

College of Law Bulletin 2021-2022

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About Us

The downtown Atlanta location is a core part of the law school's identity and strength. Atlanta is unique in its centrality to federal, state and local governments. The college enjoys proximity to the state capitol and many city, county, state and federal governmental offices, including courts, legislatures, and regulatory agencies. The Atlanta community also is home to a large and diverse group of private law firms and businesses. These institutions provide a wealth of opportunities for our students, both as learning environments while they are in school and as employers after their graduation.

Goals & Purpose

The primary purpose of the College of Law is to establish and maintain an educational program in law leading to the Juris Doctor (J.D.). The program is designed for the benefit of qualified students who meet the requirements for graduation by residence study on a full- or part-time basis, and who, upon the satisfactory completion thereof, will be qualified academically to sit successfully for the bar examination in the states of their choice, be admitted to the bar and authorized to practice law.

Throughout the years, the College of Law has expanded its educational offerings beyond the Juris Doctor. This includes the development of interdisciplinary degree programs with other colleges in the university system.

The college offers the following:

- Accelerated B.S. or B.A./J.D. (with the Honors College)
- Dual J.D./M.B.A. (with Robinson College of Business)
- Dual J.D./M.P.A. in accounting (with Robinson College of Business)
- Dual J.D./M.S.H.A. (with Robinson College of Business)
- Dual J.D./M.B.A./M.H.A. in Health Administration (with Robinson College of Business)
- Dual J.D./M.P.A. in Public Administration (with Andrew Young School of Policy Studies)
- Dual J.D./M.P.H. (with the School of Public Health)
- Dual J.D./ M.C.R.P. in City and Regional Planning (with Georgia Institute of Technology)
- Dual J.D./M.S.A (Data Analytics with Robinson College of Business)

The college also offers a graduate program for lawyers beyond their first professional degree leading to the legum magister (LL.M.) or master of laws. The program offers several options for both foreign and domestic lawyers: a general studies track and specific concentrations in health law, land use/environmental law, and intellectual property to name a few. Additional information on all available concentrations are available in the LL.M section of this bulletin. The program also offers a prescribed curriculum qualifying a foreign-trained lawyer to take the bar examination in Georgia to practice law in the United States.

Accreditation

The College of Law is fully accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools. Georgia State University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097; Telephone number 404-679-4500) to award bachelor's, master's, educational specialist and doctoral degrees.

General Policies

Georgia State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, handicap, or ethnic origin in its administration of educational policies, loan, and scholarship policies, or any other faculty, staff, or student program or activity.

It is the policy of the College of Law to admit to its classes only those applicants who possess the intellectual capacity, maturity, moral character, and motivation necessary for the successful completion of its course of study leading to the J.D., a dual degree, or an LL.M.

Professionalism/Honor Code (formerly Professional Responsibility)

Those who study for the practice of law must join with those who practice law and those who teach law to subscribe to the traditional responsibilities of the legal profession, which are:

- the improvement of the law;
- a more effective administration of justice;
- exemplary conduct respecting the personal and property rights of the academic community and others in general;
- ethical representation of persons served by the legal profession, in particular.

The core of professional responsibility is integrity, both intellectual integrity and integrity in objective conduct.

The antithesis of integrity is dishonesty, half-truths, false and misleading communications, plagiarism, cheating, etc. Conduct on the part of law students that violate standards prescribed for lawyers will be referred to as pre-professional misconduct. The College of Law operates under an Honor System and an Honor Code, and all students are subject to it from initial enrollment. Its sanctions may extend to exclusion from the college, as provided in the Honor Code.

University Student Code of Conduct

In addition to the College of Law's Honor Code, any student attending Georgia State University is governed by the University's Student Code of Conduct and the Student Handbook. The Student Handbook provides students with information about campus resources, student life, and university procedures.

The university makes this handbook available to each student, and it is students' responsibility to familiarize themselves with its contents. By enrolling at this institution, students agree to comply with all rules and regulations. Ignorance of a policy or regulation will not be considered an excuse for failure to observe it. The university reserves the right to alter the regulations and policies stated herein through normal channels.

An important part of the handbook is the Student Code of Conduct and Administrative Policies and Procedures.

Attendance

Regular and punctual class attendance is required of all students enrolled in any degree program within the College of Law. It is up to each instructor to determine what constitutes "regular and punctual class attendance" in his or her class, to monitor attendance, and to impose appropriate sanctions (up to and including involuntary withdrawal from the class, for which a student will receive a WF) for noncompliance with announced class policies.

Note-Taking

Note-taking is considered a legal professional's skill to be encouraged. Recording of class sessions is not permitted except by advance permission from the instructor or when reasonably necessary to accommodate the needs of individuals with disabilities or other extraordinary circumstances. Individuals whose disabilities require that they record classes, or employ note-takers, should consult with the associate dean for students. See "Students with Disabilities," below.

Student Organizations

The College of Law encourages the advancement of the professional and academic goals of its students through student organizations. These organizations are chartered by the college and assisted by an adviser from the full-time faculty. Information on student organizations, including extra and co-curricular organizations, are available on the COL website as well as The Panther Involvement Network.

In addition, law students are encouraged to participate in the University Student Government Association and other university student organizations that may interest them.

Student Records

All materials submitted to the College of Law become the property of Georgia State University and will be retained or disposed of in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, the Georgia Records Act, and other statutes as may apply.

A student has the right to review all materials in that student's record with the exception of those covered by a signed waiver of this right. Students should contact the associate dean for students to inspect any record.

Georgia State University is unable to provide copies of transcripts from other schools, special certifications based upon educational experience from other institutions, or scores from testing agencies. Copies of these materials must be requested directly from the issuing institution or agency.

Fees

Fee Payment Deadline Date

All matriculation, tuition, and mandatory student fees are payable by the last day of the Regular Registration period each semester as published through the Student Financial Services. Registration is not complete until all fees have been paid. For the most up-to-date information about fee payment options and deadline dates, visit <https://sfs.gsu.edu/resources/tuition/>

Fee Payment Methods

The latest information on payment options is available through the Student Financial Services office website: <https://sfs.gsu.edu/resources/tuition/how-to-pay/>. The university reserves the right at any time during the semester to drop any student from classes for failure to pay fees. Students who continue to attend classes under these conditions will be held liable for the fees due plus any service fees assessed, applicable collection costs, court costs, and possible legal fees. A student dropped for nonpayment may not be eligible to take final exams/assessments, even if they continue to attend classes.

A Student Accounts "Hold" will be placed on the records of any student who has a financial obligation to the university. This student will not be permitted to register for further course work or receive, or have forwarded to external third parties, transcripts of grades until the obligation is settled.

It is the responsibility of the student to be informed of, and to observe, all regulations and procedures regarding the payment of fees and the entitlement to refunds. In no case will a regulation be waived or an exception is granted because a student pleads ignorance of the regulation or asserts that they were not informed of it by an adviser or other authority. All questions concerning fees and refunds should be directed to Student Financial Services only.

Per University Policy, verbal misinformation is not grounds for a waiver of a regulation.

All matriculation fees and other charges are subject to change without notice.

Mandatory Student Fees

A mandatory student fee is charged each semester to every student registered for courses to be conducted by Georgia State University. This fee must be paid at the time of registration.

Student activity, athletics, recreation, technology, transportation, and health fees make up the mandatory student fee, which is used to provide cultural, social and athletic programs for the entire student body. In addition, this fee provides financial support for student facilities at the university, guest speakers and lecturers, student publications, and many special events that are available exclusively for the students of Georgia State University. The fee also helps to defray shuttle costs for transporting students to campus from remote parking facilities where students may park free. The technology fee supports expansion and enhancements of instructional technology and student access to computers.

Matriculation and Tuition Fees information on the most current tuition rates and any fees assessed by the university are available online.

Special Fees and Charges

Application Fee

All applicants to the College of Law must submit a \$50 application fee with their application forms before they will be given consideration as prospective students. The application fee is non-refundable and will not apply toward the student's registration fees.

Class Deposit

To reserve a place in the incoming class, an applicant, once accepted, must submit a nonrefundable deposit of \$500. This deposit will be applied to the student's matriculation fees at registration.

Late Registration Fee

A student who initially registers during late registration will be required to pay a \$50 late registration fee, which is nonrefundable.

Transcripts

A student who has discharged all obligations to Georgia State University is entitled to receive upon written request to the Office of the Registrar or by following the PAWS online request form for Student procedures a transcript of his or her permanent record. There is a 48-hour processing period for transcripts that are to be picked up. Picture identification is required when requesting and picking up transcripts.

Routine copies of other information in the student's education records, with the exception of transcripts from other institutions and other items excluded from copying by practice or regulation, will be provided upon written request. Special certifications based on education records will be provided upon written request, when permissible.

Graduation Fee

Every student receiving a degree awarded by the College of Law must pay a graduation fee of \$50. Students can apply for graduation via their PAWS account and pay the graduation fee online. Additional information on graduation can be found in the graduation section of this bulletin.

Revisions of graduation dates after the midpoint of the semester in which graduation is scheduled will result in a reapplication fee of \$50 for a doctoral degree.

Other Fees

The university reserves the right to charge a fee for the use of university property and to levy fines for the improper use of university property.

Tuition Reimbursement

Students eligible for tuition reimbursement by their employers must submit their tuition reimbursement forms to the Office of the Registrar/Student Services, Room 227, Sparks Hall, accompanied by an addressed, stamped envelope. Forms will be processed and mailed within five workdays if grades are available for the applicable term.

Refund of Student Fees

Students formally withdrawing from a class or classes will be subject to the application of the following refund policy for matriculation and tuition. Students formally withdrawing from all classes will also be subject to the following refund policy for mandatory student fees.

Students who formally withdraw from a course or the institution prior to the end of the last scheduled registration period, including those who have been excluded subsequent to registration, are entitled to a 100 percent refund of matriculation, tuition, and all fees paid for that period of enrollment.

Additional information regarding the Refund schedule based on class attendance is available through the Student Financial Services Website at <https://sfs.gsu.edu/resources/tuition/withdrawal-refund-schedule/>. The date to be used in determining eligibility for a refund will be the date the withdrawal is executed in the Office of the Registrar.

There will be no refund for reducing course loads after the end of the last scheduled registration period.

Refund of elective charges for withdrawing from the institution during the semester may be made on a prorated basis determined by the date of withdrawal.

Placing a stop payment on a check with the institution the check is drawn on does not constitute a formal withdrawal. The student will be held liable for matriculation, tuition, and fees unless the date of official withdrawal from the class or classes at Georgia State University is within the refund schedule; in which case, the student will be held liable for that portion of fees that is not refundable plus the returned check fee and any applicable collection costs.

A student is not entitled to any refund of fees paid if the student:

- Withdraws from the institution after the first 50 percent (in time) of the period of enrollment;
- Reduces his or her course load after the end of the last scheduled registration period;
- Leaves the university when disciplinary action is pending; or
- Does not withdraw formally from the class or classes in which the student is enrolled.

Refunds for students paying with a credit card will be credited to the credit card account upon withdrawal from classes. Refunds for students paying with cash or check will be in the form of checks payable to the student and mailed to the student's address on file with the Office of the Registrar.

Refunds for withdrawal from classes for students who receive financial aid will be audited to determine amounts to be returned to the financial aid program and any balance due to the student will be processed and mailed as indicated above. Mailing addresses should be kept current with the Office of the Registrar at all times to ensure proper mailing of refund checks.

* This information is subject to change without notice.

Financial Assistance

The College of Law has a limited number of scholarships, assistantships, resident waivers, and loan programs available to qualified students. All students and applicants, once accepted, are considered under the criteria for appropriate scholarships.

Learn more about the College of Law's financial aid and/or scholarships>>

Law and Graduate Assistantships and Tuition Waivers

Nonresident Tuition Waivers

The College of Law offers a limited number of non-resident tuition waivers to encourage the enrollment of nonresident students who demonstrate high academic achievement. Both first-year students and existing students who are in good standing are eligible for these waivers.

Law/Graduate Assistants

J.D. students who have completed their first year of law study are eligible to apply for law/graduate assistantships. Assistantship positions, based on the responsibilities associated with the position, maybe labeled as Research, Teaching, or Administrative Assistantships. Students selected for these positions are employed on a per-semester or annual basis and receive a reduction in tuition and a stipend. Law research assistants must meet the minimum cumulative GPA of 2.20 each semester. Graduate/Law assistantships linked to scholarships require a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 each semester. Failure to meet the minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA requirements will result in the loss of the assistantship and the scholarship, if applicable.

Students with Disabilities

The associate dean for students is responsible for ensuring that students with documented disabilities receive the accommodations to which they are deemed entitled. Students who have, or think they may have, disabilities should consult directly with the Access and Accommodations Center (AACE). Once the appropriate evaluations are done or appropriate documentation is received, AACE will determine which accommodations are warranted in light of the evaluation and the student's circumstances. That information needs to be provided to the associate dean for students for implementation.

If the accommodations relate only to taking exams, the registrar will communicate directly with AACE and arrange for the administration of the exam(s), in accordance with the prescribed accommodations and the college's and professors' policies. If professors' exams are designed in a manner that makes the suggested accommodations inappropriate, that information will be communicated to AACE for guidance and any amendments/updates to the accommodations granted.

If the accommodations relate to matters other than taking exams (such as note-taking services), the associate dean for students will meet with the student and coordinate accommodations. To the extent that the College of Law has the appropriate facilities, personnel, and expertise to implement the accommodations, it will do so. As to anything that it cannot do in-house, the Access and Accommodations Center will provide such services. **To preserve the college's anonymous grading system, students are strongly discouraged from discussing these issues directly with their individual professors.**

Addressing Student Complaints

1. Students seeking to file a formal complaint related to the College of Law's compliance with ABA Standards shall do the following:
 1. Submit the complaint in writing to the associate dean for academic affairs. The complaint may be made by email, U.S. mail, or personal delivery. The complaint must describe in detail the behavior, program, process, or other matter that is the subject of the complaint, and explain how the matter implicates the College of Law's compliance with specific ABA Standard(s).
 2. The complaint must be signed and provide the name, email address, and street address of the complaining student for further communication about the complaint.
2. When the associate dean for academic affairs receives a student complaint, the following procedures will be followed:

1. The associate dean will acknowledge receipt of the complaint in writing within 10 business days. Acknowledgment may be made by email, U.S. mail, or personal delivery.
2. Within two weeks of acknowledgment of the complaint, the associate dean, or his or her designee, will provide a written response either to the substance of the complaint or informing the student that additional investigation is needed. If further investigation is needed, the student will be provided with information about what steps are being taken to investigate the complaint and an estimated date for the completion of the investigation by the College of Law. The written response to the complaint will specify what steps are being taken to address the complaint.
3. After the student receives the written response to the complaint, a dissatisfied student may appeal the resolution of the complaint to the dean of the College of Law. Any decision made on appeal by the dean shall be final.
4. A copy of the complaint and a summary of the process and resolution of the complaint shall be kept in the office of the associate dean for academic affairs for a period of eight years from the date of final resolution of the complaint.

General Appeals Procedure

Any applicant for admission to the College of Law who is denied admission by the Admissions Committee, or any student enrolled who is aggrieved by a decision of a faculty committee, concerning suspension or termination shall have the right to appeal the decision to the dean.

The appeal shall be based on the record of the appellant as it exists in the dean's office and the written petition of the appellant. The dean may call for the personal appearance of the appellant if the dean considers this may serve some purpose. The dean may give consideration to pertinent facts in the record, or developed extrinsic to the record and revise or modify the challenged decision. Otherwise, the appeal will be considered by the dean solely on the record.

The only grounds for appeal are:

1. The decision is contrary to the facts in the record or against the weight of the evidence.
2. The decision violates federal or state law or federal or state rules or regulations or the rules or regulations of the Board of Regents, or the statutes and bylaws of Georgia State University.
3. The decision does not give effect to published rules or regulations of the College of Law pertinent to the matter.
4. The administration of the rules and regulations of the College of Law did not afford appellant due consideration.
5. The decision is substantially affected by malevolent discrimination against the appellant personally.
6. The appeal must be in writing and received by the dean within 10 business days after the date of the letter notifying the appellant of the decision. The time for appeal may be extended by the dean for cause beyond the control of the appellant. The appeal may be in letter form and may include whatever the appellant wants considered by the dean. It must, however, specifically indicate one or more of the grounds enumerated above and, with regard thereto, explain, with particularity, the facts, law, rules, regulations, statutes, and bylaws which are challenged and, also with particularity, how, or in what way, the committee did not afford appellant due consideration. It need not repeat facts that are otherwise in the record unless the appellant challenges the correctness of such facts.

The dean will review the record, thus made, and render a decision within fourteen days of the receipt of the appellant's letter. The decision of the dean will be final except as further appellate process may be available at the university level.

Juris Doctor

Admissions

The College of Law has a "rolling admissions" policy.

Factors in an applicant's background that may add diversity to the makeup of the class, and thereby enrich the educational experience of the group, may become factors in the admissions process. Such diversity factors include extracurricular activities, work experience, career objectives, geographic origin, and advanced study or degrees in other disciplines.

Accuracy of Information on Students' Applications

The College of Law's application for all degree programs includes questions about one's personal, academic and criminal record. An applicant's submission of an application to the College of Law is a certification that the information contained therein is true and complete, to the best of the applicant's knowledge.

If anything occurs that makes any applicant's responses on his or her application incomplete or inaccurate, the applicant must amend the application as soon as is reasonably possible. In addition, students are obligated by the University Code of Conduct to update their application until the admitted student graduates from the College of Law. Any omission or misrepresentation may result in the invalidation of one's application, revocation of a favorable admissions decision, a letter of reprimand (which, if applicable, must be reported to the bar), report to the LSAC Misconduct and Irregularities Subcommittee, report to bar authorities or any other action appropriate under the circumstances.

Students applying for the J.D. program are only eligible to start the program in the Fall semester. Admission will be based on an evaluation of several factors including the following:

1. a recent LSAT/LSDAS report with documentation of Law School Admission Test (LSAT) score and undergraduate transcript;
2. specified letters of recommendation; and
3. a personal statement by the applicant showing reasons why the applicant should be admitted to the study of law at Georgia State.

Transfer Students

A student who wishes to transfer from an ABA-approved law school will be considered only after completion of the first year of law study. A transfer applicant's academic performance and class rank at his or her current school are important factors in the evaluation process. Transfer students must possess credentials comparable to those of the class to which they seek admission.

A student who has been excluded from another law school and is ineligible for readmission at such school will not be admitted to the College of Law. Each prospective transfer student must provide a letter from the dean, or designee thereof, of the current or previously attended law school stating that they are in good standing and eligible to return to that law school. The letter shall also include his or her class ranking, if available.

Upon admission, the applicant's transcript will be reviewed by the associate dean for academic affairs. At that time, the confirmation of transfer credits will be provided. No credit for advanced standing will be allowed for courses completed at law schools that are not accredited by the American Bar Association. No credit for advanced standing will be allowed for any law school course from another accredited law school for which a grade lower than a C or its equivalent has been given. Only under exceptional circumstances can more than 30 credits be approved for transfer to GSU for a J.D. degree.

A transfer student who is admitted to the College of Law must understand that to receive the J.D. from Georgia State University, the student must:

1. satisfy all GSU degree requirements and
2. earn at least 60 semester hours of the total 90 semester hours required for graduation.

Guest Students

J.D. students in good standing at ABA-accredited law schools may be admitted as guest students to earn credit for transfer back to their degree-granting institution. Guest students must meet the admission standards of the class they seek to enter. Guest students may attend the College of Law for no more than 32 semester hours, not to exceed three semesters (including the summer semester). Second-year students who meet the above criteria may be admitted as guest students, but only under exceptional circumstances.

Special Student Status

Graduate students who wish to take an advanced course in the College of Law in support of their academic program in another Georgia State college, graduate students at other accredited institutions or those equivalent to the same at foreign institutions, and professionals outside of the legal field may be admitted as special students on a case by case basis.

Any such students admitted to the College of Law may not count toward that degree any credits earned while in special student status.

Attorneys who are admitted to the practice of law in Georgia or any other state or country, and remain in good standing therein, may be admitted as special students, but in that capacity, may only audit courses at the college with the permission of the associate dean for academic affairs and of the instructor of that course. Attorneys subsequently admitted as students in a law degree program may not count toward that degree any course credit equivalents attributed to them while in special student status.

English Proficiency of International Applicants for College of Law Programs

All College of Law classes are taught in English, so proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking English is essential. Applicants are presumed proficient in English if they: (1) are from a country where English is an official language; or (2) earned an undergraduate or graduate degree from a college or university in which instruction is in English.

All College of Law applicants whose native language is not English are required to demonstrate English proficiency by scoring a minimum of 100 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or a minimum of 7.5 on the academic version of the International Language Testing System (IELTS). No other test or certificate-based methods of demonstrating English proficiency will be considered. A video teleconference or in-person interview of the applicant may be required to assess English proficiency.

International applicants for the J.D. program should understand that the College of Law does not employ special grading standards for such students.

Orientation

All accepted students are required to attend Orientation preceding the beginning of regular fall semester classes. All first-year students are also required to attend a second orientation (Orientation II) in their second semester of study.

Curriculum

To satisfy the requirements for the J.D., a student must complete a minimum of ninety (90) credit hours at the College of Law. Per ABA requirements, a student has 84 months from starting the J.D. curriculum to complete the degree requirements. For those students entering in the Fall of 2021, there are forty-four (44) credits required credit hours, with the remaining forty-six credits as electives. For those that entered prior to Fall of 2021, there are forty-three (43) required credit hours, with the remaining forty-seven (47) credits as electives. The specific courses and hours are listed at "J.D. Curricular Course of Study."

For JD students entering the College of Law after Fall 2020, the maximum number of credit hours in courses graded on an S/U basis that may be applied toward graduation is eighteen (18) credits. Research Methods in Law, Lawyering: Advocacy, and co-curricular activities (Law Review, Moot Court, and Mock Trial (STLA)) shall not count toward the 18-hour limit. Externships and all other elective courses count toward this limit, unless otherwise specified. For students that entered the College of Law prior to the Fall of 2020, the maximum number of S/U credits is twelve (12).

The maximum number of summer abroad course hours that may be applied toward graduation is twelve (12). The maximum number of credits for independent research that may be counted toward graduation is two (2). A student must earn at least 60 semester hours at the College of Law to graduate.

Per the ABA, students cannot take more than thirty (30) credits in distance/online hybrid courses. However, under exceptional circumstances, such as the COVID 19 Pandemic, the ABA has granted an exception since the Spring of 2020.

Non College of Law Courses

With prior approval of the associate dean for academic affairs, a law student in good standing and not pursuing a dual degree may, after successfully completing all courses in the first-year, full-time equivalent curriculum, apply up to six (6) credit hours of GSU graduate level, non-law course credit to his or her record at the College of Law. So long as the student earns at least a B (or Satisfactory, if graded on an S/U basis) in the course(s), the credit shall be counted toward the hours required for the J.D. degree.

Such credit will be reported on the student's transcript, but will not be considered in computing his or her College of Law grade point average. Courses taken pursuant to this policy will be counted as S/U courses for the purpose of College of Law limits on such courses. In no event may a student receive credit under this rule for any non-law school course taken prior to the student's enrollment in the College of Law, nor may any student use such a course to satisfy the College of Law's upper-level writing requirement.

For a course to be approved under this rule, the associate dean must find that such course: (i) meets the academic standards of the College of Law; (ii) is a graduate-level course; (iii) does not substantially duplicate material covered in any course(s) previously taken by the student, in law school or elsewhere; and (iv) would likely advance the student's legal or other relevant professional training or career goals. The associate dean of academic affairs may require that the student first obtain the permission of the course instructor, and provide the associate dean with a copy of the course syllabus in support of the request for approval.

Full- and Part-Time Student Status of J.D. Students

The College of Law offers students the option of either full-time (typically six-semester) or part-time (typically eight-semester) divisions of the J.D. degree program. During the original application process, students are admitted to either division.

Full-time Status: A full-time student is one enrolled in 12-17 credit hours per semester. To graduate after the successful completion of six semesters, a full-time student is required to carry on average 15, and no fewer than 12, hours of course work during each of the third through the sixth semesters. The ABA does not allow for a student to be enrolled at any time in coursework that exceeds 20 percent of the total credit hours required by that school for graduation. In keeping with this ABA standard, no GSU Law student can be enrolled in more than 18 credit hours during a given semester. If a student wishes to take up to 18 credits, a request for overload must be submitted for review and approval of the associate dean for academic affairs.

Part-time Status: A part-time student is enrolled in 8-11 credits per semester and is expected to graduate after the completion of eight semesters. Students may request permission from the associate dean for academic affairs to register once for more than the 11 credits allowed prior to registration without officially changing to full-time student status. If permission is not confirmed prior to registration, a hold or other corrective measure may be placed by the administration on the student's account.

General Rules for Both Full-Time and Part-Time J.D. Programs

Employment while in the JD Program

In the J.D. Program, a full-time student is one enrolled in 12 or more course hours. A part-time student is one enrolled in fewer than 12-course hours.

During the first year of law school, full-time students are expected to devote substantially all of their working hours to the study of law and are therefore strongly advised not to undertake employment during the first two academic semesters, especially any employment that exceeds 10 hours per week. Students who need to work more hours are encouraged to change to the part-time program.

During the second and third years of law school, full-time students may maintain part-time employment but are strongly advised not to exceed 20 hours per week. Full-time students who are enrolled in a clinic or externship course may not work more than 20 hours per week in that semester without prior approval from the clinic or externship director. Students who need to work more hours are encouraged to change to the part-time program.

Summer Term

The College of Law offers a summer term. To qualify for financial aid during the summer semester, students must register for at least four credit hours. No student may enroll in more than seven hours of summer course work without the permission of the associate dean for academic affairs. No student may take more than 9 law credit hours during the summer semester.

Transfers Between J.D. Programs

Following the completion of two semesters at the College of Law, J.D. students who wish to transfer from the part-time program to the full-time program, or vice versa, must submit a written request and obtain the permission of the associate dean for academic affairs. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 is required at the end of two semesters at the College of Law to be considered for a change in divisions.

Curriculum

The curriculum of the College of Law is the same for all students enrolled as candidates for the J.D. degree. In general, the same course offerings will be available whether a student is enrolled in the full- or part-time divisions, but not necessarily during the same semester. The curriculum is made up of 43 hours of required courses and a minimum of 47 hours of elective courses.

- Full-Time J.D. Program
- Part-Time J.D. Program

Required Courses

For those that entered the College of Law prior to Fall 2021, the following courses are required for graduation: Contracts I. (3 hours) and Contracts II. (3 hours), Civil Procedure I. (3 hours) and Civil Procedure II. (3 hours); Torts I. (4 hours); Property. (4 hours); Criminal Law. (3 hours); Lawyering: Foundations I. (3 hours) and Lawyering: Foundations II. (3 hours); Research Methods in Law (1 hour); Professional Development/Academic Success Program (0 hours); Constitutional Law I (3 hours); Evidence (4 hours); Professional Responsibility (3 hours); and experiential courses (6) hours comprised of Lawyering: Advocacy (3 hours) and three additional hours of experiential course electives. In addition to the required courses, all students in the J.D. program must complete an upper-level writing requirement.

For those that entered the College of Law after Fall 2021, the following courses are required for graduation: Contracts (4 hours), Civil Procedure I (3 hours) and II (3 hours); Torts (4 hours); Property (4 hours); Criminal Law (3 hours); Lawyering: Foundations I (3 hours) and II (3 hours); Research Methods in Law (1 hour); Legislation and Regulation (3 hours); Professional Development/Academic Success Program (0 hours); Constitutional Law I (3 hours); Evidence (4 hours); Professional Responsibility (3 hours); and experiential courses (6) hours comprised of Lawyering: Advocacy (3 hours) and three additional hours of experiential course electives. In addition to the required courses, all students in the J.D. program must complete an upper-level writing requirement.

Courses designated as meeting the Experiential Course Requirement are identified with an "E" following the course number. In addition to the required Lawyering: Advocacy experiential course, experiential courses for the 2021-2022 academic year include HeLP Legal Services Clinic, Philip C. Cook Low Income Taxpayer Clinic, Capital Defender Clinic, Olmstead Disability Rights Clinic, Mediation Clinic, Immigration Clinic, Externships, and any other course designated as meeting the experiential course requirement. Additional information on the experiential course offerings is available at <https://law.gsu.edu/student-experience/experiential-learning/>.

The Professional Responsibility requirement may be met by taking Professional Responsibility, The Client Relationship, Transition to Practice, or any other course designated as meeting the Professional Responsibility requirement. A student may take only one of the designated Professional Responsibility courses.

Juror Requirement for Lawyering: Advocacy

All students enrolled in Lawyering: Foundations II, a required course in the first-year curriculum, are required to serve as jurors in the upper-level Lawyering: Advocacy (Law 6030E) trials held in spring. This requirement applies to both part-time and full-time students enrolled in Lawyering Foundations: II.

Students complete jury duty sign-ups online by following the instructions set forth in the Jury Duty Announcement that will be sent to you by the Director of Advocacy. Additional details are provided at Orientation II for 1Ls (January), and sign-ups will be conducted in March. *Note that many trials occur on weekends in mid-April.*

Failure to complete this requirement will result in an incomplete grade (I) in Lawyering: Foundations II. An incomplete grade in Lawyering: Foundations II leaves a student unranked at the end of the first year and ineligible to try out for law review. The student will only receive the earned grade for Lawyering: Foundations II after rankings are issued.

If a student who failed to serve as a juror does not fulfill the obligation by the spring semester in which they take Lawyering: Advocacy, the student will earn an F in Lawyering: Advocacy, and will be required to retake the course.

Upper-Level Legal Writing Requirement

Each candidate, as a requirement for the J.D., must complete one substantial legal writing project during their upper-class period of study. To satisfy this requirement, the student must earn a grade of at least C+ on the written portion of any two- or three-credit course (including an Independent Research Project approved by the associate dean for academic affairs) that qualifies as a legal writing course. Courses that qualify as legal writing courses are indicated on the semesterly course offerings announcement provided prior to registration.

To qualify for writing requirement credit, the written work should comport with faculty adopted guidelines for such papers, including the following:

1. the minimum length shall be 25 pages unless the professor specifies otherwise;
2. the student shall submit at least one draft before final submission;
3. the paper should reflect through primary and secondary research, as well as original analysis; and
4. the paper shall be well organized and written in conformity with accepted rules of grammar, punctuation, and spelling.

Law Review notes prepared and submitted in accordance with Law Review rules and procedures, including faculty supervision, satisfy this requirement. Moot Court briefs and materials prepared for Moot Court, Mock Trial, student competitions, and other such purposes do not satisfy this requirement.

Other than Law Review, students are required to designate which course satisfies the writing requirement by completing the Writing Requirement Form, found [here](#).

Elective Courses

A student has the opportunity to elect a minimum of 47 hours of electives to complete their course of study. Electives should be carefully chosen with the consultation of a faculty adviser. Each student will be assigned a faculty adviser in the student's first year. Elective courses are fully described in the Course Descriptions section.

Prerequisites

Many courses in the curriculum are open only to students who have satisfactorily completed specific, prerequisite courses. It is important that students consider prerequisites in planning the sequence of their course work. Prerequisites can be waived only with the permission of the instructor.

Students may determine how recently a course has been offered by checking PAWS. For a list of courses currently, recently offered, or likely to be offered soon, please see First-Year Required Courses; Second-Year Required Courses; and Elective Courses. In light of student demand, faculty expertise and interest, and the need to prepare graduates for practice, the college may cancel or adjust course times as needed. If that happens, students will be notified as soon as reasonably possible.

The faculty reserves the right to change the nature of any course offering in any fashion that it judges proper at any time, including the right to: (i) establish new required courses and to change current required courses to electives.

Per the ABA standards, an individual course cannot fulfill both the experiential course requirement and the upper-level legal writing requirement.

Full-Time J.D. Program

Course of Study

The J.D. curriculum is engaging and challenging. Students will understand how the law works and explore diverse areas, including health, tax, entertainment, immigration, social justice and family law.

Year 1

Note: *The first-year course of study outlined for full-time students is mandatory.*

Fall Semester (15 Credit Hours)

- LAW 5010 - Contracts I. **4 Credit Hours**
- LAW 5060 - Torts I. **4 Credit Hours**
- LAW 5000 - Civil Procedure I. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 5070 - Lawyering: Foundations I. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 5099 - First-Year Professional Development Series. **0 to 1 Credit Hours**
- LAW 5030 - Research Methods in Law. **1 Credit Hours**

Spring Semester (16 Credit Hours)

- Legislation and Regulation **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 5050 - Property. **4 Credit Hours**
- LAW 5001 - Civil Procedure II. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 5071 - Lawyering: Foundations II. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 5020 - Criminal Law. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 5099 - First-Year Professional Development Series. **0 to 1 Credit Hours**

Year 2

Note: *Professional Responsibility or The Client Relationship should be taken before or concurrently with Lawyering Advocacy.*

Fall Semester (16 Credit Hours)

- LAW 6000 - Constitutional Law I. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 6010 - Evidence. **4 Credit Hours**

- LAW 6020 - Professional Responsibility. **3 Credit Hours**
or
- LAW 6022 - The Client Relationship. **3 Credit Hours**

- Electives **6-9 Credit Hours**

Spring Semester (15 Credit Hours)

- LAW 6030E - Lawyering: Advocacy. **3 Credit Hours**

- LAW 6020 - Professional Responsibility. **3 Credit Hours**
or
- LAW 6022 - The Client Relationship. **3 Credit Hours**

- Electives **6-9 Credit Hours**

Year 3

Fall Semester (14 Credit Hours)

- Electives **14 Credit Hours**

Spring Semester (14 Credit Hours)

- Electives **14 Credit Hours**

Total: 90 Credit Hours

**Students may choose to take courses during the summer term. The purpose of the college's summer offerings is to provide diversity and balance to a student's course of study.

Part-Time J.D. Program

Course of Study

About 34 percent of our students are enrolled part-time so they can balance their studies with full-time jobs, families, and other commitments. Part-time students can elect to take classes during the day, evening, or a combination of both. A J.D. can be earned in 4 years with summer enrollment, although many students complete the program in 5 years.

All programs and resources are available to both part-time and full-time J.D. students, including moot court, Law Review, and trial litigation programs.

Note: *The first two years course of study outlined for part-time students is mandatory.*

Year 1

Fall Semester (11 Credit Hours)

- LAW 5010 - Contracts I. **4 Credit Hours**
- LAW 5000 - Civil Procedure I. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 5070 - Lawyering: Foundations I. **3 Credit Hours**
- Research Methods in Law **1 Credit Hours**
- LAW 5099 - First-Year Professional Development Series. **0 to 1 Credit Hours**

Spring Semester (10 Credit Hours)

- LAW 5001 - Civil Procedure II. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 5050 - Property. **4 Credit Hours**
- LAW 5071 - Lawyering: Foundations II. **3 Credit Hours**

Optional Summer Semester (4 Credit Hours)

- Electives **4 Credit Hours**

Year 2

Fall Semester (10-11 Credit Hours)

- LAW 6000 - Constitutional Law I. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 5060 - Torts I. **4 Credit Hours**
- Electives **3-4 Credit Hours**

Spring Semester (9-10 Credit Hours)

- LAW 7375 - Legislation. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 5020 - Criminal Law. **3 Credit Hours**
- Electives **3-4 Credits Hours**

Optional Summer Semester (4 Credit Hours)

- Electives **3-4 Credit Hours**

Year 3

Fall Semester (10 Credit Hours)

- LAW 6010 - Evidence. **4 Credit Hours**
- Electives **3-4 Credit Hours**

Spring Semester (10 Credit Hours)

- LAW 6030E - Lawyering: Advocacy. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 6020 - Professional Responsibility. **3 Credit Hours**
or
- LAW 6022 - The Client Relationship. **3 Credit Hours**
- Electives **4 Credit Hours**

Optional Summer Semester (4 Credit Hours)

- Electives **4 Credit Hours**

Year 4

Fall Semester (9 Credit Hours)

- Electives **9 Credit Hours**

Spring Semester (9 Credit Hours)

- Electives **9 Credit Hours**

Total: 90 Credit Hours

*Unless provided otherwise herein, or with permission of the associate dean for academic affairs, students are required to take Evidence and Lawyering: Advocacy in the same academic year. Students must take Professional Responsibility (or another course designated as one which meets the Professional Responsibility requirement) before Lawyering: Advocacy or concurrently therewith.

Note: *Except as provided otherwise, the courses that full-time students are required to take in their first year are prerequisites to all elective courses.*

This rule applies to all students including part-time students during their first two years of study.

Certificates

Within the J.D. degree, students can pursue a certificate, reflecting a concentration of study, in seven different areas:

- Advocacy Certificate
- Entertainment, Sports & Media Law Certificate
- Environmental & Land Use Law Certificate
- Health Law Certificate
- Intellectual Property Law Certificate
- Legal Analytics & Innovation Certificate
- Public Interest Law & Policy Certificate

Each of the certificate programs:

1. Provides integrated legal learning by reinforcing basic legal concepts through the specific area of study and while also developing core legal competencies that enable students to transfer knowledge and skills to other areas of law.
2. Affords focused faculty advisement and curriculum guidance by assignment to an advisor with knowledge of the content area
3. Offers opportunities for interdisciplinary study and collaboration
4. Confers a positive marker of competence for such work on the job market.

Advocacy Certificate

The Certificate of Advocacy program would emphasize the development of the knowledge, skills, and values necessary for effective advocacy and client representation. The program would consist of a variety of specialized doctrinal, skills, and experiential courses providing students with the knowledge and ability to apply a range of advocacy skills in various settings and to have an understanding of the many facets of advocacy. A student who receives the Certificate in Advocacy will learn the fundamental principles and skills of effective advocacy and be prepared for a career in litigation.

Certificate Requirements

Skills Training (Minimum of 10 Credit Hours)

Choice of at least 4 of the following:

- LAW 7031 - Advanced Criminal Litigation. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7033 - Advanced Criminal Prosecution **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7036E - Advanced Evidence. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7045 - Advanced Issues in Trial Advocacy Seminar. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7049 - Advanced Strategies in Legal Argument. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7060 - Alternative Methods of Dispute Resolution (ADR). **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7062 - Mediation: Law and Practice. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7183 - Domestic Litigation. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7419E - Civil Pre-Trial Litigation. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7236 - Georgia Practice and Procedure. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- Law XXXX - Examination of Witnesses
- Law XXXX - Domestic Violence Litigation

- Such other courses as may be approved by Certificate Director (Including a graduate-level course in drama, acting, or public speaking)

Experiential (Minimum of 9 Credit Hours)

Choice of at least 4 of the following:

- LAW 7801E - Business Arbitration Practicum. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7094E - Bankruptcy Assistance and Practice Program I. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 6050E - Capital Defenders Clinic I. **4 Credit Hours**
- LAW 6051E - Capital Defenders Clinic II. **4 Credit Hours**
- LAW 6090E - HeLP Legal Services Clinic I. **6 Credit Hours**
- LAW 6091E - HeLP Legal Services Clinic II. **4 to 6 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7600E - Tax Law Clinic: Tax Court I. **6 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7601E - Tax Law Clinic: Tax Court II. **4 to 6 Credit Hours**
- LAW 6092E - Olmstead Disability Rights Clinic I **4 Credit Hours**
- LAW 6093E - Olmstead Disability Rights Clinic II. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7075 - Appellate Advocacy I. **1 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7076 - Appellate Advocacy II. **1 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7487 - Trial Advocacy I. **1 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7488 - Trial Advocacy II. **1 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7280 - International Moot Court. **1 Credit Hours**
- COL-sanctioned Mock Trial Competition
- Externship with Public Defender's, District Attorney's, or Solicitor's Office
- Such other Externship as may be approved by Certificate Director
- Such other course as may be approved by Certificate Director

Writing Requirement

Students must complete a substantial writing project (2-3 credit hours), which may also be used to satisfy the College of Law's writing requirement.

Extracurricular Activity

Students are encouraged to participate in advocacy extracurricular activities such as workshops and training sessions hosted at the College of Law or State Bar of Georgia, participate in additional client-focused projects, work with affiliated faculty as a GRA, and pursue summer internship placements as they become available.

Grades

A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required for all courses taken in satisfaction of the certificate requirements. A minimum grade of 3.0 is required for the writing requirement.

Total: Minimum of 19 Credit Hours

Entertainment, Sports & Media Law Certificate

The Entertainment, Sports, and Media Certificate program cultivates the development of knowledge and skills necessary for practice in the areas of entertainment, sports, and media, an area of rapid growth in Georgia. Our core courses, electives and various skills development/experimental opportunities enrich our students' understanding of the many facets of a legal career in these specialized industries.

Certificate Requirements

Required Courses (12 Credit Hours)

- LAW 7079 - Arts and Entertainment Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7473 - Sports Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7390 - Mass Communications Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7158 - Copyrights. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**

Elective Courses (Minimum of 6 Credit Hours)

- LAW 7478 - Trademarks and Unfair Competition. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7417 - Patent Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7065 - Antitrust Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7631 - Contract Drafting and Risk Analysis. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7269 - Licensing of Intellectual Property. **2 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7116 - Constitutional Tort Litigation. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7082 - Copyright & Music Publishing. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7672E - Sneaker Law **3 Credit Hours**

Cross Registration

Cross Registration Course at GSU College of Arts and Science (*limited to 1 of the following*):

- COMM 6040 - History of News Media
- COMM 6070/8060 - Seminar in Communication Law
- COMM 6090 - Communications Ethics
- COMM 6430/8430 - Media Industries
- LAW 7083 Hip Hop and the Law (3 credits)

Skills Development Training/Experiential

Choice of 1 of the following:

- Entertainment Law Perspective Workshop: Legal Life of...(Series) **2 - 3 Credit Hours**
- Sports Law Simulation Course **2 - 3 Credit Hours**
 - Journey of Amateur Athlete to Professional Sports
 - How to Represent a Sports Franchise/League
 - NCAA Practices and Procedures
 - Negotiate & Draft Mock Sponsorship Agreement
 - Mock Player Salary Negotiation/Arbitration

- Stadium Development
- Externship with Sports Organization, Law Firm with Entertainment, Sports or Media Practice, Music Organization, Media Organization, Movie Studios, GSU Creative Media Industries Institute (CMII), or Georgia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts
- Independent Study in Entertainment, Sports, or Media area of interest **1 - 2 Credit Hours**

Writing Requirement

Students must complete a substantial writing project, which may also be used to satisfy the College of Law's writing requirement. Student may also complete an Independent Study in Entertainment, Sports, or Media (1 - 2 credit hours) area of interest to meet the writing requirement.

Extracurricular Activity

Students are encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities with entities such as local or national Entertainment, Sports, and/or Media Bar Associations; Georgia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts; Creative Media Industries Institute; GSU-sponsored events involving Entertainment, Sports and Media; and other affiliated groups and events. Students are also encouraged to participate with affiliated faculty as a GRA and to pursue summer internship placements within the field as they become available.

Grades

A minimum GPA of 3.00 is required for all courses taken in satisfaction of the embedded certificate requirements.

Total: Minimum of 18 Credit Hours

Environmental & Land Use Law Certificate

As the world's population continues to congregate in massive urban networks, demand will rise for services such as water, sewer, electricity, waste disposal, transportation, and social services - while pollution, conservation, and climate change remain pressing challenges. The Environmental & Land Use Law certificate develops students' knowledge and skills to work on the cross-functional teams necessary to address these complex challenges that cities will face, which cannot be solved by one type of professional working in isolation.

Certificate Requirements

Required Courses (11 Credit Hours)

- LAW 7010 - Administrative Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7200 - Environmental Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7320 - Land Use Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7494 - Urban Fellows Program. **2 Credit Hours**

Elective Courses (9 Credit Hours)

Additional courses in Environmental and Land Use Law may also qualify as certificate elective credits. Students signed up for the Environmental and Land Use Law Certificate are encouraged to discuss such courses with their faculty advisors.

- LAW 7203 - Natural Resources and Water Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7204 - Urban Environmental Law Seminar. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7238 - Hazardous Waste. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7242 - Advanced Land Use Law Seminar. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7244 - Public Health Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7273 - International Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**

- LAW 7277 - International Human Rights. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7355 - Law and Emerging Technologies. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7363 - History of the Common Law in England and America. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7375 - Legislation. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7385 - State and Local Government Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7397 - International Perspective on Urban Law and Policy. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7435 - Real Estate Transactions. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7500 - Water Rights. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7656 - Law, Environmental Sustainability and Development. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**

Externships

- EPA
- Federal Highway Administration
- Office of the Attorney General, State of GA
- Southern Environmental Law Center
- The Coca-Cola Company, Legal Division
- U.S. Department of the Interior - Office of the Regional Solicitor
- Atlanta Legal Aid Society
- Georgia Legal Service Program, Dalton Office - Rural Externship Program
- Curiosity Lab at Peachtree Corners
- Landlord Tenant
- Lawyers for Equal Justice
- City of Atlanta
- Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia
- Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Regional Counsel
- Forward Air Corporation
- The Home Depot, Legal Department
- Georgia Heirs Property Law Center

The externship list here is not comprehensive. Students may also propose an externship site. For a current listing of all approved externship sites see the GSU Law Externships webpage.

Graduate Electives in Other Colleges and Departments

Because the practice of environmental and land use law is interdisciplinary and cross-professional, students pursuing this certificate program may enroll in up to 6 credits of appropriate graduate courses offered by other departments at GSU or by Georgia Tech's School of City and Regional Planning. Approval from course instructors may be required.

Appropriate Graduate Courses Regularly Offered within GSU

- Advanced Seminar in Inclusive Urbanism (URB 9010)
- Global Urban Trajectories (URB 8020)

- Housing Markets and Housing Policy (PMAP 8361)
- The Interdisciplinary City (URB 8097)
- Urban Economic Resilience (URB 8097)
- Urban Environments (URB 8660)
- Urban Environmental Sustainability (URB 8097)
- Urban Theory and Praxis (URB 8010)

Appropriate Graduate Courses Regularly Offered by Georgia Tech's School of City and Regional Planning

- Economic Analysis for Planning (CP 6031)
- Environmental Planning Impact Assessment (CP 6214)
- Government and Housing Markets (CP 6630)
- Introduction to Land Use Planning (CP 6112)
- Introduction to Transportation Planning (CP 6311)
- Negotiation, Facilitation and Conflict Resolution (CP 6760)
- Policy Tools for Environmental Management (CP 6223)
- Urban Development Policy (CP 6452)
- Water Resources Planning (CP 6241)

Writing Requirement

Urban Fellows Program - Students must participate in the Urban Fellows seminar series. A paper must be written on an urban, environmental, or land use law topic, and presented to other Urban Fellows. The paper must satisfy the COL's writing requirement.

Pro Bono Hours

Students must complete ten hours of pro bono work/community service to receive the certificate.

Grades

In order to enroll in the certificate program, a student must be in good academic standing with a GPA of 2.3 or better. There is no minimum grade point average required in the environmental and land use classes (both required and electives) to graduate with the certificate.

Total: 20 Credit Hours

Health Law Certificate

Health law is a complex and rapidly changing field, encompassing a wide range of laws and policies regulating the health care industry and service delivery, as well as addressing patient care and the public's health. Competent health lawyers are usually generalists; depending on their specific area of legal practice, they are corporate lawyers, administrative and regulatory lawyers, individual rights lawyers, trial lawyers, etc. First, as generalists, their skills are applied to the demands of diverse legal work, which encompasses a broad array of general and specific laws affecting health and health-related organizations as well as a wide range of public and private practice settings. Second, contemporary health lawyers need to have a solid and well-rounded background across many legal curricular disciplines, and they need to be prepared to work with professionals from other non-legal, health-related disciplines. Third, trends in legal education favor structuring a curriculum not only to incorporate doctrinal knowledge and theories but also to promote sound lawyering skills, effective interpersonal behaviors, and professional values, ethics and habits.

Certificate Requirements

Required Courses

- LAW 7010 - Administrative Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7101 - Corporations. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7239 - Health Law: Quality and Access. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7240 - Health Law: Financing and Delivery. **2 to 4 Credit Hours**

Elective Courses

Choice of Health Law Course from either Public Health Law focus or Bioethics focus:

Note: *Additional courses may be approved by the Associate Director of the Center for Law, Health & Society.*

Bioethics

- LAW 7099 - Bioethics and the Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7098 - Biotechnology Law, Policy and Ethics. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7454 - Forensic Medicine. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7253 - Human Subjects Research. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7249 - Genetics and the Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**

Public Health Law

- LAW 7244 - Public Health Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7243 - HIV/AIDS and the Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7341 - Law and Mental Health. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7234 - Food and Drug Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7251 - Law and Social Welfare. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7331 - Law and Health Equity. **3 Credit Hours**

Experiential Learning

Choice of one qualifying experiential learning (E) course, clinic, or externship from either the health law curriculum or J.D. curriculum (in addition to Lawyering Advocacy). Examples include:

- LAW 6090E - HeLP Legal Services Clinic I. **6 Credit Hours**
- LAW 6091E - HeLP Legal Services Clinic II. **4 to 6 Credit Hours**
- LAW 6092E - Olmstead Disability Rights Clinic I **4 Credit Hours**
- LAW 6093E - Olmstead Disability Rights Clinic II. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7247E - Health Legislation and Advocacy I. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7248E - Health Legislation and Advocacy II. **3 Credit Hours**
- Externship in Health Law **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7600E - Tax Law Clinic: Tax Court I. **6 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7601E - Tax Law Clinic: Tax Court II. **4 to 6 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7291E - Interviewing and Counseling. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7062E - Mediation Advocacy: Law and Practice **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7414E - Negotiation. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**

- LAW 7060E - Alternative Methods of Dispute Resolution (ADR). **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7510 - Wills, Trusts and Estates I. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7800E - Health Care Transactions and Regulatory Practicum. **3 Credit Hours**

Writing Requirement

Students must complete a substantial writing project on a health law topic, supervised by a health law faculty member, that satisfies the COL writing requirement would satisfy this certificate requirement, subject to the certificate's minimum grade requirement.

Extracurricular Activity

Students must complete fifteen hours or five events such as participation in pro bono service, attendance at conferences or speakers on health law topics, participation in a health law competition, leadership in the Student Health Law Association, etc.

Grades

A minimum GPA (average) of 3.00 is required for all courses satisfying certificate requirements. If a student does not earn a passing grade in a required health law certificate course, the course must be taken again. Both the failing grade from the first attempt and the passing grade from the second attempt will be calculated in the GPA for the certificate, and the student must still meet the minimum GPA of 3.00. If a student does not earn a passing grade in an elective or experiential learning course taken toward the certificate requirements, the student may take a different course that satisfies that requirement instead, and the higher grade will be counted toward the certificate GPA. If a student takes more than one course that meets a certificate requirement, then the student can utilize the highest eligible grade when computing the GPA.

A minimum grade of 3.00 is also required for the writing requirement.

Honors will be awarded for a GPA (average) of 3.60 or higher in all health law courses taken for the certificate or as additional electives.

Total: 19-22 Credit Hours

Intellectual Property Law Certificate

The Intellectual Property Law certificate program fosters the knowledge, skills, and values that the contemporary intellectual property lawyer needs in the rapidly changing and challenging environment of intellectual property. Using the intellectual property law field as a lens, you will learn how to apply foundational legal concepts in diverse intellectual property settings, including litigation, transactional work, and prosecution. This program will expose you to the foundations of intellectual property law and ensure familiarity with key concepts, laws, policies, institutions, skills, and values in the intellectual property field.

The intellectual property certificate program builds core competencies in three key domains: (1) knowledge (including the key concepts, theories, doctrines, laws, policies, systems, and institutions in the intellectual property field); (2) lawyering skills (including cognitive, analytical, problem-solving, collaboration, and communication skills); and (3) professional values and ethics (including developing a mindset that promotes the responsible, civil, and ethical practice of law). These three domains reflect what competent lawyers should know, what they should be able to do, and how they should act as professionals. The core knowledge, skills, and values competencies are addressed in the certificate requirements.

Certificate Requirements

Required Courses

- LAW 7010 - Administrative Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- or*
- LAW 7101 - Corporations. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7158 - Copyrights. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7417 - Patent Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7478 - Trademarks and Unfair Competition. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**

Elective Courses

Choice of three courses from the electives course list:

- LAW 7065 - Antitrust Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7079 - Arts and Entertainment Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7098 - Biotechnology Law, Policy and Ethics. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7137 - Cyber and Privacy Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7234 - Food and Drug Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7269 - Licensing of Intellectual Property. **2 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7271 - Advanced Intellectual Property Law Seminar. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7390 - Mass Communications Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7416 - Patent Drafting and Prosecution. **1 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7473 - Sports Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- International Intellectual Property
- Summer externship in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (formerly Summer Program in Washington D.C.)

Graduate-Level Elective Courses in Other Colleges and Departments

Because the practice of IP law is interdisciplinary by nature, students pursuing a certificate may satisfy a program requirement of up to three credit hours of the three courses of electives by enrolling in IP-related graduate courses offered by other Georgia State departments. Examples of appropriate graduate courses include:

- IB 8080 - Legal Aspects of International Business
- IB 8180 - Doing Business in Emerging Markets
- EMBA 8205 - Regulatory Environment of Business

Extracurricular Activity

In addition to the above coursework requirements, students would need to participate in and complete the college's Intellectual Property Law Society's Intellectual Property Student Mentoring Program.

Grades

To earn a Certificate in Intellectual Property Law, a minimum average GPA of 3.00 is required for all courses taken in satisfaction of the certificate requirements. If a student takes more than the minimum number of elective courses needed to fulfill the certificate requirements, then the student can utilize the highest grades in other intellectual property courses when computing the GPA.

Honors

Honors shall be awarded to students earning a GPA of 3.60 or higher in intellectual property courses taken in satisfaction of the certificate program.

Legal Analytics & Innovation Certificate

The emerging field of legal analytics uses computing power to analyze text from legal documents, treating words more like numerical data. Computer algorithms, combined with the knowledge of data scientists and lawyers, can provide insights about what happened in the past and what may happen in the future. Demand for those who are familiar with the tools of legal analytics is high.

The Legal Analytics Certificate is a methods certificate, designed to provide additional training for students to bring their research and reasoning skills to bear in an array of areas.

Certificate Requirements

Required Courses

Students take 5-6 credits of required legal analytics courses:

- LAW 7674 - Legal Analytics I **3 Credit Hours**

Legal Analytics Capstone Experience

As part of the required Capstone Experience, legal analytics students will integrate the diverse materials from their required and elective coursework to produce applied work or research in legal analytics. The Capstone Experience may be satisfied via a faculty-supervised independent study (capped at 2 credits) or by participation in the Applied Legal Analytics Lab (3 credits). The independent study Capstone Experience may satisfy the Legal Analytics writing requirement.

- LAW 7676E - Applied Legal Analytics Lab. **3 Credit Hours**
or
- Independent Study of a Legal Analytics topic under faculty supervision **2 Credit Hours**

Workshop Series

Students must complete one approved non-credit workshop series:

- Currently, the only approved workshop series is the GSU Library Research Data Services "Data Certified" certificate. The workshop series provides courses on a variety of data-related topics, such as R, Python, Data Visualization, and similar.
- The RDS workshop courses are free to take, and students receive the Data Certified micro-credential upon successful completion. Students must take five 2-hour workshops in either the summer/fall or the spring semesters to satisfy the requirement.
- LAII workshop series (currently under development)

Elective Courses

Students will choose from a variety of approved electives to complete the 16 certificate hours. Some courses are two credits and some are three.

- LAW 7139 - eDiscovery. **1 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7353 - Information Privacy Law **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7354 - Technology Law and Ethics **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7629 - LAW 7629 **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7333 - Law Practice Technology. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7135 - Cybersecurity Law and Policy **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7366 - Legal Innovation. **2 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7356 - Legal Technological Competency and Operations **2 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7065 - Antitrust Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**

RCB MSDA Courses

(upon approval depending on background)

- MSA 8010 - Data Programming for Analytics
- MSA 8040 - Data Management for Analytics

Additional Courses

(upon approval)

- We will work with students to treat additional seminars or upper-level classes as Certificate electives if there is significant overlap.

Writing Requirement

Students must complete a substantial writing project on a Legal Analytics & Innovation topic, which may also be used to satisfy the College of Law's writing requirement.

Extracurricular Activity

Students are encouraged to participate in legal analytics extracurricular activities such as: workshops and boot camp training sessions hosted at the College of Law or Robinson College of Business, participate in additional client-focused data projects ("sprints"), work with affiliated faculty as a Graduate Assistant and/or pursue internship placements as they become available.

Grades

A minimum GPA of 3.00 is required across all courses taken in satisfaction of the certificate requirements, including the writing requirement. Honors will be awarded for achievement of a GPA of 3.60 or higher in all Legal Analytics & Innovation courses taken for the certificate.

Total: 16 Credit Hours

Public Interest Law & Policy Certificate

The Certificate in Public Interest Law and Policy prepares GSU Law students to serve traditionally underserved populations. The certificate program allows students to focus on a particular substantive area or to generally explore concepts and practice skills central to public interest and pro bono work. Experiential courses and pro bono volunteer opportunities put theory into practice. With faculty guidance and connections to practitioners, students build a foundation for a career serving the public interest.

Certificate Requirements

Required Courses

Foundations

- LAW 7117 - Constitutional Law II: Individual Liberties. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7010 - Administrative Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- or*
- LAW 7225 - Federal Courts. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**

Underrepresented Communities

Choose one:

- LAW 7006E - Access to Justice: Law Reform. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7180 - Disability Discrimination. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7245 - Immigration Law and Practice. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7251 - Law and Social Welfare. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7252 - Human Rights and Children. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7283 - International Human Rights Seminar: Self-Determination of Indigenous Peoples. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7330 - Law and the Elderly. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7434 - Racial Justice Seminar. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7433 - Race, Ethnicity, and the Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**

- LAW 7471 - Sexual Identity and the Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7495 - Refugee and Asylum Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7515 - Women and the Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7507 - Rights of People in Prison. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**

Skills Development Training/Experiential

Choice of 1 of the following:

- LAW 6040E - Landlord-Tenant Mediation Clinic I. **1 to 4 Credit Hours**
- LAW 6041E - Landlord-Tenant Mediation Clinic II. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 6050E - Capital Defenders Clinic I. **4 Credit Hours**
- LAW 6090E - HeLP Legal Services Clinic I. **6 Credit Hours**
- LAW 6091E - HeLP Legal Services Clinic II. **4 to 6 Credit Hours**
- LAW 6092E - Olmstead Disability Rights Clinic I **4 Credit Hours**
- LAW 6093E - Olmstead Disability Rights Clinic II. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7094E - Bankruptcy Assistance and Practice Program I. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7247E - Health Legislation and Advocacy I. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7248E - Health Legislation and Advocacy II. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7336E - Fundamentals of Law Practice. **4 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7600E - Tax Law Clinic: Tax Court I. **6 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7601E - Tax Law Clinic: Tax Court II. **4 to 6 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7607E - Immigration Clinic I. **6 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7608E - Immigration Clinic II. **4 to 6 Credit Hours**
- Externship with a public interest law and policy organization (to be approved through the externship program)

Elective Courses

Choose 2 courses:

- LAW 7025 - Wrongful Convictions. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7031 - Advanced Criminal Litigation. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7113A - Capital Punishment Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7116 - Constitutional Tort Litigation. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7145 - Constitutional Law: Survey of the First Amendment. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7151 - Constitutional Law Seminar. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7155 - Consumer Protection. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7165 - Criminal Procedure: Investigations. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7167 - Criminal Procedure: Adjudication. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7169 - Criminal Appellate Practicum. **4 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7172 - Philosophy of Criminal Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**

- LAW 7173 - Criminal Law in the Supreme Court. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7174 - Criminal Regulation of Vice **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7180 - Disability Discrimination. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7183 - Domestic Litigation. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7184 - Domestic Violence Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7186 - Education Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7190 - Seminar in Education Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7193 - General Employment Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7195 - Employment Discrimination Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7199 - The Law of Democracy. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7200 - Environmental Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7201 - International Environmental Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7203 - Natural Resources and Water Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7204 - Urban Environmental Law Seminar. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7216 - Family Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7220 - Family Law Seminar. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7243 - HIV/AIDS and the Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7244 - Public Health Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7256 - Independent Research. **1 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7261 - Global Perspectives on Children & The Law. **2 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7274 - International Criminal Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7277 - International Human Rights. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7278 - International Human Rights Seminar - Immigration. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7282 - International Human Rights: Practical Applications Seminar. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7289 - International Law and U.S. Foreign Relations. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7293 - Seminar On Judicial Power. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7300 - Juvenile Justice. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7306 - Juvenile Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7315 - Labor Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7328 - Law and Business of Immigration. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7331 - Law and Health Equity. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7341 - Law and Mental Health. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7357 - The Law of Social Enterprise. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7375 - Legislation. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7380 - Legislative Drafting Seminar. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7385 - State and Local Government Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**

- LAW 7411 - Nonprofit Organizations **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7468 - Sentencing. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7507 - Rights of People in Prison. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7521 - Workers Compensation. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7664 - International and Comparative Equality Law Seminar. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- Other College of Law courses or courses in other GSU departments, subject to approval by your faculty advisor and the Faculty Director and Assistant Director of the Center for Access to Justice.
- Courses listed under another category (e.g. underrepresented communities or experiential) but not used to fulfill that requirement may also be counted as an elective.
- LAW 7006E - Access to Justice: Law Reform. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**

Writing Requirement

Students must complete a substantial writing project on a public interest law and policy topic, which may also be used to satisfy the College of Law's writing requirement. Written projects for Moot Court or writing competitions DO NOT satisfy the certificate writing requirement unless they otherwise meet the College of Law writing requirement. The writing project must be pre-approved by your faculty advisor and the faculty member who will supervise the project (if different). For substantial writing projects completed in courses or independent study credits not listed above, you should coordinate in advance with your certificate faculty advisor to ensure that the project will meet the writing requirement for this program.

Extracurricular Activity

Students must participate in 40 hours of approved pro bono work through the student-run Pro Bono Program and report these activities on the report form. Pro bono legal work done outside the student-run Pro Bono Program is eligible, subject to approval.

Coursework (including externships) and summer internship hours may not be counted.

Donating money to a cause or organization will NOT be counted as an approved extracurricular activity.

Grades

A minimum GPA of 3.00 is required for all courses taken in satisfaction of the certificate requirements. A minimum grade of 3.00 is required for the writing requirement. If you take more than the minimum number of courses needed to fulfill certificate requirements, the Assistant Director will use the highest grades in courses that fulfill the certificate requirements when calculating GPA for the certificate. If a course includes both a pass/fail and graded component, the graded component will be counted. For example, externships taken pass/fail can fulfill the lawyering-skills requirement and will not be included in GPA calculation, but the grade in the one-hour externship course will be counted. If you take multiple courses that may count for a single requirement, the highest grade fulfilling that requirement will be counted for GPA purposes.

If you do not pass Constitutional Law II: Individual Liberties, you must take it again to earn the certificate. Both the failing grade from the first attempt and the passing grade from the second attempt will be calculated in the GPA for the certificate, and you must still meet the minimum GPA of 3.00. If you fail another course taken toward other certificate requirements, you may take a different course that satisfies that component instead, and the passing grade will be counted toward your certificate GPA. For example, if you select a course from the underrepresented communities list and do not pass it, you may take a different course satisfying that component, and the higher of the two grades will count.

Honors will be awarded for achievement of a GPA of 3.60 or higher in all public interest law and policy courses taken for the certificate and any additional public interest law and policy electives taken above and beyond the requirements. If you do not pass a course taken toward the certificate and you retake the course, both the failing grade from the first attempt and the passing grade from the second attempt will be calculated in the GPA, and you must still maintain a 3.60 to receive honors in the certificate program.

Dual Degrees

The College of Law offers several options for students to earn degrees that complement their legal education. To pursue a dual degree, students must be accepted by both colleges and satisfy the curriculum requirements for both programs. Credit hours earned in one degree program may be used to satisfy some of the elective course requirements of the other degree program, enabling students to earn both degrees in a shorter time than would be possible pursuing both degrees separately. Interested applicants should contact the appropriate colleges for application procedures and materials.

Law, Bachelor/J.D.

Through the Bachelor/J.D. Accelerated Degree Program with the Honors College, a small number of highly talented and qualified students will have the opportunity to complete a bachelor of arts, a bachelor of science, bachelor of social work or a bachelor of business administration and a J.D. at Georgia State University in six years rather than seven.

Law and Business Administration and Health Administration, J.D./M.B.A./M.H.A.

The College of Law and the Institute of Health Administration in Robinson College of Business offer two dual degree programs leading to the Juris Doctor degree (J.D.) and either (1) a Master of Science in Health Administration degree (M.S.H.A.), or (2) an M.B.A./M.H.A. (Master of Business Administration and Master of Health Administration).

The J.D./M.S.H.A. and J.D./M.B.A./M.H.A. are courses of study which allow selected previously-approved course work earned in one degree program to satisfy some of the elective course requirements of the other degree program. This enables a student to complete the requirements for both or all three degrees in a shorter time than required to complete each of the degrees separately. Students who have already earned a J.D. and an M.S.H.A. degree or M.B.A./M.H.A. degree at Georgia State University or at another institution are not eligible for the dual program.

The following regulations apply to students who are accepted to the J.D. and M.S.H.A. or M.B.A./M.H.A., programs and are enrolled in the dual degree program as opposed to being enrolled in each degree program separately:

Application

Applicants to the J.D./M.S.H.A. or J.D./M.B.A./M.H.A. dual degree programs must meet the entrance requirements and follow the application procedures of both the College of Law and the Robinson College of Business. Applicants must be accepted by both colleges. Admission into one program does not presume admission to the other. To be in the J.D./M.S.H.A. or J.D./M.B.A./M.H.A. dual degree programs, students must be admitted to both programs before completing either program.

Applicants must take the LSAT to apply to the College of Law. Robinson College of Business will accept the LSAT in lieu of the GRE or GMAT for students already accepted into the J.D. program.

Students who are accepted to both the J.D. and M.S.H.A. or M.B.A./M.H.A. programs and wish to be enrolled in the dual degree program are responsible for providing written notification of their intentions to each college.

Degree Requirements

Students must satisfy the curriculum requirements for both the J.D. and M.S.H.A. or M.B.A./M.H.A. degrees.

J.D. Requirements

The requirements for the J.D. are described above in the COL Bulletin.

For students enrolled in the J.D./M.S.H.A. or J.D./M.B.A./M.H.A. dual degree programs, the College of Law will permit up to 12 credit hours of 8000-level M.S.H.A. or M.B.A./M.H.A. courses with grades of B (3.0) or better to be credited toward elective hours required for the J.D.

M.S.H.A. Requirements

The requirements for the M.S.H.A. are described in the Robinson College of Business catalog.

For students enrolled in the J.D./M.S.H.A. dual degree program, Robinson College of Business will accept 12 semester hours of relevant health law elective courses from the J.D. program with grades of B (3.0) or better to be credited toward the 12 semester hours of concentration/electives for the M.S.H.A.

In addition, 3 credit hours will be given for LAW 7239 Health Law: Quality and Access or LAW 7240 Health Law: Finance and Delivery with a grade of B (3.0) or better in place of HA 8450 Legal Environment of Health Care.

M.B.A./M.H.A. Requirements

The requirements for the M.B.A./M.H.A. are described in the Robinson College of Business catalog.

For students enrolled in the J.D./M.B.A./M.H.A. dual degree program, the Robinson College of Business will accept 3 credit hours for LAW 7239 Health Law: Quality and Access or LAW 7240 Health Law: Finance and Delivery with a grade of B (3.0) or better in place of HA 8450 Legal Environment of Health Care. The Robinson College of Business will also accept 3 hours of approved health law experiential learning course, clinic or externship in place of the required HA residency course HA 8810.

Enrollment Sequencing and Time Limits

After students have been admitted to both the J.D. and M.B.A./M.H.A. or M.S.H.A. programs and have declared intent to be enrolled in the dual degree program, they must, at the first opportunity, complete 30 semester hours of required courses in the J.D. program. After completion of these 30 hours, enrollment in the courses of either college or enrollment in both colleges concurrently is permitted.

Grading and Scholastic Discipline

Students enrolled in either of the dual degree programs must meet the academic regulations of each college, including those related to the minimum GPA and scholastic discipline. The computation of the GPA in each college is based only on courses taken in that college.

Graduation

Prior to graduation, students completing the dual degree program are responsible for confirming with both colleges that the degree requirements for each program have been satisfied. Students must complete the graduation application for each degree.

No credit hours of J.D. course work will be applied toward the M.S.H.A. or M.B.A./M.H.A. degree requirements until the completion of J.D. degree requirements. No credit hours of M.S.H.A. or M.B.A./M.H.A. course work will be applied toward the J.D. degree requirements until the completion of M.S.H.A. or M.B.A./M.H.A. degree requirements. A simultaneous awarding of degrees will satisfy this requirement.

The requirements for the M.S.H.A. or M.B.A./M.H.A. degree must be completed within five years of the initial semester of enrollment in the M.S.H.A. or M.B.A./M.H.A. program. The J.D. degree must be completed within seven years of the initial semester of enrollment in the J.D. program.

Law and Business Administration, J.D./M.B.A.

The College of Law and the J. Mack Robinson College of Business offer a dual degree program leading to the Juris Doctor (J.D.) and master of business administration (M.B.A.) degrees.

The J.D./M.B.A. is a course of study which allows selected previously-approved course work earned in one degree program to satisfy some of the elective course requirements of the other degree program. This enables a student to complete the requirements for both degrees in a shorter time than would be required to complete both degrees separately. Students who have already earned a J.D. degree or an M.B.A. degree at Georgia State University or at another institution are not eligible for the dual program.

The following regulations apply to students accepted to both the J.D. and M.B.A. programs and are enrolled in the dual degree program as opposed to being enrolled in each degree program separately.

Application

Applicants to the J.D./M.B.A. dual degree program must meet the entrance requirements and follow the application procedures of both the College of Law and the Robinson College of Business. Applicants must be accepted by both colleges. Admission into one program does not presume admission to the other. To be in the J.D./M.B.A. dual degree program, students must be admitted to both programs before completing either program.

Applicants must take the LSAT to apply to the College of Law. The Robinson College of Business will accept the LSAT in lieu of the GRE or GMAT for students already accepted into the J.D. program.

Students who are accepted to both the J.D. and M.B.A. programs and wish to be enrolled in the dual degree program are responsible for providing written notification of their intentions to each college.

Requirements

Students must satisfy the curriculum requirements for both the J.D. and M.B.A. degrees.

J.D. Degree Requirements

As stated in the College of Law Course Bulletin, a law student must earn 90 semester hours of credit to qualify for the J.D. degree. For students enrolled in the dual degree program, the College of Law will permit up to 12 semester hours of 8000-level M.B.A. courses with grades of B or better to be credited toward elective hours required for the J.D.

M.B.A. Degree Requirements

The requirements for the M.B.A. are described in the Robinson College of Business catalog.

For students enrolled in the dual degree program, the Robinson College of Business will accept 12 credit hours from the J.D. program with grades of B or better to be credited toward the 12 credit hours of electives for the general business concentration in the M.B.A. program.

Students who earn fewer than 12 credit hours of grades of B or higher in the J.D. program will receive a reduced number of hours of credit toward the general business concentration in the M.B.A. program. Such students must compensate for this shortage of courses eligible for elective credit by taking additional courses in either college and earning minimum grades of B.

Choice of these courses must be approved in advance by the Robinson College of Business Office of Graduate Student Services.

In addition, completion of the first-year curriculum of the J.D. program in good academic standing will satisfy the M.B.A. requirement MBA 8030 Legal Environment: Ethics and Corporate Governance. For students who drop out of the J.D. program before completing the first-year curriculum or do not complete it in good standing, determination of credit for MBA 8030 will be decided by normal transfer-of-credit procedures, which are explained in the Robinson College of Business catalog.

Enrollment Sequencing and Time Limits

After students have been admitted to both the J.D. and M.B.A. programs and have declared intent to be enrolled in the dual degree program, they must, at the first opportunity, complete 30 semester hours of required courses in the J.D. program. After completion of these 30 hours, enrollment in the courses of either college or enrollment in both colleges concurrently is permitted.

The Robinson School of Business may require dual degree students to take prerequisite, foundational or introductory courses prior to beginning M.B.A. coursework.

Grading and Scholastic Discipline

Students enrolled the dual degree program must meet the academic regulations of each college, including those related to the minimum GPA and scholastic discipline. The computation of the GPA in each college is based only on courses taken in that college.

Graduation

Prior to graduation, students completing the dual degree program are responsible for confirming with both colleges that the degree requirements for each program have been satisfied. Students must complete the graduate application for each degree.

No credit hours of J.D. coursework will be applied toward the M.B.A. degree requirements until the completion of J.D. degree requirements. No M.B.A. credit toward the J.D. degree is awarded until the M.B.A. degree program has been completed. A simultaneous awarding of degrees will satisfy this requirement.

The requirements for the M.B.A. degree must be completed within eight years of the initial semester of enrollment in the M.B.A. program. The J.D. degree must be completed within seven years of the initial semester of enrollment in the J.D. program.

Law and City and Regional Planning, J.D./M.C.R.P. (with Georgia Institute of Technology)

The Juris Doctor and Master of City and Regional Planning dual degree program is offered by the College of Law and the School of City and Regional Planning in the College of Design at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Application

Applicants to the J.D./M.C.R.P. dual degree program must meet the entrance requirements and follow the application procedures of both the College of Law and the School of City and Regional Planning at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Applicants must be accepted by both colleges. Admission into one program does not presume admission to the other.

Applicants must take the LSAT to apply to the College of Law. The School of City and Regional Planning requires the GRE to apply to the M.C.R.P. program. The LSAT is not accepted in lieu of the GRE for students already accepted into the J.D. program and applying to the M.C.R.P. program.

Students interested in pursuing the dual degree program may apply for admission into the College of Law and the School of City and Regional Planning simultaneously but they are not required to do so. Current J.D. students must apply for the dual degree and M.C.R.P. admission before the beginning of their third year of law school. Current M.C.R.P. students must apply for the dual degree and J.D. admission before their second year of M.C.R.P. study.

Degree Requirements

Students must satisfy the curriculum requirements for both the J.D. and M.C.R.P. degrees.

J.D. Requirements

The requirements for the J.D. are described in the College of Law catalog.

For students enrolled in the J.D./M.C.R.P. dual degree program, the College of Law will permit 12 semester hours of approved M.C.R.P. courses with a grade of B or better to be credited toward the requirements for the J.D.

M.C.R.P. Requirements

The requirements for the M.C.R.P. are described in the School of City and Regional Planning catalog.

For students enrolled in the J.D./M.C.R.P. dual degree program, the School of City and Regional Planning will accept as course credit a maximum of 21 semester hours from approved law courses in the J.D. program. Students may use 6 of these law hours toward satisfying their M.C.R.P. specialization requirement and apply the balance toward their electives. Students must earn a grade of 80 (which is the equivalent of a B) or better to receive M.C.R.P. credit for their law course work. If a student receives a grade of less than 80 for a required law course that will be used toward the M.C.R.P. degree, the student may petition the Program Director for this requirement to be waived.

Enrollment Sequencing and Time Limits

After students have been admitted to both the M.C.R.P. and the J.D. programs and have declared intent to be enrolled in the dual degree program, they must, at the first opportunity, complete the first 30 hours of required courses in the J.D. program as outlined in this Bulletin. After the first 30 required semester hours of law are complete, enrollment in either college or both concurrently is permitted. The J.D. must be completed within seven years of initial enrollment in the J.D. program.

Graduation

Prior to graduation, students completing the dual degree program are responsible for confirming with both colleges that the degree requirements for each program have been satisfied.

Neither the J.D. nor the M.C.R.P. degree will be awarded until completion of the requirements of both degree programs.

No credit hours of J.D. coursework will be applied toward the M.C.R.P. degree requirements until the completion of J.D. degree requirements. No credit hours of M.C.R.P. course work will be applied toward the J.D. degree requirements until the completion of M.C.R.P. degree requirements. A simultaneous awarding of degrees will satisfy this requirement.

Law and Data Science and Analytics, J.D./M.S.

Degree Requirements

The College of Law and J. Mack Robinson College of Business offer a dual degree program that allows students to simultaneously pursue advanced course work in law and analytics (the J.D./M.S.D.A. Program). The combined programs allow students to develop skills and knowledge through the latest in data science methodologies to answer legal questions and problems. Full-time students may satisfy all requirements for both a J.D. and an M.S. in Data Science and Analytics in as little as three and a half years, as opposed to the five years that would be required if the two degrees were pursued separately. This option is for individuals with a strong math background and would require summer school courses.

M.S. Requirements

For the M.S., the Robinson College of Business requires all candidates to complete 30 credit hours of business coursework. There are 21 required credit hours in the M.S.D.A. program. In addition, there are nine elective credit hours. Students can choose three elective courses from the following list or additional electives with approval:

- MSA 8770 - Text Analytics
- MSA 8500 - Image Analytics

- MSA 8650 - Image and Text Analytics with Deep Neural Networks
- FI 8460 - Introduction to FinTech

J.D. Requirements

The College of Law requires all J.D. candidates to complete 90 credit hours of law courses (43 of which are required courses and 47 of which are elective courses). For those students in the J.D./M.S.D.A. program, the nine elective credits hours from the M.S.D.A program will count towards the 90 credits needed for the J.D. program. Thus, a student enrolled in the J.D./M.S. program will be able to complete the requirements for both degrees by completing 30 credit hours in Robinson College of Business and 81 credit hours in the College of Law.

Enrollment Sequencing and Time Limits

Candidates interested in the joint-degree program must satisfy the admissions requirements and be admitted to each college separately. Applicants should contact the Office of Admissions of each school for application information. The LSAT must be taken for admission to the College of Law. The GMAT admission requirement at the Robinson College of Business will be waived for students who have already taken the LSAT and are enrolled in the College of Law. Program students who start at the College of Law must complete their first 30 credits of law school before taking M.S.D.A. courses. Program students who start in the M.S.D.A. program must declare their intent to do the dual-degree program before completing 21 credits in the M.S.D.A. program. Degree requirements for both programs must be completed within seven years of the student's initial semester of enrollment in the JD program.

Graduation

Students must satisfy the degree requirements of each school and should consult with advisers in each school for the precise graduation requirements for each degree and for information about the course offerings.

Law and Health Administration, J.D./M.S.H.A.

The College of Law and the Institute of Health Administration in Robinson College of Business offer two dual degree programs leading to the Juris Doctor degree (J.D.) and either (1) a Master of Science in Health Administration degree (M.S.H.A.), or (2) an M.B.A./M.H.A. (Master of Business Administration and Master of Health Administration).

The J.D./M.S.H.A. and J.D./M.B.A./M.H.A. are courses of study which allow selected previously-approved course work earned in one-degree program to satisfy some of the elective course requirements of the other degree program. This enables a student to complete the requirements for both or all three degrees in a shorter time than required to complete each of the degrees separately. Students who have already earned a J.D. and an M.S.H.A. degree or M.B.A./M.H.A. degree at Georgia State University or at another institution are not eligible for the dual program.

The following regulations apply to students who are accepted to the J.D. and M.S.H.A. or M.B.A./M.H.A., programs and are enrolled in the dual degree program as opposed to being enrolled in each degree program separately:

Application

Applicants to the J.D./M.S.H.A. or J.D./M.B.A./M.H.A. dual degree programs must meet the entrance requirements and follow the application procedures of both the College of Law and the Robinson College of Business. Applicants must be accepted by both colleges. Admission into one program does not presume admission to the other. To be in the J.D./M.S.H.A. or J.D./M.B.A./M.H.A. dual degree programs, students must be admitted to both programs before completing either program.

Applicants must take the LSAT to apply to the College of Law. Robinson College of Business will accept the LSAT in lieu of the GRE or GMAT for students already accepted into the J.D. program.

Students who are accepted to both the J.D. and M.S.H.A. or M.B.A./M.H.A. programs and wish to be enrolled in the dual degree program are responsible for providing written notification of their intentions to each college.

Degree Requirements

J.D. Requirements

The requirements for the J.D. are described above in the COL Bulletin.

For students enrolled in the J.D./M.S.H.A. or J.D./M.B.A./M.H.A. dual degree programs, the College of Law will permit up to 12 semester hours of 8000-level M.S.H.A. or M.B.A./M.H.A. courses with grades of B (3.0) or better to be credited toward elective hours required for the J.D.

M.S.H.A. Requirements

The requirements for the M.S.H.A. are described in the Robinson College of Business catalog.

For students enrolled in the J.D./M.S.H.A. dual degree program, Robinson College of Business will accept 12 semester hours of relevant health law elective courses from the J.D. program with grades of B (3.0) or better to be credited toward the 12 semester hours of concentration/electives for the M.S.H.A.

In addition, 3 credit hours will be given for LAW 7239 Health Law: Quality and Access or LAW 7240 Health Law: Finance and Delivery with a grade of B (3.0) or better in place of HA 8450 Legal Environment of Health Care.

Enrollment Sequencing and Time Limits

After students have been admitted to both the J.D. and M.B.A./M.H.A. or M.S.H.A. programs and have declared intent to be enrolled in the dual degree program, they must, at the first opportunity, complete 30 semester hours of required courses in the J.D. program. After completion of these 30 hours, enrollment in the courses of either college or enrollment in both colleges concurrently is permitted.

Grading and Scholastic Discipline

Students enrolled in either of the dual degree programs must meet the academic regulations of each college, including those related to the minimum GPA and scholastic discipline. The computation of the GPA in each college is based only on courses taken in that college.

Graduation

Prior to graduation, students completing the dual degree program are responsible for confirming with both colleges that the degree requirements for each program have been satisfied. Students must complete the graduation application for each degree.

No credit hours of J.D. course work will be applied toward the M.S.H.A. or M.B.A./M.H.A. degree requirements until the completion of J.D. degree requirements. No credit hours of M.S.H.A. or M.B.A./M.H.A. course work will be applied toward the J.D. degree requirements until the completion of M.S.H.A. or M.B.A./M.H.A. degree requirements. A simultaneous awarding of degrees will satisfy this requirement.

The requirements for the M.S.H.A. or M.B.A./M.H.A. degree must be completed within five years of the initial semester of enrollment in the M.S.H.A. or M.B.A./M.H.A. program. The J.D. degree must be completed within seven years of the initial semester of enrollment in the J.D. program.

Law and Professional Accountancy, J.D./M.P.A.

The College of Law and J. Mack Robinson College of Business offers a dual degree program that allows students simultaneously to pursue advanced course work in law and professional accountancy (the J.D./M.P.A. Program). Full-time students are able to satisfy all requirements for both a J.D. and a masters of professional accountancy (M.P.A.) in as little as four years, or eight semesters, as opposed to the five years, or 10 semesters, that would be required if the two degrees were pursued separately.

Degree Requirements

M.P.A. Requirements

The requirements for the M.P.A. are described in section 7190 of the Robinson College of Business catalog.

For students enrolled in the dual degree program, the Robinson College of Business will accept 24 credit hours of law courses toward the required 24 credit hours of general business coursework. In addition, the J. Mack Robinson College of Business will allow 12 semester hours of law courses to be credited toward the 30 credit hours of 8000 level M.P.A. courses, as follows: nine credit hours of law courses applied toward the nine credit hours of elective M.P.A. courses and a three-credit-hour tax law course applied toward the required course ACCT 8120.

The School of Accountancy requires strict adherence to the prerequisites listed for each of its courses (see the Course Descriptions chapter of this catalog). Students enrolled in accounting or taxation courses without having completed the stated prerequisites with minimum grades of C will be required to withdraw from the course. Students should contact the School of Accountancy before registration if there are questions about course prerequisites.

J.D. Requirements

The College of Law requires all J.D. candidates to complete 90 credit hours of law courses (43 of which are required courses and 47 of which are elective courses). Students enrolled in the J.D./M.P.A. program are permitted to apply 24 credit hours of law courses toward the required 24 credit hours of general business coursework. In addition, Robinson College of Business will allow 12 semester hours of law courses to be credited toward the 30 credit hours of 8000 level required M.P.A. courses, as follows: nine credit hours of law courses applied toward the nine credit hours of elective MPA courses and a three-credit-hour tax law course applied toward the required course ACCT 8120. Reciprocally, the College of Law will allow 12 credit hours of 8000-level M.P.A. courses in which students earn a grade of B or higher to be credited toward the requirements of the J.D. program. Thus, a student enrolled in the J.D./M.P.A. program will be able to complete the requirements for both degrees by completing 45 credit hours in Robinson College of Business and 78 credit hours in the College of Law.

Enrollment Sequencing and Time Limits

Candidates interested in the joint-degree program must satisfy the admissions requirements and be admitted to each college separately. Applicants should contact the Office of Admissions of each school for application information. Students must take the GMAT for admission to Robinson College of Business and the LSAT for admission to the College of Law. After students have been admitted to both programs and have declared their intent to enter the joint program, they must, at their first opportunity, complete the first 30 credit hours of required courses in the J.D. program. After the first 30 required credit hours of law are complete, enrollment in either college or both concurrently is permitted. Degree requirements for both programs must be complete within eight years of the student's initial semester of enrollment in the joint program. The J.D. must be completed within seven years of the student's initial enrollment in the J.D. program.

Graduation

Students must satisfy the degree requirements of each school and should consult with advisers in each school for the precise graduation requirements for each degree and for information about course offerings.

Law and Public Administration, J.D./M.P.A

For students enrolled in the dual degree program, the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies will allow 14 semester hours of law courses with a grade of B or better to be counted as electives in the M.P.A. program. Reciprocally, the College of Law will permit approved 8000-level M.P.A. courses with grades of B or better to be credited toward 14 hours of the J.D. No credit hours for M.P.A. courses will be applied to the J.D. until the M.P.A. is awarded. Students can satisfy this requirement by completing both degrees simultaneously or by completing all degree requirements for the M.P.A. degree first. Similarly, no credit hours for M.P.A. courses will be applied toward the J.D. requirement until the J.D. is awarded. Students can satisfy this requirement by completing the requirements for the J.D. first. A law student must earn 90 semester hours of credit to qualify for the J.D.

After students have been admitted to both the M.P.A. and J.D. programs and have declared their intent to enter the program, they must, at first opportunity, complete the first 30 hours of required courses in the J.D. program as outlined in this Bulletin. After completion of these 30 hours of J.D. courses, enrollment in courses of either college or enrollment in both colleges concurrently is permitted. The requirements for the M.P.A. must be completed within eight years of the initial semester of enrollment in the M.P.A. program. The J.D. must be completed with seven years of the initial semester of enrollment in the J.D. program.

An M.P.A. student should consult with the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies regarding any courses that may be required to complete prior to commencing 8000-level courses. If the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies does require any such courses, the College of Law recommends that students planning on part-time law study complete those courses prior to taking their first law courses.

Law and Public Health (Health Management and Policy Concentration), J.D./M.P.H.

The College of Law and the School of Public Health offer a Juris Doctor (JD)/ Master of Public Health (MPH) in the Health Management and Policy (HMGP) concentration dual degree program. This dual program provides an opportunity to pursue studies in law and public health concurrently. The JD/MPH-HMGP enables students to earn both degrees in a shorter time than would be possible if students pursued each degree separately. Dual degree programs include separate, but affiliated degree programs that are linked through shared curricular offerings and collaborative administrative processes.

Credit hours earned in one degree program satisfy some requirements of the other degree program. No credit hours for the MPH courses will be applied toward the JD requirements until a student has completed the MPH; similarly, no credit hours for the JD courses will be applied toward the MPH requirements until completion of the JD. In other words, a student cannot graduate from the JD and MPH in the same semester—a student must graduate from either program in a given semester, and then the second program in a subsequent semester. Students interested in pursuing a JD/MPH must be admitted into and enroll in both degree programs prior to completion of 30 credit hours of MPH coursework and 60 hours of JD coursework in order to qualify for the dual degree program. When admitted to the JD/MPH program, students must complete the first 30 hours of required courses in the JD program as soon as possible (immediately upon JD admission). After completion of these 30 hours of law courses, course enrollment in either college or both colleges concurrently is permitted and may resume. Students must complete the dual degree program within six years of the initial semester of enrollment. Students should be able to complete both degrees in four years.

Admissions

To participate in the JD/MPH dual degree program, students must apply separately for admission to the College of Law and the School of Public Health. Students are strongly encouraged to apply to both programs simultaneously. However, there is some opportunity to apply and enroll in the dual degree program after admission to only one of the schools, if a student has not proceeded too far in that school's program. Students interested in pursuing a JD/MPH must be admitted into and enroll in both degree programs prior to completion of 30 credit hours of MPH coursework and 60 hours of JD coursework in order to qualify for the dual degree program.

The School of Public Health will accept the LSAT in lieu of the GRE if a student is admitted into the College of Law first. If a student applies concurrently to the College of Law and School of Public Health, or if a student is admitted to the College of Law after they are admitted to the School of Public Health, that student will need to provide a GRE score as well. Admission into one program does not presume admission into the other. Students who gain admission into both programs and become dual degree JD/MPH students should self-disclose their dual degree status to the MPH Curriculum and Advisement Coordinator at the School of Public Health and the Associate Director of the Center for Law, Health and Society at the College of Law immediately upon admission into their second program of study (either JD or MPH).

Resources like the CDC's Public Health Law Program, Network for Public Health Law, APHA Law Section, and the American Health Lawyers Association provide connections to similarly trained individuals throughout the country through conferences, training, and networking. Read more information in the findings from the Network for Public Health Law's interactive tool.

Degree Requirements

M.P.H. Requirements

minimum 28 School of Public Health credit hours (+ 14 or more public health-related College of Law credit hours, taken for the JD)

Required Core Courses (16 Credit Hours)

- PPHH 7010 - Foundations of Public Health **3 Credit Hours** (*MPH students who have completed a CEPH-accredited bachelor's degree may replace this PPHH 7010 Foundations of Public Health course with three (3) credit hours of health management and policy concentration-approved elective course(s).*)
- PPHH 7011 - Epidemiology for Public Health **3 Credit Hours**
or
- PPHH 7711 - Epidemiologic Methods I **3 Credit Hours**
- PPHH 7017 - Fundamentals of Biostatistics I **4 Credit Hours**
- PHPB 7140 - Health Promotion Planning, Administration, and Evaluation **3 Credit Hours**
- PHPB 7160 - Fundamentals of Health Systems, Leadership, and Policy **3 Credit Hours**

Required Concentration Courses (9 Credit Hours)

- PHPB 7170 - Public Health Leadership and Policy **3 Credit Hours**
- PHPB 7330 - Health Care Management and Finance **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7240 - Health Law: Financing and Delivery. **2 to 4 Credit Hours** (*in lieu of PH 8250 - Health Economics and Policy 3 Credit Hours*)

Elective Courses (12 Credit Hours)

Required MPH HMGP Concentration-related College of Law Elective Courses:

List A

Select at least one (1) course from the following List A of HMGP concentration approved elective courses (3 credit hours):

- PHPB 7521 - Evaluation Research **3 Credit Hours**
- PHPB 7522 - Qualitative Research **3 Credit Hours**
- PHPB 8260 - Spatial Population Health I **3 Credit Hours**
- Other appropriate research methods/statistics courses may be approved by the Department Chair on the Master of Public Health Graduate Petition form. Students should receive approval from the Department Chair prior to enrolling in, paying for, and completing the course.

List B

Select at least three (3) courses from the following HMGP List B of approved MPH HMGP/JD elective courses (9 credit hours):

- LAW 7239 - Health Law: Quality and Access. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7244 - Public Health Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- Other SPH approved Health law electives with a "B "grade (3.0) or better-counted below **3-9 Credit Hours**

Applied Practice Experience Course

Required MPH Applied Practice Experience Course (2 credit hours) or (2 credit hours minimum) of public health-related Lawyering Skills Course:

Health-Law related experiential course, clinic or externship, and must specifically be HeLP, a health law related externship, or HLA (in lieu of PHPB 7960 MPH Applied Practice Experience) (2) *Standard MPH HMGP students complete two (2) credit hours of PH 7960 MPH Applied Practice Experience; however, JD/MPH HMGP dual degree students may satisfy this PHPB 7960 requirement by completing 3-6 credit hours of a health law related College of Law experiential learning course, clinic or externship: specifically in the Health Law Partnership (HeLP) Legal Services Clinic, the Olmstead Disability Rights Clinic, a health law related externship, or the two-semester Health Legislation and Advocacy course. For either a traditional PHPB 7960 MPH Applied Practice Experience or for an experiential learning course in lieu of a MPH Applied Practice Experience, the student must FIRST complete all MPH core courses, LAW 7240, and LAW 7244 before beginning the MPH Applied Practice Experience or lawyering skills course. If an experiential learning course is taken prior to completing those required MPH core courses, it will not count for the PHPB 7960 MPH Applied Practice Experience requirement. This is simply because the MPH curriculum design requires the MPH Applied Practice Experience to be an opportunity for students to demonstrate the specific MPH knowledge and skills they learned in their MPH courses; therefore, students cannot apply the knowledge and skills acquired through their MPH courses of study in the MPH Applied Practice Experience until after they have completed those MPH courses. Students must submit a Waiver/Substitution form to the School of Public Health for the lawyering skills course to be counted in lieu of the PHPB 7960 MPH Applied Practice Experience requirement [publichealth.gsu.edu/students/practicum/practicum-forms/], and the form must indicate how the student will demonstrate attainment of at least five public health competencies, of which at least three must be foundational competencies, in at least two products. The School of Public Health will make the final decision on if a completed lawyering skills course fulfills the PHPB 7960 requirement. Alternatively, JD/MPH students may elect to complete the standard public health Applied Practice Experience course.

Thesis or Capstone Project Course (3 Credit Hours)

Required MPH Thesis or Capstone Project Course:

- PHPB 7990 - Thesis **3 Credit Hours**
- PHPB 7991 - Capstone **3 Credit Hours**
- PHPB 7992 - Integrative Learning Experience **3 Credit Hours**

J.D. Requirements

minimum 78 College of Law hours (+12 School of Public Health credit hours, taken for the MPH)

Credit hours earned in one degree program satisfy some requirements of the other degree program. No credit hours for the M.P.H. courses will be applied toward the J.D. requirements until the M.P.H. has been completed. Similarly, no credit hours for the J.D. courses will be applied toward the M.P.H. requirements until completion of the J.D. If interested in pursuing a M.P.H., a student must enroll in the dual-degree program prior to completion of 60 hours of J.D. course work.

Total: 106 Credit Hours

Law and Public Health, J.D./M.P.H.

The College of Law and the School of Public Health offer a dual degree program leading to the Juris Doctor degree (J.D.) and Master of Public Health degree (M.P.H) with a concentration in Health Management and Policy (HMGP).

The J.D./M.P.H. is a course of study which allows selected previously-approved course work earned in one degree program to satisfy some of the elective course requirements of the other degree program. This enables a student to complete the requirements for both degrees in a shorter time than required to complete each of the degrees separately. Students who have already earned a J.D. and an M.P.H. degree at Georgia State University or at another institution are not eligible for the dual program.

The following regulations apply to students who are accepted to the J.D. and M.P.H. programs and are enrolled in the dual degree program as opposed to being enrolled in each degree program separately:

Application

Applicants to the J.D./M.P.H. dual degree program must meet the entrance requirements and follow the application procedures of both the College of Law and the School of Public Health. Applicants must be accepted by both colleges. Admission into one program does not presume admission to the other. To be in the J.D./M.P.H. dual degree program, students must be admitted to both programs before completing either program.

Applicants must take the LSAT to apply to the College of Law. The School of Public Health will accept the LSAT in lieu of the GRE for students already accepted into the J.D. program.

Students who are accepted to both the J.D. and M.P.H. program and wish to be enrolled in the dual degree program are responsible for providing written notification of their intentions to each college.

Degree Requirements

Students must satisfy the curriculum requirements for both the J.D. and M.P.H. degrees.

J.D. Requirements

The requirements for the J.D. are described in the College of Law catalog.

For students enrolled in the J.D./M.P.H. dual degree program, the College of Law will permit up to 12 semester hours of 8000-level M.P.H. courses with grades of B (3.0) or better to be credited toward elective hours required for the J.D.

M.P.H. Requirements

The core requirements for the M.P.H. are described in the School of Public Health catalog.

Students enrolled in the J.D./M.P.H. dual degree program are deemed to have selected the concentration in Health Management and Policy (HMGP). The requirements for this concentration are also described in the School of Public Health catalog.

For students enrolled in the J.D./M.P.H. dual degree program, the School of Public Health will accept 12 semester hours of relevant health law elective courses from the J.D. program with grades of B (3.0) or better to be credited toward the 12 semester hours of Health Management and Policy concentration requirements for the M.P.H. Of these, 3 credit hours must be LAW 7240 Health Law: Finance and Delivery in lieu of PHPB 8250 Health Economics and Policy and 3 credit hours must be LAW 7244 Public Health Law.

In addition, 3-6 credit hours of an approved health law experiential learning course, clinic or externship may be accepted in place of 2 credit hours of PHPB 7960 Applied Practice Experience.

Enrollment Sequencing and Time Limits

Students interested in pursuing a J.D./M.P.H. must be admitted into and enroll in both degree programs prior to completion of 30 credit hours of M.P.H. coursework and 60 hours of J.D. coursework in order to qualify for the dual degree program.

After students have been admitted to both the J.D. and M.P.H. program and have declared intent to be enrolled in the dual degree program, they must, at the first opportunity, complete 30 semester hours of required courses in the J.D. program. After completion of these 30 hours, enrollment in the courses of either college or enrollment in both colleges concurrently is permitted.

Students must complete all five M.P.H. core courses, LAW 7240 Health Law: Finance and Delivery and LAW 7244 Public Health Law before beginning the applied practice experience or experiential course, clinic, or externship. If an experiential course, clinic, or externship course is taken prior to completing these required core courses, it will not count for the PHPB 7960 applied practice experience requirement.

Grading and Scholastic Discipline

Students enrolled in either of the dual degree programs must meet the academic regulations of each college, including those related to the minimum GPA and scholastic discipline. The computation of the GPA in each college is based only on courses taken in that college.

Graduation

Prior to graduation, students completing the dual degree program are responsible for confirming with both colleges that the degree requirements for each program have been satisfied. Students must complete the graduation application for each degree.

No credit hours of J.D. coursework will be applied toward the M.P.H. degree requirements until the completion of J.D. degree requirements. No credit hours of M.P.H. course work will be applied toward the J.D. degree requirements until the completion of M.P.H. degree requirements. A simultaneous awarding of degrees will satisfy this requirement.

The requirements for the M.P.H. degree must be completed within five years of the initial semester of enrollment in the M.P.H. program. The J.D. degree must be completed within seven years of the initial semester of enrollment in the J.D. program.

Final Exams

The period of time during which examinations are scheduled is set forth in the academic calendar, which is available prior to the start of each semester.

Examinations are rescheduled in only two circumstances:

1. When a student has two or more examinations scheduled to begin during a 24-hour period (a 6 p.m. exam followed by a 1 p.m. exam the next day presents a conflict; a 6 p.m. exam followed by a 6 p.m. exam the next day does not); and
2. When verifiable extraordinary, unavoidable and unforeseen circumstances (e.g., serious health problems of a student or a close family member) intervene.

Overlapping deadlines for papers or projects do not present a justification for rescheduling examinations. Take-home examinations are not considered in determining the existence of conflicts. Failure to take an exam (or approved makeup exam) at the scheduled time, without the prior approval of the associate dean for academic affairs, constitutes failure to complete the work in the course. The student will receive an F, unless the student experienced an unpredictable and unavoidable emergency, which, in the judgment of the associate dean for academic affairs, justifies the failure to appear in a timely manner. In such an event, the associate dean for academic affairs may require the student to produce documentation verifying the existence of such an emergency.

Students who wish to request a rescheduling of an exam must submit a written request to the College of Law Registrar's Office using this form. Whenever circumstances permit an exam to be rescheduled (for example, 24-hour conflicts) requests must be submitted no later than two weeks after the exam schedule is released. If the request is predicated on an emergency, students should contact the associate dean for students or the associate dean for academic affairs. Students should never seek permission from a faculty member to reschedule an exam. If an exam is rescheduled, communication with a faculty member can compromise anonymity. Whenever possible, rescheduled examinations will be moved to a date earlier than the scheduled date.

To preserve anonymity, in-class examinations are administered by proctors, rather than the instructors of the courses being examined. Proctors start each in-class exam and ensure that all examinations are properly administered and end on time. Proctors are instructed to contact the registrar or other appropriate personnel to resolve any problems with an examination. They are also provided with instructors' contact information and may contact them in the event of a substantive problem with the examination. Students must take examinations in the room assigned and may not bring any materials into the room other than those specifically permitted by the instructor or as approved through the academic accommodations process.

Examinations are graded anonymously by the use of individually assigned exam numbers. Students may access their examination numbers on a password-protected website, or they may obtain their numbers in person after presenting a valid photo ID to the registrar. To preserve anonymity, students may not disclose their numbers until after all grades are received. Anonymous grading of seminar papers or projects which require consultation between a student and a faculty member may not be possible. All matters involving the taking of examinations are governed by the College of Law Honor Code.

Failure to Complete an Examination

A student who receives an examination is expected to finish it during the period for which it is scheduled. Students who do not complete examinations will be graded on what they submit during the examination period unless an exception based on exigent circumstances is granted by the associate dean for academic affairs. Such exceptions will be extremely rare and will be granted only if the student has notified the proctor of the examination of the inability to complete the exam and can establish the reason for such inability to the satisfaction of the associate dean.

Laptop Option for Final Examinations

The College of Law offers the option for students to take final examinations on their laptops if the use of computers has been authorized by their professor. To participate in this program, each student must ensure that his or her computer is in good working order. In addition, the use of a designated software program that inhibits the accessing of another part of the hard-drive during the examination may be required. Each semester the Registrar's Office will notify students about laptop examination procedures and technology requirements. The required software will be provided to students during these sessions by the College of Law. If a student does not install the designated software properly and timely, or if the student's computer will not function properly with said software installed, the student will be required to handwrite his or her examination.

The COL staff or faculty may assist in the installation of software; however, it is the primary responsibility of the student to ensure that their computer and the requisite software are both functioning at the time of the exam.

Grading

Final grades in each course of the College of Law will be in letter form, on an A+ to F scale with grade point values (used to calculate grade point averages and class ranks) as delineated below:

A+ 4.3

A 4.0

A- 3.7

B+ 3.3

B 3.0

B- 2.7

C+ 2.3

C 2.0

C- 1.7

D 1.0

F 0.0

Note: There are no pluses or minuses in the D range.

Other marks may be used in appropriate circumstances, such as:

S Satisfactory

U Unsatisfactory

I Incomplete

IP In Progress

W Withdrawn without prejudice

WF Withdrawn Failing

A grade of D or better is required to receive any credit in the course. A grade of F is a failing grade. A failing grade cannot be converted to a higher grade by repeating the course. Students may only repeat required courses in which they have received an F or a U.

Required courses must all be passed with at least a D (1.00), except the upper-level legal writing requirement, which must be met with at least a C+ (2.30); and Research Methods in Law and Lawyering: Advocacy, both of which must be met with a Satisfactory (S) grade.

A student who receives an F or Unsatisfactory in a required course must repeat the course in the next semester in which it is offered. If the next offering of the course is in the summer semester, the student may delay repeating the course until the next succeeding offering, with the permission of the associate dean for academic affairs. The college will attempt to assign the student to an instructor other than the one from whom the student initially took the course, but the student must repeat the course in accordance with the above policy, even if assigning a different professor is not feasible.

A student may only repeat the course for credit at the College of Law. In no event may a student repeat a required course more than once. If a student receives an F or Unsatisfactory grade the second time they take a required course, the student shall be automatically dismissed from the College of Law, regardless of the student's cumulative grade average. A student who fails and repeats a required course will receive a separate grade for that course that shall be included in the computation of the student's overall grade average. The prior grade in the course will not be expunged from the student's record and also will be included in the computation of that student's overall grade average.

Course Grading

All required courses, except Lawyering: Advocacy (LAW 6030) and Research Methods in Law (LAW 5030), must have a class mean (i.e., average) between 2.90 and 3.10. For non-seminar elective courses with 20 or more students, the faculty strongly recommends that the class mean fall between 3.00 and 3.20. For non-seminar elective courses with fewer than 20 students, the faculty strongly recommends a maximum class mean of 3.50. Courses that are specifically listed as seminars are exempt from the grading standards. In the course of grading, instructors shall disregard grades of students in the course who are not pursuing their J.D.

Incomplete (I):

The grade of "I" (Incomplete) may be given to a student who for nonacademic reasons beyond their control is unable to meet the full requirements of a course. In order to qualify for an "I," a student must:

1. have completed most of the major assignments of the course (generally all but one) and
2. be passing the course (aside from the assignments not completed) in the judgment of the instructor.

A student may request an "I" when a student has a nonacademic reason for not completing one or more of the assignments for a course (including examinations). It is the student's responsibility to inform the instructor in person or in writing of the reason. The grade of "I" is awarded at the discretion of the instructor and is not the prerogative of the student. Conditions to be met for removing an "I" are established by the instructor.

Deadlines for Removal of "I"

The period of time for removing an "I" is established by the instructor, subject only to the maximum time limits set by the university. The university requires that the grade of "I" be removed by the end of the second academic term after the "I" is assigned (whether or not the student was enrolled during these two terms.) The Office of the Registrar will assign a grade of "F" at the end of the second academic term unless the Office of the Registrar receives a final grade (for S/U grading, a U will be assigned). No student may graduate with an incomplete grade.

Grade Changes

No final grade submitted to the College of Law Registrar may be changed, except for a grade change to correct a clerical or computational error (mathematical), or pursuant to a grade appeal decided in the student's favor in accordance with the standards for "Appeal of Course Grade" below.

Course Grade Appeal Process:

A grade appeal is available only for review of claims that the grade was based on arbitrary or capricious grounds. There shall be no appeal to challenge the merits of a faculty member's evaluation of the student's performance.

The process of appealing a course grade is as follows:

1. A student must first review the situation with the instructor who assigned the grade. This review must take place within 30 calendar days of the date the grades are posted.
2. If the question is not resolved with the instructor, the student may appeal in writing to the associate dean for academic affairs, who shall appoint an ad hoc three-person faculty committee to hear the appeal. The student's written appeal must be received by the associate dean for academic affairs no later than 14 calendar days after the date of review with the instructor. The appeal must describe how the instructor's grading is alleged to have violated the standards set forth in the policy above. A copy of the appeal will be provided to the faculty member whose grade is appealed.
3. The faculty appeal committee may decide the matter solely upon consideration of the facts alleged in the student's written appeal or may consider other relevant information. The decision of the faculty appeal committee will be conveyed to the student and the faculty member whose grade is the subject of appeal in writing no later than 14 calendar days after the conclusion of its deliberations.
4. If the student wishes to challenge the decision of the faculty appeal committee, the student may appeal in writing directly to the dean. The written appeal must be received within 14 calendar days of the date of the writing conveying to the student the decision of the faculty appeal committee. As with the appeal to the faculty committee, the dean's review shall be limited to the grounds for appeal stated above. The dean will render a decision in writing within 14 days of receipt of the student's written appeal. The decision of the dean shall be final except as further appellate process may be available at the university level.

Academic Good Standing

To be in good standing, for all purposes including transfer status, a full- or part-time student must, on the basis of all course work completed, have a cumulative average of at least 2.20, which is the minimum cumulative average required for graduation.

Probation/Exclusion

When a student's cumulative average falls below 2.20, the student shall be placed on probation and permitted a maximum of 2 semesters (excluding summers) in which to raise the cumulative average to the required 2.20. A student who does not raise the cumulative average to the required 2.20 by the end of two probationary semesters shall be automatically excluded from the college, without right of appeal. Summer semesters will not be counted when calculating the number of probationary semesters permitted or used.

If any semester's grades are not available to determine the good standing of a student at the time of registration for the following semester, the student may register for the new semester. But when the completed semester's grades come in and the student is not in good standing or must be excluded pursuant to the above policies, the student may complete the semester but any grades that may have been earned in the current semester may not alter the student's standing resulting from the prior semester's grades, and appropriate action will be taken thereon.

If the student raises the cumulative average to a 2.20 but in a later semester the cumulative average again falls below 2.20 and the student has previously been on probation for two semesters, the student will be excluded from the college. If, however, the student has previously been on probation for only one semester, the student will be permitted one additional semester to raise the cumulative average to the required 2.20.

A student will not be placed on probation before the completion of the first year (first two semesters, full- or part-time) of law school. A student who does not have a cumulative average of at least 2.00 at the conclusion of his or her first year (first two semesters, full- or part-time) of law school or any year thereafter will automatically be excluded from the college.

There is no College of Law appeals process for academic exclusions. Additionally, information about any appeal must follow the university guidelines regarding academic appeals.

Course work completed for the purposes of this requirement means courses taken at the College of Law in which the student has received a final grade of between A+ and F inclusive, including grades of S, U and WF.

Rankings

During their law school career, J.D. students may receive up to three rankings, according to the following schedule. Each spring, the College of Law will announce three rankings: a Final Ranking (of graduates); a Second Interim Ranking (roughly, of students who have completed their second year required courses and are between 31-89 credits); and a First Interim Ranking (of students who have completed the first-year required courses and have a minimum of 30 credits).

For the Final Ranking, all students who, in the last year, have completed all requirements for graduation will be ranked on the basis of their overall grade average. Transfer students will be included only in this ranking.

For the Second Interim Ranking, all students who, in the last year, have received a final grade in at least one required course, and who have received a final grade in all required courses, will be ranked on the basis of their overall grade average.

For the First Interim Ranking, all students who, in the last year, have received a final grade in at least one first-year full-time required course, and who have received a final grade in all first-year full-time required courses, will be ranked on the basis of their grade average in first-year full-time required courses.

Any student with an outstanding grade of Incomplete (I) in any required course will not be ranked.

In addition, during the Spring 2020 semester, the faculty approved special ranking policies for those students enrolled during that specific semester. In May 2020, the COL Faculty decided Spring 2020 grades will be taken into account for purposes of overall cumulative GPA, but will not be taken into account for any class ranking purposes in this or any subsequent semester. This decision was due to the mandatory grade mean change also implemented for Spring 2020 to deal with the initial COVID pandemic outbreak.

Transfers/Withdrawals/Reentry and Grading in Sequential Courses

A student enrolled under an instructor in a sequential course is required to continue enrollment under such instructor until the sequence is completed. Transfer will be allowed to another section involving another instructor only by permission of the associate dean for academic affairs and the instructors involved.

A student who withdraws during the sequence of a course will be permitted to reenter that course only in sequence with the same instructor unless the associate dean for academic affairs and the instructor, determine that material changes will be made in the course which will make it inappropriate for a previously enrolled student to reenter the course except at its beginning. A student will be permitted to withdraw only once from a sequential course.

Interruption & Resumption of Studies

After completing the first 30 hours of the full-time program (excluding summer courses) or the first 33 hours of the part-time program (excluding summer courses), a J.D. student may interrupt his or her law studies and, if in good standing, reenter in any subsequent semester.

A student subject to probation who withdraws during the course of the academic year may only be readmitted on probation by permission of the associate dean for academic affairs.

A student who is absent from the College of Law for two or more consecutive semesters (not including summer semesters) must apply to the Admissions Committee, and meet all admissions, curricular, and graduation requirements in effect at the time accepted for reentry.

A full-time student enrolled in first-year required courses, and a part-time student enrolled in first- or second-year required courses, who withdraws during the sequence of such courses will not be permitted to resume his or her course of study except in sequence. This may result in a year's delay. No student may take more than seven years to complete the J.D. program.

Withdrawal from Classes

A student who wishes to withdraw from a class prior to the midpoint in the semester may do so without permission unless it is a required course through PAWS. Withdrawal from a required course requires permission of the associate dean for academic affairs. For any withdrawals prior to the midpoint in the semester, the student will receive a W for that course provided the withdrawal occurs before the midpoint.

A student who wishes to withdraw from all classes prior to the midpoint of any semester must receive permission from the associate dean for academic affairs. When withdrawal is approved, a W will be recorded in all courses for which the student is registered. Failure to obtain prior approval may result in a WF in all courses.

A student who wishes to withdraw after the midpoint of any semester will receive a WF. A student wishing to withdraw from any or all classes after the midpoint must request permission from the associate dean for academic affairs.

Where the cause of withdrawal is a nonacademic emergency necessitating withdrawal from all classes, the student must petition the university dean of students, and follow the procedures outlined by that office. If the university dean of students determines that the circumstances warrant a finding of nonacademic hardship the student will receive a W in all courses for which the student is registered.

Resumption of Studies

Resumption of studies for those students who have previously withdrawn is governed by this policy and the decisions of the Admissions Committee.

A student who withdraws prior to the midpoint of the semester or is granted a nonacademic hardship withdrawal during the first year of full-time law study or the first two years of part-time law study may reenter the college in good standing the next succeeding fall semester as a matter of right, or a later semester or year by permission of the Admissions Committee.

A student who withdraws during the first year of full-time study or the first two years of part-time study but who is not granted a nonacademic hardship withdrawal through the university must follow the application process for new students to be re-admitted to the College of Law.

A student who withdraws from the College of Law leaving one or more IP (In Progress) outstanding in sequential courses is, on their reentry to the college, subject to whatever grading and scheduling arrangements the relevant instructors and associate dean for academic affairs deem appropriate for completion of the sequential course or courses.

All above provisions applicable to J.D. students are subject to the seven-year J.D. program completion rule. A student admitted to Georgia State Law but who, before initial enrollment in courses at the college, decides to postpone legal studies must reapply for admission to any succeeding class.

Student Practice Rule

Students in the J.D. program can apply to be admitted under the Georgia Student Practice Rule. The College of Law will only register those students who meet the minimum standards provided in the rules, have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.30, and meet one of the two criteria below:

1. student has completed all first-year required courses (Law 500-level courses) and is working for credit in our clinics, Externship Program, or classes in which students represent clients with faculty supervision; or
2. student is taking, or has already passed, Evidence, Professional Responsibility (or its equivalent) and Layering: Advocacy and is working on behalf of units of government and persons unable to afford legal services in a pro bono capacity in compliance with Rules 91-95 of the Georgia Supreme Court.

In order to work with a prosecution office, a student must have completed 2/3 of their law school education (58 credits) with a 2.20 GPA.

Any registration issued in accordance with the rules and these policies may be terminated in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 94.

The College of Law will not register a student to work in private practice under the supervision of an attorney. Registration is handled through the Dean's Suite or the course in which the student is enrolled.

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Master of Laws

Admissions

The College of Law's application for all degree programs includes questions about one's personal, academic and criminal record. Submission of an application to the College of Law is a certification that the information contained therein is true and complete, to the best of the applicant's knowledge.

If anything occurs that makes any applicant's responses on his or her application incomplete or inaccurate, the applicant must amend the application as soon as is reasonably possible. In addition, students are obligated by the University Code of Conduct to update their application until the admitted student graduates from the College of Law. Any omission or misrepresentation may result in the invalidation of one's application, revocation of a favorable admissions decision, a letter of reprimand (which, if applicable, must be reported to the bar), report to the LSAC Misconduct and Irregularities Subcommittee, report to bar authorities or any other action appropriate under the circumstances.

Admission to the LL.M. degree program is based on the following criteria:

1. Prior education. Admission is limited to those with a law degree. Preference is given to those with superior academic attainment as evidenced by their grade point average (GPA), the strength of the institution granting their degree, and the academic rigor of their individual program of instruction.
2. Interest in pursuing an advanced degree in law. In considering an applicant's admission to the program, appropriate weight is given to the congruence between curricular interests of the applicant and the academic resources of Georgia State College of Law.
3. Diversity. Georgia State College of Law seeks a diverse student body in the program to serve the larger policy objective of training domestic and foreign lawyers, as well as to foster recruitment of a diverse lawyer/student population. Admission may, therefore, be based partially on an applicant's country of origin or the country from which their legal education was obtained.

Special English Proficiency Note for International Applicants for the LL.M. Program

All College of Law classes are taught in English, so proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking English is essential. Applicants may be presumed proficient in English if they: (1) are from a country where English is an official language; or (2) earned an undergraduate or graduate degree from a college or university in which instruction is in English.

LL.M. students take some of their classes with J.D. students and are expected to participate in class discussions and ask and answer questions. Students also must be able to answer written examination questions and prepare other required assignments.

All College of Law applicants whose native language is not English are required to demonstrate English proficiency by scoring a minimum of 100 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or a minimum of 7.5 on the academic version of the International Language Testing System (IELTS). No other test or certificate-based methods of demonstrating English proficiency will be considered. A video teleconference or in-person interview of the applicant may be required to assess English proficiency.

For more information, applicants should refer to the TOEFL website (<https://www.ets.org/toefl>) or IELTS website (<https://www.ielts.org/en-us>).

International applicants also will need to provide documentation of their visa and financial status prior to admission.

Orientation

All students accepted for admission to begin study as an LL.M. student are required to attend Orientation preceding the beginning of regular fall semester classes. During Orientation, LL.M. students will be introduced to the unique aspects and requirements of their program, as well as the demands of classes they will take with J.D. students. The purpose of Orientation is to introduce students to the study of law in a U.S. law school and help them make the transition into a law school program that may differ in significant respects from the program through which they earned their first professional law degree.

All LL.M. students must also attend the Professionalism portion of Orientation. During this part, LL.M. students are introduced to the Honor Code and are required to take an oath to abide thereby. Students also will be required to complete, and submit to the associate dean for students, a Disclosure Affirmation, the purpose of which is to ensure that all information in students' applications is accurate and complete. A student's obligation to update such information continues until they graduate from the College of Law.

General Information

The LL.M. (Master of Laws) degree is offered to students who have already earned a professional law degree. The different types of LL.M. programs students may pursue depends upon:

1. whether the student's original law degree was earned in the United States (domestic) or abroad (foreign); and
2. the particular field of study the student wishes to emphasize.

The College of Law offers an in-residence program with multiple concentrations for foreign-trained lawyers and a similar program for U.S.-trained lawyers. Students may pursue the LL.M. on a full or part-time basis.

A student's concentration is recorded on his or her transcript. In no event may a student earn more than one LL.M. degree.

Students may not transfer from the LL.M. program to the J.D. program or apply any credits earned while an LL.M. student to the J.D. program.

Foreign-Trained Lawyers

Concentrations

All foreign-trained lawyers, regardless of their concentration(s), must take and pass the following four courses: (i) Introduction to U.S. Law; (ii) Lawyering Skills for LL.M. Students; (iii) Research Methods in Law; and (iv) Legal Writing and Analysis for LL.M. Students. In extraordinary circumstances, one or more of these requirements may be waived by the associate dean for academic affairs in consultation with the director of the LL.M. program.

A foreign-trained lawyer may pursue the following concentrations:

Foreign Trained Lawyers, LL.M. (Bar Track)

A 26 credit hour bar-preparation concentration (the bar track) that follows a curriculum prescribed by the Supreme Court of Georgia, whereby a graduate who is "authorized to practice law" in a foreign jurisdiction, and otherwise meets the fitness requirements of the Supreme Court of Georgia Office of Bar Admissions, may sit for the Georgia bar exam;

Course of Study (Bar Track)

Required Courses

- LAW 5000 - Civil Procedure I. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 5001 - Civil Procedure II. **3 Credit Hours**

- LAW 6000 - Constitutional Law I. **3 Credit Hours**
- or*
- LAW 7117 - Constitutional Law II: Individual Liberties. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**

- LAW 9003 - Evidence - LL.M. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 9000 - Introduction to U.S. Law. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 9004 - Lawyering Skills for LL.M. Students. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 9001 - Legal Writing and Analysis for LL.M. Students. **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 9006 - LLM Research Methods in Law. **2 Credit Hours**
- LAW 6020 - Professional Responsibility. **3 Credit Hours**

Additional Requirements

- For eligibility to sit for the Georgia bar exam, LL.M. must be completed in 36 months.

Foreign Trained Lawyers, LL.M. (Environmental and Land Use Law Track)

Concentration Requirements

All foreign-trained lawyers, regardless of their concentration(s), must take and pass the following four courses: (i) Introduction to U.S.Law; (ii) Lawyering Skills for LL.M. Students; (iii) Research Methods in Law; and (iv) Legal Writing and Analysis for LL.M. Students.

Required Courses

The following courses are required for the Environmental & Land Use Law Track:

- LAW 7494 - Urban Fellows Program. **2 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7320 - Land Use Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7200 - Environmental Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**

Elective Courses

- Seven (7) environmental/land use elective credits

Foreign Trained Lawyers, LL.M. (General Studies Track)

Concentration Requirements

All foreign-trained lawyers, regardless of their concentration(s), must take and pass the following four courses: (i) Introduction to U.S.Law; (ii) Lawyering Skills for LL.M. Students; (iii) Research Methods in Law; and (iv) Legal Writing and Analysis for LL.M. Students.

Elective Courses

- 15 general law elective credits selected with the approval of the dean for academic affairs are required.

Foreign Trained Lawyers, LL.M. (Health Law Track)

Concentration Requirements

All foreign-trained lawyers, regardless of their concentration(s), must take and pass the following four courses: (i) Introduction to U.S.Law; (ii) Lawyering Skills for LL.M. Students; (iii) Research Methods in Law; and (iv) Legal Writing and Analysis for LL.M. Students.

Required Courses

- LAW 7239 - Health Law: Quality and Access. **2 to 3 Credit Hours (3 Credit Hours)**
- LAW 7240 - Health Law: Financing and Delivery. **2 to 4 Credit Hours (4 Credit Hours)**

Elective Courses

- Eight (8) health elective credits

Foreign Trained Lawyers, LL.M. (Intellectual Property Track)

Concentration Requirements

All foreign-trained lawyers, regardless of their concentration(s), must take and pass the following four courses: (i) Introduction to U.S.Law; (ii) Lawyering Skills for LL.M. Students; (iii) Research Methods in Law; and (iv) Legal Writing and Analysis for LL.M. Students.

Required Courses

- LAW 7158 - Copyrights. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7417 - Patent Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7478 - Trademarks and Unfair Competition. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**

Elective Courses

- Six (6) IP elective credits

Foreign Trained Lawyers, LL.M. (Legal Analytics and Innovation Track)

Concentration Requirements

All foreign-trained lawyers, regardless of their concentration(s), must take and pass the following four courses: (i) Introduction to U.S.Law; (ii) Lawyering Skills for LL.M. Students; (iii) Research Methods in Law; and (iv) Legal Writing and Analysis for LL.M. Students.

Required Courses

- LAW 7674 - Legal Analytics I **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7675E - Legal Analytics II **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7676E - Applied Legal Analytics Lab. **3 Credit Hours**

Elective Courses

- Six (6) legal analytics credits

Dual Concentrations

In addition, a foreign-trained lawyer may pursue a dual concentration LL.M. which requires successful completion of 36 credit hours. An LL.M. student pursuing a dual concentration must meet the requirements for each concentration.

Foreign-trained lawyers are eligible to take the bar track plus one of the following concentrations: general studies, health law, environmental and land use law, intellectual property, and legal analytics and innovation. Foreign-trained lawyers enrolled in the bar track plus dual concentration LL.M. must successfully complete the 26 credit hours required for the bar-track LL.M. plus an additional 10 credit hours of study in the student's selected area of concentration.

Foreign-trained lawyers may also opt for two non bar-track concentrations, selecting two concentrations from the following: general studies, health law, environmental and land use law, intellectual property, and legal analytics and innovation. Foreign-trained lawyers taking two non bar-track concentrations are required to take the four classes listed above which are required of all foreign-trained LL.M. students. In addition, they are required to take 12-13 credits in each of the two selected concentration areas. Any student interested in pursuing a dual concentration must consult with the Director of the LLM program at the beginning of their studies at the College of Law.

U.S. Trained Lawyers

All U.S.-trained lawyers enrolled in the LL.M. program must complete a substantial writing project. The writing project may be in their field of interest, and may be pursued in conjunction with an elective or an independent research project supervised by a faculty member and approved by their faculty advisor. Such project must meet the College of Law's established writing requirement standards, being of publishable quality.

Concentrations

U.S.-trained lawyers pursuing the General Studies concentration may take all electives, as approved by the associate dean for academic affairs, for their required 26 credit hours.

U.S.-trained lawyers pursuing an LL.M. in one of the other four concentration areas must complete 26 credit hours of required concentration courses, concentration electives, and general law electives as specified below.

A U.S.-trained lawyer may pursue the following concentrations:

U.S. Trained Lawyers, LL.M. (Environmental and Land Use Concentration)

Concentration Requirements

Required Courses

- LAW 7200 - Environmental Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7320 - Land Use Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7494 - Urban Fellows Program. **2 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7397 - International Perspective on Urban Law and Policy. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7242 - Advanced Land Use Law Seminar. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7204 - Urban Environmental Law Seminar. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**

Elective Courses

- Nine (9) environmental/land use elective credits or general law elective credits selected with the approval of the dean for academic affairs. The course included below are highly recommended and would count towards the nine elective credits.
- LAW 7010 - Administrative Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**

Additional Requirement

- Course work must include a substantial writing project in the student's field of interest.

U.S. Trained Lawyers, LL.M. (General Studies Concentration)

Concentration Requirements

Elective Courses

- 26 general law elective credits selected with the approval of the dean for academic affairs are required.

U.S. Trained Lawyers, LL.M. (Health Law Concentration)

Concentration Requirements

Required Courses

- LAW 7239 - Health Law: Quality and Access. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7240 - Health Law: Financing and Delivery. **2 to 4 Credit Hours**

Elective Courses

- Twelve (12) health law elective credits

- Seven (7) general law elective credits selected with the approval of the dean for academic affairs. The courses included below are highly recommended and would count towards the seven general law elective credits.
- LAW 7010 - Administrative Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7101 - Corporations. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**

Additional Requirement

- Course work must include a substantial writing project in the student's field of interest.

U.S. Trained Lawyers, LL.M. (Intellectual Property Concentration)

Concentration Requirements

Required Courses

- LAW 7158 - Copyrights. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7417 - Patent Law. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7478 - Trademarks and Unfair Competition. **2 to 3 Credit Hours**

Elective Courses

- Nine (9) IP elective credits
- Eight (8) general law elective credits selected with the approval of the dean for academic affairs

Additional Requirement

- Course work must include a substantial writing project in the student's field of interest.

U.S. Trained Lawyers, LL.M. (Legal Analytics and Innovation Concentration)

Concentration Requirements

Required Courses

- LAW 7674 - Legal Analytics I **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7675E - Legal Analytics II **3 Credit Hours**
- LAW 7676E - Applied Legal Analytics Lab. **3 Credit Hours**

Elective Courses

- Ten (10) legal analytics elective credits
- Seven (7) general law elective credits selected with the approval of the dean for academic affairs

Additional Requirement

- Course work must include a substantial writing project in the student's field of interest.

Important Note for U.S. - Trained Lawyers in the LL.M. Program: If any of the above-listed required courses were satisfied during a student's previous attainment of a J.D. degree, the course must be replaced with a concentration or general law elective approved by the dean for academic affairs.

Dual Concentrations

U.S.-trained lawyers may also pursue a dual concentration LL.M. which requires successful completion of 36 required credit hours. The dual concentration LL.M. for U.S.-trained lawyers requires 18 credit hours in each of two concentration areas selected from (1) general studies, (2) health law, (3) environmental and land use law, (4) intellectual property, and (5) legal analytics and innovation. Dual concentration students must also complete a substantial writing project under the supervision of a faculty member with expertise on the chosen topic at the intersection of the two concentration areas.

To earn a dual concentration LL.M., a U.S.-trained lawyer must complete a minimum of 18 credit hours in each of the two selected concentrations:

- General Studies
- Environmental and Land Use
- Health Law
- Intellectual Property
- Legal Analytics and Innovation

Any student interested in pursuing a dual concentration must consult with the Director of the LLM program at the beginning of their studies at the College of Law.

Important Note for U.S. - Trained Lawyers in the LL.M. Program: If any of the above-listed required courses were satisfied during a student's previous attainment of a J.D. degree, the course must be replaced with a concentration or general law elective approved by the dean for academic affairs.

Final Exams

To preserve anonymity, examinations are administered by proctors, rather than the instructors of the courses being examined. Proctors start each in-class exam and ensure that all examinations are properly administered and end on time. Proctors are instructed to contact the registrar or other appropriate staff to resolve any problems with an examination. They are also provided with instructors' contact information and may contact them in the event of a substantive problem with the examination. Students must take examinations in the room assigned and may not bring any materials into the room other than those specifically permitted by the instructor.

Examinations are graded anonymously by the use of individually assigned exam numbers, which are randomly reassigned each semester. Students may access their examination numbers on a password-protected website, or they may obtain their numbers in person after presenting a valid photo ID to the registrar. To preserve anonymity, students may not disclose their numbers until after all grades are received. Anonymous grading of seminar papers or projects which require consultation between a student and a faculty member may not be possible. All matters involving the taking of examinations are governed by the College of Law Honor Code.

Failure to Complete an Examination

A student who receives an examination is expected to finish it during the period for which the examination is scheduled. Students who do not complete examinations will be graded on what they submit during the examination period unless an exception based on exigent circumstances is granted by the associate dean for academic affairs. Such exceptions will be extremely rare and will be granted only if the student has notified the proctor of the examination of his/her inability to complete the exam and can establish the reason for such inability to the satisfaction of the associate dean.

Laptop Option for Final Examinations

The College of Law offers the option for students to take final examinations on their laptops if the use of computers has been authorized by their professor. To participate in this program, each student must ensure that his or her computer is in good working order. In addition, the use of a designated software program that inhibits the accessing of another part of the hard-drive during the examination is required. Each semester the registrar's office will notify students about laptop examination procedures and technology requirements. The required software will be provided to students during these sessions by the College of Law. If a student does not install the designated software properly and timely, or if the student's computer will not function properly with said software installed, the student will be required to write his or her examination.

The COL staff or faculty may assist in installation of software; however, it is the primary responsibility of the student to ensure that their computer and the requisite software are both functioning at the time of the exam.

Grading

Final grades in each course of the College of Law will be in letter form, on an A+ to F scale with grade point values (used to calculate grade point averages and class ranks) as delineated below:

A+4.3

A 4.0

A- 3.7

B+ 3.3

B 3.0

B- 2.7

C+ 2.3

C 2.0

C- 1.7

D 1.0

F 0.0

Note: There are no pluses or minuses in the D range.

Other marks may be used in appropriate circumstances, such as:

S Satisfactory

U Unsatisfactory

I Incomplete

IP In Progress

W Withdrawn without prejudice

WF Withdrawn Failing

Course Grading

Grades for LL.M. students are determined independently from those compiled for J.D. students, even when they are enrolled in the same class. LL.M. students will not be included in the J.D. grading medians calculated for individual classes.

An LL.M. student must receive a grade of at least a C- to receive credit for a course. An LL.M. student must repeat any required course(s) in which that student receives a grade of less than C-. When an LL.M. student repeats a required course, as described herein, the student's transcript shall reflect both the original and the subsequent grade; both grades will be used in calculating the student's grade point average. In no event may an LL.M. student take a required course more than twice.

Incomplete (I):

The grade of "I" (Incomplete) may be given to a student who for nonacademic reasons beyond their control is unable to meet the full requirements of a course. In order to qualify for an "I," a student must:

1. have completed most of the major assignments of the course (generally all but one) and
2. be passing the course (aside from the assignments not completed) in the judgment of the instructor.

A student may request an "I" when a student has a nonacademic reason for not completing one or more of the assignments for a course (including examinations). It is the student's responsibility to inform the instructor in person or in writing of the reason. The grade of "I" is awarded at the discretion of the instructor and is not the prerogative of the student. Conditions to be met for removing an "I" are established by the instructor.

Deadlines for Removal of "I"

The period of time given a student to remove an "I" is established by the instructor, subject only to the maximum time limits set by the university. The university requires that the grade of "I" be removed by the end of the second academic term after the "I" is assigned (whether or not the student was enrolled during these two terms.) The Office of the Registrar will assign a grade of "F" at the end of the second academic term unless the Office of the Registrar receives a final grade (for S/U grading, a U will be assigned). No student may graduate with an incomplete grade.

Grade Changes

No final grade submitted to the College of Law registrar may be changed without the affirmative vote of the faculty at a faculty meeting, except for a grade change to correct a clerical or computational error (mathematical), or pursuant to a grade appeal decided in the student's favor in accordance with the standards for "Appeal of Course Grade" set forth below.

Course Grade Appeal Process:

A grade appeal is available only for review of claims that the grade was based on arbitrary or capricious grounds. There shall be no appeal to challenge the merits of a faculty member's evaluation of the student's performance.

The process of appealing a course grade is as follows:

1. A student must first review the situation with the instructor who assigned the grade. This review must take place within 30 calendar days of the date the grades are posted.
2. If the question is not resolved with the instructor, the student may appeal in writing to the associate dean for academic affairs, who shall appoint an ad hoc three-person faculty committee to hear the appeal. The student's written appeal must be received by the associate dean for academic affairs no later than 14 calendar days after the date of review with the instructor. The appeal must describe how the instructor's grading is alleged to have violated the standards set forth in the policy above. A copy of the appeal will be provided to the faculty member whose grade is appealed.
3. The faculty appeal committee may decide the matter solely upon consideration of the facts alleged in the student's written appeal or may consider other relevant information. The decision of the faculty appeal committee will be conveyed to the student and the faculty member whose grade is the subject of appeal in writing no later than 14 calendar days after the conclusion of its deliberations.
4. If the student wishes to challenge the decision of the faculty appeal committee, the student may appeal in writing directly to the dean. The written appeal must be received within 14 calendar days of the date of the writing conveying to the student the decision of the faculty appeal committee. As with the appeal to the faculty committee, the dean's review shall be limited to the grounds for appeal stated above. The dean will render a decision in writing within 14 days of receipt of the student's written appeal. The decision of the dean shall be final except as further appellate process may be available at the university level.

Academic Good Standing

For all students enrolled in the LL.M. program, to be in good standing, for all purposes including transfer status, a student must, on the basis of all course work completed, have a cumulative average of at least 2.20 each semester, which is the minimum cumulative average required for graduation.

Probation/Exclusion

Each student will be formally evaluated for good standing purposes at the end of every semester. An LL.M. student must receive a grade of at least a C- to receive credit for a course. An LL.M. student must repeat any required course(s) in which that student receives a grade of less than C-. When an LL.M. student repeats a required course, as described herein, the student's transcript shall reflect both the original and the subsequent grade; both grades will be used in calculating the student's grade point average. In no event may an LL.M. student take a required course more than twice.

Any student whose cumulative grade point average at the end of fall semester places them in jeopardy of being excluded under this policy will be so notified by the associate dean for academic affairs. Any student whose cumulative grade point average is below 2.00 at the end of the spring semester, or who fails a required course more than once, will be automatically dismissed from the College of Law, without right of appeal.

Rankings

LL.M. students will receive grade point averages, but not class ranks.

Graduation

All students enrolled in the College of Law must file a graduation application by the deadline date set by the university and listed here.

A completed application and the graduation application fee must be submitted by the required date posted by the University.

A degree will be awarded only to a student who meets the university academic requirements and the standards of performance of a college. The College of Law only sponsors one commencement ceremony during the academic year - following the Spring semester. Students will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony of any other semester. Students who intend to graduate in the summer (August) may participate in the spring (May) graduation ceremony immediately preceding their intended summer graduation or wait until May of the following year. December graduates may only participate in the graduation ceremony in May of the following year.

Honors

Graduation with honors will be granted to candidates for the J.D. and LL.M. degrees achieving high academic work in all courses attempted at the College of Law. The specific award will be based on the following:

1. *Cum laude* for candidates achieving a cumulative grade average of at least 3.40;
2. *Magna cum laude* for candidates achieving a cumulative grade average of at least 3.60; and
3. *Summa cum laude* for candidates achieving a cumulative grade average of at least 3.80.

Pro Bono Service

To encourage and support students who provide pro bono and/or public service, the College of Law has adopted the Pro Bono and Public Service Recognition Program. Recognition of students performing substantial pro bono and/or public service will occur during each spring graduation ceremony.

How Pro Bono and Public Service Will Be Recognized

Students who complete 50 hours or more of pro bono and/or public service during law school graduate with "pro bono and public service distinction." There are three levels of recognition:

- Distinction is awarded to students who report between 50 and 99 hours of service;
- High Distinction is awarded to students who report between 100 and 149 hours of service;
- Highest Distinction is awarded to students who report 150 or more hours of service.

What Counts as Pro Bono Service:

Pro bono service consists of law-related service students render in the public interest and for the public good without receiving a fee or earning academic credit. Activities that qualify as pro bono include work that is:

- Law-related;
- Not for credit or compensation;
- Supervised by a licensed attorney or law faculty member, except:
 - Law-related work done for a member of Congress or local government;
 - Translation work done for law-related volunteering;
- On behalf of one or more of the following:
 - Individuals, groups, or causes that are either under-represented in the legal system or that benefit the public good;
 - A nonprofit organization, government agency, public interest law firm, or private law firm providing pro bono legal services;
 - A charitable, governmental, not-for-profit, or educational organization that works to improve the law, the legal system, or the legal profession, including courts and legislatures;
- Or training for work that meets the above criteria.

What is Public Service:

Public service consists of non-law-related service students render in the public interest and for the public good without receiving a fee or earning academic credit. Activities that qualify as public service include work that is not law-related and not for credit or compensation on behalf of one or more of the following:

- Organizations with a principal purpose promoting the interests of low-income individuals or communities
- Individuals, groups, or organizations seeking to secure or protect civil rights, civil liberties, or public rights
- Charitable groups or organizations
- Community groups or organizations
- Classes in any K-12 program

Volunteer work on behalf of a candidate for office or under the auspices of a political party does not qualify for pro bono or public service recognition under this program.

Additional Recognition of Students

Every year, the College of Law hosts an Annual Honors Day to recognize the academic, leadership, and service accomplishments of current students. Additional information is available from the associate dean for students.

Bar Examination

Various states have their own requirements for admission to practice law. Some of these require registration with their official bar admission agency prior to or shortly after admission to law school in order to indicate the intention to apply for and take the bar examination in that state upon graduation from law school.

Students who have definite preferences for out-of-state employment after graduation are advised to obtain from the appropriate authority in the state in which practice is contemplated precise information concerning such requirements.

Students intending to take the bar examination and to practice in Georgia should refer to the Georgia Office of Bar Admissions for information on the application requirements, fees, and deadlines.

Office of Bar Admissions

P.O. Box 38466
Atlanta, GA 30334
Telephone: 404-656-3490

For further information about requirements for admission for different jurisdictions, contact the American Bar Association.

Course Descriptions

LAW 5000 - Civil Procedure I.

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is a first year required course. An introduction to the basic concepts of the law of civil procedure as a foundation for advanced study in both civil procedure and other areas of substantive law. It provides the student with an overview of procedure in a civil action and examines in detail the traditional bases of in persona, in rem, and quasi in rem jurisdiction of state and federal courts; the constitutional mandate of due process as it relates to notice of actions and the opportunity to be heard in them; federal question and diversity jurisdiction in the federal courts; venue of actions; modern systems of pleading and their historical antecedents, including the complaint, the answer, challenges to the pleadings, amendments, and the joinder of claims and parties.

LAW 5001 - Civil Procedure II.

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is a first year required course. This course builds upon the foundation established in Civil Procedure I and exposes the student to the discovery process, the pretrial order and the trial of cases in civil matters, including jury selection and considerations bearing on non-jury trials; the scope and order of trial and the presentation of evidence; opening and closing arguments and instructions to the jury; and attacks on verdicts and judgements. The course concludes with a consideration of the fundamental principles of appellate review and the binding effect of decisions (res judicata, collateral estoppel, and the law of the case).

LAW 5010 - Contracts I.

4 Credit Hours

Description

This is a first year required course. A two-semester examination of the law of contractual obligations covering the formation and interpretation of contracts, legal limitations on the bargaining process, claims and defenses related to breach of contract, and remedies for breach.

LAW 5011 - Contracts II.

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is a first year required course. Second semester continuation of Contracts I.

LAW 5020 - Criminal Law.

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is a first year required course. An examination of the common law origins and modern day codification of the criminal law and defenses thereto.

LAW 5030 - Research Methods in Law.

1 Credit Hours

Description

This is a first year required course. Instruction in effective legal research skills through lecture and research exercises including the use of library materials, computerized legal research systems, LEXIS and WESTLAW.

LAW 5050 - Property.

4 Credit Hours

Description

This is a first year required course. An introductory investigation of the concepts underlying the Anglo-American system of property. The capacity of the system to accommodate public needs and private desires for allocation and use of land is studied through intensive examination of the acquisition of property rights, doctrine of estates, private restrictions on land use, and modern landlord-tenant relations.

LAW 5060 - Torts I.

4 Credit Hours

Description

This is a first year required course. The study of non-contractual civil wrongs for which the law provides a remedy. The course covers negligence, intentional torts, and other theories of liability as prescribed by the instructor.

LAW 5070 - Lawyering: Foundations I.

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is a first year required course. Provides students with foundational skills training through multiple practice-focused assignments and exercises. Students will learn and practice skills in critical reading, problem-solving, legal analysis, and effective written and oral communication, while simultaneously receiving exposure to legal documents and instruments they will likely encounter in their legal careers. While this class focuses heavily on teaching legal writing, requiring students to draft several objective and persuasive documents, students will also participate in oral arguments, client/witness interviews and office meetings.

LAW 5071 - Lawyering: Foundations II.

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is a first year required course. Continuation of Lawyering: Foundations I.

LAW 5080 - Legislation and Regulation.

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is a first year required course. This course will provide students with a foundational and systematic introduction to the world of legislation, regulation, and administration that creates and defines so much of the contemporary legal order. As such, it is a natural statutory-regulatory complement to the first-year common-law courses. It will examine the way Congress and administrative agencies adopt binding rules of law (statutes and regulations, respectively) and the way that implementing institutions-courts and administrative agencies-interpret and apply these laws. It will also consider the justifications for modern regulation, the structure of the modern administrative state, the incentives that influence the behavior of the various actors, and the legal rules that help to structure the relationships among Congress, the agencies, and the courts.

LAW 5085 - Profession of Law.

1 (1 credit over course of two semesters) Credit Hours

Description

This is a first year required course. The goal of the course is to build and reinforce a culture of self-aware academic and professional excellence, and to help students to make informed decisions in planning their law school and professional careers by developing personal, professional, and academic competencies. The course will help our students to develop three core lawyering competencies: (1) professional and career development; (2) professional identity formation; and (3) foundational academic skills.

LAW 5090 - Advanced Analytical Methods

2 Credit Hours

Description

This course offers an in-depth approach to critical reading, factual analysis, identifying legal issues, rule statements, formal logic, identifying analogues, multidimensional thinking, and creating counter analysis, using deconstructed Multistate Performance Exams essays and multiple-choice questions. The course is invitational and is designed to create more equitable outcomes for students who can excel with guided (targeted) skills intervention.

LAW 5099 - First-Year Professional Development Series.

0 to 1 Credit Hours

Description

This is a first year required course. This mandatory series is designed to provide students with a framework with which to approach their job searches and professional identity formation. Students will learn how to use professional narrative in their job searches and how to put the facts of their experience in the most favorable light for prospective employers. Specifically, we will discuss attracting employers, identify techniques to engage other professionals, and learn how to create unique, persuasive narratives in resumes and cover letters. In addition, students will learn how to use narrative in interviews and in building and maintaining professional relationships.

LAW 6000 - Constitutional Law I.

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is a second year required course. A study of the nature and distribution of federal power and of state-federal relationships, including judicial review, the Commerce Clause and state regulation of commerce, the Tenth Amendment, separation of powers, and the taxing, spending and appropriations powers.

LAW 6010 - Evidence.

4 Credit Hours

Description

This is a second year required course. Explores the rules for fact finding in the judicial process, with particular emphasis on the federal rules of evidence. Topics covered include judicial notice, real and demonstrative evidence, relevance, authentication, competence and examination of witnesses, impeachment, expert testimony, hearsay, privileges, and burdens of proof.

LAW 6020 - Professional Responsibility.

3 Credit Hours

Requirements: LAW 6020 must be taken before or concurrently with LAW 6030.

Description

This is a second year required course. This course focuses on the development of professional identity, ethical decision making, and the role of lawyers in society, and covers confidentiality, conflicts of interest, and the interpretation of the rules of professional conduct. As prescribed by the instructor, the course may also include discussion of other topics such as bar admission, attorney discipline, malpractice, ineffective assistance of counsel in criminal cases, judicial ethics, fees, advertising, solicitation and the ethics of the adversary system.

LAW 6021E - Transition to Practice.

6 Credit Hours

Requirements: The course satisfies the Professional Responsibility requirement.

Description

This limited enrollment course provides an accelerated transition to the practice of law for students in the midpoint of their law school experience by teaching fundamental knowledge, skills and values needed to begin a legal career in a wide variety of settings. Students will learn how to handle a case from initial client meeting through conclusion of representation, first with a simulated case using online case management software and in-class role plays, and then by representing actual domestic violence victims to obtain orders of protection from in Superior Court. Students will also learn about managing a law firm through both instruction and fieldwork with a private attorney working in an area of interest to them. Students will become competent in interpreting and applying the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct in real-life situations and will understand the attorney discipline system in Georgia as well as basic common law principles arising from malpractice and attorney disqualification decisions. Significant differences between the Georgia and ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct will be covered.

LAW 6022 - The Client Relationship.

3 Credit Hours

Requirements: This course satisfies the Professional Responsibility requirement. Enrollment limited to 48.

Description

In this course, students will learn how to develop effective and ethical relationships with clients, become competent in recognizing moral dilemmas in real life situations encountered by lawyers, and begin to acquire the professional judgment necessary to resolve the kind of complex problems that arise in legal practice. Students will become skilled in interpreting and applying the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct and will understand the attorney discipline system in Georgia as well as basic common law principles arising from malpractice and attorney disqualification decisions. Significant differences between the Georgia and ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct will be covered. Students will regularly perform lawyering exercises that develop client relationship skills and ethical decision making. They will write one or more papers that apply what they have learned to analyze videotaped lawyer-client meetings and propose what they would have done in the situation. There will also be short quizzes and/or a final examination.

LAW 6030E - Lawyering: Advocacy.

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 6010.

Requirements: LAW 6030 must be taken in the same academic year as LAW 6010, and after or concurrently with LAW 6020.

Description

This is a second year required course. This course provides students with an introduction to the lawyer skills required in representing a client from the initial interview, through discovery and pre-trial motions, to a jury trial. The course is taught by practicing trial lawyers and focuses on skills training. The course combines written assignments and in class performances. The course is graded pass/fail but at least two students in each section will earn a grade of "A" (a 90 or the student's previous semester cumulative average, whichever is higher).

LAW 6040E - Landlord-Tenant Mediation Clinic I.

1 to 4 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This is a full academic year, two-semester clinic. Students must enroll in both the fall and spring semesters. Second- and third-year students may apply. Please see <http://law.gsu.edu/landlord-tenant-mediation-clinic/> for information.

LAW 6041E - Landlord-Tenant Mediation Clinic II.

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Continuation of LTMC I. Students must take both I and II.

LAW 6050E - Capital Defenders Clinic I.

4 Credit Hours

Requirements: Permission of the professor is required.

Description

This is an elective course. A three-hour clinical course taught in partnership with Georgia Capital Defenders, a new state agency responsible for representing all indigent defendants statewide in capital cases at trial and on direct appeal. Students will assist in the representation of clients of Capital Defenders and will work on all aspects of the representation, including fact investigation, witness interviewing, legal research and drafting, and generally assisting in preparing cases for trial and sentencing hearings. Students will be supervised by the professor and attorneys in the office. Grading is on a pass/fail basis.

LAW 6051E - Capital Defenders Clinic II.

4 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. See Course Description for Law 6050, Capital Defenders Clinic I.

LAW 6090E - HeLP Legal Services Clinic I.

6 Credit Hours

Requirements: 2.30 GPA.

Description

This is an elective course. The Clinic offers students the opportunity to develop basic lawyering skills, such as client interviewing, counseling and representation; negotiation; research and drafting; and case management. HeLP offices based at Children's handle cases involving guardianship, Medicaid, housing, SSI, family law, education and employment issues. Students will interact directly with clients under the supervision of the Clinic's Associate Directors. The HeLP Clinic is an interdisciplinary learning experience. Students will also work collaboratively with Residents and Medical Students from Morehouse School of Medicine and Emory University School of Medicine. HeLP Clinic students are also required to perform client intake in the Emergency Department of Children's at Hughes Spalding as part of a clinic program called, ED Mondays, and to attend patient rounds with residents at Children's at Hughes Spalding. Weekly class sessions cover substantive and procedural law, as well as Clinic administrative procedures and lawyering skills. These sessions will also include more formal discussions of specific case issues. Additionally, students meet weekly with their assigned Supervisor to discuss and evaluate their assigned cases. Students are also required to be in the Clinic a minimum of seven hours per week exclusive of class time. In order to work inside the hospital, students must be tested and confirm vaccinations for certain diseases. (For the clinic policy, go to http://law.gsu.edu/resources/students/HELP_InternAgreement.doc) Work in the Clinic will likely require travel to Children's at Scottish Rite, Children's at Egleston, and Children's at Hughes Spalding. Students enrolled in the Clinic must attend a mandatory day-long Orientation session. Students will be notified of the date of the session upon registration.

LAW 6091E - HeLP Legal Services Clinic II.

4 to 6 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: 2.30 GPA and LAW 6090.

Description

This is an elective course. This is a continuation of HeLP Clinic I. Students will handle the more advanced aspects of the cases developed in HeLP Clinic I. Limited Enrollment.

LAW 6092E - Olmstead Disability Rights Clinic I

4 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: 2.3 GPA.

Description

This is an elective course. The Olmstead Disability Rights Clinic is a year-long off-site clinic taught in partnership with the Atlanta Legal Aid Society's Disability Integration Project. The clinic focuses on advocacy arising out of the United States Supreme Court's Olmstead decision. Classroom meetings and materials will cover four main areas: (1) advocacy and litigation skills; (2) substantive law relating to the rights of people with disabilities; (3) current Georgia issues and (4) case rounds to discuss the cases and issues students work on in their client advocacy. Students will represent individual clients in Olmstead related advocacy and perform community education. Grading is pass/fail.

LAW 6093E - Olmstead Disability Rights Clinic II.

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: Law 6092 and 2.3 GPA.

Description

This is an elective course. This clinic is a continuation of Olstead Disability Rights Clinic I. Grading is pass/fail.

LAW 7005 - Accounting for Lawyers.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course is designed to develop a robust knowledge of the interplay of accounting, finance, and the markets in the practice of trial and transactional law. The student will apply that knowledge in a series of case studies requiring one to prepare and deconstruct financial statements, draft and interpret contracts, prepare and critique business valuations, and build and challenge liability and damages models. Instructor's permission to enroll is required for students who hold graduate degrees in accounting or finance, or are MBA's, CPA's, CFA's or the equivalent.

LAW 7006 - Access to Justice: Law Reform I.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course is the first component of a year-long course. Students who enroll in Access to Justice: Law Reform I must also enroll in Access to Justice: Law Reform II (Law 7007) in the succeeding semester. During the first semester of the course, students will learn about the workings of the civil and criminal justice systems as they operate in Fulton and/or Dekalb County, focusing on the experience of low-income individuals. They will identify a specific access to justice problem and work in teams to research and produce a thorough description of the problem. Enrollment is limited and students must obtain the permission of the instructor(s) prior to registering for this course.

LAW 7006E - Access to Justice: Law Reform.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. In this course, co-taught by Professors Lauren Sudeall and Darcy Meals, students will learn about how lower-income litigants navigate the legal system. Through court observation, guest speakers, and weekly readings, students will explore an access to justice problem-an aspect of the system that is broken-and work in teams to develop a discrete reform to address the problem. Enrollment is limited, and students must obtain permission from the instructor(s) prior to registering.

Notes: * Note that this was previously a year-long course but has been adapted to be a single semester.

LAW 7007 - Access to Justice: Law Reform II.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course is the second component of a year-long course. Students enrolling in Access to Justice: Law Reform II must also enroll in Access to Justice: Law Reform I (Law 7006) in the preceding semester. During the second semester, students will engage in further research of the access to justice problem they identified in part I of the course and propose a solution to the problem. Enrollment is limited and students must obtain the permission of the instructor(s) prior to registering for this course.

LAW 7010 - Administrative Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

LAW 6000 is recommended but not required.

Description

This is an elective course. An introduction to general administrative law and procedure. This course surveys the roles, functions, and processes of federal administrative agencies through an examination of the adjudicative, investigative and rule-making functions of federal agencies, the relationship of administrative agencies to other branches of government, and the right and scope of judicial review of agency actions.

LAW 7015 - Administrative Law Seminar.

1 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 6000. Students who have completed LAW 7010 will be given priority in enrollment.

Requirements: The paper may be used to satisfy the writing requirement.

Description

This is an elective course. Limited enrollment. This course is devoted to the exploration of problems which currently confront state and/or federal administrative agencies. In addition to their reading assignments and participation in class discussions, students will be required to complete a paper on an approved topic.

LAW 7020 - Admiralty.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. The study of federal admiralty and maritime jurisdiction (U.S. Constitution, Art. III, Sec.2) including the practice and procedure of federal courts in admiralty cases and state courts under the "saving to suitors" clause (28 U.S.C. sec 1333). The course surveys the substantive law applicable to admiralty and maritime matters including international law-treaties and conventions, conflict of laws rules, and federal laws dealing with the topics of maritime liens and ship mortgages, charter parties, carriage of goods, remedies for personal injury and wrongful death for injured seamen and maritime workers (including the Jones Act and Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act), collision, salvage, general average contribution, marine insurance, and limitation of shipowner's liability. When possible, the class will tour the Georgia Ports Authority terminals in Savannah, Georgia, during the semester.

LAW 7025 - Wrongful Convictions.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course provides an opportunity to study systemic errors in the criminal justice system that lead to the conviction of innocent people. Topics include: (1) the factors that contribute to wrongful convictions including eyewitness misidentification, false confessions, ineffective assistance of counsel, jailhouse informants, police and prosecutorial misconduct, "junk science," and forensic fraud, (2) potential reforms that could be implemented to guard against the conviction of the innocent, (3) legal and philosophical problems related to the concept of "innocence," and (4) legal doctrine and case law addressing claims of innocence and regulating access to post-conviction relief.

LAW 7026 - Problems in Criminal Justice

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Requirements: Paper and in-class presentation required.

Description

This is an elective course. In this seminar, we will study a variety of pressing problems that currently inhibit or undermine the criminal justice system's ability to deliver on its promise to do what its name implies: to provide "justice" to those affected by it. Among the issues we will look at are how race affects the administration of criminal law and criminal law enforcement, the underfunding of criminal defense, and the phenomena of mass incarceration. Additional course topics (on comparable themes) will be selected by course participants based on student interest.

LAW 7031 - Advanced Criminal Litigation.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 6000 and LAW 6030.

Description

This is an elective course. Limited enrollment. A simulation course addressing the substantive knowledge and advocacy skills essential to the trial of a felony criminal case.

LAW 7033 - Advanced Criminal Prosecution

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 5020 LAW 6010, LAW 7165 or LAW 7167

Description

This is an elective course. This course will give an overview of the law, ethics, and practicalities of prosecution. As gatekeepers to the criminal justice system, prosecutors possess tremendous discretion in whether and how to prosecute. This course will explore the practicalities and challenges of exercising that discretion. Topics covered will include: the process of prosecuting a case from start to finish, the evidence code as it applies to prosecution in Georgia, the mechanics of a trial, plea bargaining, and ethical challenges. This discussion will be enhanced by numerous workshops conducted by current prosecutors putting topics into practice.

LAW 7036E - Advanced Evidence.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 6010. Limited to 14 students.

Description

This is an elective course. This course combines classroom demonstrations and exercises in the application of the rules of evidence with analysis and discussion of currently troublesome evidentiary issues.

LAW 7041 - Advanced Income Taxation.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7095.

Description

This is an elective course. Concentration on one or more areas of current interest in income taxation. Topics will vary from year-to-year. Format will vary and may be offered as a seminar.

LAW 7045 - Advanced Issues in Trial Advocacy Seminar.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 6010 and LAW 6030.

Requirements: Limited enrollment.

Description

This is an elective course. Utilizing both traditional and more innovative methodologies and course readings, students will address selected advanced topics pertaining to the art and science of trial advocacy.

LAW 7049 - Advanced Strategies in Legal Argument.

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. In this course, students will learn to identify, understand, and replicate advanced strategies in legal argument, including advanced strategies for drafting statements of fact, presenting law, and making legal arguments. This course will sharpen the way students think, write, and speak about law on behalf of their clients.

LAW 7050 - Advanced Legal Research.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Requirements: Project required.

Description

This is an elective course. Limited enrollment. The course will concentrate on advanced legal research techniques using computer technology and book resources. Topics covered by the course include research in legislative histories, administrative law, tax, and labor.

LAW 7051 - Advanced Legal Writing.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. In this course, students build on the skills developed in Research, Writing and Advocacy I and II (Law 5070 and Law 5071), performing research and preparing a number of legal documents, both objective and persuasive. Particular emphasis on logical organization, clarity of expression, and overall effectiveness of written communication to achieve the writer's goal.

LAW 7052E - Lawyering: Practice-Ready Writing.

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 6030.

Requirements: Limited to 12 students.

Description

This is an elective course. This course is a third-year simulation-based advanced writing course, focusing on communication for law practice. The course follows a law firm model in which students handle multiple mock transactional and litigation cases from initial client intake through resolution, drafting applicable documents throughout the representation. The course will reinforce foundational professional skills as students "practice" being a lawyer.

LAW 7060 - Alternative Methods of Dispute Resolution (ADR).

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. The objective of this course is to educate students about the dispute resolution mechanisms that provide a viable alternative to litigation and the appropriate uses and limitations of each model. Specific topics include conciliation, negotiation, mediation, arbitration, mini-trials, summary jury trials, rent-a-judge, and the use of the ombudsman. Policy, practical and ethical issues raised by these alternatives are examined through the case law and the relevant statutes. Videotapes of simulated mediations and negotiations, as well as lectures by experienced guest ADR practitioners, are used to complement classroom instruction.

LAW 7060E - Alternative Methods of Dispute Resolution (ADR).

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. The objective of this course is to educate students about the dispute resolution mechanisms that provide a viable alternative to litigation and the appropriate uses and limitations of each model. Specific topics include conciliation, negotiation, mediation, arbitration, mini-trials, summary jury trials, rent-a-judge, and the use of the ombudsman. Policy, practical and ethical issues raised by these alternatives are examined through the case law and the relevant statutes. Videotapes of simulated mediations and negotiations, as well as lectures by experienced guest ADR practitioners, are used to complement classroom instruction.

LAW 7061 - Advanced Alternative Dispute Resolution.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7060.

Requirements: Limited enrollment.

Description

This is an elective course. An advanced study of the mechanisms that provide alternatives to litigation, with a focus on the design and development of dispute resolution systems within organizations and within other contexts. The course will examine the field of dispute systems design within its historical and legal contexts with a focus on potential advantages and disadvantages of these types of systems. Students will also be provided with a practical framework to apply dispute systems design and other advanced ADR concepts in specific situations and will study employment dispute resolution programs, consumer dispute resolution programs, early case assessment, and other conflict management trends.

LAW 7061E - Advanced Alternative Dispute Resolution.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7060.

Requirements: Limited enrollment.

Description

This is an elective course. An advanced study of the mechanisms that provide alternatives to litigation, with a focus on the design and development of dispute resolution systems within organizations and within other contexts. The course will examine the field of dispute systems design within its historical and legal contexts with a focus on potential advantages and disadvantages of these types of systems. Students will also be provided with a practical framework to apply dispute systems design and other advanced ADR concepts in specific situations and will study employment dispute resolution programs, consumer dispute resolution programs, early case assessment, and other conflict management trends.

LAW 7062E - Mediation Advocacy: Law and Practice

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Recommended: LAW 7060.

Description

This is an elective course. This course provides an in-depth exposure to the mediation process by focusing on both theory and skills. In addition to learning the theoretical and legal framework supporting institutionalized mediation, students will learn how to mediate and how to represent parties in mediations.

LAW 7062 - Mediation: Law and Practice.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Recommended: LAW 7060.

Description

This is an elective course. This course provides an in-depth exposure to the mediation process by focusing on both theory and skills. In addition to learning the theoretical and legal framework supporting institutionalized mediation, students will learn how to mediate and how to represent parties in mediations.

LAW 7063 - American Constitutional History.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. A study of the history of the United States Constitution and the role of the Supreme Court in constitutional adjudication.

LAW 7064 - Animal Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course considers the developing area of animal law and the broad spectrum of statutory, administrative, and case law that animal law encompasses. The course will focus the ways animal law intersects with other, well-established areas of law. Selected topics include the study of standing and justiciability issues, difficulties associated with defining the term "animal," torts committed both by and against animals, animals in sports and entertainment, and federal statutes, such as the Endangered Species Act and the Animal Welfare Act.

LAW 7065 - Antitrust Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. A study of the implementation of federal trade regulation statutes focusing on the competitive tensions of the contemporary economy and the relationship between economic theory and antitrust policy.

LAW 7075 - Appellate Advocacy I.

1 Credit Hours

Requirements: Minimum grade of C+ in the RWA sequence, and a passing grade in Legal Bibliography are required for Moot Court Board candidacy.

Description

This is an elective course. Preparation and argument of an appellate brief in the GSU Moot Court Competition. This competition constitutes the first step in the selection process for Moot Court. S/U grade.

LAW 7076 - Appellate Advocacy II.

1 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. By invitation upon completion of Law 7075. These students are candidates-in-training for positions on the Moot Court Board and on competition teams. During the semester, certain students will represent the College of Law in the Georgia Intrastate Moot Court Competition and in the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition. By the completion of the semester, students will become members of the Moot Court Board and assume responsibility for running the GSU Moot Court program. S/U grade.

LAW 7078 - Georgia Appellate Practice.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Suggested: Law 6010, Law 7010, Law 7165.

Description

This is an elective course. The course will cover both federal appellate practice and procedure, as well as issues pertaining to the state law applicable to the Georgia Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. Procedurally, it will pick up with the entry of judgement in the trial court. The course will address specific rules of appellate procedure and their interpretation, but the emphasis will be on the synthesis of judicial authorities and statutory interpretation, strategic thinking and planning, and the application of theory in the practical settings faced by the practitioner.

LAW 7079 - Arts and Entertainment Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. A study of specific substantive areas of the law as they relate to the arts. Areas expected to be covered include, but are not limited to, copyrights, trademarks, rights of publicity, tax, contracts, agency, antitrust, and the continental doctrines of "droit moral" (moral rights) and "droit de suite" (resale royalties to the original artist or author). In addition, the recently enacted Visual Artists Rights Act of 1990 and the effect of the recent signing of the GATT Implementation Bill will also be discussed. There will either be an in-class or a take-home exam.

Notes: Enrollment is limited only by the availability of the classroom space.

LAW 7079E - Arts and Entertainment Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. A study of specific substantive areas of the law as they relate to the arts. Areas expected to be covered include, but are not limited to, copyrights, trademarks, rights of publicity, tax, contracts, agency, antitrust, and the continental doctrines of "droit moral" (moral rights) and "droit de suite" (resale royalties to the original artist or author). In addition, the recently enacted Visual Artists Rights Act of 1990 and the effect of the recent signing of the GATT Implementation Bill will also be discussed. There will either be an in-class or a take-home exam.

Notes: Enrollment is limited only by the availability of the classroom space.

LAW 7080E - Entertainment Law Workshop.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course will present students with some of the most intricate obligations of attorneys who work within the field of entertainment. Students will learn how to engage and secure entertainment clients, create and negotiate entertainment contracts through the lens of a real-life successful artist that has spanned multiple facets of the entertainment industry including music, film, television and branding. There will be an introduction of actual entertainment contracts used by artists and their attorneys. Students explore the various facets of legal representation by walking through the artists career and reviewing actual artist agreements from radio talent deals to film franchise talent agreements. Students will learn how to apply those skills to their future representation of artist/entertainers.

LAW 7082 - Copyright & Music Publishing.

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. An examination of the process of songwriting + music publishing and administration, performance royalties and copyright law.

LAW 7083 - Hip Hop and The Law.

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Currently celebrating 48 years of existence, Hip-Hop culture has exceeded expectations as a short-lived musical genre. Hip- Hop culture is alive and thriving, having expanded outside of the United States becoming a global form of resistance music and culture. This course is a critical examination of the relationships between Hip-Hop culture, laws, politics and policies. We will examine the ways that policies have been used against hip-hop audiences and performers as well as the ways liberties have been utilized to protect Hip-Hop culture.

LAW 7089 - Advanced Bankruptcy Reorganization.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7091, LAW 7095 and LAW 7395.

Description

This is an elective course. *NO DESCRIPTION*

LAW 7091 - Basic Bankruptcy.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. An intensive study of the substantive and procedural bankruptcy issues confronting consumer or business debtors seeking financial liquidation under Chapter 7 and financial reorganization under Chapter 11 or 13 of the Bankruptcy Code. Among the issues to be considered are the extent of property exemptions, the requirements for liquidating non-exempt assets, the allocation of creditors' claims between secured and unsecured positions and the comparative benefits of the Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 discharges.

LAW 7093 - Bankruptcy and Tax Seminar.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7090 and LAW 7095.

Requirements: This course may satisfy the College of Law writing requirement.

Description

This is an elective course. This seminar is devoted to exploration of the interface between bankruptcy and tax. The seminar will examine not only the often times conflicting policies embodied in both codes, but also substantive topics including the treatment and priority of tax claims and liens, the taxation of debtors and bankruptcy estates, the tax consequences of bankruptcy reorganizations, the carry over of tax attributes in bankruptcy, and bankruptcy court jurisdiction over tax matters.

LAW 7094E - Bankruptcy Assistance and Practice Program I.

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7091 or LAW 7176, and a cumulative GPA of 2.30.

Description

This is an elective course. A collaborative course that brings students together with bankruptcy judges and attorneys. Partnered with a local bankruptcy practitioner, and working under the third-year practice act, students will handle consumer bankruptcy cases from client intake through a Chapter 7 discharge and Chapter 13 plan confirmation. Students will participate in client counseling, creditor negotiations, bankruptcy court litigation, and other fundamental aspects of a bankruptcy case. The course consists of two components: the practical component and a classroom component. The classroom component will meet once each week throughout the semester.

Notes: This course does NOT count against the maximum number of clinical hours that students may count toward graduation.

LAW 7095 - Basic Federal Taxation I.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. An introduction to federal income taxation, with emphasis on fundamental doctrines and major structural aspects of the Internal Revenue Code. Includes: definition of income, basic rules relating to the deduction of items, limitation on deductions, and introduction to capital gains and non- of taxation of entities such as corporations and introduction to taxation of estates and trusts. recognition transactions, and an introduction to tax accounting.

LAW 7096 - Basic Federal Taxation II.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7095.

Description

This is an elective course. A continuation of Basic Federal Taxation I, with emphasis on more sophisticated provisions of the Internal Revenue Code that apply to individuals. Includes: limitation on tax shelters, advanced tax accounting concepts, advanced capital gains and loss provisions, and an introduction to alternative tax entities such as corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, estates and trusts.

LAW 7097 - Bankruptcy Assistance and Practice Program II.

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7094.

Description

This is an elective course. Continuation of Bankruptcy Assistance and Practice Program I.

LAW 7098 - Biotechnology Law, Policy and Ethics.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course provides an introduction to the legal, policy, and ethical issues surrounding biotechnologies. The course surveys a variety of federal and state laws and international treaties addressing biotechnology research, patenting, and applications. The course will examine the distinctive legal, policy, and ethical issues associated with biotechnologies in selected topic areas, which may include genetically modified foods, nanotechnology, xenotransplantation, patenting of genes/patenting of life, stem cell research, gene therapy, preimplantation genetic diagnosis, sex-selection reproductive technologies, germline genetic engineering of human beings, and human reproductive cloning.

LAW 7099 - Bioethics and the Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course examines contemporary interdisciplinary issues that arise at the intersection of law, medicine, and ethics. Its primary focus is on life and death. It provides an introduction to bioethics and addresses medical, legal, ethical, and policy issues in genetics and biotechnology, human subjects research; human reproduction and decision making at the beginning of the life; dying and decision making at the end of life; and rationing health care. Interdisciplinary readings will draw from the legal medical and ethics literature.

LAW 7100E - Unincorporated Business Associations.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. An introduction to the statutory framework and common planning problems for closely held businesses like partnerships, limited liability companies, limited partnerships and other non-corporate business entities. In hands-on simulations, students work with opposing counsel and co-counsel teams to negotiate and draft complex agreements throughout the semester.

LAW 7101 - Corporations.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. A survey of the state and federal laws governing the formation and operation of corporations.

LAW 7102E - TRANS. Assist & Practice Program

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: Completion of or concurrent registration in Corporations (Law 7101)

Description

This is an elective course. This course focuses on common legal issues facing businesses and nonprofits in the context of transactional and corporate law. Students will develop the necessary skills to determine and assess a real client's business needs in a given situation and effectively address those needs in a written legal document. Under the supervision of local practitioners, students will handle transactional and corporate legal challenges being faced by a local nonprofit. 2 or 3 credits. 2.3 minimum GPA.

LAW 7103 - Bankruptcy Reorganization.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7091.

Description

This is an elective course. A study of the crucial stages of business reorganization cases under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The course covers topics such as: good faith filing, powers and duties of the parties in interest, protection from creditors, government actions against the debtor to protect the public, operation of the business, formulation and approval of the plan of reorganization.

LAW 7105 - Business Planning.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7101 and LAW 7095.

Description

This is an elective course. A planning course involving the application of the law of corporations and of federal taxation to planning business operations in partnership and corporate form. May be taught in seminar format.

LAW 7110 - Business Taxation.

2 to 4 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7095.

Description

This is an elective course. An introduction to the income taxation of C corporations, S corporations and partnerships. The course is intended to survey the three different tax regimes, and it will include a comparison of the advantages and disadvantages of each.

Notes: NOTE: The maximum number of credit hours a student may earn for taking any combination of LAW 7110, LAW 7415 and LAW 7127 is 6.

LAW 7111 - Corporate Taxation.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: Law 7110.

Description

This is an elective course. An advanced study of the taxation of C corporations, including redemptions, liquidations or reorganizations.

LAW 7113A - Capital Punishment Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course will examine various legal and policy issues surrounding the death penalty, including racial discrimination, the right to effective counsel, limitations on executing defendants with intellectual disabilities and juveniles, and the use of "victim impact" evidence. It will emphasize the relationship between Supreme Court doctrine and real-world practice in state courts in the South. 2.000 to 3.000 Credit Hours.

LAW 7113B - Captial Punishment: Prosecutor/Defense.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course will examine the constitutional responsibilities of prosecutors and defense attorneys in criminal cases and the extent to which there is an "adversary system" in those cases. It will include subjects such as investigation of crimes, charging decisions, prosecutorial discretion, plea bargaining, and the disclosure of evidence favorable to the accused by prosecutors. It will also explore the defense of people accused of crimes who cannot afford to retain lawyers, including methods of providing lawyers for the accused constitutional standards for the competence of counsel and the adequacy of resources for investigation and expert witnesses. 2.000 to 3.000 Credit Hours.

LAW 7114 - Collaborative Divorce.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7216 and LAW 6030. Law 6030 (Lawyering: Advocacy) is necessary either before or simultaneously with Collaborative Divorce.

LAW 7183 recommended, but not required.

Description

This is an elective course. This course develops skills required to represent clients in collaborative family law matters. It takes students through an entire collaborative case, including client interview, meetings with lawyer and non-lawyer professionals, negotiation and problem-solving in a collaborative setting, drafting of contracts, agreements, and minutes of meetings, and finally to obtaining a Final Judgement and Decree of Divorce. The course includes guest instruction and demonstration from non-lawyer collaborative professionals, extensive discussion of collaborative practice concepts and issues, in-class participation in the collaborative case, and individual exploration of collaborative topics through a paper or other individual project.

LAW 7116 - Constitutional Tort Litigation.

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 6000.

Description

This is an elective course. An examination of major civil rights statutes, with focus on 42 U.S.C. 1983, the relationship between 1983 and the Fourteenth Amendment, the defenses and immunities of individuals and governmental entities, the relationship between state and federal courts in civil rights actions, and the remedies for violations of constitutional rights.

LAW 7117 - Constitutional Law II: Individual Liberties.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 6000.

Description

This is an elective course. An examination of substantive due process, procedural due process, equal protection, state action and selected aspects of the Bill of Rights.

LAW 7121 - Payment Systems.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

(Formerly Commercial Paper and Payment Systems) This is an elective course. The study of Articles 3 and 4 of the Uniform Commercial Code which govern the rights and liabilities of parties to promissory notes, checks, and other negotiable instruments and the law concerning the use of credit cards and electronic funds transfer.

LAW 7123 - Commercial Leasing Seminar.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 5050 and LAW 7435.

Description

This is an elective course. In-depth coverage of selected issues related to the negotiation and drafting of long term office and retail leases. Among the topics to be explored are the rent obligation and method of calculating the rent, use clauses, financing issues, subordination, non-disturbance and attornment agreements, and defaults and remedies.

LAW 7125 - Comparative Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course introduces the student of the common law to the general principles, both procedural and substantive, of the civil law prevailing in continental Europe and Latin America. It provides an overview of the historical evolution of the civil law and the position of the code in foreign legal systems; an examination of the patterns of court systems which administer it; and a specific consideration of delictual and contractual obligations under the code. It also considers the treatment of foreign law in the United States courts.

LAW 7127 - Corporate Taxation.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7095.

Description

This is an elective course. This course will cover the federal income taxation of C and S corporations from formation through distributions and concluding with liquidations. The tax implications to both shareholders and the entity will be examined. The course will cover transfers of property to a newly formed or preexisting corporation, normal distributions, redemptions, converting a C corporation to an S corporation, and the effect of liquidating distributions on both forms of corporations.

Notes: NOTE: The maximum number of credit hours a student may earn for taking any combination of LAW 7110, LAW 7415 and LAW 7127 is 6.

LAW 7128 - Corporate Compliance.

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course is designed to introduce students in their third year of law school to the world of corporate legal and regulatory compliance. It is designed to be an experiential course, but with a solid introduction to the legal and regulatory framework applicable to U.S. and foreign companies with operations domestically and abroad. By the end of the semester, students should be able to understand the basic legal and regulatory framework driving corporate compliance requirements, recognize relevant indicators of corporate compliance risk; and evaluate and implement suggested methodologies to mitigate such risk, both reactively and programmatically.

LAW 7130 - Seminar on European Civil Litigation.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This seminar addresses the form and features of civil litigation in the context of central and eastern European national legal orders. The seminar also exposes the student to the general legal environment and structure of the legal profession in central and eastern European states. This seminar is conducted at predetermined venues in Europe, and it includes field visits and site excursions to relevant courts and other judicial institutions on the European continent.

LAW 7131 - Comparative Law Seminar.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This Seminar addresses the basic principles relevant to commercial arbitration as a dispute resolution device in international commerce within the context of different national legal orders, including a consideration of the history and origins of arbitration in the resolution of international trade and commercial disputes; the relation of international commercial arbitration and the national and international legal order; the arbitration agreement, with special emphasis on the arbitral clause as it relates to the scope of arbitrability; the arbitral process prior to award, inclusive of a review of the procedural rules of major international arbitral institutions; the authority of arbitrators in the arbitral process; special procedural issues in the conduct of international commercial arbitration such as pre-award attachment; provisional remedies; discovery; and judicial intervention in international commercial arbitration; and the arbitral award and its enforcement, with emphasis on national law and international agreements supporting the recognition and enforcement of international commercial arbitral agreements and awards, especially the United Nations Convention and national legislation adopted to implement it.

Notes: (Taught in summer abroad program in Austria)

LAW 7135 - Cybersecurity Law and Policy

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course will provide students with exposure to the core legal and policy issues related to cybersecurity, including the legal authorities and obligations of both the government and the private sector with respect to protecting computer systems and networks, and the national security aspects of the computer and network security, including authorities related to offensive operations in cyberspace. The course will include a survey of federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and cases related to surveillance, computer and network intrusions by private and nation-state actors, data breaches, and privacy and civil liberties matters, among other things. The course will also explore the legislative and technology landscape in this dynamic area and will provide students with opportunities to discuss cutting-edge issues at the intersection of law, technology, and policy.

LAW 7136 - Complex Litigation.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course examines procedural issues in civil litigation that arise when the simple two-party, single claim model is transformed into multi-claim, multiparty litigation. Coverage will focus on joinder devices in complex cases with particular emphasis on the class action device and its jurisdictional and due process implications, the problems of duplicative state and federal litigation, judicial control of complex cases, the discovery process, the multi-district litigation procedures and the case management movement, and issues relating to preclusion in complex cases. The complex litigation course is designed to build upon the basic course in civil procedure and to be a comprehensive exploration of advanced procedural topics.

LAW 7137 - Cyber and Privacy Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Privacy and cybersecurity are some of the fastest areas of growth in the legal industry. The rapid evolution of technologies and cyber risks present a host of challenging legal issues. This overview course will examine some of these issues and highlight the tensions that exist between individuals, corporations, and governments for control over and/or ownership of the global internet, personal information and digital content. The course will offer insight into such issues as U.S. and global privacy, hacking and security, security breach laws, big data analytics, government access to private information.

LAW 7138 - Computers and the Law Seminar.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. A study of specific substantive areas of the law as they relate to both computer hardware and software. Areas covered include, but are not limited to, copyrights, trademarks, patents, misappropriation of trade secrets, antitrust, contracts, and "anti-hacking" laws. Class enrollment is limited to 15 students, with instructor approval. Ideally, the students should have some background in either copyright law or in computer science. A substantial paper evidencing sufficient research is required. There will also be an exercise in software licensing. There will be no final examination.

LAW 7139 - eDiscovery.

1 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. eDiscovery plays an ever-increasing role in every lawsuit, arbitration, and government investigation. In addition to its importance, it is a rapidly evolving area of the law. In just over the last decade, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure have twice substantially revised to try to catch up with age of "big data." The course will explore the substantive law on eDiscovery, the basics of electronically-stored information, ethical issues related to technological competence, and recognized eDiscovery best practices. It will also include hands-on or simulated experience with information management, preservation, collection and review of electronically stored information challenges that frequently arise.

Notes: Note: Course would be most helpful for students interested in practicing as a litigator, in-house counsel, or government attorney involved with criminal or regulatory investigations and enforcement. The Course does not require any specialized computer knowledge.

LAW 7140 - Conflict of Laws.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. The study of issues in choice of law including techniques for ascertaining applicable law from among competing state laws when a legal transaction (e.g., contract, tort, U.C.C., descendant's estate divorce, child custody) has a nexus with two or more states or foreign countries. The course includes consideration of federal constitutional issues of due process, full faith and credit as they affect the application of state laws, conflicts between federal and state law, and federal court practice and procedure in conflict of laws. Applicable international law, treaties, and conventions are also treated.

LAW 7145 - Constitutional Law: Survey of the First Amendment.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 6000.

Description

This is an elective course. A study of the federal constitutional protection afforded expression and religion by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

LAW 7151 - Constitutional Law Seminar.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 6000.

Requirements: A paper is required.

Description

This is an elective course. A seminar on selected problems in constitutional law.

LAW 7153 - Design and Construction Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. A study of the legal problems common to the construction industry focusing on the structure and negotiation of construction contracts, claims procedures, arbitration and litigation.

LAW 7155 - Consumer Protection.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. An examination of consumer rights and remedies related to advertising, deceptive trade practices, debt collection, consumer credit and truth-in-lending.

LAW 7158 - Copyrights.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Analysis of federal copyright law as it pertains to works of art, motion pictures, music, literature, and computers. In addition to case law, both the Copyright Acts of 1909 and 1976 will be covered, as well as recent legislative developments.

LAW 7159E - Copyright Regulations and Practice.

2 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. The course will teach students the mechanics of copyright registration and other practical copyright issues that are not generally covered in case law. Students will learn how to interview clients thoroughly to determine the ownership and scope of protection for a copyright and will explore creative ways to use copyright registrations for enforcement purposes. Each student will be assigned a non-traditional work and set of corresponding facts to help them prepare a simulated copyright application.

LAW 7161 - Corporate Finance.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7101 or LAW 7470.

Description

This is an elective course. This course is designed to familiarize law students with the foundations and recent developments in the theory and application of corporate finance, with special attention to the important role that lawyers play in structuring corporate finance transactions. We will explore several topics, including: (i) how to value stocks, bonds, and projects, (ii) an introduction to academic finance theory (i.e., portfolio theory, the capital-asset pricing model, efficient capital markets hypothesis, behavioral finance) and its role in legal decisions, (iii) an introduction to financial accounting, (iv) the mechanics of capital structure, (v) capital budgeting and how to calculate a firm's cost of capital, (vi) the rights of debtholders, (vii) the rights of preferred and common stockholders, and (if time permits) (viii) the causes and consequences of corporate mergers and acquisitions. We will also become familiar with certain standard terms of corporate contracts such as indentures, loan agreements, asset purchase agreements, and merger agreements. This course is intended to either follow, or be taken concurrently with, the Corporations course.

LAW 7163 - Advanced Corporate Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7101.

Description

This is an elective course. This course will provide an opportunity for in-depth study of one or more areas of corporate law, for example: theories and consequences of the corporate form and limited liability; the rights of various claimants such as bondholders, preferred shareholders and holders of common stock; corporate finance (including capital structure, leverage, and valuation); the duties of loyalty and care and the business judgment rule; "other constituency" statutes; other corporate agents, including attorneys, accountants, and investment bankers; proxy regulations; and struggles for control.

LAW 7164 - Seminar on Corporate Governance.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7101.

Requirements: A written research paper will be required, which will satisfy the writing requirement.

Description

This is an elective course. This seminar will provide an opportunity for students to explore issues of corporate governance, examining how publicly held corporations are organized internally and regulated externally. Topics could include: the composition of the board, and the functions and powers of directors and officers in publicly held corporations; the composition and functions of board committees, such as the audit committee; the scope of the duty of care and the business judgment rule problems of reliance on others, etc.; the role of directors and shareholders in transactions in control and tender offers; and derivative actions. The particular focus of the seminar may vary; accordingly, academic credits awarded will range from two to three semester hours depending upon the scope and depth of the research subject selected by the instructor.

LAW 7165 - Criminal Procedure: Investigations.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

Formerly Criminal Procedure I. This is an elective course. This course covers the constitutional regulation of the police in the area of criminal investigations, focusing particularly on the Fourth and Fifth Amendments. Among other things, the course will cover the exclusionary rule, search and seizure, the meaning of probable cause, the arrest power, the privilege against self-incrimination and police interrogation. It may also cover the right to counsel during police interrogations.

LAW 7167 - Criminal Procedure: Adjudication.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

Formerly Criminal Procedure II. This is an elective course. This course covers the adjudication of criminal cases after a defendant has been arrested, including the charging decision, setting of bail, the grand jury, discovery, guilty pleas and plea bargaining, right to trial by jury and jury selection, effective assistance of counsel, sentencing, and double jeopardy. It may also cover appellate and collateral review.

LAW 7169 - Criminal Appellate Practicum.

4 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7165 and LAW 7167. 2.30 GPA or better required.

Requirements: Applicants must have a cumulative gpa of at least 2.30 at the time of enrollment.

Description

This is an elective course. This course provides students with an introduction to the theory and practice of criminal law at the appellate level. Students will work in teams to prepare legal briefs in active cases in the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, the Supreme Court of Georgia, and the United States Supreme Court. At the same time, students will study the broad fundamentals of appellate law and also develop in-depth understanding of the specific issues relevant to their case work to achieve a refined understanding of appellate practice in the state and/or federal courts. Limited enrollment. Admission only by application and permission of professor.

LAW 7170 - Criminal Justice: Fieldwork and Law Reform.

3 Credit Hours

Requirements: Open to a limited number of second and third year students. Consent of instructor required. Students must submit an application and be available for a possible interview.

Description

This is an elective course. Students will learn about the criminal justice system as it actually operates in metropolitan Atlanta and develop a law reform proposal about a specific aspect of that system. The course will use a wide variety of teaching methods including assigned readings drawn from both the legal scholarship and social science research, classroom lectures and discussions, and group fieldwork at locations such as police stations, jails and courthouses. Each student will select some aspect of the criminal justice system for independent research out of which will develop a written project proposing improvement or reform. The project must demonstrate mastery of applicable substantive criminal law and procedure and application of that knowledge to data gathered through the student's own fieldwork. Examples of fieldwork would be carefully documented court-watching, analysis of data collected from public records, and interviews of relevant participants in the criminal justice system.

LAW 7172 - Philosophy of Criminal Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course explores some of the basic philosophical problems underlying criminal law. Some of the topics we will consider include the preconditions for criminal responsibility and punishment, why we punish, and which conditions might excuse punishment even when a person causes or intends harm.

LAW 7173 - Criminal Law in the Supreme Court.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Requirements: This course requires significant reading and active weekly participation by all students.

Description

This is an elective course. Participants in this course will study criminal law and procedure cases that are currently pending before the Supreme Court. In so doing, students will review a broad array of relevant materials, including certiorari petitions, briefs, relevant legal precedents, and oral argument transcripts.

LAW 7174 - Criminal Regulation of Vice

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 5020 and LAW 7165 (concurrent enrollment in LAW 7165 permissible).

Description

This is an elective course. In the United States, federal and state governments have used criminal law to regulate drugs, alcohol, commercial sex, and gambling. This advanced criminal law/procedure seminar will focus on these and other so-called "vice crimes." The course will explore the legal, political, and theoretical aspects of criminalizing vice. Topics may include the historical and contemporary debates about morality and harm that have surrounded vice's criminalization; the implications of vice enforcement for police authority and civil rights; and vice enforcement's disparate racial consequences.

LAW 7176 - Security Interests and Liens.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course explores the rights, liabilities, and remedies of debtors and various creditors. Among the creditors studied are general creditors, judgment creditors, governmental creditors, statutory creditors, and secured creditors under Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

LAW 7178 - Different and Unusual Forms of Intellectual Property.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Requirements: No prior experience in intellectual property is required.

Description

This is an elective course. This course will introduce students to the following federal and state IP regimes: trade secrets, right of publicity, design patents, plant patents, plant variety protection, vessel hull design protection, semiconductor chip protection, and FDA-administered regulatory competitive shelters. Through introduction to these regimes, students will become acquainted with the industries driving and benefitting from these regimes and will appreciate the respective advantages and disadvantages of specialized vs. general intellectual property protections.

LAW 7180 - Disability Discrimination.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. An examination of legal approaches to discrimination on the basis of handicap. Topics may include autonomy, education, institutionalization, deinstitutionalization, housing, employment, accessibility, and health care.

LAW 7181E - Social Security Disability Law Practicum

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course provides a simulated lawyering experience in Social Security Disability Law. This area of the law focuses on individuals who file administrative claims alleging that they are unable to work due to a medical condition(s). Students will use a simulated case to learn the fundamentals in this area and apply that knowledge in multiple practical activities, such as representing an individual in a simulated administrative hearing.

LAW 7183 - Domestic Litigation.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: Law 7216.

Description

This is an elective course. Through reading and simulations, this course will comprise a start-to-finish examination of a domestic relations case, including the client interview, pleadings, discovery, negotiations and settlement, child custody matters, mediation, and trial. The course will also involve contact with personnel from the Neighborhood Justice Center or other similar agency.

LAW 7184 - Domestic Violence Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course is an introduction to the legal, social, and policy issues involving domestic violence. The course will examine federal and state laws addressing domestic violence, as well as explore the social, psychological, and cultural issues that are involved in domestic violence and that affect the legal representation of parties in domestic violence cases.

LAW 7186 - Education Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. A study of the role that law plays in shaping basic education in the United States. The course will examine the interrelationship of law and education policy, the part played by the courts in school governance, and the role of the federal government in the educational system.

LAW 7187 - Torts II.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course surveys advanced topics in tort law including defamation, invasion of privacy, intentional infliction of mental distress, medical malpractice, misuse of legal proceedings, misrepresentation, interference with prospective advantage, nuisance, products liability, toxic torts, trespass to chattels, conversion, and vicarious liability.

LAW 7190 - Seminar in Education Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Requirements: The course may be used to satisfy the writing requirement.

Description

This is an elective course. An in-depth study of selected topics in education law. Students will explore legal issues through assigned readings, class discussion, collaborative exercises, class presentations, and individual written papers. Topics may include issues related to early childhood, K-12, and higher education.

LAW 7191 - Employee Benefits.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Survey of the taxation and other legal principles applicable to the basic forms of retirement plan arrangements, including qualified and non-qualified plans, defined benefit and defined contribution plans, individual retirement arrangements, and multi- employer plans. When taught in the three-hour format, course will include a study of employee welfare benefit plans, including medical benefit plans and cafeteria plans.

LAW 7192 - Eminent Domain and Taking Seminar.

2 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course will examine Eminent Domain and Regulatory Taking issues. The seminar will focus on state and federal legislation, and governmental practices, within the framework of both constitutional authority and constitutional restraint. Substantive and procedural aspects of taking law will be explored through the study of judicial applications in a variety of specific areas, such as environmental regulations, exactions on development, and zoning restrictions.

LAW 7193 - General Employment Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Examines the expanding body of state and federal law as it affects the modern employment relationship and the conflict between traditional employer prerogatives and individual employee rights. This course will not duplicate the coverage in labor law or employment discrimination. Each of these courses is freestanding and may be taken without the others.

LAW 7195 - Employment Discrimination Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. A study of the major federal laws barring discrimination in employment, with emphasis on Title VII of the Civil Rights Act and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act. The course will examine the procedures, methods of proof and defenses in discrimination cases, and address special problems in the areas of affirmative action, testing, gender discrimination, and remedies.

LAW 7197 - The Law of Electronic Commerce.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course explores the legal issues involved in conducting electronic commerce. Topics include the following: Setting up a web site from which to conduct business, obtaining a domain name, determining liability for content, and complying with legal requirements of privacy and security. Students learn the law which regulates electronic transactions including sale of goods, licenses of software and information, and electronic payments. The course also examines issues which arise when disputes occur, such as jurisdiction, choice of law, and alternative dispute resolution of on-line disputes.

LAW 7199 - The Law of Democracy.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course explores the law regulating our political process, the principles that shape our political institutions and the relationship between democratic procedures and contemporary politics. With a primary focus on constitutional and federal law, the course examines topics such as individual rights of access to participation in the political process, the role of associations such as political parties and the regulation of party primaries, as well as topics such as redistricting, political and racial gerrymandering, voting rights, campaign finance, the use of direct democracy, and alternative voting systems.

LAW 7200 - Environmental Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. A survey of legal principles and policies relating to the development, protection, and enhancement of the physical environment. Attention will be given to the judicial review of agency decision making, pollution control, hazardous waste and resource management, energy development and allocation, and conservation.

LAW 7201 - International Environmental Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course is concerned with the international legal response to environmental problems. The course covers comparative environmental law, major multinational treaties (and their enforcement regimes) addressing global environmental problems, and the issues concerning the "conflict" between international trade and international and domestic environmental and natural resource protection.

LAW 7202 - Selected Topics in Environmental Litigation.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course will examine the problems, and current and potential legal responses to, the disproportionate distribution of environmental harms in our society. It may be taught as a seminar.

LAW 7203 - Natural Resources and Water Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course will provide an overview of present and future law and policy issues relating to the utilization of natural resources, particularly the water resource. Both federal and state materials will be utilized. We will focus our attention on law and policy issues relating to (1) mineral resources, (2) timber resources, (3) public lands (4) coastal zone management, (5) public outdoor recreation, (6) endangered species, and (7) water resources.

LAW 7204 - Urban Environmental Law Seminar.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 5050, LAW 7200 or LAW 7203.

Description

This is an elective course. This seminar will examine the range of environmental issues facing urban areas, exploring the extent to which it is appropriate to legislate and regulate solutions for urban environmental problems differently than for non-urban (rural, agricultural. e.g.) areas. To this end, the seminar not only will study topics like improving air quality and providing clean water in urban areas, but also the inter- relation of such goals with transportation and growth management, and urban and public health planning. Additional topics will include lead poisoning, indoor air pollution, brownfield reclamation, environmental justice and emergency preparedness for environmental contamination. Federal and state statutes and regulations will be evaluated throughout the seminar, as will local ordinances. To the greatest extent possible, the seminar will evaluate the Atlanta metropolitan area as a case study for the topics covered.

LAW 7205 - Estate and Gift Taxation.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Survey of estate and gift taxation with primary emphasis on federal tax law in these areas.

LAW 7206 - Comparative Environmental Law: Urban Issues.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Examines Brazilian legal and regulatory responses to issues such as urbanization and its threat to the biodiversity of the Atlantic Rainforest, water and wastewater management in a less developed country, the use of international and legal instruments to improve urban air quality, ecosystem conservation, and environmental education. Brazilian experience and efforts will be compared to U.S. and other legal responses where relevant.

LAW 7207 - Environmental Health Law & Policy: Comparative Perspectives.

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Examines a range of legal and policy responses to questions of environmental health law and policy in Rio de Janeiro. In conjunction with graduate students in public health, students are asked to consider appropriate legal, regulatory and policy responses to a range of environmental health challenges, from the effects of pesticides on consumers to efforts to control communicable and insect-borne disease. Because this course is offered abroad, students are also asked to consider the appropriate role of foreign lawyers and policymakers in formulating appropriate responses to the environmental health challenges studied.

LAW 7208 - Cross-Cultural Communication in International Dispute Resolution.

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Taught in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Surveys the impact that culture has on international dispute resolution processes. This course will explore cultural differences in social customs, business practices, religious and ethical values, and language in the context of various dispute resolution processes through classroom discussions, simulations and role plays. Students will develop and enhance their skills in critical thinking, listening and cross-cultural communications and will have the opportunity to learn about and observe the use of these skills with lawyers and other professionals in Rio.

LAW 7209 - Creative Conflict Prevention and Community Improvement.

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Taught in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Will study creative responses to community conflict in Rio and other Brazilian communities and will examine their impact on law and society. The course will offer students the opportunity to examine and discuss the dispute resolution design process with professionals and to visit Brazilian community programs to observe first-hand active conflict prevention programs.

LAW 7210 - Estate Planning Seminar.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7510.

Description

This is an elective course. In-depth coverage of selected topics related to the planning of estates, including planning for intrafamily transfers, use of the marital deduction, charitable giving, retirement plan benefits, life insurance, owners of closely held businesses, estate-freezing techniques, postmortem planning, and international estate planning. Student writing project is designed to satisfy the legal writing requirement.

LAW 7212E - The Reflective Lawyer.

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course develops the skills, traits, and values of the reflective legal professional. Through readings, journaling, and experiential exercises including mindfulness, students develop essential competencies for successful practice in a broad range of legal fields and settings. These competencies include the capacity for self-reflection, effective communication, emotional intelligence, adaptability and resilience in the face of rapid change, and personal and professional responsibility to oneself, for one's health and well-being, and to the profession.

LAW 7216 - Family Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 5011 and LAW 5050.

Description

This is an elective course. A study of the law relating to the creation, functioning, and dissolution of the family as a unit, with a focus on marriage, family obligations, divorce, annulment, child custody, and property division. Other topics may include adoption, legitimacy, and procreation.

LAW 7220 - Family Law Seminar.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7216.

Requirements: A paper is required.

Description

This is an elective course. A seminar on selected problems in family law.

LAW 7222 - Federal Tax Policy Seminar.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7095.

Pre-/Co-requisites: Basic Federal Taxation I (2-3 credits).

Requirements: The paper produced in this course will satisfy the College of Law's Upper Level Legal Writing Requirement. Enrollment limited to 16.

Description

This is an elective course. This seminar examines the legal, economic, and political considerations relevant to formulating federal tax policy. Specific topics will vary from year to year but may include the nature of the income tax, tax expenditures, using tax rules to achieve nonrevenue objectives, equity and efficiency issues, alternative tax regimes, wealth transfer taxes, taxation of international income, fundamental tax reform, tax compliance and enforcement, and current tax policy legislative initiatives. Grades will be based on participation in weekly class discussions and preparation of a substantial (25+-page) paper on an approved federal tax policy topic.

LAW 7225 - Federal Courts.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. The study of the federal constitutional and statutory provisions establishing and regulating federal courts. Topics treated include the "case and controversy" requirement, federal subject matter jurisdiction and its regulation by Congress, original and removal jurisdiction, the law applied in federal courts in civil actions, and the rules of procedure followed in federal courts.

LAW 7228 - Beverage-Alcohol Law

2 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 6000.

Description

This is an elective course. The course is an introduction to the regulation of alcoholic beverages. It will provide an overview of the history of beverage-alcohol law in the U.S. From pre-Prohibition through Prohibition and into today's beverage-alcohol industry, students will learn principles such as "tied-hours," "franchise law," and the "three-tier system." The course will investigate complex constitutional questions about jurisdiction, involving the Commerce Clause, Equal Protection, and First Amendment, among others. The course will examine current trends in the ever-changing industry landscape, including analysis of recent case law and legislation. The course will include visits to local beverage-alcohol businesses.

LAW 7229 - Georgia Appellate Practice.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course educates students regarding the procedural requirements and core competencies involved in effective appellate advocacy before the Georgia Court of Appeals and the Georgia Supreme Court, and enables students to apply these skills by gradually engaging in a simulated appeal over the course of the semester using a record prepared by the instructor from an actual appeal in the Georgia Supreme Court.

LAW 7230 - Georgia Legal Research.

1 to 2 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 5030.

Description

This is an elective course. Limited enrollment. The course will concentrate on using online and print resources to identify and utilize Georgia legal materials. The course will build on skills acquired from Legal Bibliography and employ advanced research techniques. Topics covered in the course will include cases, statutes, regulations, secondary sources, practice materials, and current awareness tools.

LAW 7232 - Fiduciary Administration.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course covers the powers, duties, and liabilities of executors, administrators, and trustees, and other select issues related to the administration of trusts and estates.

LAW 7234 - Food and Drug Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course is an introduction to the regulation of food, drugs and medical devices, and cosmetics in the United States. The course will focus primarily on the body of law and regulations that have developed under the implementation, enforcement, and interpretation of the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act of 1938 by the US Food and Drug Administration and the courts. It will also examine ethical and public policy issues presented by government efforts to ensure the safety and efficacy of drugs and medical devices and the safety and purity of foods and cosmetics. The course will explore the impact the food and drug laws have on public health both domestically and internationally.

LAW 7236 - Georgia Practice and Procedure.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Jurisdiction and practice in the Georgia courts, including coverage of the Georgia Civil Practice Act.

LAW 7237 - Seminar in Georgia Practice.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. *NO DESCRIPTION*

LAW 7238 - Hazardous Waste.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This class will explore the laws and regulations governing hazardous waste storage, transport, disposal, and cleanup. Although the main laws of hazardous waste are touched on briefly in the environmental law class, this course seeks to explore the laws and regulations in a more in-depth manner (particularly the liability and damage provisions which are somewhat unique in environmental law), look at their connections with other areas of practice, and discuss some of the real-life situations that will face an attorney in practice.

LAW 7239 - Health Law: Quality and Access.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

Formerly Health Law: Liability. This is an elective course. This course examines laws affecting the relationships among patient, health care providers and practitioners, and health care payers. Emphasis is placed on tort liability, contractual and other professional arrangements, and bioethics. Topics include medical malpractice, informed consent, hospital privileges, managed care, and various contemporary issues in bioethics, such as medical decision making at the beginning and end of life.

LAW 7240 - Health Law: Financing and Delivery.

2 to 4 Credit Hours

Description

Formerly Health Law: Regulation. This is an elective course. This course examines laws affecting the delivery and financing of health care. Emphasis is placed on federal and state regulation of the health care industry. Topics include access to health care, corporate law and antitrust regulation of health care providers and payers, and criminal and civil enforcement actions for fraud and abuse in government health care programs.

LAW 7241 - Seminar in Health Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Requirements: Students will explore a variety of topics through assigned readings, class discussion, and individual written papers, which may be used to satisfy the writing requirement.

Description

This is an elective course. An in-depth study of current legal issues confronting the health care profession and involving delivery of health care in our society.

LAW 7242 - Advanced Land Use Law Seminar.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This seminar will stress the key planning legal techniques for managing the growth of urban areas. State and regional comprehensive land use and transportation planning, impact analysis, and infrastructure finance through developer funding requirements. The consequences of urban sprawl and its avoidance through land use regulations and compensation programs will be used as the unifying theme of the seminar. The consideration of statutes, cases and programs will be used as the unifying theme of the seminar. The consideration of statutes, cases, and programs from throughout the United States will be directed toward Georgia specific problems.

LAW 7243 - HIV/AIDS and the Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course examines the social, legal, political, and ethical controversies surrounding the HIV/AIDS pandemic. The class will consider the impact of the epidemic on the individual, public health, and society through the laws and policies that have been adopted since the beginning of the epidemic. The course will cover both domestic and international policies regarding HIV/AIDS.

LAW 7244 - Public Health Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course provides an introduction to legal issues in public health practice. It addresses the legal authorities for intervention in public health practice, and surveys a variety of federal, state, and local laws and policies affecting public health. Law's role in preventing disease, injury, and disability is explored through particular topic areas such as reproductive health, environmental hazards, workable health, sexually transmitted diseases, tobacco-related illness, vaccine-preventable diseases, and injury control.

LAW 7245 - Immigration Law and Practice.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. A study of the immigration, nationality, and naturalization laws of the United States. Among the topics to be discussed are: the immigrant selection system, the issuance of nonimmigrant and immigrant visas, grounds of excludability of aliens and of waiver of excludability, grounds for deportation, change of status within the United States, administrative procedures, administrative appeals, judicial review, nationality by birth and by naturalization, revocation, and naturalization and expatriation. appeals, reviewing proposed administrative decisions, and researching in preparation and support of writing appellate briefs and memoranda to the Board of Immigration Appeals in Washington, D.C. Where permissible, third-year students may present selected cases under the supervision of a staff attorney.

LAW 7246 - Health Law: Selected Topics

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. *NO DESCRIPTION*

LAW 7247E - Health Legislation and Advocacy I.

3 Credit Hours

Requirements: Students who enroll in Law 7247 must also enroll in Law 7248 in the succeeding semester.

Description

This is an elective course. It examines the process by which proposed legislation becomes enacted into law at the state level, including drafting, legislative organization and procedure, ethics and lobbying, and the appropriations process. It will focus on health-related legislation, policy, and advocacy. Students will have the opportunity to work with a community partner (such as a non-profit health advocacy group, health related government agency, or non-profit health-related enterprise) on a written project that relates to upcoming proposed health-related legislation in the Georgia General Assembly, that proposes new legislation, or that involves other legislation-related health policy or advocacy issues.

LAW 7248E - Health Legislation and Advocacy II.

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course is a continuation of Health Legislation and Advocacy I. Under the instructor's supervision, students will work with their community partners to track proposed health related legislation or policy, provide legal research for use during the General Assembly's session, prepare testimony, briefings, or other assistance during the session, and work with the relevant legislative committees and other 'players' in the legislative process.

LAW 7249 - Genetics and the Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course explores legal and policy issues that arise in the context of the new biotechnologies that incorporate genetic analysis. Topics include the history of genetic research in the U.S., the Human Genome Project, genetic privacy, DNA as a forensic tool, and the role of genetics in new biotechnologies related to reproduction, medical treatment and research, genetic engineering, and pharmacogenetics.

LAW 7251 - Law and Social Welfare.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

Formerly Public Interest and Social Welfare Law. This is an elective course. This course is an introduction to the laws and policies that address social welfare and poverty in American society. The course will explore state and federal laws addressing social welfare, including welfare reform, benefit programs, Medicaid, Medicare, food stamps, consumer fraud, problems of the uninsured, and access to appropriate education, affordable housing, and safe environments. The course will also include an examination of the nature of poverty, socio-economic inequalities in U.S. society, and the challenges faced by those who provide legal representation to economically disadvantaged and other vulnerable populations.

LAW 7252 - Human Rights and Children.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course explores the status of the child under international law, the rights of the child under international and regional human rights conventions, and mechanisms available for enforcing such rights. The course begins with an overview of these issues. The course will then focus on selected issues, including trafficking of children, commercial sexual exploitation of children, child labor, children in armed conflict, juvenile justice, and rights to health care and education. In examining each of these specific issues, we will explore the relevant human rights law, efforts to enforce such law, and shortcomings in the existing legal regimes. Case studies will be drawn from a number of countries. In addition, special attention will be given to the U.S. approach to child rights generally and to the specific topic issues explored in the course.

LAW 7253 - Human Subjects Research.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course examines legal and ethical considerations in research with human subjects. We will explore in detail the ethical and regulatory framework that governs human subjects research in the U.S., including the historical basis that led to the adoption of the regulations, how that history shaped the current regulations, and how new technologies, such as genetic technologies and stem cell research, challenge the regulatory framework.

LAW 7254 - Seminar on Public Health Law in Historical Context: Vaccination, Quarantine, and the War on STDs.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: Law 7243, 7244, or Law 7253, or with the written permission of the instructor.

Requirements: The paper will fulfill the upper level writing requirement.

Description

This is an elective course. This seminar will focus on themes that have appeared in the history of public health law and research, as analyzed in several key publications. It will give students a general introduction to how the unique powers associated with public health law, such as the potential use of coercion in the application of medical interventions on both an individual and population basis, have developed. It will also engage students in an exploration of the role of the government, the scientific establishment, and individual scientists/investigators who were involved in two now discredited research programs carried out by the US Public Health Service. The seminar will culminate in student research projects that will generate a paper and a class presentation.

LAW 7255 - International and Comparative Health Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course explores the developing field of international health law. The course will examine the legal, ethical, and political issues that arise in the context of addressing current challenges to global health, and look at the role played by governments, the private sector, and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in meeting the health needs of the world's population. The course will focus on contemporary legal responses to issues such as global disparities in health; public health emergencies; pharmaceuticals and the balancing of trade and public health considerations; health and human rights; and infectious diseases.

LAW 7256 - Independent Research.

1 to 3 Credit Hours

Requirements: Independent research may satisfy the writing requirement, but only if taken for two credit hours. No more than two credit hours will be counted toward graduation requirements.

Description

This is an elective course. Students may in their senior year undertake a project which involves investigation, research, and scholarship and culminates in a research paper of publishable quality, as determined by their supervising faculty member.

LAW 7257 - Health Fraud & Abuse.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course will focus on real world experience of prosecuting and defending healthcare fraud cases. It will cover the key statutes and regulations, including the False Claims Act, Stark law, Anti-Kickback Statute and more; nuts and bolts of a healthcare fraud investigation; as well as insight into client counseling and professional responsibility concerns in the fraud and compliance space. The course will provide students with opportunities to hone litigation drafting and oral argument skills while applying the substance of the course.

LAW 7258 - Legal Preparedness for Public Health Emergencies.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course focuses on laws and policies related to preparedness for and response to public health emergencies. Students will be introduced to the different types of public health emergencies, including contagious disease outbreak, natural disasters, and bioterrorism; explore the authority and limitations of federal/state/local government to respond, as well as decision-making structure and processes; and examine the legal and ethical issues that arise during emergencies such as allocation of scarce resources; credentialing of health care workers and other volunteers across state lines; liability of emergency response; and consideration of special populations such as Native Americans, children, elderly, and persons with special needs. Students will participate in several case studies or hypothetical table-top exercises, commonly used in emergency response to test policies and plans.

LAW 7259 - Great Cases in Bioethics.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. The field of Bioethics has developed over the past thirty years as a product of several shifts in American cultural consciousness, particularly in the role of doctors as they relate to patients. An ongoing conversation about the impact of law in shaping medical practice also influenced the current complexion of Bioethics as an area of study. A number of legal cases stand as signposts for critical moments in the history of Bioethics. They mark the changing public perception of the intersection of science, medicine, personal values and law. This seminar explores approximately one dozen of those cases, in areas such as reproduction, medical confidentiality, withdrawal and withholding of treatment, and definitions of death.

Notes: Students should be prepared to participate in class discussion, complete a major class presentation as well as a seminar paper on a topic of their choice.

LAW 7260 - Special Topics in Bioethics.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 6030.

Description

This is an elective course. Examines issues in Bioethics.

LAW 7261 - Global Perspectives on Children & The Law.

2 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course explores how law and policy can advance children's rights and well-being globally. It provides students an opportunity to learn about children's rights law and policy and to examine how that law and policy operates in practice in selected countries.

Notes: It typically is offered in conjunction with a one-week study abroad program that is part of the course.

LAW 7262 - Introduction to Bioethics

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course will survey the field of Bioethics, including material concerning medical decisions at the beginning of life, the end of life, the doctor/patient relationship & informed consent, medical privacy, reproductive rights and sexuality, research ethics, allocation of health care resources and related topics, as well as schools of ethical decision-making. It will introduce students to the linkages between bioethical thought and health law, and is designed to augment the health law curriculum in the focus area of bioethics.

LAW 7266 - Insurance Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. From a perspective of the history and development of the principles governing insurance contracts and the state regulation of the business of insurance, this course will consider the issues associated with the fundamental principles of insurance law, insurable interest, formation and structure of insurance policies, insurance contract interpretation, insurance agency, duties of insurers and policyholders, an analysis of policies and related issues arising from property insurance, liability insurance, automobile insurance, life insurance and disability insurance and a study of the principles of insurance bad faith.

LAW 7268 - International Intellectual Property.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Intellectual property lawyers face a variety of issues that transcend national borders. This course introduces the principles, treaties and institutions that regulate intellectual property rights at the international level, and surveys major cross-border issues in intellectual property with a focus on copyright, patents and trademarks.

LAW 7269 - Licensing of Intellectual Property.

2 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course will focus on patent, trademark, and copyright licensing. Emphasis will be placed on preparing the student to counsel clients on intellectual property licensing matters and to be able to prepare and negotiate license agreements. Various types of license agreements will be used and reviewed during the course. Specific areas covered in the course include introduction to intellectual property; developing strategies for intellectual property licensing; licensing negotiations; detailed review of key license agreement provisions and their interplay; unique considerations for licenses of different types of intellectual property; and drafting of various license agreements based on model agreements.

LAW 7270 - Intellectual Property Survey.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course will introduce students to the concepts of intellectual property through the three basic federal intellectual property regimes established under trademark, copyright and patent laws. With respect to each of these frameworks, the course will cover how to obtain, protect and enforce one's intellectual property rights, and the limits of and exceptions to such rights. No prior knowledge or background is necessary.

LAW 7271 - Advanced Intellectual Property Law Seminar.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7270 or LAW 7158 or LAW 7417 or LAW 7478.

Description

This is an elective course. Over the past 20 years the Supreme Court has decided many cases in Copyright, Trademark, and Patent Law. As Intellectual Property issues have become more important to society and to the economy, the pace and number of Supreme Court cases has increased. In this seminar, students will examine selected Supreme Court cases, and other relevant developments and then write a substantial research paper. The course may include presentations of the works-in-progress.

LAW 7272 - Licensing of Intellectual Property.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7158, LAW 7270, LAW 7417, LAW 7416, or LAW 7478.

Description

This is an elective course. This course will involve analysis of cases involving litigation over licenses, including the licensing of electronic rights. It will include comparative examination of licenses and licensing agreements and practical experience in drafting and negotiating license agreements.

Notes: Students who successfully complete this course may also apply to their required hours to graduate from the College of Law up to 3 credit hours for successfully completing (i.e., achieving a grade of B- or greater) the graduate level Entrepreneurship and Enterprise course (MGS 8500) at the Robinson College of Business. Law 7272 and MGS 8500 need not be taken in the same academic year or in any particular order.

LAW 7273 - International Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course surveys the basic principles of law governing, primarily, the legal interrelationships of sovereign states within the context of the global legal order. Considered are the origins and sources of public international law; participation in the international legal order; the legal implications of the doctrine of sovereignty over land, sea, and air; jurisdictional aspects of international law; international obligations; the resolution of international disputes; and the law of international cooperation.

LAW 7274 - International Criminal Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Jurisdiction in international criminal law, specific applications (e. g., Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, Money Laundering, Terrorism), procedural issues (e.g., mutual assistance, extradition), and international courts. At the discretion of the instructor, International Criminal Law may be offered as a seminar with a research paper required.

LAW 7275 - International Business Transactions.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. A systematic approach to legal problems arising in transactions that involve entities operating in two or more nations. As well as examining international trade accords and relevant commercial law, this course surveys United States law, practice and procedure relating to the import and export of goods and transnational flow of services.

LAW 7276 - Seminar in International Commercial Arbitration.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This seminar is intended to serve as an introduction to the basic legal concepts, doctrines and principles that are relevant to the current status of international commercial arbitration as a dispute resolution mechanism alternative to litigation in national court systems. Course objectives include familiarizing the student with the basic features of the modern system of international commercial arbitration and examining the transnational framework of international commercial arbitration, including its regulation in selected foreign legal orders.

LAW 7277 - International Human Rights.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. An introduction to international human rights law and institutions. This course deals with the development of the international protection of human rights and focuses on the work of the United Nations, the Council of Europe, and the role of nongovernmental international human rights organizations and the human rights policy of the United States.

LAW 7278 - International Human Rights Seminar - Immigration.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Requirements: A paper is required.

Public International Law or International Human Rights is helpful but not required.

Description

This is an elective course. A seminar on selected problems in international human rights law.

LAW 7280 - International Moot Court.

1 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course is open to those students chosen to represent GSU College of Law in the annual Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition.

LAW 7281 - International Human Rights: Practical Applications Seminar

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: At least two classes relating to international law and/or human rights, one of which must be LAW 7273 or 7277.

Description

This is an elective course. The objective of this course is to give students an opportunity to integrate their knowledge about international human rights law with the fundamentals of civil and criminal procedure, constitutional law, evidence, and professional responsibility in a real-world context. Each year the course will focus on a contemporary human rights issue and, to the extent possible, the students will assess the situation and develop a work product as if they were representing the "client" at issue. Limited enrollment. Admission only by application and permission of professor.

Notes: Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.30 at the time of enrollment.

LAW 7282 - International Human Rights: Practical Applications Seminar.

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: At least 2 classes relating to international law and/or human rights, one of which must be LAW 7273 or LAW 7277.

Requirements: Limited enrollment. Admission only by application and permission of professor. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.30 at the time of enrollment.

Description

This is an elective course. The objective of this course is to give students an opportunity to integrate their knowledge about international human rights law with the fundamentals of civil and criminal procedure, constitutional law, evidence, and professional responsibility in a real-world context. Each year the course will focus on a contemporary human rights issue and, to the extent possible, the students will assess the situation and develop a work product as if they were representing the "client" at issue.

LAW 7283 - International Human Rights Seminar: Self-Determination of Indigenous Peoples.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Please contact Professor Saito for details at nsaito@gsu.edu.

LAW 7284 - Int'l Comm Arbitrat Advocacy

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. A doctrinal and skills course training students as advocates in international commercial arbitration. The course will begin with an introductory description of the world's principal arbitral institutions and a discussion of the main treaties, statutory materials and "soft law" (including ethical codes) which regulate international commercial arbitration and dispute resolution. Next, the course will look quickly the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods ("CISG") and similar compilations. These introductory sessions will be followed by intensive research and writing exercises and oral presentations by students pertaining to hypothetical arbitrations arising under the CISG.

LAW 7285 - International Trade Seminar.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This seminar is intended for students who have developed an understanding of the international legal process through prior course work or who, by virtue of unique personal experience, are capable of dealing with advanced issues of international law in the field of economic and business regulation. The focus of the seminar will vary, but possible topics might include the United Nations Code of Conduct on Transnational Corporations, the Organization for Economic Enterprises, the United Nations Commission on Trade and Development Code of Conduct on Restrictive Business Practices and its Code on Transfer of Technology, and the International Labor Organization Tripartite Declaration on Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy.

LAW 7288 - International and Foreign Legal Research.

2 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course will provide an overview of international and foreign legal research. Students will receive a solid grounding in the practical skills and knowledge required for research in these areas. Foreign legal systems, international treaties, intergovernmental organizations and other related topics will be addressed. Theoretical principles -- such as developing cost- and time-efficient research strategies -- will also be covered. Electronic resources will be the primary focus of the class, though students will learn about, use and evaluate print resources as well. Students will be evaluated based on legal research assignments, in-class presentations and a take-home exam which tests their understanding of research tools and ability to perform foreign and international legal research tasks.

LAW 7289 - International Law and U.S. Foreign Relations.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course examines the intersection between international law, U.S. law, and U.S. foreign policy. It centers on case studies, including Guantanamo Bay and the torture memos, the U.S. posture towards the International Criminal Court, and the invasion of Iraq, alongside the international news of the day. By working through such controversies, students will be exposed to competing international and domestic interpretations of sovereignty, the use of force, the role of the Security Council, the authority of the International Court of Justice, and even the nature of international law itself. Discussions of foreign policy will be grounded in core provisions of international law and U.S. law. International Law and U.S. Foreign Relations.

LAW 7291E - Interviewing and Counseling.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course is designed to help students understand and develop skills in interviewing and counseling methods and techniques. Students will learn through reading, discussion, extensive role-playing, and self-reflection. Students will also learn to develop strategies for addressing moral and ethical issues which can arise when interviewing and counseling clients in different legal contexts.

Notes: Enrollment may be limited.

LAW 7293 - Seminar On Judicial Power.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: Constitutional Law I and II, Criminal Procedure: Investigations, or permission of the instructor.

Requirements: The course may be used to satisfy the writing requirement.

Description

This is an elective course. Enrollment may be limited. This course addresses the use of doctrine to constrain judicial power, especially in the Supreme Court. In particular, the doctrine of originalism will be explored through leading works of legal scholarship and famous cases. Students will learn how to use textual analysis and historical research and will write papers applying what they have learned to the interpretation of statutes or constitutional provisions.

LAW 7295 - Jurisprudence.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course explores selected topics related to the role of law in American society. Particular attention will be given to such issues as the law's authority to compel obedience; the relationship of law and morality; and the meaning of the concept of justice.

LAW 7296 - Seminar in the Philosophy of Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course is designed to teach selected topics in jurisprudence.

LAW 7300 - Juvenile Justice.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. A study of the juvenile justice system from investigation and detention to adjudication and disposition. The theoretical and practical distinctions between delinquency and criminality are considered. Topics covered include status offenses, diversion, and dispositional alternatives.

LAW 7306 - Juvenile Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. A course which considers the parent-child relationship, the power of the state to intervene in the lives of parents and children and problems relating to dependency, neglect, delinquency and status offenses.

LAW 7310 - Glob Per On Children & The Law.

2 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course explores how law and policy can advance children's rights and well-being globally. It provides students an opportunity to learn about children's rights law and policy and to examine how that law and policy operates in practice in selected countries.

Notes: It typically is offered in conjunction with a one-week study abroad program that is part of the course.

LAW 7315 - Labor Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. A study of the law regulating the rights and activities of employers, employees, and labor unions, in the workplace. The National Labor Relations Act is examined in detail with respect to the administrative role of the National Labor Relations Board; union organizing and representation elections; collective bargaining; and the regulation of strikes, picketing, boycotts, and other concerted labor practices.

LAW 7319 - Wildlife Law.

2 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. An examination of the Federal and state legal framework dealing with wildlife. It reviews wildlife law from a variety of perspectives, including those recognizing sustainable use as a valid conservation tool and regulated hunting as a component of conservation and sound wildlife management. Selected topics include the North American Wildlife Conservation Model, the Public Trust Doctrine, the right to hunt and fish, the Federal preemption of state law, the state role in Federal lands, the Federal protection of species, and the Federal protection of wildlife habitat.

LAW 7320 - Land Use Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 5050.

Description

This is an elective course. The principal methods of public control of land use, including judicial control through doctrines such as nuisance, and legislative control through the power of eminent domain, taxation, and the police powers. Special emphasis is given to the theory and practice of zoning.

LAW 7325 - Land Use Drafting Seminar.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7320 and LAW 7375.

Description

This is an elective course. After introductory classes on the role and methodology of legislative drafters for local government, students draft model ordinances for selected problems and present analyses of those ordinances. Each student prepares two drafting exercises: a comprehensive regulation in the role of government attorney and suggested amendments to another student's regulation in the role of attorney for an interest group.

LAW 7327 - Crimmigration

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Students will learn how to analyze criminal statutes to determine potential immigration consequences of convictions, including inadmissibility, deportability, eligibility for relief from removal and waivers. Students will learn how to apply the categorical and modified categorical approaches, as well as how to identify crimes involving moral turpitude and aggravated felonies.

Notes: This course is not currently conceived of as an experiential course.

LAW 7328 - Law and Business of Immigration.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Recommended but not required as prerequisites: LAW 7245, LAW 7521, LAW 7193, LAW 7195, or LAW 7191.

Description

This is an elective course. This course examines the intersection of immigration, labor, and employment issues from law and business perspectives. Using both legal analysis and business school-type case studies, the course introduces major areas of labor and employment law and explores the rights of immigrant workers under each area of law. The course also covers business immigration, including visas available to skilled and unskilled foreign workers and employers' obligations to verify workers' immigration status. Finally, the course examines international labor supply and demand issues from the perspectives of workers and employers. The course is interdisciplinary and highly participatory and will expose students both to doctrinal legal questions and to the realities of employing, and representing, immigrant workers.

LAW 7330 - Law and the Elderly.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. A study of legal problems that are common to elderly clients, including Social Security, SSI, Medicare, nursing home law, pensions, and age discrimination. This course may also consider issues relating to guardianships, conservatorships, housing problems, voluntary euthanasia, and abuse of the elderly.

LAW 7331 - Law and Health Equity.

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course is an introduction to understanding socioeconomic causes of chronic and mental health illnesses in low-income and minority communities, and will emphasize the need for legal solutions to such diseases. In this course, the students will analyze the applicability of current laws, policies and regulations in creating safe and healthy neighborhoods for vulnerable populations. Students will work with Neighborhood Planning Units ("NPU's") as community partners in order to assess the impact of and provide recommendations for the mitigation of health disparities in underserved communities in the Atlanta area.

LAW 7333 - Law Practice Technology.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Legal technology is advancing at a rapid pace and it is critical that lawyers understand the technology they are using in the practice of law. This course will cover different aspects of legal technology from tracking billable hours and document manipulation to artificial intelligence and algorithmic bias. The course will provide the background necessary to be knowledgeable and ethical users of legal technology. Students will complete a variety of take-home or in-class assignments, a presentation, and will develop a final portfolio of chosen legal technology solutions that may be useful to them in their practice.

LAW 7335 - Law and Literature.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Requirements: Students will be required to write three short papers during the semester and one substantial final work which, if satisfactory, may be used to fulfill the upper-level writing requirement.

Description

This is an elective course. Literature can provide a humanistic perspective for understanding law, affording insights into the nature of law and social justice. This course will examine the interplay of law and literature primarily through texts about crime and punishment. Each class will explore one or more interrelated themes, including the tension between law and equity, authority and legitimacy, retribution and redemption, civic duty, revenge and betrayal. Readings will include works by Sophocles, Shakespeare, Melville, Conrad, Camus, Fugard, Traver, Glaspell and others.

LAW 7336E - Fundamentals of Law Practice.

4 Credit Hours

Requirements: Enrollment is limited and consent of the instructor is required.

Description

This is an elective course. Students will learn practice skills and ethical decision making through simulating the work of a small, general practice law firm. The course grade will be based on written work, performance in simulation exercises, class participation, and performance in simulation exercises and actual client representation.

LAW 7339 - Managing Corporate Integrity.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prior study of Corporations and Professional Responsibility recommended, but not required.

Description

This is an elective course. This course introduces management and law students to the fundamental issues and current best practices in managing legal/ethical compliance and corporate social responsibility. Topics and cases will cover both domestic and international business issues. Special attention is given to preparing law and management students to understand and manage the demands on U.S. and international corporations making complex business decisions on the face of increasing expectations for transparency and accountability. Structured around real-world cases that simulate the challenges of today's domestic and global markets, the course equips students to manage and integrate the differing perspectives of lawyers and managers. The course uses focused readings in law and management, interactive case-studies, simulations, and class discussions that include presentations by corporate executives.

LAW 7341 - Law and Mental Health.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

Formerly Law and Psychiatry. This is an elective course. An examination of the interrelationship of law and psychiatry and the role of psychiatric experts in the legal process. The course will address civil aspects of mental health law such as commitment of the mentally ill, competency, testamentary capacity, and the law of psychic damages; and, criminal aspects of forensic psychiatry including criminal responsibility, competency to stand trial, juristic psychology, dangerousness determinations, and coerced behavioral change.

LAW 7344 - Law and Statistics.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. *NO DESCRIPTION*

LAW 7349 - Law and Religion.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course will present an exploration of the historical formation and current judicial interpretations of the establishment and free exercise clauses of the First Amendment, as well as the theories of church and state, and religion and law, that support and contest these interpretations. The course will also compare and contrast the prevailing models of these protections in Europe and the United States, as well as explore intersections of law and religion, including the effect of religion on law and of law on religion, the degree to which law should accommodate religious beliefs and practices, the concept of legal pluralism, and the secularization of the American legal system.

LAW 7350 - Law Review.

1 Credit Hours

Requirements: One hour per semester for a maximum of five hours.

Description

This is an elective course. For upper-level students who serve on the editorial board or as candidates for the Georgia State University Law Review. By invitation only.

LAW 7353 - Information Privacy Law

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course examines laws that protect personal information, with particular focus on how the laws protecting privacy evolve with the emergence of new information technologies. The course traces the origins of the right to information privacy in American law through constitutional law, tort law, and modern statutory law. Case studies of landmark privacy legislation illustrate how expectations of privacy are translated into legal frameworks. The course looks at recent controversies involving domestic surveillance, drones, social media monitoring, and "always on" devices. The course also considers the impact of the European privacy directive, the growth of the Internet, and the availability of cryptography and other Privacy Enhancing Technologies on the future of privacy law in the United States.

LAW 7354 - Technology Law and Ethics

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course will introduce key legal principles, regulatory structures, and ethical problems presented by today's technological innovations. Major topics can include the impact of potential liability on product design, proper and improper uses of intellectual property, cybercrime, privacy regulation, cybersecurity, permissible constraints imposed by nondisclosure agreements and employment relationships, and the entrepreneurship-related aspects of technology law.

LAW 7355 - Law and Emerging Technologies.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Requirements: Students will be required to complete a paper on an approved topic.

Description

This is an elective course. Limited enrollment. This seminar will examine various technological developments in areas such as medicine, agriculture, energy, and information technology and explore the legal frameworks pertaining to these technologies while highlighting the legal challenges.

LAW 7356 - Legal Technological Competency and Operations

2 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course teaches basic technological and software skills needed by legal practitioners to practice the law proficiently-- effective, efficient, and ethical. As prescribed by the instructor, topics may include legal document formatting and work product creation, spreadsheets, sharing legal documents with adobe acrobat, metadata creation and elimination, law office technology procedures, law practice management tools, timekeeping, billing, document management, and lawyer efficiency tools like Lexis Shepard's Brief Check.

LAW 7357 - The Law of Social Enterprise.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: Successful completion of at least one of the following courses is a prerequisite, although it may be taken concurrently with this course: Corporations, Unincorporated Business Associations, Business Taxation, Corporate Taxation, Partnership & LLC Taxation or Nonprofit Organizations.

Description

This is an elective course. This course will cover the existing and developing law of "social enterprise." Although there is no universally accepted legal definition of "social enterprise," the term generally refers to using market-based approaches (such as selling products or services) to solve complex social problems, instead of using more traditional, and primary charitable, methods to solve such problems. The principal focus of the course will be upon federal and state laws that are uniquely applicable when an organization engages in social enterprise. For example, the course will consider laws limiting the conduct of commercial activities by nonprofit organizations as well as laws requiring for-profit organizations to maximize shareholder wealth, even when doing so is arguably detrimental to employees, the environment, the community, or other stakeholders.

LAW 7358 - Expert Testimony Using Technology.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Students will learn substantive law regarding evidentiary issues surrounding the admissibility of expert testimony and then apply that knowledge in simulated advocacy skill workshops. Students will learn through reading, discussion, extensive role- playing, and self-reflection. Students will conduct simulated expert interviews, expert preparation, preparing and using technology-based demonstrative evidence, depositions, direct examination, and cross examination.

LAW 7358E - Expert Testimony Using Technology.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Students will learn substantive law regarding evidentiary issues surrounding the admissibility of expert testimony and then apply that knowledge in simulated advocacy skill workshops. Students will learn through reading, discussion, extensive role- playing, and self-reflection. Students will conduct simulated expert interviews, expert preparation, preparing and using technology-based demonstrative evidence, depositions, direct examination, and cross examination.

LAW 7362 - The Legal History of the U.S. Eugenics Movement

3 Credit Hours

Requirements: The paper will fulfill the upper-level writing requirement.

Description

This is an elective course. This seminar explores the legal history of eugenics in the U.S. as reflected in more than a hundred statutes that were passed and remaining in effect during the 20th Century. We examine the background and content of laws for premarital testing for STDs, eugenic sterilization laws, statutes prohibiting interracial marriage or the marriage of people with disabilities, and federal immigration restriction law. Students will study the key concepts of the hereditarian ideology of eugenics that formed the basis of these laws. The seminar will culminate in student papers and class presentations.

LAW 7363 - History of the Common Law in England and America.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course examines the origins, development and characteristics of core Anglo-American legal concepts and institutions. Using primary source materials (cases, statutes, codes, ordinances) and occasional narrative overviews for context, the course explores how and why fundamental Anglo-American legal concepts (e.g., trespass) and legal institutions (e.g., jury) have changed over time due to complex social, economic, and religious factors. The course will help students situate Anglo- American legal doctrines and institutions within their historical context and illuminate how modern American legal practice and jurisprudence has been shaped by the past. The course is interdisciplinary and highly participatory, and will expose students to the realities of internal and external legal change.

LAW 7364 - Seminar in Georgia Legal History.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This seminar introduces the student to basic principles of historical methodology and historiography and to selected legal aspects of primary names in Georgia history drawn from sources in the colonial and revolutionary period; the western and expansion of the State and the growth of sectionalism, the War of 1861-1865 and Reconstruction; the embrace of New South ideologies; and the emergence of modern Georgia in the twentieth century. Resources in the seminar encompass a special emphasis on the use of primary and secondary materials traditionally associated with historical inquiry as well as with resources customarily employed in legal research.

LAW 7365 - Legal History.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. A study of the origins, development and characteristics of American legal institutions and the basic themes in American law which have shaped practice and jurisprudence.

LAW 7366 - Legal Innovation.

2 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Innovation has been part of human thought since the dawn of time, as we seek better ways to solve problems and achieve outcomes. Recent developments are shaping the way legal services are developed, delivered, and consumed. This course will explore new methods of service deliver, knowledge management, and process enhancement. In addition to cost savings and better use of information, innovation can promote inclusion among diverse stakeholders and the under-served. As students build awareness and proficiency with new processes and technologies, they will be able to identify and develop new opportunities in the study and practice of law.

LAW 7375 - Legislation.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. An examination of the legislative process and statutory interpretation, including examination of how legislation is enacted; constitutional limitations upon legislative enactments; amendment, revision, and repeal; the interrelationship between courts and legislatures; and the interpretive process and the principles and techniques which guide courts in that process.

LAW 7376 - Legislation Clinic.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. *NO DESCRIPTION*

LAW 7380 - Legislative Drafting Seminar.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7375.

Description

This is an elective course. The principal focus of this course is on the development of skills in (1) the drafting of statutes and/or ordinances, (2) advocacy in the legislative process, and (3) advocacy in the interpretation of statutes and ordinances. Weekly problems in interpretation and/or drafting will be assigned and discussed in a seminar setting.

LAW 7385 - State and Local Government Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

Formerly Local Government Law. This is an elective course. This course examines the relationship between local, state, and federal governments. It includes a study of the sources and limits of local government authority in the context of constitutional and statutory law. Among the topics considered are delegation of state authority, government spending and financing, conflicts and preemption, the use of special purpose government entities, and annexation and incorporation.

LAW 7386 - Advanced Local Government Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

LAW 7385 or LAW 7320 recommended but not required.

Description

This is an elective course. This course will provide an opportunity for in-depth study of one or more Local Government Law issues that may include, but are not limited to: public finance, taxation, bond issuance, and revenues; state and local government structures, including municipal incorporation, annexation, regionalism, consolidation, dissolution, and federation; exercise of local government powers, including land use powers; home rule and preemption; intergovernmental conflicts and cooperation; transfer of functions and delegation of governmental power; and privatization of public services and outsourcing. This course may be taught in seminar format.

LAW 7390 - Mass Communications Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Topics to be covered may include broadcast and cable rules and regulations, free press and fair trial, libel, privacy and the press, journalist's privilege, the law of news gathering, and access and reply to the press.

LAW 7395 - Mergers and Acquisitions.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. The law relating to transactions by means of which two or more corporations combine with but one corporate entity surviving, or in which one business entity obtains another by purchase, exchange, or the like.

LAW 7397 - International Perspective on Urban Law and Policy.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. International Perspectives on Urban Law and Policy is a course taught by visiting foreign or international law professors specializing in land use, planning, and environmental law, on the comparative legal aspects of metropolitan growth management and control as it affects the human, built and physical environments. This course is 2 credit hours with the option of an additional credit hour for writing a paper. The paper may be either independent research on a topic of your choice, or a paper written in conjunction with participation in a week-long Study Abroad offering (over Spring Break) focused on urban law and policy issues.

LAW 7405 - Moot Court Board I.

1 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. After having successfully completed Legal Bibliography and RWA, prospective Board members with overall GPA's of 2.7 or higher are invited to participate in the group. Successful completion shall be deemed to be a grade of Satisfactory in Legal Bibliography and either an overall average of 2.7 or higher in RWA or a 3.0 or higher in the second semester of RWA. (For full details, consult bylaws of Moot Court.) Members will either be a part of Competition Teams or serve as Case Counsels who develop Appellate Advocacy problems. Academic credit is awarded to members.

LAW 7406 - Moot Court Board II.

1 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7405.

Description

This is an elective course. *NO DESCRIPTION*

LAW 7407 - Moot Court III.

1 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. *NO DESCRIPTION*

LAW 7408 - Moot Court IV.

1 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. *NO DESCRIPTION*

LAW 7410 - Multistate Taxation.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7095.

Description

This is an elective course. An examination of state and local taxation, including requirements of uniformity and equality, ad valorem property taxes, sales and use taxes, due process restrictions, exemption and immunity from taxation, and tax procedures.

LAW 7411 - Nonprofit Organizations

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7095 (may be taken concurrently).

Description

This is an elective course. This course covers the major legal and tax issues affecting nonprofit organizations, especially IRC § 501(c)(3) exempt organizations. Topics to be discussed include permitted purposes, formation, operation, organization, governance, state regulation, tax exemption, and restrictions on lobbying and political activity. In addition, the course will examine special rules concerning churches, private foundations, unrelated business income taxation, charitable fundraising, and charitable contributions. Approximately one-third to one-half of the course will focus upon state-law issues (using the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code as a statutory model), while the remaining portion of the course will focus upon the unique rules relating to the federal income taxation of nonprofits.

LAW 7412 - Military Law.

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 5000, LAW 5020, LAW 7010 and LAW 7216 are recommended, but not required.

Description

This is an elective course. This course introduces the student to legal issues for servicemembers and their families. The course introduces the student to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and criminal prosecution within the military. The course also introduces the student to administrative processes and hearings within the military. Additionally, this course covers the legal issues faced by servicemembers outside of the military: the impact of criminal convictions in state courts, military family law issues, the servicemembers' Civil Relief Act (SCRA), and Veterans' Administration benefits and appeals.

LAW 7412E - Military Law/Veteran's Clinic

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 5000, LAW 5020, LAW 7010 and LAW 7216 are recommended, but not required.

Description

This is an elective course. This course introduces the student to legal issues for servicemembers and their families. The course introduces the student to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and criminal prosecution within the military. The course also introduces the student to administrative processes and hearings within the military: the impact of criminal convictions in state courts, military family law issues, the servicemembers' Civil Relief Act (SCRA), and Veterans' Administration benefits and appeals.

LAW 7413 - National Security Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 6000.

Requirements: Papers may satisfy the writing requirement.

Description

This is an elective course. This seminar explores the constitutional architecture for the American national security enterprise and the role played by the three branches of government. Topics of study include the use of armed force to maintain the security of the nation and its consistency with statutory and constitutional constraints. Recent topics include anti-terrorism, anticipatory self-defense and preemptive war; targeted killing and the use of drones; intelligence gathering authority for the CIA, FBI and NSA and its constraint by the Fourth Amendment; the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance court system; data mining; detention of terrorists and military combatants; preventive detention; detention of material witnesses; extraordinary rendition, material support crimes; and trial by military commissions. Students are evaluated on the basis of an assigned paper or project.

LAW 7414E - Negotiation.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course provides the fundamentals of negotiation. It offers both a theoretical understanding of the negotiation process and practical skills of an effective negotiator. The course combines readings, simulated role plays and exercises, and written assignments.

LAW 7415 - Partnership Taxation.

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7095.

Description

This is an elective course. This course will cover the federal income taxation of partnerships (including limited liability companies) from formation through liquidations. The tax implications to the partners (or members) and the entity will be examined. The course will cover transfers of property to a newly formed or preexisting partnership or limited liability company; nonliquidating distributions; "inside" and "outside" basis adjustments; sales of partnership or membership interests; partnership and limited liability company liquidations; and partner and member withdrawals.

Notes: NOTE: The maximum number of credit hours a student may earn for taking any combination of LAW 7110, LAW 7415 and LAW 7127 is 6.

LAW 7416 - Patent Drafting and Prosecution.

1 to 3 Credit Hours

Recommended Prerequisites: LAW 7270 and/or LAW 7417. A technical background is helpful, but not required, to take this course.

Description

This is an elective course. This course focuses on preparation of patent applications and prosecution before the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Topics include types of patent applications, inventor interviews, analysis of prior art, preparation of the patent specification, claim drafting, inventorship/ownership determination, amendment practice, and argument practice, with coverage of U.S. law and regulations governing patent prosecution practice.

LAW 7417 - Patent Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. An introduction to patentability, patent infringement, and patent and trademark licensing.

LAW 7419E - Civil Pre-Trial Litigation.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: Law 6030 and prior approval of the instructor.

Description

This is an elective course. This capstone class involves aspects of tort law, procedural law, contract interpretation, statutory interpretation, and litigation skills such as mediation, depositions, negotiation, drafting and client counseling. It also exposes students to some of the business decisions that occur over the course of civil litigation. The class will be conducted primarily through simulation exercises. Limited enrollment.

LAW 7420 - Products Liability.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course will examine the legal responsibility of product suppliers for harms caused by product defects and misrepresentations. Appropriate parties, causes of actions, and varieties of defects will be among the topics discussed.

LAW 7421 - Georgia Products Liability Seminar.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course will examine Georgia laws relating to the legal responsibility of product suppliers for harms caused by product defects and misrepresentations. Appropriate parties, causes of actions, and varieties of defects will be among the topics discussed.

LAW 7423 - Probate Procedure and Practice.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7510.

Description

This is an elective course. This course will cover substantive Georgia law pertaining to the Georgia probate court system, including the following areas: subject matter jurisdiction; personal jurisdiction; venue principles; and process and service of process. In addition, the course will contain a skills component that is designed to familiarize students with the most common types of proceedings they will handle in probate courts, including the administration of intestate estates, probate of wills, will contests, year's support proceedings, guardianships of minors, and guardianships of incapacitated adults.

LAW 7425 - Public International Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course surveys the basic principles of law governing, primarily, the legal interrelationships of sovereign states within the context of the global legal order. Considered are the origins and sources of public international law; participation in the international legal order; the legal implications of the doctrine of sovereignty over land, sea, and air; jurisdictional aspects of international law; international obligations; the resolution of international disputes; and the law of international cooperation.

LAW 7433 - Race, Ethnicity, and the Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

LAW 6000 recommended but not required.

Description

This is an elective course. Race has played a central role in American law from the Constitutional Convention through the civil rights movement to debates on affirmative action. This course will look at the evolution of "race" as a legal construct and its relation to ethnicity in our legal system. Examining cases, statutes, and analysis from diverse viewpoints, the course will consider the concept of a "colorblind" legal system in light of these historical developments.

LAW 7434 - Racial Justice Seminar.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This seminar will use a contemporary or historic case study of racialized injustice as a lens through which students will examine the legal and social context in which such harms occur and the availability of remedies offered by statutory, constitutional, and international human rights law. It will include experiential learning opportunities. For example, depending upon the topic addressed, students will interview people affected by the issue, explore options for redress, and prepare materials that will or could be utilized to implement remedial measures.

Notes: Writing credit will be an option.

LAW 7435 - Real Estate Transactions.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 5050.

Description

This is an elective course. This is the basic course in conveyancing. The simple transfer of residential real estate is studied: listing agreements, contracts for sale, financing, closing, recording, and warranty obligations.

LAW 7437 - Advanced Real Estate Transactions.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7435.

Description

This is an elective course. This second-level elective in real estate integrates material from taxation, property law, and other related subjects in the context of major development projects. Typical large commercial developments such as shopping centers or office complexes are studied from acquisition, through construction to final financing arrangements.

LAW 7441 - Regulated Industries.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Governmental regulation of the selected industries not subject to the legal controls applicable to the economy at large: conventional public utilities such as gas, electric, telephone, and pipeline; domestic ground and air transportation; and mass communications. Aspects of these industries to be covered will include control of entry, determination of rates, and regulation of services and practices.

LAW 7445 - Remedies.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course is concerned with the equitable and legal remedies which are available to protect property interests, personal interests, and business interests. In addition to its emphasis on protectable real and personal property interests, the course will also include: (1) examination of public policy considerations relative to urban housing problems, the control of nuisance, and the resolution of ownership controversies and attempts by contracting parties to alter damage rules; (2) remedies in employer-employee disputes; and (3) a miscellany of tortious interest protection including defamation, product disparagement, injury to feelings, and physical injury and death. Damage remedies, restitutionary remedies, and specific performance and injunctive relief will be the focus of the course.

LAW 7451 - Sales.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 5011.

Description

This is an elective course. The study of commercial sales transactions with emphasis on Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

LAW 7453 - Forensic Evidence.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 6010.

Description

This is an elective course. This course will examine selected topics in the forensic sciences devoted to the investigation and trial of both civil and criminal cases. Primary attention will be given to the investigation and trial of criminal cases. The course topics will consist of both legal and scientific aspects of the investigative and trial processes. Legal analyses will focus primarily on issues of criminal and civil discovery and the debate over the legal requirements for an area of forensic science to be utilized at trial.

LAW 7454 - Forensic Medicine.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This is an interdisciplinary course exploring the interaction between the practices of law and medicine. The course highlights the challenges and advantages of using forensic medicine in legal proceedings and how it affects the fields of health and law. It addresses subjects such as toxic causation, disease epidemiology, vaccination litigation, paternalistic medicine, medical malpractice, fraud and abuse, government/regime sponsored experiments, mental health problems, and issues associated with the beginning and end of life. In class, students will be able to identify controversy and common ground and work on problem-solving techniques in cases that both reply upon and sometimes criticize forensic medicine. The course will improve understanding about how law and medicine interact to create public policy and impact public perception. Students will write a final paper for the course that examines a specific area of forensic medicine and how the legal system has, continues to, and, in the future, will shape that practice.

LAW 7460 - Securities Regulation

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course introduces students to the law capital markets and conducts in an in-depth study of the federal securities laws, with emphasis on the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which regulate the distribution of and trading in securities. The subjects to be examined include the structure and operation of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the definition of a "security", securities law reporting and disclosure obligations, the "registration" of securities for sale to the public, the numerous exemptions from the registration requirements, the structure of U.S. capital markets, the debate and market "efficiency," and the causes of actions available to plaintiffs under the securities laws. The course is essential for any student intending to advise clients on how to raise capital and the disclosure requirements in both public and private transactions. It is highly recommended for students interested in general business transactions and litigation, or in-house counsel positions. This course is intended to either follow, or be taken concurrently with the Corporations course.

LAW 7468 - Sentencing.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This class will broadly examine the purposes, principles and practices of criminal sentencing in the United States. While federal sentencing law has received the most attention in recent years, particularly since the creation of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, it is impossible to understand the current dynamics or the likely future trends of federal sentencing without also taking state practices into account. As such, this course will examine sentencing law and incarceration practices in both the federal and state systems. This course will also assess a variety of alternative sanctions, including the death penalty, probation, and various other judicial and administrative sanctions, as well as some of the collateral consequences that accompany criminal conviction.

LAW 7471 - Sexual Identity and the Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Requirements: At the discretion of the instructor, Sexual Identity and the Law may be offered as a seminar with a research paper required.

Description

This is an elective course. This course focuses on issues pertaining to sexual identity and the law. The course will examine topics such as employment issues, military service, domestic relations, and criminal laws as they relate to sexual identity.

LAW 7472 - Society and the Supreme Court Seminar.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This seminar takes an institutional look at the Supreme Court, exploring in detail the different facets of the Court's procedures and operations. The course examines the nomination process; the process by which the court shapes and controls its docket; the process of deciding cases on the merits; and other institutional issues, including the role of the solicitor general, the role of the amici curiae briefs, and the relationship of the Court to the press and the public, etc.

LAW 7473 - Sports Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Selected legal problems of athletes, teams, leagues, and associations will be examined, along with antitrust and other regulatory concerns faced by sports as a commercial industry.

LAW 7474E - LAW 7474E

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course will present students with some of the most intricate obligations of lawyers who work within the field of sports law. Students will be engaged in real-world simulations and tasks that will mirror a sports lawyer's role regarding contract negotiation, arbitration, and other legal responsibilities when representing amateur and professional sports team and/or athletes.

LAW 7474 - Sports Law Simulation.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. *NO DESCRIPTION*

LAW 7478 - Trademarks and Unfair Competition.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Analysis of common law and federal trademark law, including the acquisition, maintenance, and enforcement of rights, as well as the remedies available for infringement. Unfair competition law doctrines such as "passing off" and "false designation of origin" will also be covered. The course will also include recent developments in false advertising and an overview of the right of publicity, including the use of "sound-a-likes" and "look-a-likes."

LAW 7479E - Trademark Prosecution.

2 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Learn all the ins and outs of the trademark process. In this hands-on course, you'll see the lifecycle of a trademark from start to registration to how to maintain them. Topics will include the mechanics of the trademark application process and other practical issues that are not covered in the legal theory class. Students will learn how to talk to clients about the trademark application process and their scope of protection. Students will also be able to practice with real trademark forms and filings to prepare them for a job as a trademark attorney.

LAW 7482 - Theories of Justice Seminar.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course addresses a fundamental question at the heart of our society and judicial system -- "What is justice?" Students will critically examine the framework John Rawls proposed in A Theory of Justice (1971) and later writings. Alternative libertarian, utilitarian, communitarian, and egalitarian, theories will be considered as well.

LAW 7485 - Transnational Litigation Seminar.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This seminar concentrates on advanced research and writing in the area of cross-border civil litigation, including the study of special jurisdictional problems; the service of process and other judicial documents; the taking of evidence abroad; the enforcement of judgements in foreign states; and special alternative dispute resolution devices available in the arena of international commercial and investment disputes.

LAW 7487 - Trial Advocacy I.

1 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Students enrolled in these courses will represent the College of Law on teams competing in mock trial competitions, including the Georgia Bar Association Competition, the National Trial Competition, the Atlanta Trial Lawyers Association Competition, the National Association for Criminal Defense Lawyers Competition, and other competitions. Enrollment will be limited. S/U grade.

LAW 7488 - Trial Advocacy II.

1 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. See Law 7487.

LAW 7489 - Trial Advocacy III.

1 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. *NO DESCRIPTION*

LAW 7490 - Trial Advocacy IV.

1 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. *NO DESCRIPTION*

LAW 7494 - Urban Fellows Program.

2 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. For upper-level students who are selected to serve as Urban Fellows of the Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth.

LAW 7495 - Refugee and Asylum Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course explores the international and domestic legal regimes for the protection of refugees and asylees. Topics include the history of the U.N. Convention on the Status of Refugees, the implementation of that convention through the U.S. Refugee Act of 1980 and subsequent related legislation, political and judicial efforts to define the extent of the protections afforded under international and domestic law, current proposals to amend the laws, and the practice of asylum law in the United States. The central goal of this course is to prepare you to represent an asylum seeker in the United States, while giving you a strong foundation in the laws that protect refugees and asylum-seekers. To this end, the course aims to: (1) give you a substantive basis in the law and the tools you need to answer questions of law that arise in your future practice; (2) orient you in the relevant procedures and highlight the skills you will need in order to meaningfully engage with clients seeking asylum; and (3) introduce you to issues in law and policy that your generation of lawyers must struggle with, and hopefully resolve. This class emphasizes learning by doing, so you should not only be prepared to participate actively in class discussion but poised to engage in group exercises and the representation of a simulated client created for this class, which will occupy much of the second half of the course.

LAW 7496 - United States Taxation of International Transactions.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7095 and LAW 7110 or consent of instructor.

Description

This is an elective course. Examines the income tax provisions of the United States Internal Revenue Code which affect international transactions and activities, including import, export, and performance of services.

LAW 7500 - Water Rights.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 5050.

Description

This is an elective course. Limited enrollment. This seminar will focus on the issues of law and policy arising in allocation of water resources. After introductory sessions dealing with basic legal principles involved in acquiring, maintaining, transferring, and adjudicating property rights in water, students will present in-class analyses of current topics in water resource allocation. Each student presentation will form the basis of a research paper to be completed within five weeks of the final class. Students are urged to begin consultation with the instructor to identify topic areas during the semester before the course offering.

LAW 7506 - White Collar Crime.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. A study of the prosecution and defense of persons for nonviolent crime for financial gain typically committed by means of deception and in the course and under color of legitimate economic activity.

LAW 7507 - Rights of People in Prison.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course will explore the substantive, historical, ethical, and strategic issues involved in litigating civil rights cases on behalf of people in jail and prison. We will study principles of First, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendment jurisprudence in the prisoners' rights context. Students will learn basic principles and apply them to litigation using problem sets. This is an experiential learning course with opportunities for drafting legal documents, mock arguments, team case strategy sessions, and self-evaluation.

LAW 7507E - Rights of People in Prison.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course will explore the substantive, historical, ethical, and strategic issues involved in litigating civil rights cases on behalf of people in jail and prison. We will study principles of First, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendment jurisprudence in the prisoners' rights context. Students will learn basic principles and apply them to litigation using problem sets. This is an experiential learning course with opportunities for drafting legal documents, mock arguments, team case strategy sessions, and self-evaluation.

LAW 7510 - Wills, Trusts and Estates I.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Basic survey of the legal framework surrounding the transfer of property through intestate succession, wills, and trusts. Includes coverage of powers of appointment and an introductory overview of wealth transfer taxation.

LAW 7511 - Fiduciary Administration.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Issues relating to the transfer of property through wills and trusts (including coverage of future interests and the rule against perpetuities) and coverage of fiduciary administration and the probate process.

LAW 7515 - Women and the Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. A survey of legal issues relating to women, including criminal law, gender discrimination, family law, special statutory programs, and constitutional law.

LAW 7521 - Workers Compensation.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 5060.

Description

This is an elective course. An examination of common features of state workers' compensation statutes including concepts of accident, course of employment, injuries arising out of employment, and causation as well as related problems.

LAW 7525 - Leadership In Law

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course is designed to provide an understanding of the principles of leadership, the ability to define and evaluate existing leaders and to help current students identify the skills currently possessed, and those that need to be developed to seek or accept future positions of leadership.

LAW 7599 - The Future of Legal Education: Comparative Perspectives.

1 to 2 Credit Hours

Requirements: Limited enrollment. Consent of the instructor required.

Description

This is an elective course. This is a one-time course linked to the College of Law's 25th Anniversary International Conference on the Future of 25th Anniversary International Conference on the Future of Legal Education to be held in Spring 2008.

LAW 7600E - Tax Law Clinic: Tax Court I.

6 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7095. Law 7095 (Basic Federal Taxation) is necessary either before or simultaneously with Tax Clinic- Tax Court I.

Requirements: This course may be taken by a limited number of students, and students seeking to enroll must have an overall GPA of 2.30.

Description

This is an elective course. This clinic will permit students to assist individual clients to prepare their cases for presentation before the Small Claims Division of U.S. Tax Court and before the administrative appeals offices of the Internal Revenue Service. Under appropriate supervision, students will provide advice in a wide range of matters arising under the Internal Revenue Code. They will interview clients, research legal issues, analyze facts, prepare protests and petitions.

LAW 7601E - Tax Law Clinic: Tax Court II.

4 to 6 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7095 and LAW 7600.

Requirements: This course may be taken by a limited number of students, and students seeking to enroll must have a minimum GPA of 2.30.

Description

This is an elective course. This is a continuation of Tax Law Clinic Tax Court I. Students will handle the more advanced aspects of the cases developed in Tax Court I. Their activities will include actual presentation of taxpayer positions before the I.R.S. and arguing cases before the U.S. Tax Court.

LAW 7602E - Investor Advocacy Clinic I

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: 2.30 GPA, successful completion of all first-year courses, prior completion of Law 7801 Business Arbitration Practicum or concurrent enrollment in Law 7801 Business Arbitration Practicum.

Requirements: Enrollment is limited and students must obtain the permission of the instructor prior to registering for this course.

Description

This is an elective course. Students in the Investor Advocacy Clinic will focus on the representation of small investors with claims against their brokers in FINRA mediation and arbitration. Under appropriate supervision, students will gain experience and knowledge in investigating potential claims, interviewing and counseling clients, preparing case documents, negotiating settlements and participating in the FINRA mediation and/or securities arbitration process. Students will also engage in community education and outreach to benefit potential investors. Participating students will have the opportunity, through live client representation and community outreach, to develop valuable lawyering skills and gain exposure to substantive business law issues as well as alternative dispute resolution methods.

LAW 7603E - Investor Advocacy Clinic II

4 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: 2.30 GPA and LAW 7602.

Requirements: Enrollment is limited and students must obtain the permission of the instructor prior to registering for this course.

Description

This is an elective course. This is a continuation of Investor Advocacy Clinic I. Students will handle the more advanced aspects of the issues covered in Investor Advocacy Clinic I.

LAW 7605E - Partnership & LLC Taxation Lab.

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. An attorney's principal role for clients entering into a partnership or limited liability company agreement is to draft the parties' business deal into the agreement in compliance with tax rules. Accordingly, this skills-based course will teach students how to translate substantive tax rules learned in Partnership & LLC Taxation into a written partnership or limited liability company agreement that complies with the tax rules and accurately reflects the parties' business terms. Understanding and drafting provisions governing so-called "waterfalls," capital accounts, allocations, and distributions in partnership and limited liability company agreements will be the primary subject of this course. Other common provisions of partnership and limited liability company agreements will be studied as well.

LAW 7607E - Immigration Clinic I.

6 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: Successful completion of first year courses (LAW 5000,5001,5010,5011,5020,5030,5050,5060,5070,5071) and minimum GPA of 2.3.

Description

This is an elective course. Students will provide direct legal services to low-income noncitizens in a variety of immigration matters before administrative agencies and federal courts. Students will have the opportunity to develop interviewing, counseling, legal research and writing skills through real-world advocacy.

LAW 7608E - Immigration Clinic II.

4 to 6 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: Successful completion of first year courses (LAW 5000,5001,5010,5011,5020,5030,5050,5060,5070,5071) and minimum GPA of 2.3.

Description

This is an elective course. Students will provide direct legal services to low-income noncitizens in a variety of immigration matters before administrative agencies and federal courts. Students will have the opportunity to develop interviewing, counseling, legal research and writing skills through real-world advocacy.

LAW 7610 - Comparative Law of Employment Discrimination.

2 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Please see <http://law.gsu.edu/metrogrowth/4866.html> for information and details.

LAW 7611 - Comparative Legal and Policy Responses to Climate Change.

1 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Please see <http://law.gsu.edu/metrogrowth/4866.html> for information and details.

LAW 7612 - Selected Problems in Comparative Constitutional Law.

2 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Please see <http://law.gsu.edu/metrogrowth/4866.html> for information and details.

LAW 7613 - Environmental Diplomacy and International Business Transactions.

1 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Please see <http://law.gsu.edu/metrogrowth/4866.html> for information and details.

LAW 7614 - Urban Economic and Environmental Sustainability: Law, Policy & Culture.

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Please see <http://law.gsu.edu/metrogrowth/4866.html> for information and details.

LAW 7615 - Multi-National Enterprises: Environmental Policy, Planning and Practice.

1 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Please see <http://law.gsu.edu/metrogrowth/4866.html> for information and details.

LAW 7616 - Safety, Health, and Environmental Considerations in International Trade.

2 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Please see <http://law.gsu.edu/metrogrowth/4866.html> for information and details.

LAW 7617 - Law and Society in Brazil.

1 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Please see <http://law.gsu.edu/metrogrowth/4866.html> for information and details.

LAW 7618 - Law and Economic Regulation: Comparative Perspectives.

1 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Please see <http://law.gsu.edu/metrogrowth/4866.html> for information and details.

LAW 7619 - Dispute Resolution for International Transactions.

1 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Please see <http://law.gsu.edu/metrogrowth/4866.html> for information and details.

LAW 7620 - Selected Labor and Employment Law Issues.

1 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. A Comparative Examination of Selected Labor and Employment Law Issues. Please see <http://law.gsu.edu/metrogrowth/4866.html> for information and details.

LAW 7621 - International Transactions: Drafting Considerations.

1 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Please see <http://law.gsu.edu/metrogrowth/4866.html> for information and details.

LAW 7622 - LAW 7622

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Law and development addresses the impact of law, legal frameworks, and institutions (LFIs) on development. LFIs have significant impacts on development, particularly economic development. The course explores the theories and practices pertaining to law and economic development. In particular, the course explains how LFIs affect economic development in several key areas relevant to economic development, such as property rights, political governance, regulatory framework for business transactions, state industrial promotion, taxation, competition law, banking and financing, labor, corruption, and international trade. The course examines law and economic development issues in both developing and developed countries, such as the United States.

LAW 7629 - LAW 7629

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 5010 or 5060.

Description

This is an elective course. This course covers the technical, legal and policy issues associated with blockchains, smart contracts and related technologies and key applications including cryptocurrencies. It considers emerging technology interacting with a variety of legal concepts. It starts with computing and blockchain technology fundamentals; then reviews cryptocurrencies and related regulations before examining implementation issues; then considers the context of security, commodity and tax regulations, before reviewing blockchain miners. Next, we consider smart contracts, and their applications in supply chain and real estate, then legal entities and crypto assets. The course concludes with discussions of public policy issues and medical and IoT applications.

LAW 7630 - Doing Business and Environmental Protection

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Comparative Perspectives on the Regulatory State in the U.S. and Argentina.

LAW 7631 - Contract Drafting and Risk Analysis.

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Business transactions require well-crafted contracts that properly reflect and clarify the parties' intentions and anticipate various outcomes to the transaction, including counter-party risk assessment and risk transfer. Lawyers and businesspeople together must think these things through. This course will focus on anticipating and providing for contingencies, securing value in and licensing intellectual property, examining choices and options for the deal, obtaining collateral to secure the performance; consider appropriate contract forms; and address risk, liability indemnity and insurance to protect and accomplish the business purpose Students will draft and assess contracts (both actual and fictional) for goods, services, secured transactions, real estate, construction, and international contracts to illustrate the application and range of contract and risk practice.

LAW 7631E - Contract Drafting and Risk Analysis.

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Business transactions require well-crafted contracts that properly reflect and clarify the parties' intentions and anticipate various outcomes to the transaction, including counter-party risk assessment and risk transfer. Lawyers and businesspeople together must think these things through. This course will focus on anticipating and providing for contingencies, securing value in and licensing intellectual property, examining choices and options for the deal, obtaining collateral to secure the performance; consider appropriate contract forms; and address risk, liability indemnity and insurance to protect and accomplish the business purpose Students will draft and assess contracts (both actual and fictional) for goods, services, secured transactions, real estate, construction, and international contracts to illustrate the application and range of contract and risk practice.

LAW 7632 - The Role of In-House Counsel.

2 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 6020.

Description

This is an elective course. An introduction to the in-house practice of law and the different practical and ethical issues faced by in-house attorneys. The course will focus on the role of the in-house legal function in a corporation; the structure and management of corporate legal departments; the relationships between the legal department, corporate management and the board of directors; attorney- client privilege, internal investigations, and advising and counseling internal business clients; retaining and managing outside counsel; corporate compliance and enterprise risk management; and professional responsibility and ethics issues for in- house attorneys.

LAW 7650 - Coastal Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course examines the competing interests in coastal zones, the problems of public and private ownership rights, and the conflicts of legal jurisdiction. Shifts in federal policy, as well as varying policy considerations, are explored in depth. Specific state and federal statutes are reviewed, along with international and regional treaties. When taught abroad, the course will also include a significant comparative law aspect.

LAW 7651 - Social Equality and the Law.

1 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course will examine the legal response to (in)equality in the United States and Brazil with a comparative consideration of the treatment of racial, ethnic, and economic status in both nations. Topics for comparison will include constitutional and statutory status protections, affirmative action efforts and also the cultural limits of legal enforcement.

LAW 7652 - Public Health Law & Policy: Global & Comparative Perspectives.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course will examine legal concerns relating to global public health regulation, including intellectual property, national security and inter-governmental cooperation challenges. As a comparative and international law course, it will first consider efforts to strengthen the global legal structure for regulation of public health. It will then examine regional law and regulation of public health in the Americas, and in particular cross-border health issues. Finally, it will compare U.S. and other national challenges in public health regulation.

LAW 7653 - Comparative Concepts of Criminal Justice.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course will examine how Brazil and the United States conceive of criminal justice.

LAW 7654 - Ecosystem Management Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Recommended prior courses: Law 7200 (Environmental Law) and/or Law 7320 (Land Use Law)

Description

This is an elective course. Beginning in the 1970's, the nation federalized environmental protection with a series of major pieces of legislation. Each of these laws focused on the clean up of a single environmental medium, mandating cleaner air, water, soils, etc. Increasingly, however, diverse interests from real estate financing companies to local government officials have called for an integrated approach that combines land use planning techniques and environmental law and regulation. Ecosystem Management Law will explore these laws, regulations, and techniques for environmental management. The course is thus recommended for those students who wish to position themselves for careers in real estate, land use, and environmental law.

LAW 7655 - Comparative Ecosystem Management Law.

1 to 3 Credit Hours

Requirements: The course will require students to research and write a short research paper related to the comparative legal themes explored in the course.

Description

This is an elective course. This course, which can only be taken immediately before or after a student enrolls in Law 7654 (Ecosystem Management Law) will be a one-week, intensive comparative law course held between the Fall and Spring semesters.

LAW 7656 - Law, Environmental Sustainability and Development.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. The first part of this course is an intensive, week-long field course in the city of Nova Friburgo, located in Rio de Janeiro state approximately two hours from Rio de Janeiro's international airport. During this week, students will both hear from and visit with different stakeholders competing for the resources of the extensive Tres Picos State Park, which abuts the city, and go on field trips related to their lectures and conversations. The speakers will be lawyers, government officials, engineers, biologists, farmers and environmental activists, among others. In this way, students will have a better grasp of the magnitude of the challenges facing park administrators and local governments as they work responsibly to manage natural resources taking into account the environmental, social, economic and political consequences of their decisions and activities. The second half of the course, which will take place in Rio de Janeiro, will be skills-based and will introduce students to negotiation and mediation techniques in the context of resolving questions like those disputes among stakeholders studied in the first week.

LAW 7657 - Comparative Family Law.

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course will explore and critically examine the intersection of law, family and society. Using various principles of jurisprudence, sociological theory, and empirical research, as well as guest speakers and site visits, to compare and contrast Brazilian and U.S. models of family formation and family dissolution. In addition, this course will examine how race, gender and class mediate relational power in whose family life is defined, regulated, and protected under the law versus whose family is created outside the shadow of the law. Topics include marriage, divorce, parent's and children's rights, "third party" rights, domestic violence, adoption, and reproductive technology.

LAW 7658 - International & Comparative Health Law.

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Please see <http://law.gsu.edu/metrogrowth/4866.html> for information and details.

LAW 7659 - Comparative Corporate Law: Governance/Transactions/Practice.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Compares and contrasts the systems for regulating internal governance and corporate finance in various countries, with a primary emphasis on the United States and Brazil.

LAW 7660 - Comparative Environmental Law: Urban Issues.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. *NO DESCRIPTION*

LAW 7661 - Comparative Mergers and Acquisitions Law.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course compares and contrasts the systems for regulating negotiated and hostile business combinations-mergers, stock purchases (including tender offers), asset transfers, and other available transactions in various countries. Emphasis will be placed on underlying policies and the ramifications of those policies on corporate constituencies in and outside the core corporate governance structure (i.e., "other constituencies" as well as directors, officers, and shareholders). Course work will include both legal drafting and expository writing.

LAW 7662 - Conflict Prevention and Community Improvement.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Please see <http://law.gsu.edu/metrogrowth/4866.html> for information and details.

LAW 7663 - Comparative Legal Institutions

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. *NO DESCRIPTION*

LAW 7664 - International and Comparative Equality Law Seminar.

2 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Please see <http://law.gsu.edu/metrogrowth/4866.html> for information and details.

LAW 7665 - Comparative Legal Institutions and Institutional Legitimacy.

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Please see <http://law.gsu.edu/metrogrowth/4866.html> for information and details.

LAW 7666 - Comparative Criminal Procedure

2 Credit Hours

There is no prerequisite for this course but Criminal Procedure (Adjudication or Investigations) recommended.

Description

This is an elective course. This course will compare American criminal procedures, from investigations and first appearance through sentencing and appeal, to the criminal procedures of countries in the common law tradition (such as England, Australia, or India), the civil law tradition (such as France or Germany), and other traditions (such as socialist, Islamic, or indigenous traditions).

LAW 7670 - Business and Environment Protection

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. *NO DESCRIPTION*

LAW 7671 - Comparative Business Law

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. *NO DESCRIPTION*

LAW 7672 - Sneaker Law

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. *NO DESCRIPTION*

LAW 7672E - Sneaker Law

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course will provide students with an overview of the \$90bn sneaker industry, focusing on its main legal and business components. This course prepares students to think and act as business professionals and lawyers in anticipating and addressing the principal business and legal issues faced by sneaker companies, designers, manufacturers, and other parties involved in the sneaker industry. The practice-oriented perspective introduces students to the range of issues faced by the business professional, lawyer, and in-house counsel.

LAW 7674 - Legal Analytics I

3 Credit Hours

Requirements: No prior statistics or programming experience is required-this course is intended to be an accessible introduction to empirical legal research methods and thinking.

Description

This is an elective course. This course will introduce students to empirical research design, quantitative methods, and design-based thinking. The course will emphasize problem solving, modeling, data analysis and interpretation, and statistics and probability. This course is a required course in the Legal Analytics Certificate and is broadly applicable to a range of practice areas both for data fluency as well as problem solving skills. Students will work with data throughout the semester using R and/or Python.

LAW 7675E - Legal Analytics II

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7674

Description

This is an elective course. This highly experiential, interdisciplinary course introduces students to the emerging field of legal analytics, which employs computational and statistical modeling, analysis, and visualization of legal data to accomplish both descriptive and predictive goals. For analytics students, the course provides an introduction to the U.S. legal system and legal reasoning, the types of legal materials that analytics projects might analyze, and the problems and questions present in the law. For law students, the course offers an introduction to basic computer coding, as well as to the theory and applications of text mining, natural language processing, machine learning and other methods for managing and analyzing unstructured data such as that found in legal documents. Working in teams, students will learn and deploy analytics skills to extract information from large numbers of legal documents, identify patterns, and attempt to predict future outcomes.

LAW 7676E - Applied Legal Analytics Lab.

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7674

Description

This is an elective course. This "lab" course introduces students to legal analytics in an applied setting. "Legal analytics" refers to the software-enabled analysis and visualization of various kinds of legal data to accomplish both descriptive and predictive goals. Broadly speaking the data methodologies automate data collection practices, provide informative data to contextualize current legal questions (i.e., how often do judges rule for defendants in FLSA claims) and make predictions about future outcomes (i.e., FLSA claims with x are more likely to survive a motion for summary judgment). In partnership with GSU's new Legal Analytics Lab, law students will work in teams with MSA (masters in data science) students supervised by Law, Business, Data Science and other relevant faculty. Interdisciplinary student teams will explore the application of data science techniques to a client's legal questions and problems on a 12-14 week project called a "sprint". Students' introduction to applied legal analytics will be supported by introductory reading, reaction papers, and a research project on a legal analytics topic of the student's choice. No prerequisites or previous experience required, but preference will be given for students co-enrolled in or who have previously taken Legal Analytics. Interested students should apply to participate in the lab consistent with the experiential fair deadlines and/or by contacting the faculty listed in the course schedule.

LAW 7678 - Data Privacy & Information Security in Tech Trade.

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course explores the privacy and data security legal issues involved with the sale of Software, Cloud infrastructure, Software-as-a-Service, Artificial Intelligence, and other digital technologies. Legal topics include: understanding product development including privacy and security by design, understanding technology contracts, understanding product security and privacy documentation, data security warranties and disclosures, compliance with privacy laws, learning how to incorporate information security standards and privacy statements into technology contracts, and determining data breach liability, and service level agreements.

LAW 7700 - Business Succession Planning Capstone. (6 credit hours)

4 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: Law 7510, and either LAW 7127 or LAW 7110. Law 7110 may be taken concurrently.

Description

This is an elective course. This course will integrate and apply the knowledge gathered from Wills, Trusts, and Estates; Basic Taxation; and Professional Responsibility to a real-life business succession fact pattern. The course will bridge the gap between academic studies and the practice of law. Students will engage in significant experiential learning exercises in which writing and oral skills are developed.

LAW 7800E - Health Care Transactions and Regulatory Practicum.

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: LAW 7240.

Description

This is an elective course. This advanced health law course brings students together with practicing health law attorneys to learn and apply substantive laws and practical skills to handle a range of model health care transactions. Students will work in teams of associates under the supervision of the professor and one or more adjunct professors to engage in health care contract drafting, review, negotiations, regulatory analysis, legal memoranda, and professional advisement. The model health care transactions will involve fictitious clients and include hospital-physician agreements and health care joint ventures and/or acquisitions. Students will be evaluated on the basis of the completion of transactional projects, written work, and oral communication. Students will also receive ungraded feedback and opportunity to refine and improve final, graded work products.

Notes: This course will count toward the Health Law Certificate lawyering skills requirement.

LAW 7801E - Business Arbitration Practicum.

3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. *NO DESCRIPTION*

LAW 7802 - Innocence Practicum

2 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. *NO DESCRIPTION*

LAW 7803E - Mental Health & Criminal Law Practice

1 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. Students will learn substantive law relating to mental health issues in the criminal justice system and then apply that knowledge in simulated advocacy skill workshops. Students will learn through reading, discussion, extensive role-playing, and self-reflection. Students will conduct simulated client interviews, expert preparation, competency bench trials, and criminal responsibility jury trial using a mock case file.

LAW 7900 - Practicum.

1 to 3 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. *NO DESCRIPTION*

LAW 7950 - Health Law Research.

2 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course will provide students with opportunities to learn about how to effectively and efficiently conduct health law research. Subjects addressed might include researching specific laws and their implementations, data fluency, legal epidemiology, the identification of non-law resources to facilitate research, and researching bioethics.

LAW 8000E - Externship Seminar.

1 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. First-time externship students must enroll in this seminar IN ADDITION to the 3 credit S/U externship course. The one-hour seminar is graded.

LAW 8001E - Externship - Spring semester.

2 to 6 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course is the Externship component for the spring semester. Please see the Externship faculty for details.

LAW 8005E - Externship - Summer semester.

2 to 6 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course is the Externship component for the summer semester. Please see the Externship faculty for details.

LAW 8006E - Summer I.P. Program in D.C.

2 to 6 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This program will require students to work at the USPTO in Alexandria, Virginia. Students will be required to complete weekly assignments and an Atlanta patent lawyer will facilitate a one-hour weekly seminar. The class will be graded on an S/U scale and students will earn 4 credit hours upon successful completion of the program. This program will count toward total Externship hours allowed. Students who have taken two semesters of externships are not eligible to receive course credit.

LAW 8008E - Externship - Fall semester.

2 to 6 Credit Hours

Description

This is an elective course. This course is the Externship component for the fall semester. Please see the Externship faculty for details.

LAW 9000 - Introduction to U.S. Law.

3 Credit Hours

Requirements: This course is required for LL.M. students with a foreign law degree.

Description

This course introduces LL.M. students whose first law degree was awarded by a law school in a foreign country to the concepts of law fundamental to, and the legal institutions operating within, the United States legal system. The course will include an overview of the U.S. legal system including the functions and procedures of civil and criminal courts. It also includes a survey of substantive legal topics that form a core of knowledge essential to the practice of law in the United States.

LAW 9000U - Introduction to U.S. Law.

3 Credit Hours

Description

This course introduces foreign law students to concepts of law fundamental to, and the legal institutions operating within, the United States legal system. The course will include an overview of the U.S. legal system, including the functions and procedures of civil and criminal courts. It also includes a survey of substantive legal topics that form a core of knowledge essential to the understanding of law of the United States. The course is designed for, and limited to, students enrolled in foreign law schools.

LAW 9001 - Legal Writing and Analysis for LL.M. Students.

3 Credit Hours

Open to LL.M. students only.

Description

This course is designed to introduce foreign-trained lawyers to the basic principles of American legal analysis, writing and research. Assignments include multiple practice-focused assignments and drafting exercises. Students receive extensive guidance for their written work.

LAW 9002 - Professional Responsibility - LL.M.

3 Credit Hours

Description

This course focuses on the development of professional identity, ethical decision making, and the role of lawyers in society, and covers confidentiality, conflicts of interest, and the interpretation of the rules of professional conduct for LL.M students. As prescribed by the instructor, the course may also include discussion of other topics such as bar admission, attorney discipline, malpractice, ineffective assistance of counsel in criminal cases, judicial ethics, fees, advertising, solicitation and the ethics of the adversary system.

LAW 9003 - Evidence - LL.M.

3 Credit Hours

Limited to LL.M students.

Description

Explores the rules for fact finding in the judicial process, with particular emphasis on the federal rules of evidence. Topics covered include judicial notice, real and demonstrative evidence, relevance, authentication, competence and examination of witnesses, impeachment, expert testimony, hearsay, privileges and burdens of proof.

LAW 9004 - Lawyering Skills for LL.M. Students.

3 Credit Hours

Description

Is designed to teach students to communicate effectively in English about legal issues, using appropriate style and analytic approach; to understand and use tools and techniques necessary to analyze and apply principles of U.S. law in legal writing; critically read, understand, and communicate about U.S. case law and other authoritative sources; and express themselves effectively in spoken as well as written legal English.

LAW 9005 - Thesis Research - LL.M.

1 to 6 Credit Hours

Description

NO DESCRIPTION

LAW 9006 - LLM Research Methods in Law.

2 Credit Hours

Description

Instruction in effective legal research skills through lecture and research exercises including the use of library materials, computerized legal research systems, LEXIS and WESTLAW.

LAW 9010 - LLM Constitutional Law II: Individual Liberties.

3 Credit Hours

Description

An examination of substantive due process, procedural due process, equal protection, state action and selected aspects of the Bill of Rights.