

All Juris Doctor Courses

5000 – Professional Writing for Litigators

Experiential

Course has prerequisites

(2 hours). Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of Legal Research & Writing I, Intro to Brief Writing, and Oral Advocacy. Provides students with the tools necessary to evaluate, modify, and design litigation documents (excluding substantive motions and briefs). The focus is on learning the processes necessary for effective written communication with clients and other professionals and for production of litigation-related documents. Completion of this course is required for the Litigation Certificate and does not satisfy any credit hour requirements for the J.D. (F, Sp)

5103 – Civil Procedure I

First-Year Required Courses

(3 hours). Civil procedure in state and federal courts; introductory survey of procedures by which questions of substantive law commonly are raised and determined; procedural and remedial background; law governing controversies in federal courts; details of procedure in a lawsuit, including forum selection, pleading, joinder of claims and parties, discovery, the pretrial conference, disposition without trial, trial before a judge or jury, post-trial motions and appeals; issue and claim preclusion. (F)

5114 – Contracts

First-Year Required Courses

(4 hours). This first year survey course will explore the nature and enforceability of promises. Subjects include contract formation, performance, termination of contracts, material breach, remedies for breach of contract, mistake and excuse for nonperformance, statute of frauds, interpretation of contract language, conditions, assignment and delegation, and third party beneficiaries.

5123 – Legal Research, Writing & Analysis I

First-Year Required Courses

(3 hours). Legal Research, Writing & Analysis I is designed to provide you with the tools you will need to determine and objectively analyze a client's legal issues. Life can be messy, and clients seldom present with clear-cut legal issues and completely favorable or relevant facts. Your role as an attorney will be to gather the facts, identify the legal issues, educate yourself about the relevant areas of law, research the issues efficiently and thoroughly to find the legal authorities relevant to your client's situation, and determine how to advise your client. Although there are many ways to develop and share your legal analysis with other attorneys, the client, and

the court, this course will focus on performing legal research and then formalizing your objective analysis and predictions by writing two legal memoranda, commonly referred to as “memos.” The fall semester focuses on writing memos because the structure and analysis required to complete a memo will help you learn to think precisely about legal issues and articulate your analysis clearly, concisely, and thoroughly. Your reader will feel confident in your prediction because you have shown your reader that you understand the law and how it will apply to your client’s situation. This memo can then serve as the basis for advising a client or deciding how the attorney can best meet a client’s goals.

5134 – Constitutional Law

First-Year Required Courses

(4 hours). Selected issues, including: judicial review; the judicial process in construing and applying the United States Constitution; federal and state powers, federalism and separation of powers; an introduction to the concepts of equal protection and due process.

5144 – Torts

First-Year Required Courses

(4 hours). Introduction to basic principles of civil liability, with study of selected issues, which may include intentional wrongs, negligence, strict liability, vicarious liability, defenses and immunities, comparative fault, assessment of damages, nuisance, products liability, misrepresentation, injuries to reputation, and alternative compensation systems.

5201 – Introduction to Brief Writing

First-Year Required Courses

Course has prerequisites

(1 hour) Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of Legal Research & Writing I. Introduction to the principles and practice of written advocacy. Students complete a trial-level motion brief and appellate brief. While building on the analytical, writing, and research skills learned in LRW I, this course focuses on the lawyer’s need to become self-directed and reflective while engaging in increasingly complex research, legal analysis, writing, and editing for persuasion.

5203 – Civil Procedure II

First-Year Required Courses

(3 hours). Civil procedure in state and federal courts; introductory survey of procedures by which questions of substantive law commonly are raised and determined; procedural and remedial background; law governing controversies in federal courts; details of procedure in a lawsuit, including forum selection, pleading,

joinder or claims and parties, discovery, the pretrial conference, disposition without trial, trial before a judge or jury, post-trial motions and appeals; issue and claim preclusion. (F)

5223 – Criminal Law

First-Year Required Courses

(3 hours). This course examines the core doctrines of the criminal law, including its “general part” consisting of the justifications of punishment, the criminal act, mens rea, justification and excuse, attempt, complicity, and conspiracy; and a small portion of the criminal law’s “special part” consisting of criminal homicide and, as time allows, burglary, theft, and other crimes.

5234 – Property

First-Year Required Courses

(4 hours). Introduction to basic property concepts, including: adverse possession; estates in land; landlord and tenant; concurrent estates; nonpossessory interests (including easements, licenses, covenants and equitable servitudes); and real estate transactions.

5301 – Oral Advocacy

First-Year Required Courses

Course has prerequisites

(1 hour). Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of Legal Research & Writing I and Intro to Brief Writing. Using appellate briefs written in Introduction to Brief Writing, students will study principles of oral advocacy and learn to effectively organize and make affirmative oral arguments and respond to questions and concerns in a simulated courtroom setting. The course culminates in three mock appellate-level oral arguments before panels of student judges, professors, practitioners, and judges.

5303 – Criminal Procedure: Investigation

Menu

(3 hours). This course examines the constitutional criminal procedure of police investigations, including the Fourth Amendment’s protection against unreasonable search and seizure, the Fifth Amendment’s guarantee of due process and privilege against compulsory self-incrimination, and the Sixth Amendment’s right to counsel.

5314 – Evidence

Upper Division Required Courses

(4 hours). Presentation of evidence; judicial control and legal reasoning in the determination of issues of fact; the admissibility of evidence, including relevancy;

testimonial and real evidence; and the exclusion of evidence, including hearsay and privileged communications.

5323 – Professional Responsibility

Upper Division Required Courses

(3 hours). The nature of law as a profession; problems facing the profession and the individual lawyer. Fundamentals of legal ethics and responsibilities, with emphasis on the Model Rules of Professional Conduct of the American Bar Association.

5403 – Administrative Law

Menu

(3 hours). Basic considerations relating to administrative agencies, including nondelegation doctrine, fact versus law distinction, agency rule-making, adjudication, due process requirements, information gathering, and judicial review.

5410 – Bankruptcy

Menu

(3 hours). Rights and remedies of debtors and creditors; bankruptcy including liquidation, reorganization, and wage earner plans; attachment; judgment execution; garnishment; fraudulent conveyances; bulk sales and collection remedies including compositions and assignments.

5433 – Corporations

Menu

(3 hours). This course provides an introduction to corporate law. Brief coverage is given to factors bearing on the choice of organization, the process of corporate formation, and corporate capital structure. Close examination is given to the governance structure of the corporation and the fiduciary obligations of directors and officers. The course also addresses forces that serve to discipline directors and officers, such as voting rights and the market for corporate control.

5443 – Family Law

Menu

(3 hours). The rights, obligations, and liabilities arising from marital and nonmarital relations; divorce; marital property, alimony; and child support.

5450 – The First Amendment

Menu

Course has prerequisites

(3 hours). Prerequisite: Constitutional Law. Individual rights of expression, assembly, association and religion; permissible government restrictions and regulations in relation to activities protected by the First Amendment. 1. This is a

“menu” course. 2. This is a “bar” course. Approximately half of the MBE questions on constitutional law focus on “individual rights,” including the First Amendment topics below. • Freedom of religion and separation of church and state a. Free exercise b. Establishment • Freedom of expression a. Content-based regulation of protected expression b. Content-neutral regulation of protected expression c. Regulation of unprotected expression d. Regulation of commercial speech e. Regulation of, or impositions upon, public school students, public employment, licenses, or benefits based upon exercise of expressive or associational rights f. Regulation of expressive conduct g. Prior restraint, vagueness, and overbreadth • Freedom of the press • Freedom of association 3. Format of class – Primarily lecture; no student calls to rostrums.

5463 – Income Taxation of Individuals

Elective Courses

(3 hours). Structure of the federal income tax with emphasis on operation of the system through use of concepts such as income, basis, gains and losses, realization and recognition, exclusions and deductions.

5470 – Wills and Trusts

Menu

(3 hours). Intestate succession; execution, interpretation, amendment, revocation and contest of wills; rights of decedent's family; will substitutes and the avoidance of probate; creation, validity, funding, amendment and termination of trusts and the fiduciary obligation.

5520 – Alternative Dispute Resolution

Experiential

(2 or 3 hours). Negotiation, mediation and arbitration: includes court-ordered arbitration, mini-trials, summary jury trials and other formal and informal means of resolving disputes short of formal court adjudication.

5530 – Civil Pretrial Litigation

Experiential

(3 hours). The study of litigation tactics and techniques prior to trial. Included are discovery, motion practice, witness preparation, settlement, alternate dispute resolution, pretrial conferences, mini-trials, summary jury trials, and other related areas.

5533 – Conflict of Law

Menu

(3 hours). The law relating to transactions with elements in more than one state or nation, jurisdiction of courts and enforcement of foreign judgments, choice of law

problems, constitutional issues, and the theoretical basis of choice of law, including an introduction to the problems of renvoi and characterization.

5543 – Federal Courts

Menu

(3 hours). Examines concepts of case or controversy; federal subject-matter jurisdiction; supplemental jurisdiction; venue; removal; substantive law applied in federal courts; the relationship of Congress and the federal courts; and the relationship of the state and federal courts.

5553 – Remedies

Menu

(3 hours). The basic purpose of this course is to develop an understanding of the "anatomy" of a lawsuit in law or in equity by focusing on the legal evaluation of facts, the characterization of causes of action, and determination of selection of the most efficacious remedial alternative available. The study of Remedies considers the common law, statutory, and constitutional sources of legal and equitable rights and the means by which rights are enforced and violations of rights are prevented, redressed, or compensated. The course involves analysis of the four principal remedies available at law and in equity: (a) injunctions and specific performance, (b) compensatory and punitive damages, (c) restitution, and (d) declaratory relief. The defenses, adjustments, and limitations on those remedies are also considered as well as the study of the right to jury trial and attorney's fees.

5602 – Comparative Indigenous Peoples' Law Seminar

Seminar

(2 hours). The seminar will examine the differences and similarities between Canadian, United States, Australian and New Zealand laws affecting native peoples. Participants in the seminar will include students from the University of Ottawa Law School, University of Saskatchewan, Auckland University, Victoria University, and Monash University attending via television. Professors from these schools will co-moderate. Paper required. Federal Indian Law is not a prerequisite, but recommended.

5610 – Federal Indian Law

Elective Courses

(3 hours). The law governing the relationship between the Indian tribes, the states and the United States. Topics include the history of federal Indian law and policy; the federal-tribal relationship; tribal sovereignty, federal supremacy and states rights; the jurisdictional framework; criminal jurisdiction; civil jurisdiction; taxation

and regulation of reservation economic development, including environmental regulation and regulation of Indian gaming; Indian religion and culture; water rights; fishing and hunting rights.

5633 – Native American Natural Resources

Elective Courses

(3 hours). After an overview of the history of U.S. native policy and the basic doctrines of Indian law, this course covers a variety of issues relating to tribal interests in and jurisdiction over environmental resources. Course coverage includes tribal rights to land; land use and environmental protection in Indian country; economic and natural resource development issues (including grazing, minerals, timber and taxation); water rights; hunting and fishing rights; as well as international perspectives on indigenous resources. Throughout the course, students will consider the roles of the tribal, federal, and state governments in resource regulation and use.

5642 – Indigenous Peacemaking

Elective Courses

(2 hours). Students will study the history of Native American traditional justice practices to compare with the contemporary system of justice in the United States today. The class will learn the elements of Peacemaking and how to be a Peacemaker as a judge, a lawyer, a community leader, a teacher and an advocate for healing communities. The class will create a Peacemaking model to address prosecution, incarceration, recidivism, sentencing, mental health, victim protection orders, domestic violence and family law orders. The class will look at Peacemaking for the perpetrators and the victims, for adults and juveniles. The class will also study the Tribal Law and Order Act, Violence Against Women Act and how Courts might use Peacemaking in reducing incarceration in these areas.

5703 – Antitrust Law

Elective Courses

(3 hours). This course covers the fundamentals of federal antitrust law, which sets the nationwide ground rules for competition and cooperation in the marketplace. Topics include cartels, monopolies, price fixing, price discrimination, supplier restrictions on retailers, unfair trade practices, mergers, and federal merger review. Laws explored include the Sherman Act, Clayton Act, Robinson-Patman Act, and the FTC Act. No economics background is required. The first portion of the course will cover the relevant economic theory under the assumption that students have no economics background at all.

5712 – Corporate Drafting**Experiential****Course has prerequisites**

(2 hours). Prerequisite: Corporations or Business Associations. This course will cover transactional drafting skills as well as business planning and counseling in the corporate setting. Students will draft a variety of corporate and transactional provisions and documents such as certificates of incorporation, bylaws, board resolutions and proxy statements. This class does not satisfy the graduation writing requirement.

5713 – Transactional Law Practicum I: Business Combinations**Experiential****Course has prerequisites**

(3 hours). Prerequisite: Corporations, Business Associations, or Unincorporated Business Entities. This course offers the opportunity to learn about transactional law practice by completing a simulated public company corporate transaction. In the scenario a public oil and gas company has agreed to acquire a company in the renewable energy sector to diversify its operations. The students in the course will be divided into law firms representing various parties in the transaction. Students will have the opportunity to work with practicing lawyers and business leaders during the course. They will participate in a transaction from the formation of a working group through to the signing of a merger agreement between the two companies. Law firms will work as a team to assign particular tasks to members, draft client memoranda and documents, prepare board presentations, and will negotiate with the other firms involved. The course is designed for the students to acquire a working knowledge of aspects of law in the following areas typically encountered in transactional work: Corporations, Securities Regulation, Corporate Finance (Secured and Unsecured), Employment Law and Benefits, Environmental Law, Oil and Gas Law and Regulation, Corporate Taxation, Agricultural Law, and Contracts. The course will also help students develop practice skills such as organizing work teams and work schedules, conducting due diligence, negotiation, contract drafting, preparing securities laws disclosure, and workload management. Students will also learn how to coordinate individual legal work to synthesize with a team project. Corporations (or Business Associations) is a prerequisite but no prior classwork in other areas of substantive law will be assumed prior to taking the class. Students can express areas of preference for the type of assignments within the course. Both parts can be counted toward the requirements for the Law & Entrepreneurship, Energy, and Natural Resources Certificates. This course will fulfill

the skills menu requirement.

5733 – Unincorporated Business Entities

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(3 hours). Deals with the legal principles concerning association in business by agency, partnership, and other unincorporated forms. The agency relationship and its consequences are covered in detail. Unincorporated business organizations such as the general partnership, LP, and LLC are covered, focusing on topics such as formation, liability, fiduciary obligations, and dissolution. If time permits LLP and closely-held corporations will be included. (F, Sp)

5750 – Secured Transactions

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(3 hours). This course will cover Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code. Topics covered include the establishment and perfection of security interests pursuant to credit sales contracts, problems focusing on the interface between Article 9 and federal bankruptcy law, priority disputes among collateral claimants, default, and rights after default. Emphasis will be placed on developing an understanding of and facility with the codes statutory scheme.

5753 – Federal Securities Regulation

Elective Courses

(3 hours). This course provides an introduction to the regulation of the issuance and trading of securities. Topics include requirements regarding the registration of securities, exemptions from registration, and civil liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, with special attention to liability for fraud and insider trading.

5763 – Mergers and Acquisitions

Elective Courses

Course has prerequisites

(3 hours). Prerequisites: Prior or concurrent enrollment in Corporations or Business Associations. The course provides an understanding of the issues arising in business acquisition (and divestiture) transactions. Coverage is given to theories underlying acquisitions, alternative acquisition techniques and planning considerations that bear on the choice among those techniques.

5830 – Criminal Procedure: Adjudication

Menu

Course has prerequisites

(3 hours). Prerequisites: Criminal Law. This course examines the adjudicatory phase of our criminal procedure, beginning after arrest and continuing through to

post-conviction matters. We consider federal constitutional provisions and rules of procedure, the policies underlying those requirements, and their impact on the roles of prosecution and defense counsel. By studying pretrial release, case screening (including prosecutorial discretion), pretrial motions (including the disclosure of exculpatory material), the role of counsel, plea bargaining, the trial process (including the jury and confrontation rights), sentencing, double jeopardy, and post-conviction appeals, we ask the ultimate question of whether we have a legitimate system of criminal justice, meaning a system that is accurate and fair, that respects notions of limited government, and that is reasonably efficient.

6000 – International Trade Law

Elective Courses

(3 hours). **Currently only offered as part of the summer Oxford Study Abroad Program. This course is concerned with the law of International Trade. Broadly defined, it covers transactions in which goods are transported (by ship) from one country to another. In particular, three types of transactions will be covered: (1) the shipping transaction: this involves two relationships, namely between the seller and the carrier, and between the carrier and the buyer; (2) the sales transaction: this is concerned with the relationship between the seller and the buyer; (3) the financing transaction: again, two relationships are involved - buyer/bank and seller/bank. The course will be taught by way of lectures and interactive seminars.

6050 – International Human Rights

Elective Courses

Course has prerequisites

(3 hours). Prerequisite: Constitutional Law. In addition, it is highly suggested that students take International Law Foundations before taking this course. This course provides an overview of the sources and major themes in international human rights law. We will begin by examining the origins of human rights law and some fundamental international law principles about treaties and customary international law. With this background in place, we will examine a range of civil and political rights as well as economic, social, and cultural rights. We will explore some of the debates surrounding the nature and adjudication of such rights. We will also examine U.S. practice with regard to international human rights treaties. Having examined a range of human rights instruments, we will then turn to a study of international and regional mechanisms for the protection of human rights. We will also investigate how well states “self-regulate” implementation of their human rights obligations and how they may try to influence others states to implement

their obligations. We will conclude the class by examining a number of emerging issues (including the intersection of business and human rights) as well as challenges to the human rights regime.

6060 – International Law Foundations

Elective Courses

(3 hours). Public International Law, sometimes also called the "Law of Nations," is concerned with the definition of legal rights and duties among nation states (including those individuals who act on their behalf) and international organizations. This course offers a survey of the norms, rules and institutions that make up the international legal system and which regulate interaction among states, and between states and individuals. An understanding of the basic principles of public international law is fundamental for anyone interested in taking further courses in international law.

6100 – Legal Research: Federal Indian Law

Elective Courses

(1 hour). Legal Research: Federal Indian Law, students will do in-depth exploration of research resources and methods in the topic of American Indian Law. The course will examine key primary authority and review the structure and work of key regulatory agencies. Students will also learn to use secondary authority, practice treatises, and practice platforms for the topical area of law. Finally, students will explore topics beyond the law such as scientific and engineering resources, business data and research and others that are an important part of practicing law in this topical area.

6100 – American Indian Estates

Elective Courses

(1 hour). The American Indian Estate is a short-term academic course that will provide time intensive instruction in American Indian estates. Although the Clinic is not required, students will be ready to address issues they may encounter in live practice. Specifically, this course will focus on the foundational substance of estate and Indian law. This course will also provide a forum for discussing ethical and practical issues that can arise with American Indian clients.

6100 – Crimmigration

Elective Courses

(3 hours). This course focuses on the intersection of criminal law and immigration law. The course should be particularly useful to future prosecutors, criminal defense attorneys, and immigration attorneys. We will examine the immigration consequences of criminal convictions, criminal procedure at the U.S. border and

ports of entry, immigration detention, how noncitizens fare in the criminal justice system, and the role of states in immigration enforcement. Neither immigration law nor criminal procedure are prerequisites for this course, but the class will complement learning in both of those courses for students undertaking them separately.

6100 – Health Care Access, Quality, and Liability

Elective Courses

(3 hours). This course examines a variety of legal issues relating to health care access, quality, and liability. Special attention is given to: (1) health care access, including the boundaries of the physician-patient relationship and the requirements of the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA); (2) telemedicine, including its ability to improve health care access and lower health care costs; (3) health insurance access, including the insurance access reforms set forth in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and litigation relating thereto; (4) the doctrine of informed consent to treatment, including state-specific disclosure standards and form requirements; (5) access to medical records, patient privacy, and health information confidentiality; (6) the principles of public health law; (7) mechanisms for maintaining and improving health care quality, including professional and institutional licensure, certification, accreditation, and credentialing; (8) medical staff membership, clinical privileges, medical staff bylaws, medical staff rules and regulations, physician peer review, peer review immunities, peer review privileges, and the procedural requirements set forth in the federal Health Care Quality Improvement Act (HCQIA), the Oklahoma Professional Review Body Protection from Liability Act, and the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB); (9) health care access, quality, and liability issues raised by the treatment of patients with limited English proficiency (LEP) and related requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act; (10) liability of health care professionals, including privileges and defenses; (11) volunteer immunity for health care providers under federal and Oklahoma law; and (12) liability of health care institutions.

6100 – Health Care Organization, Finance, and Delivery

Elective Courses

(3 hours). This course examines a variety of legal issues relating to health care organization, finance, and delivery. Special attention is given to: (1) health care payment systems, including Medicare, Medicaid, managed care, and private insurance; (2) recent payment system reform proposals, including the Medicare for

All of 2019, the Medicare for All Who Want It proposal, and the Medicare-X Choice Act of 2019; (3) health care delivery and financing: hospitals, long-term care facilities, home health, hospice, and organ procurement organizations; (4) the special topic of graduate medical education (GME) financing; (5) health care fraud and abuse, including the federal False Claims Act, the federal Anti-Kickback Statute, and the federal Stark Law; (6) health care organizational structures, including the corporate practice of medicine prohibition, the rise of health care integration, and corporate governance and fiduciary duties; (7) tax-exempt health care organizations, including issues relating to charitable purpose, joint ventures between tax-exempt and for-profit organizations, and inurement, private benefit, and excess benefit transactions; (8) health care antitrust, including cartels and professionalism as well as health care enterprises, integration, and financing; and (9) ERISA, ERISA preemption of state tort litigation, and ERISA preemption and state health care reform. Students who successfully complete this course will be equipped with the information and skills necessary to counsel and represent individual and institutional health care providers as well as public and private insurers in a wide range of health care organization, finance, and delivery matters. Students will learn specific skills such as: (1) drafting a physician recruitment agreements that complies with federal health care fraud and abuse laws; (2) evaluating and revising a physician contractor agreement to ensure compliance with state corporate practice of medicine prohibitions; (3) forming a non-profit health care organization; and (4) responding to a Statement of Deficiencies from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

6100 – Human Rights Practicum

Experiential

Course has prerequisites

(3 hours). Suggested prerequisite: International Human Rights Law or International Law Foundations. This is an advanced human rights and rule of law course that will involve substantial international legal research, analysis, and writing. Students will engage in legal research and writing that involve issues of international human rights law, regional human rights law, and comparative domestic law. Students will also reach out to, among others, State Department officials, NGOs (both in the US and abroad), and at times foreign government officials to assure consideration of various viewpoints and that the best available information is included in their work products. This is both a substantive course focused on real world, cutting-edge legal issues and a skills course focused on advanced international legal research,

analysis, and writing.

6100 – International Business and Human Rights

Elective Courses

Course has prerequisites

(3 hours). Suggested prerequisite: International Law Foundations or International Human Rights Law. An emerging issue in international diplomacy has involved the appropriate role and responsibilities of multinational corporations with respect to human rights. This course will focus primarily on the human rights issues facing companies operating abroad in the energy and Internet sectors. We will examine the United Nations (UN) and Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) guidelines for business and human rights as well as the UN's decision to draft a treaty on this topic. We will explore international voluntary multi-stakeholder initiatives that have emerged in the energy and Internet sectors, such as the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights (which include corporate participants such as ExxonMobil and ConocoPhillips) as well as the Global Network Initiative (which includes participants such as Google, Microsoft, and Facebook). We will also analyze human rights litigation in US courts involving energy and Internet companies for complicity in human rights violations abroad as well as new laws and regulations passed by the U.S. government to enforce corporate due diligence on human rights matters in their foreign operations. Ultimately students will prepare a paper as if they are general counsel for a particular energy or Internet company and assess the specific human rights challenges facing that company in its foreign operations, the relevant international standards, and propose ways forward to the company's CEO. We will engage with leaders on this topic from NGOs, business, and the State Department. This paper may be used to meet the graduation writing requirement.

6100 – Legal Foundations

Elective Courses

(1 hour). This course is an introduction to the study of law. Students will learn to interpret statutes and to analyze and synthesize judicial decisions. The course does not focus on the substantive or procedural law of a particular legal field. Instead, students are taught the methods of studying the law through the analysis of a broad array of legal materials. During the course students will begin to develop a

vocabulary appropriate to the study of law, and will be introduced to foundational concepts of our legal system. S/U graded.

6100 – Mental Health Law

Elective Courses

(3 hours). This course will examine a variety of civil and regulatory issues pertaining to mental health care access, quality, liability, and finance. Particular attention will be given to: (1) federal and state mental health parity laws; (2) federal and state mandated mental health and substance use disorder benefit laws; (3) federal and state laws protecting the confidentiality of mental health and substance use disorder records; (4) federal and state regulation of interventions such as restraint, seclusion, and electroconvulsive therapy; (5) mental health care fraud and abuse, including prohibitions against kickbacks, false claims, and physician self-referrals; (6) civil liability and/or professional discipline for negligent failure to diagnose, negligent misdiagnosis, negligent treatment, negligent referral, injuries to patients by other patients with mental health conditions, patient injury following elopement, and patient suicide; (7) state law scope of practice issues for mental health professionals, including psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, marriage and family therapists, advance psychiatric nurse practitioners, and licensed independent counselors; (8) state regulation of voluntary and involuntary inpatient and outpatient treatment and/or commitment; (9) legal issues implicated by special mental health conditions, such as opioid use disorder, gambling disorder, and disorders of consciousness; and (10) current issues in mental health law, including President Trump's SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act of 2018 and the landmark March 2019 settlement between the State of Oklahoma and Purdue Pharma relating to the opioid crisis. Students who successfully complete this course will have the information and skills necessary to counsel and represent patients with mental health conditions in a variety of civil and administrative matters and to counsel and defend individual and institutional providers of mental health care as well as health insurers that provide mental health insurance benefits.

6100 – Mineral Title Examination

Elective Courses

(3 hours). Starting from the Treaty of Paris, this course will examine the development of land title within the United States while touching on various fields of law including: Oil and Gas, Riparian, Contracts, Administrative, Indian, and Wills and Trusts. From there, this course will take a practical approach to property law as we examine historical documents from various title repositories to determine the

ownership of oil, gas, and other minerals beneath the land's surface. To end the course, we will then learn how to apply this knowledge to the creation of a Mineral Title Opinion.

6100 – Oil & Gas Environmental Law

Elective Courses

(3 hours). This course will cover primarily oil and gas environmental law, which includes coverage of certain federal and state environmental statutes and case law. We will consider many environmental issues that affect oil and gas operations, such as land/lease acquisition, geological exploration, well site preparation, drilling, completion, production, and midstream activities.

6100 – Patents

Elective Courses

(3 hours). This course provides a comprehensive introduction to basic concepts of U.S. patent law and policy. Topics will include the structure of the patent system, the basic requirements for patent protection, the nature and scope of the rights granted by the Patent Act, the enforcement of those rights, and patent policy. This course will focus primarily on utility patents but will also include a substantial unit on design patents. You do not need a scientific or technical background to take this class or to do all types of work in this area.

6100 – Selected Issues in Antitrust Practice

Elective Courses

(3 hours). Formerly called Antitrust II. This course will cover virtually all aspects of the antitrust laws including an introduction to the application of Sections 1 (acts in unreasonable restraint of trade), Section 2 (monopolizing or attempting to monopolize) of the Sherman Act, and Section 3 (exclusive dealing arrangements) of the Clayton Act to business practices in the commercial marketplace. It will also cover additional substantive areas such as the Robinson-Patman Act (price discrimination) and mergers and acquisitions under Section 7 of the Clayton Act. Finally, it will deal with the special problems of antitrust enforcement, litigation tactics, trial and settlement of antitrust cases and other similar subjects. It will also deal with exemptions from the antitrust laws such as State Action Doctrine and Noerr-Pennington Doctrine.

6100 – Statutory Interpretation

Elective Courses

(3 hours). This course focuses on developing a critical skill for all lawyers—statutory interpretation. Regardless of practice area in which you specialize, the skill of closely examining statutes is essential. This course covers a range of topics related

to legislation, legislative process, statutory interpretation, as well as the administrative state and federal agencies. Traditional tools and methods of statutory interpretation will be examined, including but not limited to, the application of textual and substantive canons, usage of legislative history, common law principles of interpretive methods, and underlying political and philosophical theories of legislative process and interpretation. Although this course focuses on statutory interpretation, it does not simply explain the tools of interpretation used by judges in analyzing statutory provisions. Instead, the interpretative tools are situated within the context of the legislative process. This course will necessarily emphasize the federal legislative process, but the principles examined are likely transferrable in the context of state legislative process and statutory interpretation.

6100 – Technology in Law Practice

Elective Courses

(3 hours). Technology continues to influence the legal profession. Law students must develop the skills and acquire the knowledge that will make them the next generation of technologically competent lawyers. Using a hands-on, practice-oriented approach, students will be educated and trained on using technology in all aspects of law practice, including current front and back office applications and exploring emerging technology.

6100 – Torts II

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(3 hours). This course picks up where first-year Torts left off. Topics covered include strict liability, products liability, nuisance, defamation, privacy, civil rights, and misrepresentations.

6100 – Wind Law

Elective Courses

(2 hours). The overview of the class is to provide the students with a collection of wind law resources on a federal and state level, with an emphasis for Oklahoma. The objective of this course is to help students accumulate advanced knowledge in specific wind law issues and the practical skills to be successful. Thus, the course has a wide coverage of topics including project development, land use, legislation, regulations, environmental, permitting, financing, property rights, and substantive documents.

6100 – Agricultural & Food Law

Elective Courses

(3 hours). Agricultural law is the study of the interconnected network of laws that apply to the production, sale and marketing of agricultural products— as food,

feed, and even fuel. It is governed by an increasingly complex myriad of laws, rules and regulations. Popular interest in agriculture has increased as consumers seek to know more about their food and where it comes from. This survey course provides an issues-based overview of these complex topics. Units will include discussion of: federal farm programs, the structure of farms and industrialized agriculture biofuels, and energy environmental sustainability

6100 – Entertainment Law

Experiential

(3 hours). This course provides an introduction to the roles, responsibilities, and practice considerations of legal counsel in the entertainment industry, focusing on key industry sectors--motion pictures, television, theater, and music. The course focuses on business practices and industry customs for the "business of entertainment" which is accomplished through the analysis and application of relevant cases and statutes, industry trade paper articles, and representative entertainment contracts. Students will engage on practice exercises, mock client interviews, mock contract negotiations and contract drafting, business analyses using real world numbers from current entertainment products, and analyses of hypothetical problems drawn from real world case studies and issues.

6100 – Entrepreneurship & the Law

Elective Courses

Course has prerequisites

(1 hour). Prerequisite: Corporations, Business Associations, or Unincorporated Business Entities. This course will serve as the companion class to the Entrepreneurial Law Clinic, an innovative transactional and counseling clinic serving and advising entrepreneurs, startups, and emerging growth companies throughout the state of Oklahoma. The course will focus on legal issues relevant to advising an entrepreneur, including selecting a business entity; developing a business plan; drafting transactional documents; identifying sources of capital; and understanding securities law. *With permission, you may enroll in the class without having to enroll in the Clinic.

6100 – Legal Spanish

Experiential

Course has prerequisites

(2 hours). Prerequisite: Students must be fluent in Spanish, both spoken and written, at an intermediate level. Enrollment is by permission of the instructor, who will individually assess a student's fluency. This course is designed to provide students with enriching experiences and practice using the Spanish language in a

legal context, through simulation exercises and working with the Hispanic community in Oklahoma. We will focus on two areas. First, students will learn to prepare a variety of documents which are frequently needed by immigrant clients, including processing of Apostille or authentication of documents, birth certificates, marriage licenses, divorce decrees, background checks, Power of Attorneys, survivor certificates, school transcripts, and adoption documents. These documents are essential to many legal procedures, including but not limited to immigration. At times immigrants need to submit these documents from their home countries to institutions in the U.S., and other times they need to submit these documents from the U.S. to their home countries. Many Latin American countries have complex bureaucracies, sometimes with political instability, conditions which are difficult to navigate. Part of the course will focus on conventions and strategies for communicating and problem solving effectively in these contexts and in doing so will assist students in acquiring the Spanish legal terminology necessary to legal practice in a wide variety of settings. Second, students will develop the Spanish vocabulary and the cultural awareness to communicate with and represent Spanish speaking clients in a variety of typical legal matters such as family law, business law and criminal law. Through the class work and assignments, the student should become proficient in the following: 1) Be able to correctly understand and use proper legal terminology in Spanish of the aforementioned documents. 2) Handle the administrative processing of these documents within the U.S. legal system, and in foreign countries. 3) Communicate in spoken and written Spanish, following appropriate conventions and idiomatic usage for formal bureaucratic procedures, as well as informal client interactions.

6100 – Supreme Court Theory & Practice

Experiential

(2 hours). In this advanced course on the decision-making processes and the practices before and behind-the-scenes at the Supreme Court, students act in turn as law clerks, assisting in the review of certiorari petitions pending at the Court; as lawyers

6100 – Equality of Rights in American Constitutional Law

Elective Courses

Course has prerequisites

(3 hours). Prerequisite: Constitutional Law. The study of individual rights in federal constitutional law emphasizing cases not generally covered in the introductory constitutional law course, with emphasis on the concepts of substantive due

process, procedural due process, suspect and invidious governmental classifications in violation of the equal protection clause, and protection of other fundamental rights, as well as an examination of constitutional litigation under the primary civil rights enforcement statutes.

6100 – Estate and Gift Taxation

Elective Courses

(3 hours). No official prerequisite but recommend taking Wills & Trusts first. Course covers federal estate and gift taxes applicable to gratuitous transfers.

6100 – Health Data Confidentiality & Security

Elective Courses

(3 hours). This course focuses on federal and state statutes and regulations that govern the confidentiality and security of health-related data. Particular attention will be given to the health information confidentiality, security, and breach notification rules that promulgate the Administrative Simplification provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), signed into law by President Clinton on August 21, 1996, as amended by the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act within the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009. Codified at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160-164, these Rules are called the HIPAA Privacy, Security, and Breach Notification Rules. Attention also will be given to the protection of health data under state law, the European Union General Data Protection Regulation (EU GDPR), and recently introduced federal and state health data protection legislation.

6100 – Family Law II

Elective Courses

Course has prerequisites

(2 hours). Prerequisite: Family Law I is recommended, although not mandatory. This course covers custody of and visitation with children. It includes problems of joint custody, expert testimony, parental misconduct and other matters bearing on the location of children following divorce. It also covers the problems of child abduction, particularly across national boundaries. Some time is also spent on the problems of third-party custody and visitation, including grandparents, step-parents and others. The material in this course is part of the topic of “family law” for the bar examination.

6100 – Workers' Compensation

Elective Courses

(2 hours). This course deals with the law, theory and practice of workers' compensation under state and federal administrative programs, including Oklahoma and other state Acts. The student will study the essential aspects of such laws, including their development and purpose, coverages, the various levels and varieties of benefits provided and how claims are established and enforced. Special emphasis is placed on how such laws affect the rights of individuals to other remedies such as the ability to sue in tort or assert discrimination claims; how compensation programs are implicated in contemporary efforts to reform healthcare coverage and delivery; and the role workers' compensation plays in occupational safety and health. The student will become familiar with the uniform policy of insurance for compensation coverage and how compensation coverage and other regulatory requirements are policed by governmental authorities. A pervasive theme of the course is the status of workers' compensation as a unique hybrid of administrative law and tort, with the consequent effects of such status on the law, theory and practice of the field.

6100 – Public Health Law

Elective Courses

(3 hours). The Public Health Law course adopts an interdisciplinary perspective to leverage legal tools to enhance public health. It recognizes public health law as a collaborative process involving advocates, attorneys, scientists, public health practitioners, and other stakeholders working together to develop, promote, implement, and assess evidence-based legal reforms and interventions that aim to prevent diseases and reduce injuries. This approach underscores the importance of interdisciplinary collaborations at every stage of the legal change process, from policy research to the evaluation of the effectiveness of legal interventions. Furthermore, the course embraces a Health Justice framework, highlighting the role of attorneys and policymakers in supporting marginalized communities to address inequities through law and policy.

6100 – Sentencing and Habeas Corpus

Elective Courses

(3 hours). This course continues from Crim Pro: Adjudication. It focuses on key issues arising from proceedings after criminal conviction. One set of these issues concerns the sentencing phase of the criminal proceeding. Another set of issues from habeas corpus proceedings.

6100 – Prosecution Practicum

Experiential

(2 hours). This course will introduce students to prosecutorial pre-trial processes, teach foundational knowledge, and provide opportunities for simulated practice of the following: (a) review police records and draft a charging document; (b) response to a bond motion; (c) conduct witness interviews; (d) draft a Jackson v. Denno motion and conduct a hearing; and (e) draft a motion to suppress. Skills will be taught through a combination of lecture, discussion, and simulated practice.

6100 – Animal Law

Elective Courses

(1 hour). This course will consist of a high-level survey of the law as it relates to animals across legal subject areas including criminal law, torts, contract law, constitutional law, federal administrative laws, and several others. The course will further examine legal issues as it relates to animals in a variety of contexts including companion animals, farmed animals, wildlife, and captive animals. The course will encourage critical thought, the appreciation and understanding of novel legal theories, and the application of these themes to current events.

6110 – Bioethics and the Law

Seminar

(2 hours). Bioethics is designed to introduce students to the intersecting and sometimes conflicting interests of law, science, medicine, economics, social policy, and individual autonomy. We will focus on the roles of individuals, courts, health-care providers, and the government in medical treatment, life and death decisions, reproduction, drug abuse, access to mental health care, the ethics of drug-testing on live animals, ethics of requiring vaccinations, privacy of health information in the workplace, ethical requirements for human research studies, and the ethical use of individual and macro-genetic information.

6210 – Immigration Law

Elective Courses

(3 hours). This course provides an introduction to U.S. immigration law, including the aspects of the law that underlie the controversies about immigration that are driving the news. The course will review the constitutional bases for regulating immigration into the United States, the contours of the immigration bureaucracy, the lawful admission of noncitizens into the U.S., the deportation and exclusion of noncitizens from the U.S., refugee and asylum law, administrative and judicial review, and naturalization.

6213 – Intellectual Property Survey

Elective Courses

(3 hours). This survey course provides a high-level introduction to the U.S. law of intellectual property (“IP”). Specific areas of coverage include patents, trade secrets, trademarks, copyright and the right of publicity. This course is designed for: (1) students who don’t plan on specializing in IP but do plan on working in or for any type of business, since every 21st business encounters IP issues every day (whether they realize it or not); (2) students who aren’t sure if they are interested in IP and would like to learn more; and (3) students who know they are interested in IP who would like a holistic overview of the U.S. IP law system before they dive into more advanced coursework. No prerequisites. No technical background required.

6223 – Trademarks & Unfair Competition

Elective Courses

(3 hours). Trademark law is relevant to all businesses (who either have or want trademarks) and is an especially important topic for those who want to work in sports or entertainment law. This course provides an in-depth review of U.S. law related to the law, theory, and institutions governing trademarks and unfair competition. Specific areas of coverage will include trademark registration, the scope and nature of trademark rights, rights of publicity, and the law of false advertising. Note: You do not need a scientific/technical background to take this class or to work in this area.

6311 – American Indian Law Review

Co-Curriculars

Course has prerequisites

(1 hour). Prerequisite: American Indian Law Review membership. Production of a written note or comment for the Review or other approved activities associated with production of the Review S/U graded.

6313 – Child Abuse Clinic

Elective Courses

Course has prerequisites

(3 hours). Prerequisite: prior completion of, or concurrent enrollment in Family Law and Family Law II. Each student enrolls for an entire academic year for three hours each semester. Designed to provide advanced academic training in child abuse and neglect. The educational goals of the Interdisciplinary Training Program in Child Abuse and Neglect are to develop leaders in the treatment and prevention of child abuse and neglect: •Who are rigorously trained and understand the value of the prevention of child maltreatment; •Who are committed learners in all aspects; and •Who will, through professional advocacy, education, policy development, research, and service, contribute substantially to the knowledge base for the prevention of

child maltreatment at the state, national, and international levels.

6320 – Directed Legal Research

Co-Curriculars

(1 or 2 hours). Legal research, with or without a specific written component, under the supervision of a University of Oklahoma College of Law tenured, tenure-track, or contract professor. With the supervisor's and the Associate Dean's permission, a student may enroll, no later than the first week of the semester for which the credit will be earned, in one-or-two-credit hours of Directed Legal Research. If this course is being used to satisfy the Graduation Writing Requirement, those guidelines also apply. If a paper is generated as a result of the Directed Legal Research, it may be assigned a letter grade or be graded Satisfactory-Unsatisfactory (S-U). If a paper is not produced as a result of Directed Legal Research, the work will be graded Satisfactory-Unsatisfactory.

6321 – Competitions

Co-Curriculars

(1 hour). Students who participate on a trial or appellate advocacy competition team sponsored by the College of Law and directly supervised by the Competition Director may enroll in this course. S/U graded.

6323 – Criminal Defense Clinic

Experiential

Course has prerequisites

(3 hours). Prerequisites: Civil Procedure I and II, Evidence, and Professional Responsibility; or concurrent enrollment in Evidence and Professional Responsibility. Corequisite: Litigation Skills (first semester in Clinic). Clinical experience providing students opportunity to represent indigent defendants charged with municipal, misdemeanor and felony offenses in Cleveland and McClain Counties. Students handle every aspect of the defense of a criminal case, including interviewing, investigating, negotiating, litigating motions and conducting the trial.

6331 – Oil & Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Journal

Co-Curriculars

Course has prerequisites

(1 hour). Prerequisite: ONE J membership. Production of case summaries of recently released court decisions on matters relating to oil and gas, natural resources, and energy; student notes and comments on topics relating to oil and gas, natural resources, and energy; editorial work on submitted articles relating to

oil and gas, natural resources, and energy; or other approved activities associated with production of the Review. S/U graded.

6360 – Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiation

Experiential

(3 hours). Theoretical and practical aspects of interviewing, counseling and negotiation, including simulation of situations calling for these skills. Taught in a lecture-workshop format with a lecture and demonstration on a particular topic each week, followed by small workshops in which students take the lawyer's role.

6363 – Civil Clinic

Experiential

Course has prerequisites

(3 hours). Prerequisites: Civil Procedure I and II, Evidence, and Professional Responsibility; or concurrent enrollment in Evidence and Professional Responsibility. Corequisite: Litigation Skills (first semester in Clinic). Student interns, working from an office located in the Law Center, participate in the actual representation of low-income clients in civil matters. Experience is acquired through court appearances, jury and non-jury trials, interviewing, discovery, drafting of pleadings and appeals under the supervision of the clinical legal education staff. Students are required to maintain an active caseload and office hours.

6382 – Intermediate Legal Writing:

Experiential

Introduction to Non-litigation Drafting

Course has prerequisites

(2 hours). Prerequisite: Legal Research & Writing I, Intro to Brief Writing, and Oral Advocacy. This course is designed to provide students with the tools necessary to evaluate, modify, and design non-litigation documents in practice by focusing on the processes necessary for effective drafting and then applying these processes to create and modifying a variety of documents, including wills, contracts, legislation, and a client letter. Students should become proficient in the following (1) gathering facts and identifying all users of the drafted document; (2) evaluating the objectives and competing interests of those users; (3) applying substantive law to determine the legal parameters; (4) choosing among drafting alternatives; (5) testing the content and organization of documents for intended and unintended consequences; and (6) editing.

6391 – Oklahoma Law Review**Co-Curriculars****Course has prerequisites**

(1 hour). Prerequisite: Oklahoma Law Review membership. Production of a written note or comment for the Review or other approved activities associated with production of the Review. S/U graded.

6392 – Advanced Legal Research**Elective Courses****Course has prerequisites**

(2 hours). Prerequisites: Legal Research & Writing I, Intro to Brief Writing, and Oral Advocacy. The ability to "find the law" is an important practical skill for attorneys. This course builds on the research skills introduced during the first year legal research and writing course. The goal of the course is to further develop a student's ability to find solutions to legal issues by formulating efficient and effective legal research strategies. This course will address both online and print resources, and it will emphasize advanced online search techniques. This course will also discuss how technology is impacting the delivery of legal information. Finally, it will examine resources which are of general applicability to most areas of legal practice.

6400 – Litigation Skills**Experiential**

(3 hours). This skills course utilizes simulations and observations exposing students to aspects of criminal and civil representation of clients. Students will perform exercises including interviewing, negotiation, counseling, court hearings and other exercises.

6400 – Issues in Professionalism**Elective Courses**

(2 hours). This course will involve discussions drawn from contemporary readings about issues presented in the practice of law; ethical dilemmas; and the judicial system. A final paper will be required. This course is a required co-requisite for a student's first externship placement. S/U graded.

6400 – Entrepreneurial Law Clinic (ELC)**Experiential****Course has prerequisites**

(3 hours). Prerequisite: Law students must have successfully completed a minimum of 60 credits of law courses prior to the first day of the clinic. In addition, clinic students must have already completed at least one of the following courses: Corporations (LAW 5433); Business Associations (LAW 5434); or Unincorporated Business Entities (LAW 5733). Students enrolled in the ELC for the first time will be

required to concurrently enroll in Law of Entrepreneurship (1-credit hour course) and attend the Clinic Orientation. This Clinic is an innovative transactional and counseling clinic serving and advising entrepreneurs, startups, and emerging growth companies throughout the state of Oklahoma. The ELC provides legal services using a combination of students and faculty working together. Supervision and instruction of the students will be performed by state-bar licensed university faculty who have extensive experience in the private sector providing intellectual property, legal, and business protections for corporate ventures.

6400 – Extern Placement

Experiential

(3 hours). Corequisite: Issues in Professionalism (first semester in Externship). This course allows students the opportunity to observe and assist in various legal settings. Placement opportunities will include courts and governmental agencies. Mediation training and placements also offered. Students will be required to spend at least 10 hours a week at their placement; submit weekly journal entries; bi-monthly meetings with the clinical director; and submit a final paper. S/U graded.

6400 – Appellate Advocacy Competition

Experiential

(1 hour). Students will receive instruction on research, writing, and oral advocacy skills. Students participate in groups (teams) to research and write an appellate advocacy brief, and practice oral arguments. Students will compete in regional and national competitions. S/U graded.

6400 – American Indian Estates Clinic

Experiential

Course has prerequisites

(3 hours). Corequisite: American Indian Estates (first semester in Clinic). The American Indian Estates Clinic will address the fractionation of Indian land. As advocates, students will learn how to execute wills for clients and administer/probate estates from cradle to grave, taking the estate from the passing of a decedent through the order excusing the personal representative. Ultimately, students will develop interviewing and counseling skills, network with judges and attorneys across the state, and put their academic knowledge of estates to practical use. The Clinic comprises three (3) primary components: 1. Clinic Hours – Time spent in the Clinic working on assigned estate cases under attorney supervision and advisement. 2. Wills Caravans – Tribal community events outside of the Clinic, where the attorneys and students will draft wills for tribal members. 3. Court Appearances – Travel to and from tribal and state courts to observe hearings

and other judicial matters. Through completing these components, students will develop a holistic understanding of American Indian estates as well as learn how to execute wills and administer/probate estates. Students will not be permitted to hold themselves out as licensed legal practitioners as though they have completed the Oklahoma State Bar Exam. Rather, they will appear in state and tribal courts as permitted by those respective courts' bar associations and always under the supervision of an OILS attorney. However, students that are Licensed Legal Interns (LLI) under the Oklahoma State Bar Association, and those otherwise permitted by tribal court bars, will be allowed to make court appearances for their assigned cases.

6410 – Trial Techniques

Experiential

Course has prerequisites

(3 hours). Prerequisite: Evidence. An introduction to basic trial techniques under simulated trial situations.

6422 – Bar Exam Preparation

Elective Courses

(2 hours). For 3Ls only, unless permission granted by professor for an exception. Bar Exam Preparation is designed to help students get an early jump on preparations to pass the bar, but it IS NOT a substitute for commercial bar exam preparation courses. Students will review substantive law in at least three areas heavily tested on the bar exam as they learn and practice skills necessary to maximize scores on both the multiple choice and essay portions of the exam. S/U graded.

6510 – Energy and Natural Resources

Elective Courses

(3 hours). This course comprehensively examines energy law both doctrinally and in a broader social and political context. Topics include the history, economics, and environmental considerations relevant to energy regulation; the regulatory context and policies espoused by that context; particular issues relevant to hydro, coal, oil, gas, nuclear, solar, and wind power; and the nexus between energy law and climate change. The course approach draws from both traditional doctrinal and seminar formats, which allows for discussion of current events relevant to the course topics.

6523 – Environmental Law

Elective Courses

(3 hours). This is a survey course designed to introduce students to the common law and statutory approaches pertaining to environmental issues such as population, economic growth, energy and pollution. The primary focus is on the major federal environmental protection statutes including the National Environmental Policy Act, Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act, as well as statutes regulating pesticides and dealing with the testing of hazardous substances. Course coverage also includes examination of the administrative process and the role of courts in environmental litigation. Certain recurring themes animating the development of federal environmental law are emphasized, including the role of public interest, economics, scientific uncertainties and risk factors, and the government's need for relevant information regarding the effects of pollution on the environment in order to regulate effectively.

6540 – Oil and Gas

Elective Courses

(3 hours). Nature of property interests in oil and gas; conveyancing of interests in oil and gas; legal interests created by oil and gas leases; validity of leases; habendum, drilling, and rental clauses; assignment of interests of lessor and lessee; rents and royalties; and conservation of oil and gas.

6543 – Copyright

Elective Courses

(3 hours). This course provides an in-depth survey of U.S. copyright law, theory, and policy. Topics will include the basic requirements for copyright protection, the nature and scope of the rights granted by the Copyright Act, and the normative foundations of copyright law. Note: You do not need a scientific/technical background to take this class or to work in this area.

6550 – Oil and Gas Contracts

Experiential

Course has prerequisites

(3 hours). Oil & Gas is recommended, although not mandatory. This course covers transactional drafting and negotiation skills used in the practice of oil and gas transactions, as performed in private practice and in the corporate environment. Students will study, negotiate, draft, and revise the common contracts used in the oil and gas industry for exploration, production, and development, in addition to contracts used in the marketing and midstream sectors (sale, processing, and transportation). These contracts include the Assignment, Farmout, Joint Operating Agreement, Gas Processing and Transportation Agreement, etc. There is not a tax

component to this class. This course is an experiential learning class; it does not satisfy the graduation writing requirement. governmental regulation of such contracts.

6560 – Title Examination and Assurance

Elective Courses

(2 hours). Conveyances, with emphasis on the examination of abstracts of title to real property.

6570 – Real Estate Transactions

Menu

(3 hours). The first two-thirds of the course studies the terms and legal issues involved in drafting, executing, and enforcing residential real estate contracts, including obtaining and evaluating title evidence prior to closing and recovery for breach of title guarantees. The last third of the course introduces certain basic commercial real estate transactions, including processes and issues involved in housing subdivisions, condominiums, shopping centers, and commercial leases.

6580 – Water Law

Elective Courses

(3 hours). The system of water rights; riparian, appropriation, and prescriptive rights; stream, surface, and ground water; transfer and termination of rights; injuries caused by water; development of water supplies; federal-state, interstate, and intrastate conflicts; water pollution control; federal and Indian rights; and federal water resource problems.

6662 – Employment Law Seminar

Seminar

(2 hours). This seminar provides an overview of state and federal employment law regulating the private and public sectors, including major trends in the applicable laws, and allows students the opportunity to participate fully in both the presentation and discussion of relevant topics.

6682 – Law and Literature Seminar

Seminar

(2 hours). The Seminar will involve reading and discussion of selected classical and contemporary literary works with a legal theme or influence. The grade will be based on a composite of class participation, short papers, and a group presentation on one of the assigned readings. Illustrative readings may include: A Jury of Her Peers by Susan Glaspell, The Boscombe Valley Mystery and The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee, The Crucible by Arthur Miller, Chronicle of a Death Foretold by Gabriel Marquez, and

Witness for the Prosecution by Agatha Christie. In addition, the class will watch selected movies with legal themes, which may include: 12 Angry Men, The Lincoln Lawyer, and The Verdict. Please note that because the Seminar will involve a series of shorter writing assignments, it will not generally satisfy the Graduation Writing Requirement; however, accommodations will be made for any students needing the GWR.

6692 – Environmental Law Seminar

Elective Courses

(2 hours). This seminar will explore some of the most controversial and heavily debated issues affecting human health and the environment. Illustrative topics may include: climate change, hydraulic fracturing, water rights and shortages, endangered species protections, pesticide and toxic chemical impacts, farmworker safety, and sustainability. The Seminar will involve reading, discussing, and writing short papers on selected classic and contemporary books involving environmental law themes or influences. Although the seminar's shorter writing assignments will not satisfy the Graduation Writing Requirement (“GWR”), accommodations will be made to allow students to write a paper to meet the GWR, as needed.

6700 – Role of In-House Counsel Seminar

Seminar

(2 hours). This seminar is mainly but not solely an ethics seminar. Topics explored include managing outside counsel, managing risk, working with insurers, working with HR, providing both legal and practical advice to CEO’s and Boards, especially when that advice is uncomfortable, and working as part of an executive leadership team. Guests will include in-house counsel from corporations and non-profits.

6700 – Tax Policy Seminar

Seminar

Course has prerequisites

(2 hours). Prerequisite: Individual Income Tax or professor permission. Analysis of policies underlying selected areas of tax law.

6700 – Jurisprudence Seminar

Seminar

(2 hours). In this seminar, we will take time out of studying the laws and consider the deeper question what is the Law? Jurisprudence encompasses the philosophy of law and justice. What is and what should be the relationship between law and justice? How do we evaluate what makes a law a good or a bad law? What is the definition of law? Whence comes legal authority? Anchoring the consideration in Professor McCall’s book, The Architecture of Law, the seminar will consider and

critique various schools of jurisprudence, Natural Law, Positivism, Historicism, and Legal Realism. The seminar will include the option to complete the graduation writing requirement.

6700 – Legal Perspectives on Finance and Capitalism Seminar **Seminar**
(2 hours). The format for the seminar will be reading, discussion and group presentation of selected books related to commercial law and finance (e.g., “Ponzi’s Scheme”, “The Smartest Guy in the Room”). In addition, there will be five movies we will watch related to the books and class discussion (e.g., “The Big Short”). The books will be divided among five groups of three students, and each group will prepare a presentation (for instance, Power Point slides) of its book. Those students not presenting will write a two-page paper on the book presented. In addition, there will be a final, five-page paper.* The final grade for the course will be based on a composite of the book presentation, two-page papers and final five-page paper. *Please note that the short writing assignments (the four two-page papers and five-page paper) will not satisfy the Graduate Writing Requirement. However, accommodations will be made for those students who wish to use the seminar to satisfy the GWR.

6700 – Tort Law & Communications Media Seminar **Seminar**
(2 hours). Tort liability arising from communications, especially mass media and other public communications. This includes communications torts, such as defamation, invasion of privacy, injurious falsehood, and infringement of the right of publicity. It also includes the application to communications of economic torts, negligence, and other theories of tort liability. Students in the seminar will undertake research in topics of their choice (as approved by the professor), complete a research paper, and make a presentation to the seminar on their research topic. The paper can fulfill the Graduation Writing Requirement.

6700 – The Evolution of Minority Rights in the U.S. Seminar **Seminar**
(2 hours). This course offers a survey of the law governing minority populations from the founding of the nation to the present day with an examination of immigration law, slavery law, law regulating Indigenous people, and law as a means of protecting civil rights. The course affords students the opportunity to research

and write an academic paper on a topic related to the course with formative feedback from the faculty member teaching the course. The book for this course is available in electronic form through the OU Law library at no cost to students.

6700 – Tribal Courts Seminar

Elective Courses

(2 hours). This course examines the relationship between Tribal Nations and the three main sovereigns: Federal government, state governments, and tribal governments. Students will understand, analyze and discuss the importance of tribal court to tribal sovereignty, the tribal people, and to specific tribal cultures. Each student will research and make a presentation on a Native American tribe, its court system, and the forum of judicial redress.

6700 – Sports Law Seminar

Seminar

(2 hours). Legal problems involved in sports, including amateurism and its regulation contracts, gender discrimination, antitrust, and labor issues; review of player contracts and methods of compensation; liability for injuries to players and spectators.

6700 – Education Law Seminar

Seminar

(2 hours). This course provides a legal perspective on the concept of equitable education in America. We will examine the laws and policies surrounding public education and consider how issues relating to race, ethnicity, immigration status, gender, poverty, and disability combine to shape our education system. Specific topics likely will include the role of student discipline, freedom of student expression, freedom of religion in school settings, education reforms, and a review of the major local, state, and national trends in Education Law.

6732 – War Crimes Tribunals Seminar

Seminar

(2 hours). This seminar will examine judicial institutions that have been established outside the exclusive control of national legal systems for the prosecution of certain international atrocity crimes, including institutions such as the International Criminal Tribunals for Yugoslavia and Rwanda, the Extraordinary Chambers of the Cambodian Courts and the Special Court of Sierra Leone. The course will focus on the background, jurisdiction, procedures and substantive law of such institutions, as well as the practical day-to-day operations of these courts.

6742 – The International Criminal Court Seminar**Seminar**

(2 hours). This course focuses on the International Criminal Court, the first permanent institution to prosecute atrocity crimes (war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide). Starting with the creation of the ICC, the course will address the ICC's jurisdiction, substantive crimes, trial, appeal and punishment, among other topics, while exploring various situations and cases before the ICC. Discussions will also include the future of the court, its emerging jurisprudence and the United States' evolving perspective and involvement.

6752 – Comparative Responses to Terrorism and Political Violence Seminar**Seminar**

(2 hours). Examination of a wide range of legal issues related to terrorism and governmental responses. Topics include the framework of separate branches of government with shared national security power; fighting terrorists and international criminals; and protecting national security information in a democratic society.

6762 – Comparative Criminal Law Seminar**Seminar**

(2 hours). Review and comparison of select criminal law issues in various national legal systems. Issues include the purpose and benefits of studying comparative law generally while covering specific topics including, among others, police powers and investigations, the role of the judiciary, role of the jury, due process concerns and the objectives of punishment

6772 – Federal Sentencing Seminar**Seminar**

(2 hours). Holistic examination of various aspects of sentencing unique to the federal court system. Federal sentencing provides the parties an opportunity to marshal both fact and law in arguing for an appropriate sentence. In doing so, they often litigate the application of various sentencing guidelines. We will thus explore the federal sentencing guidelines—including the substance, history, and underlying policy rationales—while also focusing on the real-world impact of the sentencing process.

6820 – Business Tax**Elective Courses****Course has prerequisites**

(3 hours). Prerequisite: Concurrent enrollment in or previous completion of Individual Income Tax. This course surveys the federal income tax laws on organizing and running businesses as corporations, partnerships, S corporations, and LLCs. Also, the course looks at the taxation of oil and gas operations including exploration, development, production, and abandonment.

6832 – Partnership Tax

Elective Courses

Course has prerequisites

(2 hours). Prerequisite: Concurrent enrollment in or previous completion of Individual Income Tax. Subchapter K of the Internal Revenue Code, involving taxation of partnerships and partners.