

LAW (LAW)

LAW 601 – INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN LAW

3 credits.

An introduction to the American common law tradition and to the American legal system. Open only to Law LLM students or Visiting International students in the Law LLM Pathway.

Requisites: Consent of instructor

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2026

Learning Outcomes: 1. Understand the overall structure of U.S. law and the U.S. legal system so that they can place other more detailed courses and later experiences with U.S. law in context.

Audience: Undergraduate

2. Gain experience analyzing original U.S. legal decisions

Audience: Undergraduate

3. Understand the basic principles underlying several areas of U.S. law and legal procedure

Audience: Undergraduate

LAW 602 – LEGAL SOURCES

3 credits.

Overview of the institutions and entities that create legal documents in the U.S.; how these documents are organized and found in a law library; introduction to common law case analysis. Open only to Law LLM students or Visiting International students in the Law LLM Pathway.

Requisites: Consent of instructor

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2026

Learning Outcomes: 1. Understand the sources of law in the U.S. legal system and how they are organized.

Audience: Undergraduate

2. Understand the structure and relationship between state and federal court systems.

Audience: Undergraduate

3. Understand how to analyze cases and statutes and how to apply them to resolve legal issues.

Audience: Undergraduate

4. Understand how to write a predictive analysis in memorandum format regarding the research and resolution of a legal issue.

Audience: Undergraduate

5. Understand how to use standard research tools to find primary and secondary legal authorities, and how to evaluate the weight of these authorities.

Audience: Undergraduate

6. Understand when and how to cite legal authorities.

Audience: Undergraduate

LAW/LEGAL ST/SOC 641 – SOCIOLOGY OF LAW

3-4 credits.

Theory and research on the social origins, processes and effects of law; examination of law-related behavior, legal institutions, law and social structure, and law and social change; linkage to contemporary theoretical and political debates.

Requisites: Junior standing

Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science

Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2025

LAW 711 – CONTRACTS

4 credits.

Creation of promissory liability; interpretation of words and conduct; exchange, reliance or formality as necessary for creation of promissory liability; remedies for breach of contract; unfairness as a reason for avoiding contractual liability.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2025

Learning Outcomes: 1. Analyze fact patterns to determine whether enforceable contracts exist

Audience: Graduate

2. Determine what terms are contained in any contracts and what legal remedies are available in the event of contract breach

Audience: Graduate

3. Read and interpret key sources of contract law

Audience: Graduate

LAW 714 – CIVIL PROCEDURE

4 credits.

Development of the modern civil action including pleading, discovery, and the pretrial conference; the trial; motions after verdict and judgment; appeals; state and federal procedures.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2025

Learning Outcomes: 1. Demonstrate understanding of rules that provide the framework for resolving federal civil disputes during the pretrial period of litigation

Audience: Graduate

2. Build real world competencies through participation in advocacy exercises that reinforce civil procedure rules

Audience: Graduate

3. Improve legal writing through writing assignments that reinforce course material

Audience: Graduate

4. Appreciate the strategic choices one faces as an attorney

Audience: Graduate

5. Prepare for any position that relates to litigation or requires advocacy skills

Audience: Graduate

LAW 715 – TORTS

4 credits.

Introduction to torts. Roughly defined as civil wrong, independent of contract. Liability for physical and emotional harms inflicted by intentional misconduct or negligence, or without fault, and development of concepts and techniques in analyzing and solving tort problems.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2026

Learning Outcomes: 1. Demonstrate knowledge of some policies underlying Tort law

Audience: Graduate

2. Demonstrate knowledge of how the common law develops

Audience: Graduate

3. Demonstrate knowledge of how common law differs from statutory or regulatory law

Audience: Graduate

4. Demonstrate proficiency in extracting legal rules and rationales from cases and applying those rules to new fact patterns

Audience: Graduate

5. Demonstrate proficiency and good judgment in analyzing and interpreting cases

Audience: Graduate

6. Improve discussion skills, including listening, turn-taking, learning through interaction, orally presenting reasons and drawing conclusions based on reason

Audience: Graduate

LAW 721 – ADVANCED CONTRACTS

3-4 credits.

Nature of the obligations assumed by entering a contract; the power of parties to control this obligation; rights of those not a party to a contract.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2026

Learning Outcomes: 1. Build upon and apply the doctrinal elements not covered in introductory contracts course

Audience: Graduate

2. Examine and apply different practice settings for contracts law, including supply chain management, a rising area of contracts practice

Audience: Graduate

3. Develop skills as a legal researcher, through application of a step-wise approach to propose, refine, and edit a legal research paper topic

Audience: Graduate

LAW 722 – LEGAL ANALYSIS, ADVOCACY, & WRITING I

3 credits.

Learn to formulate precise legal issues; analyze complex facts; find relevant law; identify, evaluate, and apply legal rules in creative and nuanced ways; and effectively communicate answers in writing.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2025

Learning Outcomes: 1. Read legal sources critically and accurately to identify relevant information

Audience: Graduate

2. Analyze and synthesize cases and statutes to formulate controlling rules

Audience: Graduate

3. Apply legal rules to a client's facts to predict legal consequences

Audience: Graduate

4. Find relevant legal authority using a variety of research strategies, considering the weight and hierarchy of authorities within the American legal system

Audience: Graduate

5. Write clearly and concisely in different professional contexts

Audience: Graduate

6. Write objective memoranda of law using appropriate format, organization, and citation

Audience: Graduate

LAW 723 – LEGAL ANALYSIS, ADVOCACY, & WRITING II

3 credits.

Learn persuasive legal writing and oral presentation skills and the ethics and strategies of effective written and oral advocacy on behalf of a client. Prepare a trial-level brief and an appellate brief and work on legal correspondence and basic transactional drafting skills. Explore advanced legal research sources and refine research skills with projects in a variety of different subject areas and procedural contexts.

Requisites: LAW 722

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2026

Learning Outcomes: 1. Learn and utilize a variety of techniques to write persuasive legal documents

Audience: Graduate

2. Choose and use legal authority appropriately to build a legal argument

Audience: Graduate

3. Write trial-level and appellate briefs using appropriate format, organization, and citations

Audience: Graduate

4. Develop the skills to research complex legal issues efficiently, using an array of sources and strategies

Audience: Graduate

5. Apply basic principles of transactional drafting

Audience: Graduate

6. Present an oral argument on behalf of a client

Audience: Graduate

LAW 724 – PROPERTY

4-5 credits.

Foundation for advanced courses. Personal property and real property (land law); concepts of ownership and transfer of chattels (personal property), such as bailments, liens, pledges and gifts; historical introduction to law of real property precedes detailed study of nature of various ownership interests in land, called estates; landlord-tenant law; some preliminary treatment of land transfer (conveyancing).

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2026

LAW 725 – INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

3 credits.

Various aspects of criminal procedure and criminal justice administration. Constitutional limitations upon criminal justice practices.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2025

LAW 726 – CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE

4 credits.

Problems in defining what conduct should be subject to criminal penalties; the limitations of criminal law as a means for prevention and control of undesirable conduct.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2025

Learning Outcomes: 1. Read and interpret criminal statutes
Audience: Graduate

2. Demonstrate knowledge of key concepts in criminal law
Audience: Graduate

3. Apply criminal law rules to criminal law problems
Audience: Graduate

4. Demonstrate understanding of the social values, beliefs, and policies that motivate criminal law rules
Audience: Graduate

5. Critically evaluate criminal law rules in light of those values, beliefs, and policies
Audience: Graduate

LAW 729 – ASSET MANAGEMENT & FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR LAWYERS

3 credits.

Become a savvy consumer of financial services and a financially street-smart trust and estate attorney. Master the fundamentals of investing; diving into stocks, bonds, mutual funds, exchange traded funds, hedge funds, private equity, commodities, and venture capital. Gain exposure to key finance, risk, and tax concepts related to investment portfolio structure. Develop a familiarity with the pros and cons of financial products and investments ranging from life insurance to annuities to real estate investment trusts. Explore the financial planning process to answer two questions: How much money do you need? When do you need it? Most importantly, hone your reasoning abilities to navigate your and your clients financially challenging life transitions.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Learning Outcomes: 1. Instill a working knowledge of financial concepts sufficient to astutely weight the benefits and detriments of different financial advisors, financial services, investment portfolios, and financial products
Audience: Graduate

2. Enhance the ability to reason through challenging life transitions by applying, when appropriate, financial concepts in emotionally charged situations
Audience: Graduate

3. Grow confidence in sound financial decision making as it relates to the administration of personal and trust assets to achieve goals
Audience: Graduate

LAW 730 – FEDERAL LAW AND INDIAN TRIBES

2-3 credits.

The study of the relationships between Federal, state, and tribal governments, the source and scope of their respective sovereignties, and time.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2025

LAW 731 – CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

4 credits.

An introduction to the constitutional law of the United States covering the basic structure of government in the United States, with emphasis on the federal government. Includes the role of the federal courts and the doctrine of judicial review; the rise of federal power, as reflected particularly in shifting definitions of "interstate commerce," the doctrine of separation of powers, with emphasis on current issues of legislative and executive branch authority; and judicial and other limitations on the exercise of authority by the states as well as selected rights protected in the Amendments to the Constitution.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2026

Learning Outcomes: 1. Recognize and apply basic principles of constitutional law.

Audience: Graduate

2. Develop an understanding of the historical context and development of constitutional doctrine in the United States.

Audience: Graduate

3. Identify and apply the different forms of constitutional interpretation applied by the Supreme Court.

Audience: Graduate

4. Articulate key arguments for and against significant constitutional questions.

Audience: Graduate

LAW 732 – REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS I

3-4 credits.

Basic legal elements of real estate transfer and finance; options, binder contracts, requirements as to writing, rights and duties between vendor and vendee, basic land contract and mortgage law and remedies, and the real estate recording system.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2025

LAW 734 – TRUSTS AND ESTATES

2-4 credits.

Examination of legal and real-world aspects of transmission of property, usually at death. Covers such topics as intestate succession (dying without a will), wills, trusts and will substitutes, limitations on the disposition of assets and the impact of the Marital Property Act, powers of attorney and end-of-life decision making, and basic issues in the taxation of gifts and transfers at death. In addition to legal fundamentals, strong focus on legal practice-i.e., on how the law plays out on the ground.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2026

Learning Outcomes: 1. Demonstrate thorough understanding of the core elements of the law of intestacy, wills, trusts, and non-probate transfers.

Audience: Graduate

2. Demonstrate thorough understanding of the core elements of law protecting the rights of the surviving spouse, and how these differ in common law and community property states.

Audience: Graduate

3. Demonstrate thorough understanding of the core considerations involved in creating and using advance directives.

Audience: Graduate

4. Demonstrate thorough understanding of the core elements of community property and Wisconsin marital property law, and the ways this area of law affects the analysis of course topics. No prior knowledge of marital property law will be assumed.

Audience: Graduate

5. Demonstrate a very basic understanding of the transfer tax and income tax issues that affect estate planning. No prior knowledge of tax law will be assumed.

Audience: Graduate

6. Demonstrate the ability to recognize the basic ethical and professional issues that emerge in the practice of estate planning, including the ability to recognize the limits of one's expertise.

Audience: Graduate

7. Demonstrate understanding of the real world context in which all course activities take place and the ways in which the activities of ordinary people affect legal planning and outcomes.

Audience: Graduate

LAW 736 – SECURED TRANSACTIONS

3 credits.

Focuses on Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code, Secured Transactions; with some additional emphasis on Article 6, Bulk Sales; and Article 7, Documents of Title.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2025

LAW 737 – MARITAL PROPERTY

1-2 credits.

Develop a strong understanding of Wisconsin Marital Property law and how its principles impact ownership of property. Compare marital property law to common law ownership and review the differences between marital property and division in divorce.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2026

Learning Outcomes: 1. Distinguish between marital/community property ownership systems and common law ownership.

Audience: Graduate

2. Recognize how property is classified under Wisconsin law and explain why classification is important.

Audience: Graduate

3. Distinguish between marital property and division in divorce.

Audience: Graduate

LAW 738 – ESTATE AND GIFT TAXATION

1-2 credits.

Introduces basic federal estate and gift tax policy, statutes, and planning concepts relevant to estate and trust planning and administration.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2026

Learning Outcomes: 1. Demonstrate thorough understanding of the core concepts of the federal transfer tax system.

Audience: Graduate

2. Demonstrate thorough understanding of the core elements of the primary federal transfer tax statutes, how those statutes operate and how they interrelate.

Audience: Graduate

3. Demonstrate a basic understanding of the transfer tax and income tax issues that affect estate and trust planning.

Audience: Graduate

4. Demonstrate understanding of the real world context in which all tax planning activities take place and the ways in which the activities of ordinary people affect legal planning and outcomes.

Audience: Graduate

LAW 740 – ADVANCED CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

3-4 credits.

Focuses on rights of citizens against state and federal governments, the nature of due process and equal protection of the law, to include discussions around the right to privacy, freedoms of expression, association, religion, the right bear arms, and protection of civil rights and freedom from invidious discrimination. What is the content of these rights? What methods should judges use to figure out the answer? What role does or should the judiciary have in enforcing those rights?

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2025

Learning Outcomes: 1. Explore different theories of constitutional interpretation such as originalism, process theory, and living constitutionalism

Audience: Graduate

2. Engage in debates about the legitimacy of judicial review in a democracy

Audience: Graduate

3. Develop argumentation and debate skills specific to executing a case in court

Audience: Graduate

LAW 741 – BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS: PUBLIC CORPORATIONS

3 credits.

Law of business corporations; problems of control, management, and procurement and maintenance of capital; an introduction to securities regulation.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2026

Learning Outcomes: 1. Identify the fundamental sources of corporate law as well as the doctrinal analysis of major cases, including close reading of major Delaware law cases

Audience: Graduate

2. Identify the economics of corporate transactions and the practical impact of corporate law on business structuring and practice

Audience: Graduate

3. Demonstrate knowledge of the types of basic legal documents used in corporate settings

Audience: Graduate

4. Develop a strong understanding of how corporate law theories impact the shaping of the legal landscape

Audience: Graduate

LAW 742 – TAXATION I

3-5 credits.

Federal income taxation; basic rules, theory and policy.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2026

LAW 743 – NEGOTIATIONS

2-4 credits.

Examines a range of processes encountered by lawyers, including negotiation of, inter alia, injury claims, criminal charges, family disputes, and commercial disputes, as well as participation of their parties (mediators, judges).

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2026

LAW 744 – ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

3 credits.

Role of the administrative process in society; emphasizes common powers and procedures; relationships among the legislative, judicial, executive and administrative agencies in the development of public policy.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2026

LAW 745 – LABOR RELATIONS LAW

3 credits.

Regulation of organization and representation of employees; collective bargaining, and employer and union practices; proceedings under the National Labor Relations Act and related federal statutes and analogous state acts.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2026

LAW 746 – LEGISLATION

3 credits.

Use of statutes and legislative materials in litigation and decision; problems of the lawyer in the interpretation of statutes, in representation of the client before legislative bodies, and in the presentation and argument of statutory authorities to a court.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2023

LAW 747 – EMPLOYMENT LAW

3 credits.

Broadly explores the role of law in policy development and regulation of the individual employment relationship with a focus on hiring and firing, leave, privacy, health and safety, unemployment insurance, and compensation. Content is largely exclusive of questions of discrimination and collective bargaining.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2025

Learning Outcomes: 1. Recognize and understand key doctrines and concepts rooted in common law, statutes, regulations, policy, and customs that govern the relationship between individual employees and their employers

Audience: Graduate

2. Develop a facility for interpreting these doctrines and concepts and applying them to realistic scenarios

Audience: Graduate

3. Identify and discuss key debates regarding the virtues and limits of these doctrines and concepts as means of regulating the employment relationship

Audience: Graduate

4. Discuss the history and contemplate the future of law and policy in this realm

Audience: Graduate

LAW 748 – ANTITRUST

3-4 credits.

Law relating to trade regulation and competitive practices; anti-trust and comparable laws dealing with monopoly, restraint of trade, and unfair methods of competition.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2025

LAW 749 – TRADEMARKS

2-3 credits.

Practical introduction to a neglected but socially and economically important field. Interaction of a developing common and federal law with the behavior and interests of businesspersons and consumers.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2022

LAW 750 – LEGISLATION AND REGULATION

3 credits.

Legislation and regulation play the dominant role in shaping law in the modern American legal system. All lawyers, irrespective of the area of law must understand statutes and regulations. An introduction providing a deeper understanding of these forms of law and the institutions that make this law, and to help them better appreciate the role that lawyers play in the American legal system as it operates in practice. To think like a lawyer, and hence to represent or advise clients, requires an ability to do so in the context of the regulatory state.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Learning Outcomes: 1. Explain the role of legislatures, administrative agencies, and courts in the U.S. legal system

Audience: Graduate

2. Explain the relationship between and among these institutions

Audience: Graduate

3. Describe the role that lawyers play in furthering their clients' interests in each of these institutions

Audience: Graduate

4. Explain the differences in the forms of legal argument that occur in these different institutions

Audience: Graduate

5. Relay how courts interpret statutes

Audience: Graduate

6. Describe how administrative agencies interpret and implement statutes

Audience: Graduate

7. Describe how courts oversee the interpretation and implementation of statutes by administrative agencies

Audience: Graduate

LAW 751 – PATENT LAW

2-4 credits.

Survey of the law of industrial property, including the law of patents and trade secrets.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2025

LAW 752 – COPYRIGHT LAW

2-4 credits.

Survey of state and federal laws affecting a variety of intellectual and creative products.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2025

LAW 753 – INTRODUCTION TO INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

3-4 credits.

Survey of the laws of patents, copyrights, trade secrets, trademarks. Discussion of relationship of these laws to the laws of property, trade regulation, and privacy. Exploration of competing or complementary policy rationales for each intellectual property area.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2025

LAW 754 – TECHNOLOGY LAW

3 credits.

Examines how the legal system and technology interact. Topics include the economic and social impacts of technology; the uncertainties technology raises for the law; the strategies through which courts, legislatures, administrative agencies, and international institutions resolve these uncertainties; and efforts by incumbent and newcomer industries to use the legal system to advance their interests. Technologies discussed may include smartphones, autonomous weapon systems, domestic drones, robotics, driverless cars, cyberwarfare, the railroad, the internet of things, social media, big data analytics, the sharing economy, generative AI, and other breaking developments.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Learning Outcomes: 1. Articulate the recurring law and policy questions raised by new technologies

Audience: Graduate

2. Identify the strengths and limitations of legal responses including law-by-analogy, making new law, and reconfiguring legal institutions

Audience: Graduate

3. Evaluate legal challenges and appropriate responses with respect to specific technologies at the center of current regulatory debates

Audience: Graduate

LAW 760 – ROLE OF THE POLICE IN A FREE SOCIETY

3 credits.

Major problems especially in large urban areas. Specific aspects of the police function, such as their role in responding to serious deviant conduct, to self-destructive behaviour, to community conflict, and to the need for protecting constitutional rights and democratic processes. Problems that arise in defining police authority, in reviewing and controlling police discretion, and in seeking to achieve accountability of the police to the citizenry.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2026

LAW 765 – EQUAL EMPLOYMENT LAW

3-4 credits.

The growth, development, and implementation of equal employment opportunity law.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2023

LAW/NURSING 768 – HEALTH JUSTICE CLINIC

1-7 credits.

Interdisciplinary health advocacy clinic providing broad individual and system advocacy for patients facing life changing health events. Advocacy topics include: medical decision-making, insurance, medical debt, disability and related policies and laws.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2026

Learning Outcomes: 1. Identify and describe personal values and beliefs related to patient advocacy.

Audience: Graduate

2. Identify how racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, ablism and other forms of oppression impact clients and the delivery of health care in the US.

Audience: Graduate

3. Communicate effectively in writing and in conversation to a range of audiences including patients.

Audience: Graduate

4. Recognize opportunities for advocacy in individual client situations.

Audience: Graduate

5. Design effective advocacy plans to address client needs.

Audience: Graduate

6. Recognize ethical dilemmas and develop informed plans for ethical practice.

Audience: Graduate

LAW 771 – SELECTED TOPICS IN ESTATE PLANNING

1-3 credits.

Intermediate and advanced topics in estate planning; topics reflect interests of available faculty and students.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2026

LAW 772 – THE USE OF TRUSTS IN ESTATE PLANNING

2-3 credits.

Survey of common uses of trusts in estate planning, with a focus on drafting of appropriate provisions to accomplish estate planning objectives.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2026

LAW 785 – INTRODUCTION TO ISLAMIC LAW & JURISPRUDENCE

2-3 credits.

Provides an understanding of the internal workings of Islamic law at its theoretical roots. Analyzes the various methodologies that are represented in Islamic legal literature, identify modern manifestations of these methodologies in contemporary Muslim discourses. Attention to the specific doctrinal areas of Islamic family law and criminal law. Contextualizes the subject of Islamic law within various governmental and constitutional structures, beginning with the classical period, continuing through colonialism and reaching into the present day.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2025

LAW 790 – LAW OF DEMOCRACY

3 credits.

Examine the laws that structure the U.S. democratic system, including voting rights, electoral districting, the regulation of political parties, and campaign finance. Addresses the key constitutional principles and federal statutory provisions that govern these areas, with special emphasis on recent legal developments. In addition to covering doctrine, consider the theoretical underpinnings of the electoral system, the role of courts in overseeing the system, and proposals for reform.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2026

Learning Outcomes: 1. Understand and apply the key legal doctrines and rules that structure our democratic system, including the law governing the right to vote, electoral districting, political parties, and the financing of campaigns

Audience: Graduate

2. Recognize the complex ways in which laws governing the democratic process interact with one another to shape our politics and policies

Audience: Graduate

3. Examine and discuss the dilemmas the judiciary faces when it is asked to intervene in democratic disputes

Audience: Graduate

4. Compare and contrast the benefits and drawbacks of our existing legal regime and of potential reforms and alternatives

Audience: Graduate

LAW 795 – STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW

3 credits.

Study the allocation of authority within and between state and local governments. Begin with analysis of state constitutions and the three branches of state government. Study how state and local governments interact, covering home rule and intrastate preemption as well as conflicts between localities. Analyze how local governments are financed. Consider the practical, normative, and theoretical implications of current doctrines and policies and explore how state and local government law plays out in the context of contemporary disputes, including over housing, education, and more.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2025

Learning Outcomes: 1. Define and explain the distinctive features of state constitutions and state government institutions

Audience: Graduate

2. Define and explain how state and federal constitutional law shape the structure and powers of state and local governments

Audience: Graduate

3. Define and explain the legal rules that define the relationships between states and local governments and among local governments

Audience: Graduate

4. Discuss, practically and normatively, the allocation of power between state and local governments

Audience: Graduate

LAW 796 – CRIMINAL DEFENSE PRACTICE

3 credits.

Preparation for the Public Defender Project summer externship with the Wisconsin State Public Defender. Covers basic lawyering skills like client interviewing and counseling, investigation and negotiation, and various aspects of criminal defense practice in Wisconsin including initial appearances, preliminary hearings, discovery, sentencing and revocation hearings.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2026

Learning Outcomes: 1. Identify and apply interview techniques that both ascertain essential facts and facilitate the development of a good attorney-client relationship.

Audience: Graduate

2. Develop an investigation plan based on the relevant law and facts in a specific case.

Audience: Graduate

3. Develop a theory of a case that can be used during both negotiation and litigation.

Audience: Graduate

4. Develop a negotiation plan to effectively engage in plea bargaining on behalf of a defendant in a criminal case.

Audience: Graduate

5. Explain and apply relevant factual details related to initial appearances, preliminary hearings, discovery, sentencing and revocation hearings as needed for successful defense practice.

Audience: Graduate

6. Recognize and relay basic criminal procedure in Wisconsin.

Audience: Graduate

LAW 797 – PROSECUTION FUNCTION

3 credits.

Focus on understanding the role of the prosecutor in the criminal justice system; developing skills related to making informed charging decisions, drafting charging instruments, effective motion practice, and representation of the state in various court proceedings such as initial appearances, guilty pleas, sentencing, and post-conviction motions.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2026

Learning Outcomes: 1. Describe the history of the American prosecutor and the varied reactive and proactive approaches to the prosecution function

Audience: Graduate

2. Develop a command of substantive law doctrine in Wisconsin

Audience: Graduate

3. Develop a command of the procedural requirements in Wisconsin criminal cases based constitutional law, statutes, and local practices

Audience: Graduate

4. Develop an in-depth understanding of how local justice systems are organized and how the various shareholders interact and share authority

Audience: Graduate

5. Develop an understanding of the complexity and importance of the charging decision

Audience: Graduate

6. Differentiate the direct and collateral consequences of different enforcement strategies on perpetrators, victims and the community

Audience: Graduate

7. Develop an understanding of professionalism – to conduct oneself with integrity, courtesy, punctuality, and quality in work and in interactions with others

Audience: Graduate

8. Identify and apply the skills necessary to function as a trial level state prosecutor

Audience: Graduate

9. Formulate strategies for effective self-directed learning in anticipation of summer externships

Audience: Graduate

LAW 798 – PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND CRIMINAL PRACTICE

2-3 credits.

Covers the Wisconsin Rules of Professional Conduct as specifically applied to criminal defense practice. Topics covered include perjured testimony, confidentiality, client counseling, witness interviewing, handling evidence, hard bargaining, statements regarding judicial qualifications and contempt of court.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2025

Learning Outcomes: 1. Apply the Rules of Professional Conduct to factual situations that typically arise when representing clients charged with crimes.

Audience: Graduate

2. Articulate the ethical rules regarding the regulation of the attorney-client relationship in a way that is accurate and understandable to a client.

Audience: Graduate

3. Make well-reasoned and ethically sound choices when confronted with situations where ethical rules are in conflict.

Audience: Graduate

4. Develop strategies for dealing with unethical behavior in judges and prosecutors.

Audience: Graduate

5. Identify the ethical obligations of defense attorneys when they have excessive caseloads.

Audience: Graduate

6. Understand the unique ethical challenges faced by lawyers who regularly represent indigent criminal defendants.

Audience: Graduate

LAW 801 – EVIDENCE

3-4 credits.

Concepts of relevancy and policy in admission of evidence; hearsay, opinions, and other exclusionary rules; examination of witnesses, judicial notice, and procedural considerations.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2026

Learning Outcomes: 1. Apply the Rules of Evidence to determine the admissibility of evidence in a litigation context.

Audience: Graduate

2. Consider and incorporate the effects of the Rules of Evidence when structuring transactions and interactions even where there is no litigation.

Audience: Graduate

3. Articulate how the Rules of Evidence are shaped by, and in turn reinforce, our adversary system of justice.

Audience: Graduate

4. Determine appropriate strategy and make decisions in the course of legal representation in light of the Rules of Evidence.

Audience: Graduate

LAW 802 – ADVANCED CIVIL PROCEDURE

3-4 credits.

Study a set of procedural concepts that are fundamental to legal practice in the U.S., including jurisdiction over parties, subject matter jurisdiction, and federal-state conflict of laws. In addition to learning key doctrines, engage in a theoretical inquiry into explanations of and justifications for those doctrines.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2025

Learning Outcomes: 1. Identify which courts have jurisdiction over a given case and explain why

Audience: Graduate

2. Resolve questions concerning which body of law applies to a given case

Audience: Graduate

3. Distinguish substantive from procedural law and explain why the distinction matters

Audience: Graduate

4. Identify plurality decisions and appreciate the problems that they pose for the doctrine of precedent

Audience: Graduate

5. Develop an understanding of the difference between "published" and "unpublished" decisions

Audience: Graduate

6. Clearly and accurately apply the doctrines we cover to fact patterns, identify legal grey areas, and make compelling arguments about how cases in these grey areas should be resolved

Audience: Graduate

7. Identify and evaluate venue options

Audience: Graduate

LAW 805 – STATUTORY INTERPRETATION

3 credits.

Learn the basics of the federal legislative process and develop an understanding of the fundamentals of how courts interpret statutes in a variety of areas of law. Focus on applying the courts' techniques, learning to make arguments in favor of or against particular interpretations of a given statute based on the specific techniques courts use, and recognizing the relative strength of different arguments.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2025

Learning Outcomes: 1. Describe the basics of the federal legislative process

Audience: Graduate

2. Learn and apply the fundamentals statute interpretation by the courts

Audience: Graduate

3. Employ the techniques of statutory interpretation to interpret statutes

Audience: Graduate

4. Practice making arguments in favor of or against particular interpretations of a given statute based on the specific techniques courts use

Audience: Graduate

5. Recognize the relative strength of different arguments

Audience: Graduate

LAW 808 – ADVANCED LEGAL WRITING

2-3 credits.

Uses simulated practice scenarios to teach students how to analyze the law and convey that legal analysis in a manner that is precise, accurate, clear, and concise.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2026

Learning Outcomes: 1. Read legal sources critically and accurately to identify relevant information

Audience: Graduate

2. Apply legal rules to a client's facts to predict legal consequences

Audience: Graduate

3. Write clearly and concisely in different professional contexts

Audience: Graduate

LAW 810 – BAR EXAM PREPARATION TOPICS

1-3 credits.

Learn to write effectively and efficiently both on a bar exam and under a short deadline. Develop strategies for flexing memory muscles; build scheduling and organizational skills; and improve legal writing, analysis, organization, and editing abilities for bar-exam essay and performance task-style questions.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Learning Outcomes: 1. Demonstrate competency in legal analysis and reasoning, legal research, problem-solving, and written and oral communication appropriate for a variety of legal contexts.

Audience: Graduate

2. Develop the skills necessary to issue spot a fact pattern and formulate an answer in a variety of legal areas and modalities.

Audience: Graduate

3. Practice effectively maneuvering the time constraints of the bar exam for each portion of the exam.

Audience: Graduate

4. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of substantive and procedural law by producing a library of materials in four substantive areas and utilizing said library for a variety of assessments.

Audience: Graduate

LAW 811 – ACCOUNTING FOR LAWYERS

3 credits.

Principles of accounting for lawyers.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Fall 2025**Learning Outcomes:** 1. Understand and apply the double-entry bookkeeping process that produces financial statements

Audience: Graduate

2. Read, analyze, and apply financial statements (and the notes that accompany those statements) in business and legal contexts

Audience: Graduate

3. Apply the latitude and judgment that management exercises to arrive at reported numbers and to know the potential economic and legal consequences of those choices

Audience: Graduate

4. Recognize and understand financial accounting issues important to every lawyer

Audience: Graduate

5. Appropriately apply accounting terminology or concepts when drafting or negotiating agreements or settlement agreements

Audience: Graduate

6. Recognize potential “red flags” that suggest financial difficulties or even financial fraud

Audience: Graduate

7. Recognize opportunities to obtain accounting-related information about an underlying legal situation and, when appropriate, to be familiar with potential ways to use that information in litigation

Audience: Graduate

LAW 814 – APPELLATE ADVOCACY

1-3 credits.

Introduction to federal appellate practice and procedure. Learn the fundamentals of appellate argument and brief writing, with multiple opportunities to practice and improve these skills.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Fall 2023**Learning Outcomes:** 1. Develop familiarity with the specific skills necessary to practice effective appellate advocacy

Audience: Graduate

2. Practice effective appellate brief writing and revision

Audience: Graduate

3. Practice effective oral argumentation skills

Audience: Graduate

LAW 815 – MOOT COURT

1-4 credits.

Practice and refine research, writing, and revision specific to the appeal process. Participate in simulated appellate oral arguments and receive feedback and coaching.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Spring 2026**Learning Outcomes:** 1. Develop skills/strategies for making effective legal arguments

Audience: Graduate

2. Plan, organize, and prepare briefs and develop skills necessary for effective oral argument

Audience: Graduate

3. Recognize and employ core principles of collaboration and working productively in teams

Audience: Graduate

LAW 817 – BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS: PARTNERSHIP, LLC, AND CLOSELY HELD CORPORATIONS

3 credits.

Law of agency, partnership, limited liability companies, and closely held corporations.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2026

Learning Outcomes: 1. Recognize the primary legal forms for doing business in the United States, from the basic relationship of principal and agent, through the general partnership, to the corporation

Audience: Graduate

2. Identify how fiduciary duties interact with contracting and with statutory norms in structuring entity governance

Audience: Graduate

3. Recognize the basic drivers of business entity choice, especially limited liability, tax treatment, and financing

Audience: Graduate

4. Compare and contrast a wide range of business relationships and their legal structures

Audience: Graduate

LAW 820 – CONFLICT OF LAWS

3-4 credits.

Rules applied by courts in recognizing and enforcing rights involving elements which occurred in a sister state or foreign country.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2023

LAW 821 – BANKRUPTCY LAW

2-4 credits.

Consumer credit regulation, enforcement of judgments, attachments, garnishments, fraudulent conveyances, assignments for the benefit of creditors, and bankruptcy.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2025

LAW/SOC WORK 822 – FAMILY LAW: MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

2-4 credits.

Marriage and less formal spousal relationships, husband-wife relationships in on-going marriage; divorce and its economic and custody consequences; post-divorce relationships.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2025

LAW/SOC WORK 823 – FAMILY LAW: PARENT AND CHILD

3-4 credits.

The relationship of parent and child; the rights of unmarried mothers and fathers and their children; parental rights to custody vis a vis third parties; parents' rights to make decisions affecting children; neglect; termination of parental rights; the foster care system and adoption.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2026

LAW 824 – FEDERAL JURISDICTION

3 credits.

Examines the structure and authority of the federal courts and the relationship between those courts and other governmental institutions.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2026

LAW 825 – INSURANCE LAW

3-4 credits.

Substantive law of property, life and liability insurance, including study of the fire and automobile forms; regulation of insurance companies, policies and practices.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2025

LAW 827 – INTERNATIONAL LAW

2-3 credits.

Problems in private and governmental practice affected by international relations; the law applicable to questions of recognition and non-recognition of governments and nations; interpretation of treaties and other international agreements; jurisdiction of nations; effect of peace and war; formation, operation and function of various international agreements, and matters of international claims.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2025

LAW 828 – INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS

3 credits.

Problems inherent in international commercial transactions; risks, benefits, and assumptions underlying business with or in a foreign country; international commercial transactions, investments and claims.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2025

Learning Outcomes: 1. Articulate and describe some of the primary legal issues that arise in an international sale of goods transaction.

Audience: Graduate

2. Describe and explain the function, structure, and operation of a letter of credit.

Audience: Graduate

3. Explain the choice of law/private international law process and its significance in international commercial contracts.

Audience: Graduate

4. Identify and summarize the main alternatives to cross-border trade as a means of conducting international business.

Audience: Graduate

5. Identify and explain at least six sources of the "law" which may apply to international business transactions.

Audience: Graduate

LAW/URB R PL 830 – LAND USE CONTROLS

3 credits.

Limitations imposed upon the use of privately owned land by the court-made law of nuisance, by private covenant, and by public action; master plan, official map, subdivision regulation, zoning, and urban redevelopment.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2026

Learning Outcomes: 1. Analyze the legal and institutional contexts within which planning occurs.

Audience: Graduate

2. Describe the operation and functioning of the legal system and its impact on planning.

Audience: Graduate

3. Use legal research skills to perform specific tasks required in the practice of planning.

Audience: Graduate

4. Find and analyze information from primary and secondary legal resources.

Audience: Graduate

5. Write legal documents related to plan creation, implementation, and enforcement.

Audience: Graduate

6. Recognize ethics of public decision-making including the AICP Code of Ethics and state rules related to the unauthorized practice of law.

Audience: Graduate

7. Examine the role of officials, stakeholders, and community members in planning in a democratic society.

Audience: Graduate

8. Recognize sustainability, environmental quality, social justice, economic, and cultural factors in planning

Audience: Graduate

LAW 838 – REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS II

2-3 credits.

Acquire an understanding of legal agreements associated with real estate investing, legal aspects of real estate financing, the zoning process, and documentation of real estate entitlements.

Requisites: LAW 732**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2026

Learning Outcomes: 1. Develop an understanding of the various and numerous legal agreements associated with real estate investing, especially purchase and sale agreements, loan agreements and leases.
Audience: Graduate

2. Explain and apply the legal aspects of real estate financing, particularly with regard to real estate loan documentation.
Audience: Graduate

3. Develop a basic understanding of zoning process and the documentation of real estate entitlements.
Audience: Graduate

LAW 840 – TAXATION II

2-4 credits.

Overview of the federal income taxation of partnerships, LLCs, and corporations, with a focus on issues of real property ownership and transfers.

Requisites: LAW 742**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2026**LAW 845 – WATER RIGHTS LAW**

2-3 credits.

Acquisition and nature of private rights in water comparing the riparian and appropriation legal systems; public rights as limitations on private rights, the firming up of rights by grant, contract, compulsory purchase and prescription and the administrative systems for water quality management.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2024**LAW 848 – INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL LAW**

3 credits.

Overview of major environmental statutes, regulations and cases, and their implementation by regulatory agencies, as well as currently applicable common-law doctrine.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Fall 2025**LAW 849 – PRE-TRIAL ADVOCACY**

3 credits.

The skills that lawyers use up until the time of trial.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2026**LAW 850 – PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

1-3 credits.

The ethical and professional responsibility of practicing lawyers.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2026**LAW 852 – TRIAL ADVOCACY**

2-4 credits.

Techniques involved in the examination of witnesses, including the lawyer's preparation, the preparation conference with the witness, direct examination, cross examination, objections, and the introduction of exhibits. Teaching methods include demonstrations by trial lawyers and practice sessions by the students under the supervision of trial lawyers.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Spring 2026**LAW 853 – MOCK TRIAL**

1-4 credits.

Basic trial skills and competition practice that vary by topic; may include combination of traditional lectures, classroom demonstrations, and weekly sessions where you work closely with faculty members, lawyers, and judges. Prepare for mock trial competition.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Spring 2026**Learning Outcomes:** 1. Develop an understanding of the phases of a trial.

Audience: Graduate

2. Develop the skills necessary to execute effective trial conduct.
Audience: Graduate

3. Recognize and apply professional and ethical behavior throughout trial practice.
Audience: Graduate

LAW 854 – CLINICAL PROGRAM

1-10 credits.

Provides hands-on lawyering experiences with real people - clients, victims, witnesses, family members, lawyers, and judges - enhancing understanding of the roles and responsibilities of practicing attorneys.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2026

Learning Outcomes: 1. Identify and apply substantive and procedural family law to their cases, including common law, state statutes, and state administrative regulations

Audience: Graduate

2. Gather, examine, and analyze facts; distinguish the legal and non-legal issues; and explain the relationship between the facts and issues identified either verbally or in a written memo

Audience: Graduate

3. Articulate various legal and strategic options facing a client, how opposing parties will respond to actions taken by the client and explain those options and the expected result to the client

Audience: Graduate

4. Develop and refine their own personal definition of what it means to be a legal professional, incorporating the rules of professional conduct and their personal values

Audience: Graduate

5. Competently and ethically interview and counsel clients

Audience: Graduate

6. Competently and ethically represent clients in court and/or in administrative proceedings as appropriate in client matters

Audience: Graduate

LAW 855 – FIELD PLACEMENT

1-10 credits.

A unique, hands-on opportunity to participate in the many facets of legal practice, including (but not limited to) litigation, drafting, policy creation and implementation, and the regulatory process. Under the supervision of on-site externship supervisory attorneys, and through reflection led by Law School faculty, gain first-hand understanding of working in the legal community.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2026

Learning Outcomes: 1. Integrate legal knowledge and skills into practical legal experience.

Audience: Graduate

2. Reflect on legal experiences to assess skills.

Audience: Graduate

3. Develop professional identity.

Audience: Graduate

LAW 860 – ADVANCED CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

2-3 credits.

Various important procedural problems arising in federal and state criminal proceedings.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2026

LAW 862 – LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO INCARCERATED PEOPLE

1-10 credits.

Represent people in prison in Wisconsin seeking relief from excessive sentences; may include people suffering from severe mental illness. Interview clients at correctional institutions, conduct legal and factual research, draft letters and motions, and possibly deliver oral argument in court; work on motions for sentence modification, petitions for sentence adjustment, and parole advocacy; reflect on the lawyer's role in the criminal legal system, explore the causes of the disparate impact of criminal punishment on marginalized populations.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2026

Learning Outcomes: 1. Identify client goals and assist them in achieving these goals.

Audience: Graduate

2. Develop proficiency in factual investigation, issue spotting and legal research and writing, including advocacy and client communication.

Audience: Graduate

3. Collaborate with clients, other students, supervisors, and other actors in the criminal legal system.

Audience: Graduate

4. Recognize ethical issues and resolve or respond to them within the Rules of Professional Responsibility.

Audience: Graduate

5. Engage in self-assessment and reflection about the clinical work, the role of lawyers, and the criminal legal system.

Audience: Graduate

LAW 868 – STATE AND LOCAL TAXATION

2-4 credits.

Survey of state and local tax law, principally income taxes, sales and use taxes, and property taxes. Explores the typical statutory structures under which these taxes are imposed. Significant emphasis will be given to policy issues faced by state and local governmental bodies.

Requisites: LAW 742

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2020

LAW 870 – INTERNATIONAL TAX

3 credits.

International taxation concepts and issues including jurisdiction rules, tax avoidance and evasion, fiscal relations between industrialized countries and less developed countries; host country taxation of foreign persons and home country taxation of foreign income.

Requisites: LAW 742

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2026

LAW 871 – INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW

3 credits.

Legal institutions affecting international transactions with a focus on U.S. laws and the principal treaties involved.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2026

LAW 873 – IMMIGRATION LAW

3 credits.

Survey of the immigration law of the United States.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2025

LAW 895 – WISCONSIN INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL

1-4 credits.

A student-published law journal that serves as a forum for the discussion and analysis of important issues in international law. Review, select, and edit the articles and participate in every stage of the publication process. Research, write, and edit original analyses or commentary on current legal issues.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2026

Learning Outcomes: 1. Identify and utilize an array of high-quality sources and strategies to expand research skills

Audience: Graduate

2. Discern a novel and relevant legal issue through preemption checks, as well as audience needs

Audience: Graduate

3. Develop and refine advocacy and scholarly writing skills while learning to integrate feedback through the editing and revision processes

Audience: Graduate

4. Critically analyze and appraise written work for inclusion into a journal issue, employing collaborative decision-making

Audience: Graduate

5. Generate and edit appropriate citations to legal sources, paying special attention to format for publication

Audience: Graduate

6. Compose, share, and receive appropriate and relevant feedback with peers, authors, and editors during the editing process

Audience: Graduate

LAW 896 – WISCONSIN JOURNAL OF LAW, GENDER, AND SOCIETY

1-4 credits.

A student-published journal dedicated to examining the intersection of law and society. The journal publishes cutting-edge scholarship that explores how law shapes, and is shaped by, issues of gender, race, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, and other intersecting identities.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2026

Learning Outcomes: 1. Identify and utilize an array of high-quality sources and strategies to expand research skills

Audience: Graduate

2. Discern a novel and relevant legal issue through preemption checks, as well as audience needs

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Audience: Graduate

5. Generate and edit appropriate citations to legal sources, paying special attention to format for publication

Audience: Graduate

6. Compose, share, and receive appropriate and relevant feedback with peers, authors, and editors during the editing process

Audience: Graduate

LAW 897 – LAW REVIEW

1-4 credits.

A journal of legal analysis and commentary. Review, select, and edit accepted scholarly articles and participate in every stage of the publication process. Research, write, and edit original analyses or commentary on current legal issues.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2026

Learning Outcomes: 1. Identify and utilize an array of high-quality sources and strategies to expand research skills

Audience: Graduate

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Audience: Graduate

6. Compose, share, and receive appropriate and relevant feedback with peers, authors, and editors during the editing process

Audience: Graduate

LAW 901 – FIRST AMENDMENT

3-4 credits.

Explores American constitutional law governing speech, association, the press, and religion. It focuses on the leading First Amendment cases that have created the most expansive protection for expression anywhere in the world. Consider not only the reasons for protecting these rights, but also countervailing interests - such as public safety, national security, and equality - that may justify restrictions on expression. Consider arguments that the U.S. Supreme Court has gone too far in protecting some forms of speech and association, such as false statements, sexually explicit materials, hate speech, and corporate political spending.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2025

Learning Outcomes: 1. Learn First Amendment doctrine, including freedom of speech, freedom of association, freedom of the press, and religion.

Audience: Graduate

2. Develop the analytic, strategic, and communication skills needed to succeed as lawyers, including applying the law to other contexts, as well as the formulation of logical and rigorous arguments.

Audience: Graduate

3. Think critically and creatively about how the law is applied.

Audience: Graduate

LAW 904 – SELECTED PROBLEMS IN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

2-4 credits.

Select topics relating to the study of local, state, or federal constitutional law.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2026

Learning Outcomes: 1. Recognize the historical background and evolving social contexts of local, state, or federal constitutions and associated amendments

Audience: Graduate

2. Recognize and practice application of relevant articles and sections as necessary for interpretation of constitutional law

Audience: Graduate

3. Practice written and oral communication through application of relevant constitutional doctrine

Audience: Graduate

LAW 913 – MENTAL HEALTH LAW

2-3 credits.

Introduction to cases, statutes, and legal doctrines related to rights, treatment, and hospitalization and incarceration of mentally ill persons. Includes topics such as involuntary civil commitment; the historical arc of psychiatric hospitals; competency to stand trial assessment and restoration; insanity defense evaluations; moral panics and socio-legal repercussions; right to refuse psychiatric treatment; effectiveness of psychotropic medicine; dangerousness and risk; social science research of eyewitness memory, interrogation and confessions, and jury decision-making; juveniles and treatment; regulation of the mental health system and mental health providers; confidentiality and duty to protect clients; policing functions; and personal mental health for lawyers.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Learning Outcomes: 1. Identify and explain the complex intersection between the law and mental health issues

Audience: Graduate

2. Develop an understanding of the role of lawyers when there are criminal/civil issues involving mental health problems

Audience: Graduate

3. Explore several specific nettlesome psycho-legal topics and evaluate how the legal system reaches dispositions in these areas

Audience: Graduate

4. Develop a deeper and more realistic understanding of mental health law issues, with regard to how lawyers work inside and around the clinical paradigm in their representation of clients - i.e., mental health evaluation and treatment

Audience: Graduate

LAW 914 – SECURITIES REGULATION

3 credits.

Problems under the Securities and Exchange Act and other federal and state regulatory measures; operation of the S.E.C.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2026

LAW 915 – SELECTED PROBLEMS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION SEMINAR

2-3 credits.

Topics reflect interests of instructor and students.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2026

LAW 916 – SENTENCING AND CORRECTIONS

3 credits.

Using a variety of interdisciplinary readings, ranging from fiction to philosophy to psychology, examine the types of punishment used by the America criminal justice system, and the varied justifications offered for them.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Learning Outcomes: 1. Identify and explain the traditional purposes of punishment, tensions between them, and how they manifest in today's criminal justice system

Audience: Graduate

2. Identify and explain the kinds of sanctions imposed by American courts and the uses and limitations of each

Audience: Graduate

3. Develop the skills necessary to successfully use interdisciplinary research to augment understanding of the legal implications of sentencing and correctional issues, and better advocate for clients

Audience: Graduate

LAW 917 – INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION

3 credits.

Provides introduction to international commercial arbitration, arguably the most important means of resolving international commercial disputes. Learn and apply the rules governing international commercial arbitration, research and write a professional-quality claimant's memorandum based on a current problem.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2025

Learning Outcomes: 1. Learn and apply the rules governing international commercial arbitration

Audience: Graduate

2. Conduct research identifying relevant arbitral awards and scholarly commentary on international commercial arbitration using the UW law library and the Kluwer Arbitration online resource

Audience: Graduate

3. Draft a high-quality legal argument in the style and formatting suitable for professional use/application

Audience: Graduate

LAW 918 – SELECTED PROBLEMS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW- SEMINAR

2-3 credits.

Topics reflect interests of instructor and students.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2026

LAW 919 – INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

3 credits.

Provides an introduction to international human law. Examines its history, evolution, structure, remedies and effectiveness and the relationship with other areas of international law. Discussion of legal and institutional framework at international and regional levels-UN human rights institutions (Charter-based and treaty-based) and regional systems of human rights.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2025

Learning Outcomes: 1. Demonstrate an understanding of international human rights law and its application

Audience: Graduate

2. Compare and contrast the international human rights law system and regional human rights systems

Audience: Graduate

3. Critically assess specific areas of international human rights law with regard to specific issues such as genocide and torture as well as vis-a-vis marginalized/vulnerable groups such as women, children and indigenous groups

Audience: Graduate

4. Examine the principles governing human rights, substantive and procedural rights as well the major human rights treaties

Audience: Graduate

5. Examine the linkages with other areas such as economic development, poverty, socio- economic rights, and sustainable development

Audience: Graduate

6. Evaluate emerging rights such as environmental rights and rights of nature

Audience: Graduate

LAW 920 – CLIMATE CHANGE, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

3 credits.

Examines the link between climate change and human rights, the pros and cons of using a human rights approach and the specific challenges that climate change poses to the international legal system such as the disappearance of states, displacement and mass movement of people, and adjudication. Discuss the plight of vulnerable populations especially, indigenous peoples, women, and climate "refugees" within a human rights framework.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2024

Learning Outcomes: 1. Develop an understanding of the relationship between environmental degradation, climate change and human rights

Audience: Graduate

2. Develop an understanding of the pros and cons of using a human rights approach to environmental issues and especially, climate change

Audience: Graduate

3. Gain knowledge of the relevant international law principles and mechanisms applicable to global climate change

Audience: Graduate

4. Gain knowledge of how a claim under international human rights law can be brought for damage caused by environmental issues in general and climate change in particular

Audience: Graduate

5. Examine the linkages with other areas such as economic development, poverty, socio-economic rights, and sustainable development

Audience: Graduate

LAW 921 – INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY

3 credits.

Discussion of the root causes of global environmental problems, the international legal framework and principles, and the role of sustainable development in addressing these environmental issues. Discussion of specific international environmental legal regimes such as biodiversity, movement of hazardous waste, climate change and international trade as well as governance mechanisms, the role of non-state actors and dispute resolution.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Fall 2025**Learning Outcomes:** 1. Develop an understanding of the role of international law in protecting the global environment

Audience: Graduate

2. Gain knowledge of existing international mechanisms and law in protecting different segments of the environment

Audience: Graduate

3. Develop an understanding of the interdisciplinary nature of environmental protection and linkages with issues such as economic development, poverty, trade and investment, and socio-economic rights including global pandemics

Audience: Graduate

4. Develop an understanding of the disproportionate impact of environmental degradation on vulnerable and marginalized communities and how these vulnerabilities intersect and compound

Audience: Graduate

5. Gain knowledge of the role of sustainable development in addressing intersecting issues

Audience: Graduate

LAW 922 – SELECTED PROBLEMS IN JURISPRUDENCE-SEMINAR

2-3 credits.

Topics reflect interests of instructor and students.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Spring 2025**LAW 926 – SELECTED PROBLEMS OF TORT LAW-SEMINAR**

2-3 credits.

Topics reflect interests of instructor and students.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Fall 2022**LAW 928 – SELECTED PROBLEMS IN LAND LAW-SEMINAR**

2-3 credits.

Topics reflect interests of instructor and students.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Spring 2026**LAW 935 – HEALTH LAW**

2-3 credits.

Provides an overview of the complex laws governing the health care industry and the practical realities of lawyers specializing in this practice area. Covers the key laws and regulations that comprise the practice of health care law.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2026**Learning Outcomes:** 1. Describe the major federal and Wisconsin laws governing health care.

Audience: Graduate

2. Apply these laws to practical common health care scenarios.

Audience: Graduate

3. Recognize the practical realities facing health care entities in an ever-changing environment.

Audience: Graduate

LAW 937 – ADOPTION LAW AND POLICY

2-3 credits.

Addresses the fundamental and evolving issues arising when adoptive families are created by law and considers the historical, societal and geopolitical elements shaping adoption law. Study state, federal and international regulations governing adoption, including constitutional limitations on regulation and practice. Examine the role and ethical obligations of attorneys, social workers and physicians in adoption practice. Examine the legal system's regulation of "gray market" adoptions and explore current challenges related to adoption of Native American children and the Indian Child Welfare Act, adoption by queer individuals, adoption of children from foster care, and openness in adoption.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Learning Outcomes:** 1. Identify adoption law issues and understand underlying legal theories.

Audience: Graduate

2. Apply the law to various factual scenarios and develop a contextual framework for analyzing adoption law issues.

Audience: Graduate

3. Develop an understanding of how the history and evolution of adoption law, policy and practice relates to and is influenced by the broader social, economic and geopolitical context in which it is situated.

Audience: Graduate

4. Formulate policy goals to address the legal needs surrounding families and children.

Audience: Graduate

5. Evaluate and critically analyze adoption law and the family regulation system.

Audience: Graduate

6. Conduct original research about proposed adoption legislation and write an analytical research paper.

Audience: Graduate

7. Develop an understanding of the role, ethical obligations, and strategic choices of lawyers in adoption law matters.

Audience: Graduate

LAW 938 – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LAW

3 credits.

Focuses on state and federal laws, policy and practices impacting victims and perpetrators of domestic violence. Topics examined include dynamics of domestic abuse; restraining orders; mandatory arrest law via law enforcement, prosecution defense responses; family law, including custody/physical placement, mediation, effects on children who witness violence; relief for battered immigrants, and human trafficking.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Learning Outcomes:** 1. Identify and address the dynamics of domestic violence that may be present in clients and cases.

Audience: Graduate

2. Develop an understanding of and begin to employ best practice for providing trauma-informed legal services for survivors of domestic violence.

Audience: Graduate

3. Identify, explain, and apply Wisconsin statute and case-law addressing domestic violence.

Audience: Graduate

LAW 939 – SELECTED PROBLEMS IN FAMILY LAW-SEMINAR

2-3 credits.

Topics reflect interests of instructor and students.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Spring 2026**LAW 940 – LAW AND CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS**

1-3 credits.

Topics reflect current issues relevant to the practice of law.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Spring 2026**Learning Outcomes:** 1. Recognize the historical, cultural, and contemporary contexts of a given topic.

Audience: Graduate

2. Describe and apply relevant core principles and sources of law.

Audience: Graduate

3. Develop skills in critical thinking and analysis.

Audience: Graduate

LAW 942 – EUROPEAN UNION LAW

1-2 credits.

Introduction to European Union (EU) law, including the relationship between EU and Member State law, EU institutions, the law of the common market (i.e., free movement of goods, persons, services and capital) and environmental law and social policy.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Fall 2024**Learning Outcomes:** 1. Develop an understanding of the basic historical, political, and structural basis of European public law.

Audience: Graduate

2. Identify the basic similarities and differences between a civil-law system and the U.S. common-law system.

Audience: Graduate

3. Identify the similarities and differences between how judges in the U.S. and Europe approach constitutional questions.

Audience: Graduate

4. Explain how both the United States and European Union member states approach particular constitutional questions.

Audience: Graduate

LAW 950 – LAWYERING SKILLS

1-6 credits.

An introduction to, and skills training in, a number of areas of general law practice. Hone skills in interviewing, counseling, negotiation, and legal writing.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Spring 2026**Learning Outcomes:** 1. Recognize and practice skills and techniques for use during first years of law practice.

Audience: Graduate

2. Develop skills and employ resources necessary to respond to basic, recurring issues in multiple areas of general legal practice.

Audience: Graduate

3. Practice professional communication.

Audience: Graduate

LAW 951 – LAW IN PRACTICE

1-4 credits.

Preparation for the practical aspects of work in the legal field. Develop research skills, transactional planning skills, and familiarity with various aspects of litigation practice.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Learning Outcomes:** 1. Recognize and apply techniques necessary to analyze, investigate, and resolve legal matters.

Audience: Graduate

2. Recognize and apply appropriate procedures specific to legal strategy preparation, support, and management.

Audience: Graduate

3. Identify and execute various roles and responsibilities required for general legal practice as well as practice in various specialized fields of law.

Audience: Graduate

LAW 953 – SELECTED PROBLEMS IN BUSINESS ORGANIZATION-SEMINAR

1-3 credits.

In business planning and business organizations including proprietorships, partnerships, corporations and trusts.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Fall 2025**LAW 954 – CORPORATE FINANCE LAW**

3 credits.

Presents the basics of finance for business lawyers, and the law and legal strategy surrounding the creation of debt instruments.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Fall 2018**LAW 955 – PUBLIC SECTOR LABOR RELATIONS LAW SEMINAR**

2-3 credits.

Legal and public policy issues relating to public sector unionism in a multiplicity of jurisdictions, including representation questions, scope of bargaining, limitations on the right to strike, impasse procedures, and grievance arbitration.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Fall 2019

LAW 957 – INTRODUCTION TO ESTATE PLANNING

2-3 credits.

Issues related to estate planning; including function of the lawyer, ethical issues, estates not subject to tax, basic elements of tax-oriented planning, living trusts, health care issues, gift strategies.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2026

LAW 981 – LAW AND MODERNIZATION IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD SEMINAR

2-3 credits.

Law as a system of social engineering in the economic and social modernization of developing countries. Problems of developing rules with a high probability of inducing behavior likely to lead to modernization.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2024

LAW 988 – SELECTED PROBLEMS IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW- SEMINAR

2-3 credits.

Topics reflect interests of instructor and students.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Fall 2024

LAW 989 – ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND PRACTICE

3 credits.

Presents environmental statutes, cases, and regulations, and discusses their implementation. Focuses on both law and practice. Provides a survey of substantive environmental law and their application in permitting, commercial transactions and enforcement.

Requisites: Declared in Law JD

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2025

LAW 990 – DIRECTED RESEARCH

1-12 credits.

Faculty supervision on research; scope and subject arranged between student and faculty.

Requisites: Consent of instructor

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2026

LAW 991 – DIRECTED READING

1-3 credits.

Independent readings from a list prepared by instructor. Subject matter determined by agreement between instructor and student.

Requisites: Consent of instructor

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2026