsay, the examination and impeachment of witnesses, expert opinion, and privileges.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 219 – Evidence (4 units)

Course Description: Covers rules regarding the admissibility of testimonial and documentary proof during the trial of civil and criminal cases, including rules governing relevancy, hearsay, the examination and impeachment of witnesses, expert opinion, and privileges.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 4 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

This course version is effective from, and including: Spring Semester 2026.

LAW 219A – Advanced Evidence & Trial Advocacy (2 units)

Course Description: In-depth examination of evidentiary issues most commonly encountered in trials. Affords a practical working knowledge of rules of threshold admissibility, character and habit evidence, privileges, hearsay, expert testimony, foundation, and objection procedures.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 219; LAW 263A.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 219B – E-Discovery & Digital Evidence (2 units)

Course Description: Examines the interplay between the significant e-discovery rules and case law, and the process of electronic discovery, beginning with the duty to preserve electronically stored information (ESI), to the search, identification, collection, review and production of ESI in litigation.

Learning Activities: Lecture.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 219C – Evidence (4 units)

Course Description: Covers rules regarding the admissibility of proof during civil & criminal cases, including rules governing relevancy, hearsay, the examination & impeachment of witnesses, expert opinion, and constitutional & statutory privileges.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 4 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 220 – Federal Income Taxation (4 units)

Course Description: Surveys the federal income tax system, with consideration of the nature of income, when and to whom income is taxable, exclusions from the tax base, deductions and credits, and tax consequences of property ownership and disposition.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 220A – State & Local Taxation (3 units)

Course Description: Introduction to fundamentals of state and local taxation. Beginning with historical and constitutional aspects, analyze recent developments in state and local taxation and their impact on client representation.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 220B – Tax & Distributive Justice (3 units)

Course Description: Explores tax policy as public finance, politics, special interests, and a reflection of society's biases and priorities. Underscores that tax is constructed and contingent, and exposes students to a generation of "critical tax" scholarship.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 220C – Tax Controversy & Procedure (2 units)

Course Description: Focuses on the practical and procedural aspects of tax controversy before state and federal tax authorities.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 220 (can be concurrent).

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 221 – Trusts, Wills & Estates (3 units)

Course Description: Basics of intestate succession and the creation and interpretation of wills and trusts under the Uniform Probate Code and the California Probate Code.

Learning Activities: Discussion.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 221A – Practical Skills in Will & Trust Drafting & Administration (2 units)

Course Description: Provides the skills to practice law in the area of estate planning and probate/trust administration. Follow an estate planning client and draft actual estate plan documents. A series of related topics will be explored.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 222 – Critical Race Theory Seminar (3 units)

Course Description: Examines the relationship between racial power and the law through the lens of Critical Race Theory (CRT). Explores CRT's contributions and limitations by examining its history and application to contemporary issues in law and society.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 222A – Latinos & the Law (2 units)

Course Description: Explores how the U.S. legal system has treated Latinos in areas such as education, immigration, employment and voting rights.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 222B – Asian Pacific Americans & Law (3 units)

Course Description: Examines how American Law has shaped Asian Pacific American demographics, experiences, and status in American society.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 222D – Race & Law (2 units)

Course Description: Examine major cases, statutes, and events in the law, both on the books and in action, dealing with nonwhites. Discussion of the situation of African Americans, Asians, Indigenous People, and Latinx People, from the Colonial era.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 223 – Estate Planning Seminar (2 units)

Course Description: Selected topics in the estates and trusts area. Content varies with instructor.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Limited enrollment.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 224 – Animal Law Seminar (2 units)

Course Description: An introduction to legal principles affecting animals and their use.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 225 – California Community Property (2 units)

Course Description: Covers the California community property system, including the property rights of marital and registered domestic partners during the ongoing relationship, and upon the end of the relationship by death or divorce.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 226 – Disability Rights Law (3 units)

Course Description: Examines disability law and theory. Devoted to the Americans with Disabilities Act (particularly Titles I, II, and III) as it applies to employment, education, public accommodations, and government services and programs.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 227A – Criminal Procedure (3 units)

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

Course Description: Federal constitutional limits on government authority to gather evidence and investigate crime. Topics include Fourth Amendment limits on search, seizure, and arrest; the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination; and the Sixth Amendment right to counsel.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 227A – Criminal Procedure (4 units)

Course Description: Federal constitutional limits on government authority to gather evidence and investigate crime. Topics include Fourth Amendment limits on search, seizure, and arrest; the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination; and the Sixth Amendment right to counsel.

Learning Activities: Discussion 4 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

This course version is effective from, and including: Spring Semester 2026.

LAW 227B – Advanced Criminal Procedure (3 units)

Course Description: Examines a range of issues, including bail, charging decisions, preliminary hearings, discovery, statute of limitations, venue, joinder and severance, pleas, plea bargaining, assistance of counsel, trial, double jeopardy, sentencing, appeal and collateral remedies.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 227C – Topics in California Criminal Practice (2 units)

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

Course Description: Advanced criminal law and procedure class aimed at students planning to practice criminal law in California, either as an extern or summer clerk, or after graduation.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 227C – Victims in Criminal Procedure (2 units)

Course Description: Examines the role and legal rights of crime victims in the U.S. justice system.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

This course version is effective from, and including: Spring Semester 2026.

LAW 228 – Startups & Venture Capital (3 units)

Course Description: Introduction to the various legal and business considerations involved in forming and operating an emerging growth business.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 215; must be completed, prerequisite will not be waived.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Limited enrollment.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 228A – Mergers & Acquisitions (3 units)

Course Description: Practical approach to mergers and acquisitions, with an in-depth look at the planning, negotiation, documentation and completion of mergers and acquisitions.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 215.

Learning Activities: Discussion.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 228B – Accounting for Lawyers (2 units)

Course Description: Exposure to basic principles of accounting, from the perspective of the practicing attorney.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 228C – Law & Statistics (3 units)

Course Description: Introduction to fundamentals of statistical analysis and how statistical analysis is used in the law and public policy. Goal is to assist in becoming excellent consumers of statistical information and evidence.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 229 – Scientific Evidence (3 units)

Course Description: In addition to examining the evidence law governing the admission of scientific testimony, considers trial advocacy in presenting and attacking such testimony.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 219.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Limited enrollment.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 230 – International Environmental Law (3 units)

Course Description: Addresses how international treaty regimes and other forms of governance address global or multinational environmental problems, including ozone depletion, climate change, and biodiversity protection.

Prerequisite(s): Prior course work in environmental law and/or international law is helpful.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 230A – Wine & the Law (1 unit)

Course Description: Surveys the legal landscape of this multi-billion dollar industry, focusing on contemporary debates and developments in judicial, legislative, and administrative arenas.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 230C – California Environmental Cases & Places (3 units)

Course Description: Focuses on a four-day trip to world-class teaching locations throughout California. Approaches the locations from two distinctly different perspectives: law and environmental science. Learn hands-on water, environmental, and public lands law.

Learning Activities: Fieldwork.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 231A – Gender, Sexuality, & the Law (3 units)

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

Course Description: Examines the legal and social regulation of sexuality and gender.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 231A – Gender, Sexuality, & the Law (2 units)

Course Description: Examines the legal and social regulation of sexuality and gender.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

This course version is effective from, and including: Spring Semester 2026.

LAW 231B – Military Justice and Social Change: Race, Gender, and SOGI (2 units)

Course Description: The U.S. military has laws tailored to the mission. As society changes, these laws can limit or promote change. Explore race, gender, and LGBTQ identity through military law and analyze where the military promoted and hindered change.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 231C – Gender & Name Change Practicum (2 units)

Course Description: Preparation to participate in Gender & Name Change Project. Assist clients with the legal name and gender change process under attorney supervision. Includes skills building and discussion of the ways that law impacts gender identity.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 231A recommended.

Learning Activities: Clinical Activity 2 hour(s).

Repeat Credit: May be repeated.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 232 – Real Estate Finance (2 units)

Course Description: Examination of the problems involved in the acquisition, financing, and development of real estate, and of lender remedies and debtor protections in the event of debtor default. Stresses the practical application of California legal doctrines.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 232AT – Real Estate Transactions (2 units)

Course Description: Examines the structuring, negotiation, and documentation of commercial real estate transactions. Drafting and negotiating letters of intent, options, purchase and sale agreements, property diligence, and related closing documents.

Learning Activities: Fieldwork 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 233 – Asylum & Refugee Law (3 units)

Course Description: Seminar covers some of the bedrock legal principles that have informed U.S. asylum and refugee laws, policies and practices in the last 50 years.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 235 LAW 292 recommended.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 233B – Comparative Forced Displacement (2 units)

Course Description: Focuses on five case studies involving the plight of five people who have been forced to flee their homes either due to civil or international wars or based on significant internal human rights violations or climate change.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 233 and human rights law are recommended.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 234 – Drug Law & Policy (2 units)

Course Description: Engage with the wide variety of policy and legal issues presented in the area of drug law and policy with a particular focus on one of the fastest-evolving fields in drug policy: marijuana law and policy.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 235 – Administrative Law (3 units)

Course Description: Examines how the U.S. Constitution and the federal Administrative Procedure Act constrain and regulate decision making by government agencies and officials.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 235C – Advanced Topics in Administrative Law (2 units)

Course Description: Explore several topics in administrative law (e.g., nondelegation, deference, and judicial vacatur) that have faced increased scrutiny from members of the Supreme Court in recent years, and will assess the arguments for and against revisiting them.

Prerequisite(s): Recommended that students complete LAW 235

Administrative Law before enrolling in this seminar.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 236 – Securities Regulations (3 units)

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

Course Description: Regulation of the distribution of securities under the Securities Act of 1933 and SEC Rules adopted there under, registration and reporting provisions of the 1934 Securities Exchange Act.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 215 (can be concurrent) or LAW 215C (can be concurrent) recommended.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 236 – Securities Regulations (3 units)

Course Description: Foundational understanding of federal securities law, including the registration and exemption process, the antifraud provisions, and the SEC's role in rule making and enforcement.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 215 (can be concurrent) or LAW 215C (can be concurrent) recommended.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

This course version is effective from, and including: Spring Semester 2026.

LAW 236A – Securities Regulation I (2 units)

Course Description: Legal rules and concepts applicable to business associations, both public and closely held. Corporate form of organization, partnerships and other associational forms.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 215; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 236B – Securities Regulation II (2 units)

Course Description: Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the regulation of securities markets. Topics covered include regulation of securities markets and securities professionals, responsibilities of securities lawyers, continuous reporting, transnational securities fraud, and enforcement of the securities acts.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 215; or consent of instructor; LAW 236A recommended.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 236C – Securities Enforcement (3 units)

Course Description: Examines the civil and criminal enforcement of the securities laws by both the Securities and Exchange Commission and Justice Department. Surveys the administrative rules and investigative procedures that govern the SEC and the substantive related crimes.

Learning Activities: Lecture.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 237 – Legal History (2 units)

Course Description: Traces the development of the common law from its origins in medieval England through the 20th century.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 237B – Special Topics in Legal Theory: Ancient Athenian Law (2 units)

Course Description: Athenian legal system was different from our own and was far less formal. How did it work? Why did it work? Why have political and legal theorists misunderstood Athens for so long and what can we learn from that failure?

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 239 – Mediation (3 units)

Course Description: Interactive focus on attorney representation of clients in mediation.

Learning Activities: Discussion/Laboratory 2 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Restricted to 24 students.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 239A – Federal Court Mediation (2 units)

Course Description: Fundamental mediation skills through both lectures and hands-on simulation practice. Students will consider the challenges of working with sophisticated parties with entrenched positions, and will consider the role of irrationality.

Learning Activities: Practice 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 240 – Reforming Campaign Finance Law & the Initiative Process (2 units)

Course Description: Recent elections exposed many campaign finance and initiative issues. Focuses on reforms as well as current law.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Limited to 25 students.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 240A – Law of the Political Process (3 units)

Course Description: Covers many of the foundational issues in the "law of democracy," as that body of statutory and constitutional law has developed in the United States.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 241 – Voting Rights Seminar (2 units)

Course Description: Seminar explores the right to vote under the U.S. Constitution.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 241A – Election Law: Voting Rights (2 units)

Starting Spring Semester 2026, this course is no longer offered.

Course Description: Seminar on the right to vote in the United States as a matter of constitutional and statutory law.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 241B – Election Law: Campaign Finance, Political Speech, & Rights of Political Association (2 units)

Course Description: Investigate constitutional and statutory frameworks that channel and regulate the efforts of individuals, corporate & nonprofits, and political groups to convey their ideas to the electorate, to mobilize voter turnout, and to get their preferred candidates on the ballot and elected to office. Examine the legal status of contributions and expenditures of money and other goods. Consider political groups' "internal" affairs, the selection of nominees, and the ballot.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 241C – Presidential Elections & the Constitution (2 units)

Course Description: Examines the process of selecting Presidents of the United States within the structure created by the U.S. Constitution and federal and state law. Explore cases, statutes, academic commentary and reform proposals, among other things.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 205; LAW 218 recommended.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 242 – Conflict of Laws (2 units)

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

Course Description: Study of how law operates across state and national borders. Topics include choice of applicable law in transactions involving multiple jurisdictions, recognition of judgments, and the exercise of jurisdiction.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 242 – Conflict of Laws (2 units)

Course Description: How law operates across state and national borders.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

This course version is effective from, and including: Spring Semester 2026.

LAW 243 – Commercial & Bankruptcy Law (4 units)

Course Description: Remedies available to creditors to force payment, along with devices that creditors may use to give themselves priority against limited assets. Bankruptcy both as a means for providing funds for creditors and as a device for maximizing asset value.

Learning Activities: Discussion 4 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 243A – Secured Transactions (2 units)

Course Description: Covers secured transactions (where a lender takes an interest in the debtor's property as "collateral," or security, for repayment of a loan) in personal property, such as auto loans and bank loans against business inventory.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 243B – Bankruptcy (3 units)

Course Description: Debt collection outside of bankruptcy, individual bankruptcy in Chapters 7 and 13, and business bankruptcy in Chapter 11.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 243C – Advanced Bankruptcy Practice: Corporate Reorganization (2 units)

Course Description: Corporate chapter 11 bankruptcy under the Federal Bankruptcy Code and alternatives to corporate bankruptcy. Selection of venue. Formation of strategic objectives. Analysis of different professionals' roles.

Learning Activities: Lecture.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 245 – Corporate & White Collar Crime (2 units)

Course Description: Covers the law of conspiracy, corporate criminal liability, mail & wire fraud, the Hobbs Act, RICO, money laundering, obstruction of justice, and other white collar crimes and their associated defenses.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 245B – Death Penalty Seminar (2 units)

Course Description: Offers overview of the constitutional law governing the death penalty in the United States.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Limited enrollment.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 245C – White Collar Investigations & Prosecutions (2 units)

Course Description: Explore a fictional white-collar crime, learning how to establish probable cause through cooperative witnesses; search warrants, the utilization of informants, and indemnity agreements will be analyzed. Learn about indictments, complaints, laws surrounding arrests, bail hearings, evidentiary suppression motions, and grand jury indictments.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 227A recommended.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 246 – Federal Jurisdiction (3 units)

Course Description: Study of subject-matter jurisdiction of federal courts.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 205.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 246A – California Civil Procedure: A Practical Approach (2 units)

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

Course Description: Provides a practical, hands-on approach to California Civil Procedure through case studies, drafting of common litigation documents, and studying the application of the Code of Civil Procedure to practical case scenarios. Issues of general civil litigation emphasizing bar exam topics are included.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 203.

Learning Activities: Lecture.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 246A – California Civil Procedure: A Practical Approach (2 units)

Course Description: Practical, hands-on approach to California Civil Procedure through case studies, drafting of common litigation documents, and studying the application of the Code of Civil Procedure to practical case scenarios. Issues of general civil litigation emphasizing bar exam topics are included.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 203.

Learning Activities: Lecture.

Grade Mode: Letter.

This course version is effective from, and including: Spring Semester 2026.

LAW 247 – Taxation of Partnerships & LLCs (3 units)

Course Description: Study of the federal income tax treatment of partnerships and partners; including entities classified as partnerships.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 220.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 247A – International Taxation (3 units)

Course Description: Major topics include worldwide taxation as applied to individuals (immigrants); source of income definitions in American tax law; concepts in inbound taxation, e.g., U.S. taxation of foreign persons; outbound taxation, e.g., U.S. taxation of foreign income.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 220 (can be concurrent); completion or current enrollment in a course covering the domestic taxation of corporations is suggested but not required; LAW 247B can be concurrent.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 247B – Corporate Tax (3 units)

Course Description: Examination of the federal income tax relationship between corporations and their owners. Covers the transfer of funds into a corporation on formation and the re-transfer of money and property from the corporation to its shareholders.

Learning Activities: Discussion/Laboratory.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 247C – Taxation of Business Entities (4 units)

Course Description: Introduction to federal income taxation of business entities.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 220; prerequisite will not be waived.

Learning Activities: Lecture 4 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 248 – International Law (3 units)

Course Description: Covers major topics in international and transnational law, including treaties and customary international law, international courts and tribunals, jurisdiction and immunities, use of force and law of armed conflict, and international criminal law.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 248A – Jurisdiction in Cyberspace Seminar (2 units)

Course Description: Review concepts in international law, conflicts of law, cyberlaw, and federal jurisdiction to address the growing multi-jurisdictional conflicts created by the Internet. Examine European efforts at crafting intra-Europe jurisdictional rules, as well as other international jurisdiction treaty projects such as those at the Hague.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Limited enrollment.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 248B – Human Rights in Context (2 units)

Course Description: Overview of the theory and practice of human rights law. Requirements include weekly discussion responses, a seminar paper, and active class participation.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 248 recommended.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 248CA – United Nations Human Rights Practicum I (2-3 units)

Course Description: Opportunity to work in support of the mandate of the United Nations Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Variable.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 248CB – United Nations Human Rights Practicum II (2-3 units)

Course Description: Build on the knowledge of the workings of the United Nations human rights system they gained in Practicum I, and gain further advanced experience working with UN documents, with individual cases in the field and with thematic reports.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Variable.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 248D – Globalization & the Law (3 units)

Course Description: Globalization of people, finance, goods, services, and information puts pressure on the nation-state form. In a world of diasporas and multinational corporations, what does citizenship mean?

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 248G – Legal Spanish for U.S. Lawyers (2 units)

Course Description: Designed for law students who are native Spanish-speakers or who have achieved proficiency in Spanish through study or experiences in a Spanish-speaking country.

Prerequisite(s): Must satisfy one of the following: undergraduate degree in Spanish; a minor in Spanish with experience living in a Spanish-speaking country; grew up in a Spanish-speaking household and achieved proficiency; able to pass an informal assessment by the instructor.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 248T – Advanced International Law (2 units)

Course Description: Review books of international law; Hugo Grotius and Judge Rosalyn Higgins. Themes include peaceful resolutions of dispute, law of war and peace, and international legal process.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 249 – Comparative Law (2 units)

Course Description: Uses of comparative method, principal differences between common law and civil law and the styles of legal reasoning that prevail in these two great legal cultures. Topics include the evolution of the civil law, the phenomenon of codification, the structure of European civil codes and the interpretation of their provisions, the respective roles of counsel, judges and law teachers, civil law procedure, and the analysis of selected areas of substantive law. Knowledge of a foreign language is not required.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 249A – First Gen Experience in Scholarly & Popular Literature (3 units)

Course Description: Provides an opportunity for "first-gen" students to reflect on their own educational journeys by reading scholarly studies and commentary, as well as memoir by famous first-gen lawyers; e.g., Justice Sotomayor, Michelle Obama, and fiction.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 250 – Jurisprudence Seminar (3 units)

Course Description: Deals principally with the question of how judges should decide "hard cases," where the content of the law is in doubt and competent arguments have or could be offered for mutually inconsistent decisions in favor of either party.

Learning Activities: Seminar 3 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Limited enrollment.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 250B – Advanced Writing Workshop (1 unit)

Course Description: Second- and third-year students produce a piece of academic writing that satisfies the King Hall writing requirement and is of publishable quality. Receive feedback both from the instructor and from one another in a workshop setting.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 251 – Labor Law (3 units)

Course Description: Survey of the legislative, administrative, and judicial regulation of labor relations under federal law. Historical development of labor law, the scope of national legislation, unions, strikes, picketing, and collective bargaining agreements.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 251B – Labor Law Practicum (2 units)

Course Description: Develops a theoretical and practical understanding of the labor movement, and the ways in which lawyers support and interact with the movement. Placement in labor organizations, labor-related law firms, and non-profits to gain experience with different aspects of labor organizing, labor campaigns, and collective bargaining.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 251 (can be concurrent).

Learning Activities: Fieldwork..

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 252 – International Litigation & Arbitration (3 units)

Course Description: Current developments in international law, conflict of laws, civil procedure, arbitration, and comparative law in the context of transactions and disputes that cut across national boundaries.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 252A – Introduction to Criminal Litigation; Pre-Trial (2 units)

Course Description: Utilizes experiential learning techniques to teach advocacy skills during the life of a criminal case and simulates critical stages of the proceedings by conducting mock hearings throughout the semester.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 253 – Policy Advocacy (2 units)

Course Description: In-depth examination of the legislative process both within the California Legislature and from the advocates' perspective. Train in key policy advocacy skills by legislative leaders and social justice advocates.

Learning Activities: Lecture.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 253A – Community Lawyering (3 units)

Course Description: Study the need for community lawyering including the structural inequalities and privileges embedded in the legal system and society. Skills necessary for community lawyering as well as sites and models for practice will be examined.

Learning Activities: Lecture.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 253B – International Public Interest Law & Advocacy (3 units)

Course Description: Introduction to the applied legal and policy skills necessary to become effective lawyers and advocates in the international public interest/nongovernmental organization community.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 254 – Housing Law (2 units)

Course Description: Survey course covers legal and policy issues related to developing, protecting and preserving affordable, safe and accessible housing and sustaining viable, diverse communities.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 254A – Law & Rural Livelihoods (3 units)

Course Description: This seminar considers rural manifestations of various legal, social and economic phenomena. We survey various subfields of law in relation to the rural-urban continuum, and we discuss rurality as an aspect of identity that intersects with other aspects of identity.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Credit Limitation(s): No credit if student has taken LAW 254C.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 254B – Access to Justice (2 units)

Course Description: Study of a variety of barriers that impede the access of unrepresented litigants to the courts—including poverty, racial bias, limited English proficiency and the digital divide—and critically examine existing solutions. Opportunity to develop and propose student's own solution to an access barrier.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 254C – White Working Class & the Law (2 units)

Course Description: Considers the social, cultural, economic, and legal situation of low-income and/or low-education whites in contemporary U.S. society.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Students who have taken LAW 254A previously are not eligible for this course.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 255 – Pension & Employee Benefits Law (3 units)

Course Description: Federal regulation and taxation of private pensions and employee benefits. Covers the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) and Internal Revenue Code issues.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 256 – Land Use (2 units)

Course Description: Addresses administrative, legislative, and judicial applications of land use planning and development laws. Topics include zoning, general plans, local government regulation, tribal interests, and California's Environmental Quality Act.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 257 – Legislative Process & Statutory Interpretation (2 units)

Course Description: Fundamental elements of federal and state legislative process, including legislative procedure, with a focus on statutory interpretation.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 257A – Legislative Intent Seminar (2 units)

Course Description: Theories and principles of statutory and constitutional interpretation. Original intent vs. living constitution; permissible kinds of evidence for determining legislative intent; canons of construction; extent to which initiatives should be interpreted similarly to legislative enactments.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 257B – Statutory Interpretation (3 units)

Course Description: Elective course for Environmental Law Certificate Program. Provides an introduction to the theory and practice of statutory interpretation.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 257C – Applied Statutory Interpretation: California's Housing-Framework Legislation (3 units)

Course Description: Theory and practice of statutory interpretation using case studies from the body of California law concerned with locally-erected barriers to housing supply. Grading based on a set of writing assignments derived from real-world cases.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 257D – Legislative Drafting (2 units)

Course Description: Legislative Drafting provides practical experience in researching, analyzing, and drafting all legislative measures in the State of California, including bills, resolutions, and constitutional amendments.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 257 recommended.

Learning Activities: Lecture.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 258 – Professional Responsibility (3 units)

Course Description: The ABA's Model Rules of Professional Conduct and the Code of Judicial Conduct, which are tested on the MPRE, and the California Rules of Professional Conduct, which are tested on the California Bar Examination.

Learning Activities: Discussion.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Closed to students who have taken LAW 258A.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 258A – Legal Ethics & Organizational Practice (3 units)

Course Description: Explores ethics rules governing the legal profession, including state Rules of Professional Conduct (RPCs) and the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct. Discern how the various RPCs differ, and we apply them to real-life situations.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Closed to students who have taken LAW 258 or 258H.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 258B – Mindfulness & the Law (2 units)

Course Description: Reviews the American Bar Association's Model Rules of Professional Conduct and the Code of Judicial Conduct, as tested on the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination, and covers California Rules of Professional Conduct, which are tested on the California Bar Examination.

Learning Activities: Discussion.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 258C – Conscious Lawyering (1 unit)

Course Description: Introductions to the practice of conscious lawyering. Includes concepts in professional and personal identity, self-awareness, focus, emotional intelligence, cultural and personal values, mindfulness, meditation, and mind-body connection.

Learning Activities: Practice 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: S/U only.

LAW 258D – Starting & Managing a Small Law Practice (2 units)

Course Description: Using real practice examples, in this discussion/simulation-based course learn how to open and successfully run a small law practice. Included topics: structure and organization, office set-up, billing, fees, time management, client handling, overseeing office staff, trust accounting, and ethical rules.

Learning Activities: Discussion.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 258E – Utility of Law School & Careers in the Law (1 unit)

Course Description: Despite improvements in the economy, some observers continue to question whether law school is a viable option for college graduates. Considers the controversy and expose students to the variety of careers in the legal profession.

Learning Activities: Lecture.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 258F – Practice Ready Seminar (2 units)

Course Description: Includes a discussion and review of the role of the junior attorney within a law firm/legal department, professional goal-setting, strategies for effective communication and work within teams, delegation and resource management, organization and time management, an introduction to common junior-level assignments and how to complete them efficiently and effectively, building a professional network, and an introduction to business development, among other topics.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 258G – Business Fundamentals for Lawyers (3 units)

Course Description: Overview of basic concepts of accounting and finance and their application to business valuation and in business contracts..

Learning Activities: Lecture.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 258H – Professional Responsibility (2 units)

Course Description: Ethical duties of lawyers in a variety of different contexts. Examines topics such as client control over the major decisions in a case, the duty of zealous advocacy, representation of organizations, and the unique role of government attorneys. Covers the American Bar Association's Model Rules of Professional Conduct and the California Rules of Professional Conduct, which are tested (respectively) on the MPRE and the California Bar Exam.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Students who take this course are ineligible for Law 258 and Law 258A.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 258J – Lawyers, the Rule of Law & Democracy (2 units)

Course Description: Seminar explores lawyer's roles, ethical obligations and critical choices regarding maintaining and preserving rule of law and democracy, by examining historical and contemporary scenarios. Class participation expected.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 259 – Feminist Legal Theory (2 units)

Course Description: Provides an overview of feminist legal theory and considers how its various strands inform legislative and judicial law making. Satisfies Advanced Writing Requirement.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 259A – Women, Islam & the Law (2 units)

Course Description: Study legal and religious reform movements for women's rights within Muslim communities in the context of current scholarly and political debates about fundamentalism, democracy, equality, secularism, universalism, and multiculturalism.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Limited enrollment seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 259B – Women's Human Rights (2 units)

Course Description: Overview of international legal and institutional system for the protection of women's human rights from an academic perspective and the view of the practitioner. Includes the (CEDAW), violence against women, sexual and reproductive rights, economic rights, and more.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 260 – Employment Discrimination (4 units)

Course Description: Examination of federal laws prohibiting employment discrimination.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 260A – Employment Law (3 units)

Course Description: Employment Law surveys the web of rules governing the law of work, from limits on at-will employment and privacy at work to labor law, family leave, and workplace discrimination.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 261 – Judicial Process (2 units)

Course Description: Examines a variety of issues concerning the judicial process. Focus is on judge's role in the legal process, the administration of justice, ethical issues, decision making, bias, and critical examination of the strengths and weaknesses in our current judicial system.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 261A – Comparative Judicial Process (2 units)

Course Description: Comparative law course focused on judicial institutions and judicial decision-making around the world.

Learning Activities: Seminar 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 262 – Antitrust (3 units)

Course Description: Focus on the federal antitrust laws, concentrating on basic substantive areas of the Sherman and Clayton Acts.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 262B – Regulated Industries (2 units)

Course Description: Examines regulation of business in sectors, traditionally described as "common carrier" and "utility" industries, where because of market failures normal competitive mechanism will not protect consumers from exercises of market power.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 263 – Criminal Trials: Theory & Practice (3 units)

Course Description: Trial advocacy centered on client relationship building, preparation for trial, and courtroom practice.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 263A – Trial Practice (3 units)

Course Description: Introduction to trial. Featuring lectures, demonstrations, assigned readings, and trial drills. Formulate trial strategy, theory and theme and conduct all phases of a trial, including opening statements, direct and cross examinations, and closing arguments.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 219 recommended (can be concurrent).

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s), Laboratory 1 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Limited enrollment.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 263B – Advanced Trial Practice (2 units)

Course Description: Train on the organization and presentation of a complex trial, including pretrial preparation, jury selection, strategy considerations, evidentiary issues, and effective handling of plaintiff and defense cases through verdict.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 219; LAW 263A.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Class limited to 40 students.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 263C – Voir Dire: Theory & Practice (1 unit)

Course Description: Teaches (1) the law that restricts and supports jury selection in criminal law trials, (2) the most effective methods of engaging in jury selection, (3) how to think critically and strategically about voir dire questioning and juror challenges.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 1 hour(s).

Grade Mode: S/U only.

LAW 264 – Water Law (3 units)

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

Course Description: Examine the diversity of water rights legal systems throughout the U.S., concerning surface water and groundwater rights. The course will also address major, current water law & policy issues including Native American rights & climate change impacts.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 264 – Water Law (2 units)

Course Description: Water supply, use, infrastructure, and organizations; rights in surface waters, including riparian rights, prior appropriation, and federal reserved rights; environmental and constitutional constraints on water use; groundwater rights and management; drought and emergency water curtailment; interaction of state and federal law; contemporary case studies and challenges; water equity considerations.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

This course version is effective from, and including: Spring Semester 2026.

LAW 264A – Ocean & Coastal Law (3 units)

Course Description: Introduction to the goals and challenges of coastal and ocean policy; the complicated web of public and private interests in coastal lands and ocean waters; regulation of coastal development; domestic and international fisheries management; and preservation of ocean resources.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 265 – Natural Resources Law Seminar (2 units)

Course Description: In-depth coverage of two foundational principles of natural resources law: public trust doctrine and private property rights protected under the Takings Clause of the U.S. and many state constitutions.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 285 or LAW 256 recommended, but not required.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Restricted to 15 students.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 266 – Commercial Law (3 units)

Course Description: Survey of commercial transactions law under the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC). Covers a number of topics under Articles 2, 3, & 9 of the UCC. Topics include attachment and perfection of security interests in personal property and general principles of negotiability. Primary goals are to provide a foundational knowledge and understanding of several articles of the UCC and improve problem-solving skills in this area.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 202.

Learning Activities: Discussion.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 266A – Cyberlaw (2 units)

Course Description: Examines from a globalized perspective a broad range of internet governance issues, ranging from free speech, hate speech, defamation, copyright, intermediary liability, administrative censorship online, online anonymity, privacy, data protection, etc.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 266B – Artificial Intelligence & the Law (1 unit)

Course Description: Looks at AI's seemingly infinite possibilities and discusses where should the legal boundaries begin and end. Core lecturing centers on the NIST AI Risk Management Framework and the proposed EU AI Regulation requirements.

Learning Activities: Discussion 1 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 267 – Civil Rights Law (2 units)

Course Description: Civil remedies for civil rights violations under the primary United States civil rights statute. Specifically, covers actions for constitutional and statutory violations under 42 USC §1983, affirmative defenses, and abstention doctrines.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 269 – Basic Finance for Lawyers (2 units)

Course Description: Basic techniques of analysis that are part of the core curriculum in a good business school. Gives background necessary for understanding and advising your clients and for understanding other business-related law school courses.

Prerequisite(s): Students with a non-law basic finance course will not be admitted, except with consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Discussion.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 269B – Consumer Protection & Financial Regulation (3 units)

Course Description: Examines laws seeking a “fair” financial marketplace, including markets for consumer credit, residential mortgages, and student lending through Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; disclosure; and prohibitions on unfair, deceptive, and abusive acts.

Learning Activities: Lecture.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 269C – Corporate Finance (3 units)

Course Description: Focus on how corporations raise money, stocks and bonds, etc.; how deals are structured and why corporations use one strategy instead of another.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 215 or concurrent enrollment recommended.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 269D – Seminar on Financial Regulation (2 units)

Course Description: Introduction to the legal and regulatory issues presented by contemporary capital markets.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 269E – Public Finance (2 units)

Course Description: Introduction to the basic concepts of public finance, the underlying law governing public finance: in particular state law, federal tax law and federal securities law.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 269F – Fintech Innovation & Financial Inclusion (2 units)

Course Description: Focuses on fintech innovation and financial inclusion. Explores how fintech is transforming traditional financial services and providing new opportunities and challenges for financial inclusion.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 270 – International Business Transactions (2 units)

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

Course Description: Select legal problems arising from international business transactions.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 270 – International Business Transactions (3 units)

Course Description: Select legal problems arising from international business transactions.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 202 and LAW 248 recommended, not required.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion.

Grade Mode: Letter.

This course version is effective from, and including: Spring Semester 2026.

LAW 270A – Life-Cycle Transactions & Drafting (2 units)

Course Description: Focuses on analysis of contract drafting design for various types of transactions and actual transactional documents typically encountered.

Prerequisite(s): Business Associations and/or Trusts, Wills Estates are recommended for enhanced comprehension.

Learning Activities: Discussion.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 270C – Contract Drafting & Development (3 units)

Course Description: Complete complex contracts. Learn various approaches to completing contracts (from term sheet to final document) and complete exercises and assignments to hone contract skills. Build a “contract skills toolbox” with the tools needed for completing and drafting contracts.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 270D – Transactional Lawyering Skills: Contract Drafting for Tech (2 units)

Course Description: Skills-based course applies legal concepts to client counselling and drafting of effective business documents with emphasis on the tech industry. Solve problems, analyze risk, and draft contracts in a real-world context.

Learning Activities: Discussion/Laboratory 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 271 – Nonprofit Organizations & Drafting (4 units)

Course Description: Learn special legal rules and concepts applicable to non-profit organizations; particularly IRC 501(c)(3) nonprofits. Combination skills class and lecture class.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 215; or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Extensive Writing/Discussion 4 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Restricted to 13 students.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 271A – NonProfit Organizations: State & Local Governance Issues (2 units)

Course Description: Focuses on the state and local laws applicable to nonprofit organizations; i.e., public interest, cultural, religious, educational and other not-for-profit entities.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 215 (can be concurrent); or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 271B – Nonprofit Organizations: Tax Exemptions & Taxation Focus (2 units)

Course Description: Focuses on the conceptual basis and substantive law criteria for the federal and state income tax exemption of nonprofit organizations.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 215; or consent of instructor; LAW 220 recommended.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 272 – Family Law (2 units)

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

Course Description: Introduction to the legal regulation of the family.

Learning Activities: Discussion.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 272 – Family Law (3 units)

Course Description: Introduction to the legal regulation of the family.

Learning Activities: Discussion.

Grade Mode: Letter.

This course version is effective from, and including: Spring Semester 2026.

LAW 273A – Education Policy & the Law (3 units)

Course Description: Education law and policy, focusing in particular on efforts to use the law and policy to improve educational outcomes for disadvantaged children.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 273B – Special Education Law & Policy (2 units)

Course Description: Introduction to the law of special education including the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and federal regulations governing special education law.

Learning Activities: Lecture.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 274 – Intellectual Property (3 units)

Course Description: Provides a broad survey of intellectual property law. Areas covered include trade secrets, patents, copyrights, and trademarks. Examines legal doctrine as well as the theories and policies animating the intellectual property system.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 274A – International Intellectual Property & Development (2 units)

Course Description: Examines international trade law, national customs law, intermediary liability rules, claims for rights in traditional knowledge and genetic resources, protections for geographical indications, technology transfer, and intellectual property piracy.

Learning Activities: Discussion.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 274B – Trade Secrets (2 units)

Course Description: Focuses on the law of trade secrets, including the DTSA, the UTSA, current case law developments, and the overlap between trade secret laws and employment laws. No technical background required.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 274; or consent of instructor; prior coursework in property, torts, evidence, and contracts recommended.

Learning Activities: Discussion.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 274D – Intellectual Property in Historical Context Seminar (2 units)

Course Description: How the legal system has adapted to earlier periods of rapid change by creating, delimiting, and expanding intellectual property rights (IPRs). Required paper satisfies advanced writing requirement.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 274H – Theory & History of Intellectual Property (2 units)

Course Description: Seminar traces development of intellectual property law in the U.S. and Europe because it is not possible to understand the logic and shape of current Intellectual Property concepts outside of their messy history.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 274J – Current Controversies in Intellectual Property Law (2 units)

Course Description: Examine controversial topics in intellectual property law and policy across a wide range of issues, from technology to the arts, to social justice, in their national and international dimensions.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 274K – International & Comparative Intellectual Property (3 units)

Course Description: Examines the international regulation of intellectual property rights and explores the place of the United States in the international IP community. Discusses international treaties and legal harmonization efforts, legislation and case law from different jurisdictions, and the role of technology.

Prerequisite(s): Completion or simultaneous enrollment in Copyright and/or Intellectual Property.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 275 – Complex Litigation in a Civil Rights Context (2 units)

Course Description: Study of the issues that frequently arise in large complex litigation involving multiple parties and multiple claims.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 275C – Federal Courts (2 units)

Course Description: Study of the subject-matter jurisdiction of federal courts. The constitutional and statutory grants of authority to federal courts to adjudicate actions arising under federal law or between parties of diverse citizenship are examined in contemporary detail and from the perspectives of history and the Constitution.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 203; LAW 205.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 276 – Juvenile Justice Process (2 units)

Course Description: Legal and philosophical bases of a separate juvenile justice process for crimes committed by minors. The role of counsel at each phase of the process is examined.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 276A – Child Welfare & the Law (2 units)

Course Description: Focus on the welfare and legal rights of children, especially the most at risk in society, including those in foster care and victims of crime and civil torts. Learn the substantive law of juvenile dependency and the special duties of lawyers representing children in dependency and civil cases, as well as child witnesses in criminal cases.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 205; LAW 272 recommended; LAW 276 recommended.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 276B – Children & the Law (3 units)

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

Course Description: Examines the unique status of children in our legal system, focusing on the juvenile legal system and the child welfare system. Additional topics include the rights of children, psychology of adolescence, representing children, international perspective.

Learning Activities: Seminar 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 276B – Children & the Law (1 units)

Course Description: Examines the unique status of children in our legal system, and explores the fundamental question of how the law allocates decision-making power and responsibility for children among the child, the family and the State.

Learning Activities: Seminar 1 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

This course version is effective from, and including: Spring Semester 2026.

LAW 277 – Federal Indian Law (3 units)

Course Description: Focuses on legal relations between Native American tribes and the federal and state governments.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 277A – Tribal Justice (2 units)

Course Description: Concept of justice through a lens of responsibility, repair, and healing rather than punishment and exclusion. Learn from practitioners in the field.

Learning Activities: Lecture.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 278 – Pretrial Skills (2 units)

Course Description: Sharpen pretrial lawyering skills through readings, discussion, role-playing exercises, videotaped simulations, and related projects. Emphasis on client interviewing, witness interviewing and depositions. Some simulations conducted outside class sessions.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Limited enrollment.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 279 – Legal Analysis (2 units)

Course Description: Focus on skills critical to law school success, and ultimately, bar exam success; skills include effective case reading, briefing, outlining, and exam writing. Receive individualized feedback on each of their written assignments.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Restricted to second-year law students only.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 280 – Advanced Legal Writing: Analytical & Persuasive Writing (2 units)

Course Description: Develop essay writing skills typically employed on the bar examination. Receive feedback on written work and learn analytical and persuasive writing skills transferable to the bar exam and legal practice.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Restricted to third-year Law students only.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 280B – Problem Solving & Analysis (2 units)

Course Description: Skills focused on the development of legal analytical and organizational methods essential to successful completion of the Performance Test component of the California Bar Exam (and other states), and, by extension, to success in the practice of law.

Learning Activities: Lecture.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Restricted to third-year Law students only.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 281 – State & Local Government Law (3 units)

Course Description: Introduction to the law governing the relations between local governments and states.

Learning Activities: Discussion.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 282 – Energy Law (2 units)

Course Description: Explores the history, law, and public policy of energy regulation in the United States, emphasizing economic and environmental regulation. Competitive restructuring of the natural gas and electric utility industries is emphasized. Basic regulatory schemes for other energy sources—hydroelectric power, coal, oil, and nuclear power—are explored depending on class interest.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 282A – Renewable Energy Seminar (2 units)

Course Description: Provides a broad overview of renewable energy law and policy with a particular focus on the California policy context. Topics include renewable electricity, California's renewable portfolio standard, and project development.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 283 – Remedies (2 units)

Course Description: Survey of modern American civil remedies law in both private and public law contexts. Topics include equitable remedies, equitable defenses, contempt power, injunctive relief, restitution, and money damages in torts and contracts.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 284 – Law & Economics (3 units)

Course Description: Introduction to the economic analysis of law. Prior study of economics is not required.

Learning Activities: Discussion.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 285 – Environmental Law (4 units)

Course Description: Introduction to environmental law, focusing primarily on federal law. Includes coverage of major statutes including the National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, Clean Air Act, and Clean Water Act.

Learning Activities: Discussion 4 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 285A – California Environmental Issues (2 units)

Course Description: The "Nation-state" of California has for many years been a national and global leader in environmental law and policy. Survey of key California environmental law and policy issues.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 285B – Environmental Practice (3 units)

Course Description: Examines underlying theory and practice in securing compliance with our major environmental laws.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 285 recommended.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 285C – Food Systems Law & the Environment (2 units)

Course Description: Explores the various legal structures surrounding the governance of our food system; we will cover environmental regulation (or lack thereof), food safety laws, trade laws, and labor laws.

Learning Activities: Discussion.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 285D – Farmworkers & the Law (2 units)

Course Description: Provides an overview of California and federal laws impacting farmworkers and how such laws have been applied to regulate working conditions in agriculture.

Learning Activities: Discussion.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 285E – Climate Change Law & Policy (3 units)

Course Description: Addresses the legal and public policy dimensions of climate change, perhaps the most important environmental issue of our time.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 285F – Environmental Justice (2 units)

Course Description: Introduction to the field of environmental justice.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 285H – Comparative Environmental Law (2 units)

Course Description: Focus on Pacific Rim, examining factors, similarities/differences in countries environmental regulation and success of environmental law. Including information and market-based regulatory approaches; compliance and enforcement gaps; citizen and community mobilization; the role of legal institutions; variations in regulatory style.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 285K – Biodiversity Law (2 units)

Course Description: Covers the law of biodiversity, with a focus on the laws of the United States, including both science and federal, state, and local policies. Graded based on short response papers and participation in class discussions.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 285 recommended.

Learning Activities: Seminar 1 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 285L – Food Innovation Law & Policy Seminar (1 unit)

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

Course Description: Introduction to the exciting world of new food discoveries and their relationship to food law and policy. Seminar looks at food innovation, the transfer of food technology, and how new products move into the marketplace.

Learning Activities: Seminar 1 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 285L – Food Innovation Law & Policy Seminar (2 units)

Course Description: Introduction to the exciting world of new food discoveries and their relationship to food law and policy. Looks at food innovation, the transfer of food technology, and how new products move into the marketplace.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

This course version is effective from, and including: Spring Semester 2026.

LAW 285M – Craft Beer Law (2 units)

Course Description: Topics covered include the historical bases for alcohol regulation, the three-tier system, licensing and regulation, ABC enforcement procedures, various compliance requirements, and related legal issues that impact craft-breweries (including entity formation, and IP).

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 285TA – Environmental Law Seminar: Emerging Technologies & the Environment (2 units)

Course Description: Examines legal regimes that might apply to various emerging technologies and consider governance mechanisms and reforms that might enable more foresighted and participatory development and management of technology.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 286 – Health Care Law (3 units)

Course Description: Examines law and policy issues in health care financing and access to health care. Draws from current events, case law, statutes, and regulations. The role of structural, institutional, and cultural inequalities in health care.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 286A – Topical Issues in Health Law (2 units)

Course Description: Focuses on four-six issues at the interface of law, medicine, bioethics, and health policy that are currently the subject of major litigation, legislation, and/or contentious debate in the domains of bioethics and public policy.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Limited enrollment.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 286B – Public Health Law (2 units)

Course Description: Public health law, seen broadly, is the government's power and responsibility to ensure the conditions for the population's health.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Restricted to 15 students.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 286C – Bioethics (3 units)

Course Description: Ethical, legal, and social issues that arise from biomedicine. Uses interdisciplinary and critical theory methods to consider the role of law on issues arising from biotechnology and science-based knowledge systems.

Learning Activities: Discussion.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Limited enrollment.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 286D – Legal Psychology Seminar (2 units)

Course Description: Examines how psychological theory and research can be used to shape laws and policies to make them better reflect what we know empirically about how individuals process information, make decisions and behave.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 286E – Reproductive Rights, Law, & Policy (3 units)

Course Description: Addresses a variety of laws and practices that affect reproductive health and procreative decision making.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Limited enrollment.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 286F – Neuroscience & the Law (2 units)

Course Description: Explore current topics at the crossroads of neuroscience and the law. Cover topics including neuroscience evidence at sentencing, brain-based lie detection, tort liability for brain injuries, brain based enhancement and the boundaries between life and death.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 286G – Representing Life Science Companies (2 units)

Course Description: Biotechnology and Pharmaceuticals are two of the fastest-growing industries in the U.S., and the legal issues that arise in connection with representing them are complex and evolving. Seminar focuses on the transactional, intellectual property, and regulatory legal issues that challenge lawyers working with clients in these industries.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 286H – Mental Health & the Law (2 units)

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

Course Description: Explores how those with mental health needs interact with law enforcement and the justice system, including pre-arrest intervention, court diversion, serious crime prosecution, and re-entry after incarceration.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 286H – Mental Health & The Courts (2 units)

Course Description: Explores how those with mental health needs interact with law enforcement and the justice system, including pre-arrest intervention, court diversion, serious crime prosecution, and re-entry after incarceration.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

This course version is effective from, and including: Spring Semester 2026.

LAW 286J – Health Justice (2 units)

Course Description: Examines health and health care through a social justice lens. Focuses on health risks disproportionately experienced by marginalized communities and individuals. Learning Activities Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 287 – Public Land & Natural Resources Law (3 units)

Course Description: Covers the legal aspects of managing national parks, national forests, national wildlife refuges, and other lands owned and managed by the federal government.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 235 or LAW 285 recommended.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 287A – Poverty Law (2 units)

Course Description: Explore the theory and practice of law pertaining to the enactment and enforcement of laws regulating or aiding the poor and other disadvantaged persons.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Limited enrollment.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 288 – Advanced Constitutional Law Seminar (2 units)

Course Description: Seminar explores in-depth selected topics or problems in constitutional law and theory. The current focus will include diverse topics including abortion rights, the development of Second Amendment jurisprudence, and other subject areas.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 218 (can be concurrent) or LAW 218A (can be concurrent).

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Limited enrollment.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 288A – Presidential Powers Seminar (2 units)

Course Description: Explores the Constitutional powers of the President in Article II and how they intersect with Congressional power. Emphasis on executive and legislative power, executive orders, appointment and removal powers, executive privilege and immunity, pardons, impeachment, Congressional investigations, independent and special counsels, and the 25th Amendment.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 288B – Supreme Court Simulation Seminar (3 units)

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

Course Description: Take on the role of Justices of, and advocates before, the Supreme Court of the United States.

Learning Activities: Seminar 3 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Course may satisfy the Advanced Writing Requirement or the Professional Skills Requirement. Students must choose one.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 288B – Supreme Court Simulation Seminar (3 units)

Course Description: Take on the role of Justices of, and advocates before, the Supreme Court of the United States.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 205 recommended.

Learning Activities: Seminar 3 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): May satisfy the Advanced Writing Requirement or the Professional Skills Requirement; students must choose one.

Grade Mode: Letter.

This course version is effective from, and including: Fall Quarter 2027.

LAW 288C – National Security Law (2 units)

Course Description: Examines the allocation of national security powers among the three branches of government, and the laws & policies that govern military operations, the collection & use of intelligence, homeland security, and other current national security issues.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 205.

Learning Activities: Lecture.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 288CS – National Security Law: Crisis Simulation Seminar (3 units)

Course Description: Explore Constitutional allocation of national security powers among three branches of government, and the vital role lawyers play in national security decision-making. Conduct deep dives on national security law case studies.

Prerequisite(s): Constitutional Law I; Public International Law (recommended).

Learning Activities: Lecture.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 289A – Biotechnology Law & Policy (2 units)

Course Description: Coverage includes the regulation of biotechnology research, including restrictions on cloning and fetal stem cell research; regulation of the products of biotechnology to protect human health or the environment, including restrictions on use or distribution of genetically modified organisms; the availability and scope of intellectual property protection for biotechnology products, including genes and engineered organisms; and the international law governing access to the natural resources that provide the starting materials for biotechnology and trade in bioengineered organisms or their products.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Limited enrollment.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 290 – International Trade Law (3 units)

Course Description: China has become factory to the world, India its back office, and the US its information intermediary. Trade law affects goods, safety of foods, and conditions under which clothes are produced. Reviews trade regulation from the World Trade Organization to regional organizations such as NAFTA. Considers the implications for developing economies and analyze strengths and weaknesses of the current international trade order.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 290C – Information Privacy Law (2 units)

Course Description: Examine several topics that arise in field of information privacy law, with a special emphasis on law enforcement access to this information.

Prerequisite(s): Criminal Procedure strongly recommended.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Only.

LAW 290D – Comparative Privacy Law (3 units)

Course Description: Compares regulatory privacy framework. Core lecturing focuses on the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and how it compares with U.S. law. Core concepts include controller/processor, personal data/personal information, data subject/consumer, etc.

Prerequisite(s): Recommended passing one of the IAPP certifications or Privacy Law Seminar.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 291A – International Finance (4 units)

Course Description: Money makes the world go round. We will try to follow that money, learning how a framework of national and international laws and institutions regulates (or perhaps fails to regulate) its flow.

Learning Activities: Discussion 4 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 291B – International Investment Dispute Seminar (2 units)

Course Description: This seminar will examine the law of investor-State dispute resolution.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 292 – Immigration Law & Procedure (4 units)

Course Description: Surveys the history of U.S. immigration law and policy.

Prerequisite(s): Law 235 recommended.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 292A – Advanced Topics in Immigration & Citizenship Law Seminar (2 units)

Course Description: Conducts a closer examination of various topics and subject matters that relate to immigration and citizenship law.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 292; may be waived by the professor.

Learning Activities: Lecture.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 292B – Immigration Crimes (2 units)

Course Description: Every year, tens of thousands of people are charged with immigration-related crimes in the federal court system; almost all of the people prosecuted in these cases come from Spanish-speaking countries to the south of the United States. Examine the history of such immigration-related prosecutions, explores how they are currently conducted, and looks in particular at the streamlined proceedings that happen in districts along the southern border.

Learning Activities: Lecture.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 292C – Humanizing Deportation (2 units)

Course Description: Focus on student's investigation, research, interviewing and client counseling skills. Review the stories in the UC Humanizing Deportation archive, research possible forms of immigration relief for deported individuals, and identify possible candidates for legal screening. After in-depth training, students travel to Tijuana, Mexico to provide know-your-rights and educational workshops with deported individuals.

Learning Activities: Clinical Activity.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 292D – Immigration Federalism (2 units)

Course Description: Study local government laws and practices that seek to regulate the lives of immigrants living within their jurisdiction. Areas include housing, labor and employment, driving and professional licenses, health, public benefits, and policing.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 292 and LAW 205 recommended.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 293 – Public Interest Law (2 units)

Course Description: Examine issues and problems associated with providing civil legal services to persons and interests in American society that are typically unable to afford or otherwise obtain representation from the private bar.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 294A – Law & Popular Culture (2 units)

Course Description: Examines works of popular culture, films, and legal texts. Each session focuses on a particular film and its cultural implications, particular problem or problems of law, law practice, legal ethics, traditional ethics, or public policy.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 294C – Business of Professional Sports (2 units)

Course Description: Provides a basic understanding of how sports teams are legally structured; diversification of business lines, e.g., real estate, hospitality, non-profits, venture capital, marketing; role, structure, and importance of arena/facility as the modern community campfire; legal areas of focus, e.g., contracts, IP, finance, legislation, administrative law, risk management, construction; cutting edge legal issues, e.g., music license rights on social media, gambling, equal pay, eSports.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 215.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 295A – Trademark & Unfair Competition Law (2 units)

Course Description: Intensive look at selected issues in Trademark Law, including the concepts of trademarks & unfair competition, acquisition & loss of trademark rights, infringement, trademarks as speech, and international aspects of trademark protection.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 274 recommended, not required.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 296 – Copyright (3 units)

Course Description: Thorough examination of the law of copyright, including its application to literature, music, films, television, art, computer programs, and the Internet.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 296B – Entertainment Law (2 units)

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

Course Description: Provides a working knowledge of legal issues in the entertainment industry with general and more specialized knowledge in established media, including film, literature, music and television, as well as emerging online media and video games.

Learning Activities: Discussion.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 296B – Entertainment Law (2 units)

Course Description: Explore the foundational principles of Entertainment Law, as well as emerging developments in this area of law and practice. Study the application of intellectual property rights and rights of personhood (copyright, trademark, publicity, etc.) to artists/creators, famous individuals, and the industry at large, with surveys into the various sub-industries within the general category of Entertainment (music, TV, film, gaming, etc.) and the assorted laws that apply to each.

Learning Activities: Discussion.

Grade Mode: Letter.

This course version is effective from, and including: Spring Semester 2026.

LAW 296C – Fictional Characters & Real People (2 units)

Course Description: Celebrities and fictional characters both have a powerful hold on the human imagination and are important parts of our modern myths. Examines legal protection available for each.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 296D – Art Law (3 units)

Course Description: Selected issues in Art Law, including meaning of art, how to represent artists, copyright, publicity, first amendment rights, censorship, street art, government regulation, art markets, international protection of art and cultural property; and more.

Learning Activities: Discussion 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 296E – Art & Cultural Heritage Law (3 units)

Course Description: Exploration of the law relevant to art and cultural heritage, including copyright, cultural property, and cultural heritage laws in international and comparative perspective. Studied issues include creativity, artists' moral rights, forgery, and repatriation.

Learning Activities: Lecture/Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 297 – Alternative Dispute Resolution (2 units)

Course Description: Introduction to a wide variety of alternative dispute resolution procedures, with an emphasis on negotiation, mediation, and arbitration. Discussion of skills/strategies, with a focus on laws/policies that affect how ADR procedures are conducted.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Limited enrollment.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 297A – Federal Arbitration Act Seminar (2 units)

Course Description: Trace the development of commercial arbitration law, with a special emphasis on hot-button contemporary issues like consumer and employment arbitration, the separability doctrine, preemption of state law, and the arbitrability of statutory claims.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 297BT – International Arbitration (2 units)

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

Course Description: Introduction to international arbitration; the preferred method of dispute resolution in international business. Discuss both commercial arbitration (between private parties) and investor-state arbitration (between private parties & sovereign states).

Prerequisite(s): LAW 202 highly recommended.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 297BT – International Arbitration (3 units)

Course Description: Introduction to the legal framework underpinning international arbitration—the preferred method for resolving international commercial disputes. Offers all essential doctrine as well as extensive skills training based on an actual arbitration.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 202 highly recommended.

Learning Activities: Discussion 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

This course version is effective from, and including: Spring Semester 2026.

LAW 297C – ADR & Social Entrepreneurship (2 units)

Course Description: Innovative, hands-on course delves into the intersection of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and social entrepreneurship. Learn how ADR methods can be leveraged to address social challenges by creating impactful social enterprises.

Learning Activities: Fieldwork 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 298A – Leadership & the Law (1 unit)

Course Description: Prepare for responsible leadership and service in the roles that lawyers perform in legal practice, and as social change agents.

Learning Activities: Lecture.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Limited enrollment.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 298B – Trauma-Informed Lawyering (1 unit)

Course Description: Obtain knowledge and skills to navigate the landscape of trauma. Explore the science of trauma, and develop strategies for working with trauma in clients, ourselves, and others.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 298C – Empirical Legal Studies (3 units)

Course Description: Learn about research design by reading important papers in the field of empirical legal studies. Complete empirical research project using originally collected data.

Prerequisite(s): Law 228C or a previous undergraduate class in statistics is highly recommended

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 298D – Lessons in Law & Public Leadership (1 unit)

This version has ended; see updated course, below.

Course Description: Explore California legislative, political, and leadership challenges of the last two decades and focus on decision-making and leadership options in the public sphere.

Learning Activities: Fieldwork 1 hour(s).

Grade Mode: S/U only.

LAW 298D – Lessons in Law & Public Leadership (1 units)

Course Description: Three-week seminar brings California's great legislative, political, and leadership challenges of the last two decades into the classroom. Asks, what would you do, not if, but when confronted with your generation's defining challenges?

Learning Activities: Discussion 1 hour(s).

Grade Mode: S/U only.

This course version is effective from, and including: Spring Semester 2026.

LAW 298F – Law, Economics & Empirical Legal Studies Seminar (2 units)

Course Description: Latest research in law and economics and empirical legal studies; five workshops with leading scholars' research papers.

Learning Activities: Seminar 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 400A – Study Abroad: Ireland (12 units)

Course Description: Semester-away study abroad in Ireland at a partner university. Enhance knowledge of international legal regimes and gain global legal educational experience.

Learning Activities: Independent Study.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Must apply and be accepted into the International Study Abroad Program.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 400B – Study Abroad: Denmark (12 units)

Course Description: Semester-away study abroad in Denmark at a partner university. Enhance knowledge of international legal regimes and gain global legal educational experience.

Learning Activities: Independent Study.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Must apply and be accepted into the International Study Abroad Program.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 400C – Study Abroad: China (12 units)

Course Description: Semester-away study abroad in China at a partner university. Enhance knowledge of international legal regimes and gain global legal educational experience.

Learning Activities: Independent Study.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Must apply and be accepted into the International Study Abroad Program.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 400D – Study Abroad: Switzerland (12 units)

Course Description: Semester-away study abroad in Switzerland at a partner university. Enhance knowledge of international legal regimes and gain global legal educational experience.

Learning Activities: Independent Study.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Must apply and be accepted into the International Study Abroad Program.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 400E – Study Abroad: Spain (12 units)

Course Description: Semester-away study abroad in Spain at a partner university. Enhance knowledge of international legal regimes and gain global legal educational experience.

Learning Activities: Independent Study.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 400F – Study Abroad: France (12 units)

Course Description: Semester-away study abroad in Paris at a partner university. Enhance knowledge of international legal regimes and gain global legal educational experience.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Must apply and be accepted in the International Study Abroad Program.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 400G – Study Abroad: U.K. (12 units)

Course Description: Semester-away study abroad in the U.K. at a partner university. Enhance knowledge of international legal regimes and gain global legal educational experience.

Learning Activities: Independent Study.

Grade Mode: S/U only.

LAW 400H – Study Abroad: Belgium (12 units)

Course Description: Semester-away study abroad in Belgium at a partner university. Enhance knowledge of international legal regimes and gain global legal educational experience.

Learning Activities: Independent study.

Grade Mode: S/U only.

LAW 400I – Study Abroad: India (12 units)

Course Description: Semester-away study abroad in India at a partner university. Enhance knowledge of international legal regimes and gain global legal educational experience.

Learning Activities: Independent Study.

Grade Mode: S/U only.

LAW 400J – Study Abroad: Chile (12 units)

Course Description: Semester-away study abroad in Chile at a partner university. Enhance knowledge of international legal regimes and gain global legal educational experience.

Learning Activities: Independent study.

Grade Mode: S/U only.

LAW 400K – Study Abroad: Italy (12 units)

Course Description: Semester-away study abroad in Italy at a partner university. Enhance knowledge of international legal regimes and gain global legal educational experience.

Learning Activities: Independent study.

Grade Mode: S/U only.

LAW 400L – Study Abroad: Sweden (12 units)

Course Description: Semester-away study abroad in Sweden at a partner university. Enhance knowledge of international legal regimes and gain global legal educational experience.

Learning Activities: Independent study.

Grade Mode: S/U only.

LAW 408 – Community Education Seminar (3 units)

Course Description: Trains students to educate the community about basic legal rights and responsibilities. Students attend an initial four-hour orientation, followed by weekly seminars that will prepare students to teach in a local high school at least two times per week.

Learning Activities: Seminar 3 hour(s), Clinical Activity.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Limited enrollment.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 409 – Environmental Law Moot Court (1 unit)

Course Description: During the first eight weeks of fall semester, students research and submit briefs as appellants, respondents, or third parties on a problem of environmental law that is prepared by the National Environmental Law Moot Court Board.

Learning Activities: Variable.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 410A – Appellate Advocacy I (2 units)

Course Description: Basic appellate practice and procedure. Beginning instruction in oral advocacy skills and an opportunity to practice these skills in front of a moot court.

Learning Activities: Discussion/Laboratory.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Limited enrollment.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 410B – Appellate Advocacy II (Moot Court) (2 units)

Course Description: Continuation of LAW 410A. Focuses on the development of effective appellate brief writing skills and the refinement of oral advocacy skills.

Learning Activities: Practice 2 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Limited enrollment.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 411A – Journal of International Law & Policy (1-2 units)

Course Description: The UC Davis Journal of International Law & Policy publishes semi-annually and strives to contribute pertinent and interesting scholarly works to the field of international law.

Learning Activities: Variable 1-2 hour(s).

Repeat Credit: May be repeated 5 time(s) allowing participation in the journal for more than one term.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 411B – Social Justice Law Review (1-2 units)

Course Description: The Social Justice Law Review is a publication of the UC Davis School of Law that addresses the unique concerns of social justice in the American legal system.

Learning Activities: Independent Study 1-2 hour(s).

Repeat Credit: May be repeated 5 time(s) allowing participation in the journal for more than one term.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 411C – UC Davis Business Law Journal (1-2 units)

Course Description: The UC Davis Business Law Journal is run by dedicated law students who are committed to providing current and valuable legal and business analysis.

Learning Activities: Independent Study 1 hour(s).

Repeat Credit: May be repeated 5 time(s) allowing participation in the journal for more than one term.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 411D – Immigration & Nationality Law Review (1-2 units)

Course Description: The Immigration & Nationality Law Review (INLR) is in part a reprint journal and serves as an anthology of seminal articles on immigration, nationality, and citizenship law. INLR also creates space for student Notes.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Independent Study.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated 5 time(s) allowing participation in the journal for more than one term.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 412 – Carr Intraschool Trial Advocacy Competition (1 unit)

Course Description: Named after the late Justice Frances Carr, this competition is open to second and third-year students. A preliminary round is followed by quarter-finals, semi-finals, and a final round. Students participate in mock trials presided over by judges and critiqued by experienced litigators.

Learning Activities: Variable.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Limited enrollment.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 413 – Interschool Competition (1-3 units)

Course Description: Participation in interschool moot court and lawyering skills competitions. Competition must be authorized by the appropriate faculty advisor. Faculty advisor may condition the award of academic credit for any particular competition on the performance of such additional work as may be reasonable to justify the credit. May satisfy advanced legal writing requirement.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of appropriate faculty advisor.

Learning Activities: Variable.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Limited to students actually representing the School in the interschool competitions.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 414 – Moot Court Board (1 unit)

Course Description: Members of Moot Court Board may receive 1 unit for each semester of service on the board; maximum of 2 units. Credit awarded only after certification by Moot Court Board and approval of the faculty advisors to Moot Court Board.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 410A; LAW 410B.

Learning Activities: Variable.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Limited enrollment.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 414A – Negotiations Board (1 unit)

Course Description: Members of the King Hall Negotiations Board assist in the administration of the King Hall Negotiation Team by performing a variety of tasks under the supervision of the course instructor.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Discussion 1 hour(s).

Credit Limitation(s): Only 1 unit of credit for each semester of service on the board; up to a maximum of 2 units per academic year (4 units maximum); credit awarded only after approval by the instructor.

Grade Mode: S/U only.

LAW 415 – Trial Practice Honors Board (1 unit)

Course Description: Members of the Trial Practice Honors Board administer the Frances Carr competition. Members are nominated by their individual Trial Practice I adjuncts.

Learning Activities: Variable.

Credit Limitation(s): Receive 1 unit for serving on the Board; awarded upon approval of the faculty advisor.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 416 – Law Review Member (1-2 units)

Course Description: Writing of a law review article under the editorial supervision of editors of the UC Davis Law Review, and under the active and regular supervision of a faculty member if satisfying the Advanced Writing Requirement. Members must also perform substantial support of production of the UC Davis Law Review; including but not limited to Bluebooking and cite-checking.

Learning Activities: Variable 1-2 hour(s).

Credit Limitation(s): In the fall semester, credit is obtained only after completion of production assignments and made substantial progress towards completing an editorship article; in the spring semester, credit is obtained only after completion of production assignments and an editorship quality draft; credit is awarded only after certification by the editor-in-chief and approval of the faculty advisor(s); 2 units of credit are earned in the fall semester; 1 unit is earned in the spring semester; grading is on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated for credit.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 417A – Law Review Editor (1-2 units)

Course Description: Editors must have completed an editorship article and must perform editorial duties (a substantial time commitment). Credit is awarded only after completion of both semesters.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Variable 1-2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 417B – Law Review Editor (1-2 units)

Course Description: Editors must have completed an editorship article and must perform editorial duties (a substantial time commitment). Credit is awarded only after completion of both semesters.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Variable 1-2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 418 – Environmental Law & Policy Journal (1-2 units)

Course Description: Environs is a biannual environmental law and policy journal that provides an open forum for the discussion of current environmental issues, particularly those pertaining to the state of California.

Learning Activities: Independent Study.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated 5 time(s) allowing the student to participate in the journal for more than one term.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 419 – Advanced Writing Project (1-4 units)

Course Description: Completion of a writing requirement project under the active and regular supervision of a faculty member in satisfaction of the legal writing requirement. Writing project must be an individually authored work of rigorous intellectual effort of at least 20 typewritten double-spaced pages, excluding footnotes. Project may take any of several forms, for example, a paper, a brief, a memorandum of law, a proposed statute, a statutory scheme or set of administrative regulations (with explanatory comments), or a will or agreement (with explanatory comments). Advanced writing project may also be undertaken in connection with another course or seminar to satisfy the legal writing requirements. Number of units shall be approved by the faculty supervisor and will depend upon the scope of the writing effort.

Learning Activities: Variable.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 419A – Advanced Writing Project (1-4 units)

Course Description: Completion of a writing requirement project under the active and regular supervision of a faculty member in satisfaction of the legal writing requirement. Writing project must be an individually authored work of rigorous intellectual effort of at least 20 typewritten double-spaced pages, excluding footnotes. Project may take any of several forms, for example, a paper, a brief, a memorandum of law, a proposed statute, a statutory scheme or set of administrative regulations (with explanatory comments), or a will or agreement (with explanatory comments). Advanced writing project may also be undertaken in connection with another course or seminar to satisfy the legal writing requirements. Number of units shall be approved by the faculty supervisor and will depend upon the scope of the writing effort.

Learning Activities: Variable.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 420 – Civil Rights Clinic (2-6 units)

Course Description: Clinic provides practical experience in providing legal services to indigent clients who have filed civil rights actions in state and federal trial and appellate courts. Students work on clinic cases under the supervision of the clinic director.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 219 (can be concurrent); and consent of instructor.

Priority given to students enrolled in or have taken LAW 267.

Learning Activities: Clinical Activity 2 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Limited enrollment.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 423 – Corporate Counsel Externship (2-6 units)

Course Description: Earn academic credit in the fall and spring semesters in pre-vetted and approved corporate counsel offices (including for-profit companies). Learn how in-house attorneys collaborate and communicate with the company client, and how they incorporate the client's unique mission, business, and industry context into their legal advice.

Learning Activities: Variable.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 424 – Externship Companion Seminar (1 unit)

Course Description: Optional externship companion seminar provides current externs the opportunity to explore professional development and professional identity topics that arise during their externships through guided discussions, assigned readings, and written reflections.

Prerequisite(s): Concurrently enrolled in a field placement/externship.

Learning Activities: Seminar.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Students must be concurrently enrolled in a field placement/externship.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Only.

LAW 425 – Judicial Externship (2-12 units)

Course Description: Earn academic credit in the fall and spring semesters in federal and state courts, as well as administrative hearing offices.

Under the supervision of judges and/or their clerks, research legal issues, evaluate legal arguments, write judicial memoranda, attend and participate in meetings and discussions, draft opinions and orders, and observe courtroom activity, including motions, hearings and trials.

Learning Activities: Clinical Activity.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 430 – State & Federal Tax Externship (2-6 units)

Course Description: Earn academic credit in the fall and spring semesters with federal and state governmental tax agencies. Typical assignments include legal research, analysis and writing, and observation of administrative appeals hearings when possible.

Learning Activities: Clinical Activity 2-12 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 435 – Domestic & Sexual Violence Law Clinic (4 units)

Course Description: Provide civil legal assistance to victims of gender-based violence.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 203; LAW 219 (can be concurrent); LAW 272 (can be concurrent) recommended.

Learning Activities: Clinical Activity 2 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Fall 2025 only, may satisfy the Advanced Writing Requirement or count towards the Professional Skills Requirement; student must choose one.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated 4 time(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 440 – Immigration Law Clinic (4 units)

Course Description: Provides legal representation to indigent non-citizens in removal proceedings before U.S. Immigration Courts, the Board of Immigration Appeals, and federal courts, including the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Clinical Activity 8 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Prior or concurrent enrollment in LAW 292 and LAW 219, recommended, not required.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated 4 time(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 445 – Legislative Process Externship (2-5 units)

Course Description: Practical experience in the operation of the office of a legislator or a legislative committee. The major thrust of the program is to enable students to become familiar with the give and take realities of making laws, as contracted with their interpretation and enforcement. Journals are required.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 240 (can be concurrent); or consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Clinical Activity.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 445A – Aoki Water Justice Clinic (4 units)

Course Description: Work with drinking water providers to address the need for clean, affordable drinking water. Advise clients on potential governance structures and draft corporate documents, property agreements, and consolidation agreements.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Clinical Activity.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Students must enroll in this course for two semesters.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated 1 time(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 445B – Advanced Aoki Water Justice Clinic (2-5 units)

Course Description: The Advanced Aoki Water Justice Clinic allows students to leverage their legal research and practical lawyering skills to advance policies that ensure that low-income, California communities receive safe, clean, and affordable drinking water.

Learning Activities: Variable.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 445C – Small Farmer Water Justice Clinic (3-5 units)

Course Description: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) regulates groundwater use in California. Clinic helps small farmers protect their groundwater rights consistent with SGMA. Opportunity to work with, represent, and advocate for small farmers.

Learning Activities: Clinical Activity.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated for credit.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 446 – Capital Law Scholars Externship (2-12 units)

Course Description: Earn academic credit in the fall and spring semesters in legislative offices or committees, or with a government or nonprofit office engaged in legislative and policy work. Become familiar with governance and policy making in California, including how laws are made and the role of attorneys in their interpretation and enforcement.

Learning Activities: Fieldwork.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 446A – UC Davis Capital Law Scholars Seminar (1 unit)

Course Description: May be required for students enrolled in Capital Law Scholars Externship. Covers issues related to lawyering in California's state capital, and help students maximize educational and professional experience in their externship placements.

Learning Activities: Seminar 1 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 450 – Environmental Externship (2-6 units)

Course Description: Earn academic credit in the fall and spring semesters in a variety of environmental law settings. Past placements have included state and federal agencies, and nonprofits, including Earthjustice and the Sierra Club.

Learning Activities: Clinical Activity.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 455 – Labor & Employment Externship (2-6 units)

Course Description: Earn academic credit in the fall and spring semesters in a variety of labor and employment law settings, including employment discrimination and public sector labor law. Observe and participate in investigations, conduct interviews, draft pleadings, and attend hearings.

Past placements have included the EEOC, the Legal Aid Society's Employment Law Center and various CA Attorney General Divisions.

Learning Activities: Clinical Activity.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 460 – Public Interest Externship (2-6 units)

Course Description: Earn academic credit in the fall and spring semesters in a wide range of settings in the non-profit sector, including advocacy groups, legal aid offices, and federal, state, county and city government offices. Past placements have included Legal Services of Northern California, California Lawyers for the Arts, the ACLU, the US Department of Justice and the CA Attorney General and agency offices.

Learning Activities: Clinical Activity 2-6 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 465 – Intellectual Property Externship (2-6 units)

Course Description: Earn academic credit in the fall and spring semesters with government, academic, and nonprofit entities on assignments related to evaluating, obtaining, and licensing intellectual property. Assignments may include assisting in patent prosecution, prior art searches, freedom to operate analyses, license drafting, and license negotiations.

Learning Activities: Clinical Activity 2-6 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 470 – Criminal Justice Externship (2-12 units)

Course Description: Earn academic credit in the fall and spring semesters working in a District Attorney's or Public Defender's office or another appropriate placement in one of several surrounding counties or in a federal Public Defender or US Attorney's office. Participate in a range of activities, including observation, interviewing, research, writing, counseling, motion practice, and trials under State Bar rules.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 219 (can be concurrent).

Learning Activities: Clinical Activity 2-12 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Limited enrollment.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated 12 unit(s).

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 475 – Washington UC-DC Law Program (2-10 units)

Course Description: Uniquely collaborative externship program in Washington, D.C., combining weekly seminars with full-time field placement offering an unparalleled opportunity to learn how federal statutes, regulations, and policies are made, changed, and understood in the nation's capital. Taught in Washington, D.C.

Learning Activities: Clinical Activity.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Open to 2L & 3L students.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 475A – Law & Lawyering in the Nation's Capital (3 units)

Course Description: Companion seminar to the Washington UC-DC Externship. Designed to enhance the externship experience in three principal ways. Taught in Washington, D.C.

Learning Activities: Seminar 3 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 475B – Law & Lawyering in the Nation's Capital (1 unit)

Course Description: Companion seminar to a remote/part-time externship where the organization or the supervisor is based in Washington DC. Designed to enhance a part-time/remote Washington D.C. experience.

Prerequisite(s): LAW 475 (concurrent enrollment required).

Learning Activities: Seminar 1 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 475P – UCDC Part-Time Law Program (3-6 units)

Course Description: The UCDC Law Program is a uniquely collaborative, semester-long externship program in Washington, DC. Part-time program combines a weekly remote seminar with part-time field placement offering the opportunity to learn how federal statutes, regulations, and policies are made, changed, and understood in the nation's capital. Includes law students from several UC schools.

Learning Activities: Clinical Activity.

Enrollment Restriction(s): Restricted to second and third year law students.

Grade Mode: S/U only.

LAW 480 – Clinical Program in Prison Law (2-6 units)

Course Description: Provides practical experience in providing legal services to real clients who have various problems related to their incarceration in state prison. The services require analysis and application of Constitutional Law, state statutory law, agency regulations, and the rules of professional responsibility.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Clinical Activity 2 hour(s).

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 485 – California Supreme Court Clinic (6 units)

Course Description: California Supreme Court Clinic provides students with an immersive experience in litigating cases before the state's highest court.

Learning Activities: Clinical Activity 6 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Limited to 6 students.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 490T – Aoki Federal Public Defender Clinic (4 units)

Course Description: Outgrowth of the work of the Aoki Center on Race and Nation. As part of its work, the Aoki Center provides educational opportunities to students interested in critical race perspectives in practice.

Learning Activities: Clinical Activity 4 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Students submit applications for the course.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 498 – Group Study (1-4 units)

Course Description: Groups of students with common interest in studying a stated legal problem may plan and conduct their own research and seminar program under the direction of faculty.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Variable 1-4 hour(s).

Enrollment Restriction(s): Limited to no fewer than 4 or more than 10 students.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 498A – Group Study (1-4 units)

Course Description: Groups of students with common interest in studying a stated legal problem may plan and conduct their own research and seminar program under the direction of faculty.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Learning Activities: Variable.

Grade Mode: Letter.

LAW 499 – Independent Research Project (1-4 units)

Course Description: Receive credit for individual projects, subject to the following regulations: 1) Project may extend over no more than two semesters; 2) Project under the supervision of a faculty member; 3) Outline must be approved by the supervising faculty member; 4) Normally, no faculty member is permitted to supervise more than five students during any semester; 5) Submit an individual paper or approved alternative to the supervising faculty member.

Learning Activities: Variable.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated for credit.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 499A – Independent Research Project (1-4 units)

Course Description: Students may receive credit for individual projects, subject to the following regulations: (1) the project may extend over no more than two semesters; (2) each project will be under the supervision of a faculty member; (3) an outline of the project must be approved by the supervising faculty member; (4) normally, no faculty member will be permitted to supervise more than 5 students working on individual programs during any semester; and (5) each student must submit an individual paper or approved alternative to the supervising faculty member. Grading is on a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis unless a request for letter grading has been made in advance.

Learning Activities: Variable.

Repeat Credit: May be repeated.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 499B – Law Students Study Away (10 units)

Course Description: Students studying away from UC Davis, School of Law. Taught abroad or off campus.

Learning Activities: Independent Study.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

LAW 499C – Joint Degree Student-GSM (10 units)

Course Description: Joint degree course for graduate School of Management students.

Learning Activities: Internship.

Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.