Containing general information and courses of study for the 2015/2016 session corrected to 30 July 2015
Nashville
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Policies concerning noncurricular matters and concerning withdrawal for medical or emotional reasons can be found in the Student Handbook, which is on the Vanderbilt website at vanderbilt.edu/student_handbook.

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Law School Calendar 2015/2016

FALL SEMESTER 2015
Classes and orientation for first-year and LL.M. students / Monday 17 August
Classes begin for upper-level J.D. students / Monday 24 August
Thanksgiving holidays / Saturday 21 November to Sunday 29 November
Classes end / Friday 4 December
Examinations begin / Monday 7 December
Fall semester ends / Friday 18 December

SPRING SEMESTER 2016
Classes begin / Monday 11 January
Spring holidays / Saturday 5 March to Sunday 13 March
Classes end / Friday 22 April
Examinations begin / Monday 25 April
Spring semester ends / Friday 6 May
Commencement / Friday 13 May
Academic Regulations

THE Vanderbilt University Law School offers a program designed to educate lawyers for careers in many professional areas. The school encourages students to acquire a broad knowledge of law and a thorough understanding of the legal system. Emphasis is placed on the development of analytical ability and other intellectual capabilities. This kind of education is the best preparation not only for the variety of career opportunities available to Law School graduates, but also for the changing character of American legal practice expected in the future.

A legal education at Vanderbilt allows for a high degree of individual choice and adaptability, centered on a basic core of fundamental subject matter, intellectual development, and legal skills.

J.D. Degree Requirements

The candidate for the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) must

- have pursued full-time resident Law School study for a period of six semesters, enrolled for a minimum of ten credit hours each semester (or, in the case of students requiring more than six semesters, the equivalent);
- have completed, with a grade point average of 2.0 or above, 88 semester hours of credit, no more than 5 of which may be earned by participating in credit-bearing extracurricular activities;
- have completed the courses listed as required;
- have paid all financial obligations due the university;
- be of good moral character;
- receive the favorable recommendation of the faculty for the degree.

It is the sole responsibility of the student to plan a schedule that will ensure the accumulation of 88 semester hours and completion of all other requirements for the degree. However, the Office of Academic Life provides services to support degree attainment. An advisory session is held in the 1L fall semester to assist students in selecting a spring elective and in the 1L spring semester to assist with course selection for subsequent years. Students are encouraged to track their individual academic records through YES, and to use all available resources when selecting courses. Consulting with faculty and meeting with the assistant dean for academic life are recommended. Other than the degree audit in the fall semester of the 3L year, no formal conferences or official approvals are required after the first year.

Credit Hours

Credit hours are semester hours; e.g., a three-hour course carries credit of 3 semester hours. One semester credit hour represents at least 700 minutes of academic work, on average, for one semester. Academic work includes, but is not necessarily limited to, lectures, research, independent study, clinical work, externships, and practica. Some Vanderbilt Law courses may have requirements that exceed this definition.

Required Work

First Year. A passing grade in all first-year courses is required. Constitutional Law I. Completion of the course in Constitutional Law I with a passing grade is required.

Professional Responsibility. Completion of a course in Professional Responsibility with a passing grade is required.

Experiential Learning Requirement. Each student must receive at least one credit of instruction of experiential learning generally regarded as experience that is reasonably similar to that of a lawyer advising or representing a client or engaging in lawyering tasks that are necessary for effective, ethical, and responsible participation in the legal profession. While subject to change, courses include: Advanced Evidence and Trial Advocacy, Advanced Legal Research, Drafting and Analysis of Business Documents Seminar, Entertainment Industry Transactions, Environmental Annual Review, Intellectual Property Licensing, International Law Practice Lab, Legal Interviewing and Counseling, Mediation, Negotiation, Patent Litigation Practicum, Pre-Trial Litigation, Trial Advocacy, Externships, Appellate Litigation Clinic, Civil Practice Clinic, Criminal Practice Clinic, Domestic Violence Clinic, Immigrant Advocacy Practicum, Intellectual Property and the Arts Clinic, and the VA Medical-Legal Partnership.

Substantial Research Project. All students are required to complete a substantial research paper in order to obtain the J.D. degree. For most students, this requirement is satisfied by completing a course designated in each semester’s official course listings as a Seminar. If, however, a student has a special reason to pursue a topic outside the scope of available Seminars, the student may satisfy the requirement by completing the course listed in the course catalog as “Supervised Research Project.”

In order to qualify as a substantial research paper, whether written for a Seminar or as a Supervised Research Project, the student’s paper must present a fair and accurate description of the factual setting that gives rise to the issue being addressed, explain adequately existing law and doctrine, and develop a normative thesis that not only analyzes current doctrine but presents a reasoned view of how policy should respond to the presented issue. The paper must be well-researched with all sources cited properly (in Blue Book form or similar convention) and make appropriate use of relevant literature—primary sources and secondary literature. While rigid rules about the length of the papers are not warranted, an expectation exists that such papers would normally be at least 30–40 pages in length.

The Supervised Research Project course aims to provide students flexibility in pursuing topics that would otherwise not be available to them through Seminars during their second and third years. Although it demands less by way of scheduled class time, supervised research is otherwise meant to provide the student with the same experience of researching and writing a major paper as is provided by Seminars, which includes familiarizing oneself with existing scholarship on the chosen subject. Accordingly, any student who opts to satisfy the substantial research paper requirement by means of a Supervised Research Project must— in addition to producing a paper meeting or exceeding the above-stated standards—adhere to the following procedures and expectations in order to receive credit:
Good Moral Character Degree Requirement

The student must meet the standard of personal and professional integrity traditionally associated with the profession of law (good moral character). The faculty, in accordance with established Law School procedures, may remove a student from the J.D. program at any time for failure to meet the standard of good moral character required for the degree. Sanctions other than suspension or expulsion may be imposed by the faculty.

Good Standing

To remain in good standing, a full-time student must be enrolled each semester in a program of at least 10 credit hours, must receive a passing grade in at least 9 credit hours each semester, and must maintain a cumulative average of 1.7 or above. Failure to remain in good standing in any semester after the first semester results in automatic withdrawal from the school. Students must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above to graduate.

Leave of Absence and Part-Time Status

Any student wanting to suspend temporarily the normal six-semester program without withdrawing from the school and any student wanting to register for fewer than 10 credit hours in a semester must submit a written statement explaining the reasons for the request and the approval of the assistant dean for academic life. Failure to do so may result in automatic withdrawal. Leaves of absence will be identified by a notation on the student’s transcript. A student with part-time status must maintain a cumulative average of 1.7 or above.

Transfer Credit

Vanderbilt students in their second- or third-year may transfer up to six graduate course credits from other Vanderbilt schools or ABA-accredited law schools toward their J.D. degree program if approved by the assistant dean for academic life.

Students who transfer to Vanderbilt University Law School from an ABA-accredited law school at the beginning of their second year are limited to 30 letter-graded law credits transferred from their previous law school. Four semesters of full-time work in residence at Vanderbilt are required of transfer students to receive a J.D. degree. Transfer students are not eligible for dual degree programs or to transfer additional credits from other law schools, but they may transfer six graduate course credits from among Vanderbilt non-law electives.

Students enrolled in dual degree programs are limited to the number of transfer credits allowed by each school. In general, the Law School will accept a maximum of 12 graduate-level credit hours toward the J.D. degree.

Dual Degree Programs

The Law School offers eight formal dual degree programs: a J.D. and M.B.A. after a total of four years; a J.D. and M.S.F. (Master of Science in Finance) in three years; a J.D. and M.T.S. (Master of Theological Studies) after four years; a J.D. and M.Div. (Master of Divinity) after five years; a J.D. and M.P.P. (Master of Public Policy) after four years; a J.D. and M.D. after six years; a J.D. and Ph.D. in Law and Economics after six years; and a J.D. and Ph.D. in Neuroscience after six years.

In addition, arrangements between the Law School and the Graduate School allow J.D. students to pursue an individualized dual program in any discipline offering the M.A. or Ph.D. degree. All dual degree students must apply to and be accepted by both schools.
LL.M. Degree Requirements

Candidates for the degree of Master of Laws (LL.M.) must have
- pursued full-time resident Law School study for a fall and spring semester, in that order, during one academic year, enrolling for a minimum of 10 credit hours each semester;
- completed the courses listed as required;
- for the course track, earned at least 24 credit hours, not to exceed 28 total credits;
- for the thesis option, earned at least 24 credit hours, including 4-7 credits for a scholarly research project, not to exceed 28 total credits;
- for the law and business track, earned at least 27 credit hours, not to exceed 30 total credits;
- completed all academic requirements;
- maintained at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average in the required work, and receive the favorable recommendation of the faculty for the degree; and
- paid all financial obligations due the university.

Required Work

All LL.M. students are required to achieve a passing grade in Introduction to Legal Research, Writing, and Analysis in the United States, and Life of the Law—LL.M.

Credit Hours

Credit hours are semester hours; e.g., a three-hour course carries credit of 3 semester hours. One semester credit hour represents at least 700 minutes of academic work, on average, for one semester. Academic work includes, but is not necessarily limited to, lectures, research, independent study, clinical work, externships, and practica. Some Vanderbilt Law courses may have requirements that exceed this definition.

Academic Policies and Procedures

Registration

Students must register for each semester during the specified registration period. Students who register after the designated period may find courses unavailable to them. Students who attempt to register after the first five days of classes may be denied permission to register. Students may not register for overlapping classes.

Adding, Dropping, Auditing Courses

Students may add or drop courses during the open enrollment period without obtaining permission. After this period, students will not normally be permitted to add courses to their schedules, and withdrawal from any course will require the approval of the professor. Courses dropped after the first week of classes will be recorded on the student’s transcript as a W. This applies to individual courses as well as withdrawals or leaves of absence that occur after the first week of class.

For courses with limited enrollments, permission to withdraw requires the approval of the professor and may be denied for good reason, as when a student may have accepted responsibility for a seminar presentation or as a team member. It is the student’s responsibility to be aware of different withdrawal policies for different courses at the onset of the course.

Students may audit courses with the consent of the instructor. Students enrolled for degree status may audit law courses without charge. The same regulations for adding and dropping courses apply to requests for audit of courses.

No course changes will be permitted after the last class meeting. All requests for course changes should be referred to the Academic Life Office.

Attendance

Regular class attendance is required. Excessive absences may result in automatic withdrawal from the course, exclusion from the final examination with a failing grade, or a reduction in grade, all at the discretion of the faculty member involved.

Grading Scale

The grading scale of the Law School is as follows:

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Other Regulations

Other regulations are stated in other chapters of this bulletin and in other documents and publications, such as the Vanderbilt University Student Handbook, as well as the Law School Student Handbook. Amendments and additions to academic regulations and other regulations may be enacted by the faculty or otherwise instituted by appropriate authority at any time.

Admissions Policies. Vanderbilt Law School Admissions Policies may be found at law.vanderbilt.edu/prospective-students/.

Students who wish to transfer to or visit at Vanderbilt Law School must submit the following documentation: law.vanderbilt.edu/prospective-students/transfers--visiting-students.php

Student Resources and Support Services

Vanderbilt Law School’s Office of Student Affairs provides an array of services and support to students: law.vanderbilt.edu/prospective-students/student-resources/

Commencement

The university holds its annual Commencement ceremony following the spring semester. Degree candidates must have successfully completed all curriculum requirements and have passed all prescribed examinations by the published deadlines to be allowed to participate in the ceremony. A student completing degree requirements in the summer or fall semester will be invited to participate in Commencement the following May; however, the semester in which the degree was actually earned will be the one recorded on the diploma and the student’s permanent record. Financially cleared students unable to participate in the graduation ceremony will receive their diplomas by mail and should make arrangements through the University Registrar’s Office.

The Honor System

Vanderbilt students are bound by the Honor System, which was inaugurated when the university opened its doors. Fundamental responsibility for preservation of the system inevitably falls on the individual student. It is assumed that students will demand of themselves and their fellow students complete respect for the Honor System. All work submitted as a part of course requirements is presumed to be the product of the student submitting it unless credit is given by the student in the manner prescribed.
by the course instructor. Cheating, plagiarizing, or otherwise falsifying results of study are specifically prohibited under the Honor System. The system applies not only to examinations but also to written work and electronic documents submitted to instructors. The student, by registration, acknowledges the authority of the Honor Council of the Law School.

The university’s Graduate Student Conduct Council has original jurisdiction in all cases of non-academic misconduct involving graduate and professional students. Students are expected to become familiar with the Vanderbilt University Student Handbook, which is available online at the time of registration.

Confidentiality of Student Records

Vanderbilt University is subject to the provisions of federal law known as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (also referred to as FERPA). This act affords matriculated students certain rights with respect to their educational records. These rights include:

The right to inspect and review their education records within 45 days of the day the university receives a request for access. Students should submit to the University Registrar written requests that identify the record(s) they wish to inspect. The University Registrar will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the University Registrar does not maintain the records, the student will be directed to the university official to whom the request should be addressed.

The right to request the amendment of any part of their education records that a student believes is inaccurate or misleading. Students who wish to request an amendment to their educational record should write the university official responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the university decides not to amend the record as requested by the student, the student will be notified of the decision and advised of his or her right to a hearing.

The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records to third parties, except in situations that FERPA allows disclosure without the student’s consent. These exceptions include:

- Disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A “school official” is a person employed by the university in an administrative, supervisory, academic or research, or support staff position (including university law enforcement personnel and health staff); contractors, consultants, and other outside service providers with whom the university has contracted; a member of the Board of Trust; or a student serving on an official university committee, such as the Honor Council, Student Conduct Council, or a grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.
- Disclosure to parents if the student is a dependent for tax purposes.
- Disclosure to appropriate individuals (e.g., parents/guardians, spouses, housing staff, health care personnel, police, etc.) where disclosure is in connection with a health or safety emergency and knowledge of such information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals.
- Disclosure to a parent or legal guardian of a student information regarding the student’s violation of any federal, state, or local law, or of any rule or policy of the institution, governing the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance if the university has determined that the student has committed a disciplinary violation with respect to the use or possession and the student is under the age of twenty-one at the time of the disclosure to the parent/guardian.

FERPA provides the university the ability to designate certain student information as “directory information.” Directory information may be made available to any person without the student’s consent unless the student gives notice as provided for below. Vanderbilt has designated the following as directory information: the student’s name, addresses, telephone number, email address, student ID photos, date and place of birth, major field of study, school, classification, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weights and heights of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student, and other information that would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. Any student who does not wish disclosure of directory information should notify the University Registrar in writing. No element of directory information as defined above is released for students who request nondisclosure except as required by statute. The request to withhold directory information will remain in effect as long as the student continues to be enrolled, or until the student files a written request with the University Registrar to discontinue the withholding. To continue nondisclosure of directory information after a student ceases to be enrolled, a written request for continuance must be filed with the University Registrar during the student’s last term of attendance.

The request for nondisclosure does not apply to class rosters in online class management applications, or to residential rosters—or rosters of groups a student may join voluntarily—in online, co-curricular engagement applications, or rosters of other information on the websites of student organizations that a student may join. Neither class rosters in online class management applications, nor residential rosters in online co-curricular engagement applications, are available to the public.

As of January 3, 2012, the U.S. Department of Education’s FERPA regulations expand the circumstances under which students’ education records and personally identifiable information (PII) contained in such records—including Social Security Numbers, grades, or other private information—may be accessed without consent. First, the U.S. Comptroller General, the U.S. Attorney General, the U.S. Secretary of Education, or state and local education authorities (“Federal and State Authorities”) may allow access to student records and PII without consent to any third party designated by a Federal or State Authority to evaluate a federal- or state-supported education program. The evaluation may relate to any program that is “principally engaged in the provision of education,” such as early childhood education and job training, as well as any program that is administered by an education agency or institution.

Second, Federal and State Authorities may allow access to education records and PII without consent, to researchers performing certain types of studies, in certain cases even when the university objects to or does not request such research. Federal and State Authorities must obtain certain use-restriction and data security promises from the third parties that they authorize to receive PII, but the authorities need not maintain direct control over the third parties.

In addition, in connection with Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems, State Authorities may collect, compile, permanently retain, and share without student consent, PII from education records, and may track student participation in education and other programs by linking such PII to other personal information that they obtain from other Federal or State data sources, including workforce development, unemployment insurance, child welfare, juvenile justice, military service, and migrant student records systems.

If a student believes the university has failed to comply with FERPA, he or she may file a complaint using the Student Complaint and Grievance Procedures as outlined in the
**Student Complaint Procedure (Pursuant to ABA Accreditation Standard 510)**

The ABA Standards of Legal Education establish accreditation standards to ensure that law schools meet certain legal educational requirements to qualify an individual to be eligible to sit for the bar examination. The standards may be accessed at [www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/resources/standards.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/resources/standards.html).

Vanderbilt Law School wants to hear any student concerns about significant problems that directly implicate the school’s program of legal education and its compliance with ABA Accreditation Standards (for example, a failure to provide students with notice of the graduation requirements and the curriculum to meet those requirements, or inadequate library resources to support student scholarship and research). Any student having such a complaint should submit it in writing to the associate dean for academic affairs.

When filing a complaint, the student must describe the subject of the complaint, provide a citation to the relevant ABA standard(s), and include his/her full name and address.

When a formal written complaint is received, the associate dean will investigate and will attempt to resolve the matter within 30 days. Upon completing the investigation of the complaint, the associate dean will communicate the school’s findings and, if appropriate, the school’s intended actions to the complainant.

If the complainant is dissatisfied with the outcome or resolution, that individual has the right to appeal the decision. The complainant should submit written comments to the dean within two weeks of the communication of the findings of the initial investigation. The dean’s decision will be communicated to the complainant within 30 days, if possible, and that decision will be final. The Law School will maintain a complete written record of each complaint and how it was investigated and resolved. These records will be maintained in a confidential manner in the Dean’s Office. The school will not in any way retaliate against an individual who makes a complaint, nor permit any faculty member, administrator, or other student to do so.

This procedure does not in any way eliminate or limit other Law School and university processes for filing other kinds of complaints.

**Vanderbilt Directory**

Individual listings in the online People Finder Directory consist of the student’s full name, Vanderbilt email address, and campus mailing address, if available. Students may elect to add additional contact information to their listings, including school, academic classification, local phone number, local address, permanent address, cellphone, pager, and fax numbers. Student listings in the People Finder Directory are available to the Vanderbilt community via logon ID and e-password. Students may choose to make their online People Finder listings available to the general public (i.e., viewable by anyone with access to the Internet), or to block individual directory items. Students who have placed a directory hold with the University Registrar will not be listed in the online directory.

Directory information should be kept current. Students may report address changes, emergency contact information, and missing person contact information via the Web by logging in to YES (Your Enrollment Services) [https://yes.vanderbilt.edu](https://yes.vanderbilt.edu) and clicking on the Address Change link.

**Official University Communications**

Certain federal statutes require that information be delivered to each student. Vanderbilt delivers much of this information via email. Official electronic notifications, including those required by statutes, those required by University policy, and instructions from University officials, will be sent to students’ Vanderbilt email addresses: user.name@vanderbilt.edu. Students are required to be familiar with the contents of official University notifications, and to respond to instructions and other official correspondence requiring a response. Some messages will include links to the YES Communications Tool, which is a secure channel for official communication of a confidential nature.

The university makes every effort to avoid inundating students with nonessential email (often called “spam”), and maintains separate lists from which students may unsubscribe for announcements of general interest.

**The University**

Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, who gave a million dollars to build and endow Vanderbilt University in 1873, expressed the wish that it “contribute...to strengthening the ties which should exist between all geographical sections of our common country.”

A little more than a hundred years later, the Vanderbilt Board of Trust adopted the following mission statement: “We reaffirm our belief in the unique and special contributions that Vanderbilt can make toward meeting the nation’s requirements for scholarly teaching, training, investigation, and service, and we reaffirm our conviction that to fulfill its inherited responsibilities, Vanderbilt must relentlessly pursue a lasting future and seek highest quality in its educational undertakings.”

Today, as Vanderbilt pursues its mission, the university more than fulfills the Commodore’s hope. It is one of a few independent universities with both a quality undergraduate program and a full range of graduate and professional programs. It has a strong faculty of more than 3,600 full-time members and a diverse student body of more than 12,700. Students from many regions, backgrounds, and disciplines come together for multidisciplinary study and research.

The 330-acre campus is about one and one-half miles from the downtown business district of the city of Nashville, combining the advantages of an urban location with a peaceful, park-like setting of broad lawns, shaded paths, and quiet plazas.

Off-campus facilities include Vanderbilt Dyer Observatory, situated on a 1,131-foot hill six miles south.
Mission, Goals, and Values
Vanderbilt University is a center for scholarly research, informed and creative teaching, and service to the community and society at large. Vanderbilt will uphold the highest standards and be a leader in the

- quest for new knowledge through scholarship,
- dissemination of knowledge through teaching and outreach,
- creative experimentation of ideas and concepts.

In pursuit of these goals, Vanderbilt values most highly

- intellectual freedom that supports open inquiry,
- equality, compassion, and excellence in all endeavors.

The mission of Vanderbilt University Law School is to educate leaders who contribute to the advancement of justice. To achieve this goal, we provide students with a rigorous program of legal education, in an intellectually vibrant community of teaching and scholarly excellence, that prepares them for admission to the bar and for effective, ethical, and responsible participation as members of the legal profession.

Learning Outcomes
In furtherance of our mission, Vanderbilt University Law School requires that all students receive substantial instruction in:

- the substantive and procedural law;
- legal analysis and reasoning, legal research, problem-solving, and oral communication in the legal context;
- writing in the legal context, including one writing experience in the first year and at least one additional rigorous writing experience after the first year;
- professional responsibility, including the history, goals, structure, values, and responsibilities of the legal profession and its members; and
- experiential skills regarded as necessary for competent and ethical participation as a member of the legal profession.

Accreditation
Vanderbilt University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award bachelor’s, master’s, professional, and doctoral degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, or call (404) 679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Vanderbilt University.

The Law School is also accredited by the American Bar Association to award the doctor of jurisprudence degree. The contact information is:

The American Bar Association
321 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60654
(312) 988-5000
Website: americanbar.org
**Financial Information**

TUITION for the academic year 2015/2016 is $50,900. Students registering for fewer than 10 credit hours pay tuition at the rate of $2,545 per hour. Tuition is payable in two equal installments, at the beginning of the fall semester and at the beginning of the spring semester.

Rates for tuition and fees are set annually by the Board of Trust and are subject to review and change without further notice.

A nonrefundable fee of $50 is due when the application for admission is filed. A $750 deposit, required on acceptance of an offer of admission, is also not refundable but is credited toward tuition. The student health insurance plan carries an annual fee of approximately $2,721. Students pay annual activities and recreation fees of approximately $430. Students must complete registration on the first day of classes each semester.

**Payment of Tuition and Fees**

Tuition, fees, and all other university charges incurred prior to or at registration are due and payable in full at registration. All charges incurred after classes begin are due and payable in full by the last day of the month in which they are billed to the student. If payment is not made within that time, the student will incur financial penalties.

**Refunds of Tuition and Other Charges**

University policy for the refund of tuition charges provides a percentage refund based on the time of withdrawal. Students who withdraw officially or who are dismissed from the university for any reason may be entitled to a partial refund in accordance with the established schedule shown below. Fees are not refundable.

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### Spring 2016 Withdrawal/Refund Schedule

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Spring Break March 5–13

No refund after March 25, 2016

For the spring 2016 withdrawal/refund schedule, please see https://finance.vanderbilt.edu/stuaccts/withdrawal-schedule

**Tuition Payment Plan**

Students can spread payment over ten monthly installments, interest free, by enrolling in the VANDYPlan, currently administered by Higher One. The deadline to enroll in the VANDYPlan is July 25, 2015 (payments begin May 15). Enroll at tuitionpaymentplan.com/vanderbilt.

**Late Payment of Fees**

All charges not paid by the specified due dates will be assessed a late payment fee of $1.50 on each $100 owed (minimum late fee of $5).

**Financial Clearance**

The payment deadline for fall semester 2015 charges is August 19, 2015. Any balance not paid by the payment deadline will be assessed a 1.5% late payment fee (minimum $5) on August 19 and monthly thereafter. Diploma and transcripts will be held until all balances are paid. If a student’s account is not paid by August 19, 2015, the student’s YES access may not be available and the student may not be allowed to register or attend classes.

**Activities and Recreation Fees**

The required student activities and recreation fees entitle students to use the facilities of Sarratt Student Center and the Student Recreation Center. The fees also cover admission to certain social and cultural events and subscriptions to certain campus publications. Specific information on these fees is published annually in the Student Handbook. By payment of an additional fee, students and their spouses may use their identification cards for admission to athletic events.

**Transcripts**

Academic transcripts are supplied by the University Registrar on written authorization from the student. Transcripts are not released to students with delinquent accounts. All new students are charged a one-time transcript fee of $30. There is no charge to alumni for transcripts.

**Employment**

The study of law is demanding and is designed to occupy the student’s full time. It is unwise to allow efforts to be diluted by outside work during the critical first year. The student is better advised to seek a loan for needed expenses than to impair the quality of preparation for the profession.
Opportunities for part-time work after the first year are available in the Law School, elsewhere in the university, and in Nashville. Vanderbilt Law School policy states that a student may not work more than twenty hours a week while enrolled as a full-time law student.

Financial Aid
An appreciable amount of financial aid is available to students in the Law School. Except for named scholarships listed below and a small portion of Law School scholarship funds reserved for merit awards, aid is awarded and renewed on the basis of the student’s need. The two principal forms of aid are scholarships and loans. Only the latter carry an explicit obligation to repay. Scholarship aid is normally confined to some portion of tuition, but this limitation does not apply to loan funds. A large portion of funds available for scholarship and loan purposes results from the generosity of law firms and alumni/ae.

To apply for financial aid, the applicant must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the Need Access form, and the Vanderbilt Law School Financial Aid Statement, sent to all applicants for need-based aid. Forms should be completed no earlier than January 1 but as soon after that as possible, preferably by February 15. Later submission of this information is likely to influence awards. Prospective law students must have a clear credit history in order to qualify for some of the loan programs available to professional school students.

Scholarships
In addition to the scholarships available from general Law School funds, the following specific scholarships are available to law students. Selection for these scholarships is made by the Law School except where otherwise indicated. Students who apply for financial aid by registration with FAFSA and Need Access will automatically be considered for any of the following scholarships for which they may be eligible. No separate application is necessary except for the John W. Wade, Elliott Cheatham, John S. Beasley, Patrick Wilson and Harold Stirling Vanderbilt scholarships.

1991 LAW SCHOOL CLASS SCHOLARSHIP. The 1991 Law School Class Scholarship was established in 2011 by multiple donors to provide financial support for deserving students at the Law School. Donors established this fund to demonstrate their support for current law students and in celebration of their 25th reunion.

BAKER DONELSON SCHOLARSHIP. The Baker Donelson Scholarship was established in 2011 by multiple donors to provide scholarship support to deserving students at the Law School.

MICHAEL S. BARNES SCHOLARSHIP. Established in 1992 by members of the graduating class of 1969 to honor the memory of their classmate, Michael S. Barnes.

JOHN S. BEASLEY II SCHOLARSHIP. The John S. Beasley II Honor Scholarships were established to recognize the legacy established by John Beasley (J.D. 1954) during his service as associate dean and professor of law at Vanderbilt from 1962–72. A Beasley Scholarship is awarded to a member of an incoming class who has been selected as having the personal qualities, promise, and potential to make a mark upon the legal profession and the Law School. The recipient is chosen on the basis of merit without regard to financial need and receives a generous tuition scholarship award.

THOMAS W. BEASLEY SCHOLARSHIP. Thomas W. Beasley (J.D. ’73) established this scholarship to be awarded to deserving law students who are veterans of the armed forces of the United States and, in appropriate cases, to students who continue on active service in the military after starting law school at Vanderbilt.

J. GILMER BOWMAN JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. A scholarship fund endowed by Mrs. J. Gilmer Bowman Sr., in honor of her son. Income from this fund is used to award scholarships on the basis of academic standing and financial need.

ENOCH BROWN SCHOLARSHIP FUND. A scholarship fund endowed by Mrs. Elizabeth Eggleston Brown in the name of her husband. Income from this fund is used to award scholarships in the Law School.

EDWARD R. BURR SCHOLARSHIP. Donated by Ruth Burr Puryear in memory of her father, a prominent Nashville banker from 1891 until his death in 1940. Income from this fund will provide scholarships to students who demonstrate high scholastic achievement and good citizenship.

BARNEY D. BYRD ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP. Established in 2006 by Barney D. Byrd (J.D. 1979) to provide scholarship assistance based on merit to deserving students who might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend the Law School.

ELLIOTT E. CHEATHAM SCHOLARSHIP. Established in honor of Professor Cheatham and funded primarily by contributions from five of his former students and from past scholars, the scholarship currently provides an annual stipend of $5,000 in addition to any other scholarship assistance for which the student is eligible. The recipient is selected primarily on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership ability, and aptitude for legal studies.

JUDGE ALLEN COX SCHOLARSHIP. Established in honor of Judge Cox, a 1909 graduate of Vanderbilt who served on the Federal Court of the Northern District of Mississippi for twenty-eight years. Income from the fund endowed by Judge Cox’s grandson, Allen C. Dunstan (J.D. 1973), is used for a scholarship awarded annually.

JONATHAN K. CUTCLIFF FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP. The Jonathan K. Cutcliff Family Scholarship was established in 2011 by Lee S. Cutcliff (B.A. 1961, L.L.B. 1967) of Charlottesville, Virginia, to provide financial support to deserving students enrolled in the School of Law. The scholarship was established in memory of his son and in honor of the 50th undergraduate reunion of the Class of 1961.

RANA B. DIORIO SCHOLARSHIP. Established in 2007 by Rana B. DiOrio (J.D. 1991) to provide scholarship support for third-year students enrolled in the Law School who plan on pursuing a law and business track.

M. DOUGLAS DUNN SCHOLARSHIP. Established in 2007 by M. Douglas Dunn (J.D. 1970) to provide scholarship assistance to deserving students in the Law School who would otherwise be unable to attend.

FEDERAL COURT BAR AND BENCH SCHOLARSHIP. The United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee has made funds available to help economically disadvantaged students from Middle Tennessee to attend law school. This scholarship was established in 2007 and is awarded annually.

FEIDLER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP. The Feidler Family Scholarship was established in 2015 by Elizabeth Wager Feidler and Mark Lawrence Feidler (J.D. 1981), to provide need-based financial support for deserving students who have borrowed substantially to finance their education at the Law School and have also completed their first year. Donors are particularly interested in students who are pursuing the Law and Business Certificate or the dual J.D./M.S.F. degree and have maintained a grade point average qualifying them for the Dean’s List. If no students meet the preferred criteria, the fund may be used to support any needy second- or third-year students.

BILL FENWICK SCHOLARSHIP. Established by Fenwick and West, LLP, in honor of William A. Fenwick (LL.B. 1967) to provide financial support for deserving students at the Law School in recognition of his outstanding service to the firm, the legal profession, and the broader community.
SARA J. FINLEY LAW AND BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP. The Sara J. Finley Law and Business Scholarship was established in 2015 by Sara J. Finley (J.D. 1985) to provide financial support based on merit to deserving students who have completed at least their first year at the Law School and have demonstrated interest in pursuing corporate law careers or in using their legal training in their business careers. Donor is particularly interested in students who are pursuing the Law and Business Certificate or the dual J.D./M.S.F. degree. Relevant considerations for merit will include academic standing and evidence of leadership and character, and may include other criteria as determined by the Law School.

JOE H. AND MARTHA O. FOY SCHOLARSHIP. Martha and Joe Foy (J.D. 1950) established this endowment in 2000 to fund annual scholarships for deserving law students.

GANTT SCHOLARSHIP. A scholarship fund endowed by Mr. Nicholas J. Gantt (L. 1900) of Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Income from this fund is used for a scholarship awarded annually.

AMY AND FRANK GARRISON SOCIAL JUSTICE SCHOLARS. The Amy and Frank Garrison Social Justice Law Fund was established in 2012 by Amy Price Garrison (B.A. 1979) and Frank M. Garrison Jr. (B.A. 1976, J.D. 1979) to support students providing legal services for the benefit of individuals who may have been disenfranchised, dispossessed, discriminated against, or economically disadvantaged.

CHARLES W. GERDTS III SCHOLARSHIP. Established to create a permanent memorial to Charles “Chet” William Gerdts III (J.D. 1978) at Vanderbilt Law School and to continue to support the Law School and its students as Chet did during his lifetime.

KEITH GLASGOW SCHOLARSHIP. The Keith Glasgow Scholarship was established in 2010 through a bequest from S. McPheeters Glasgow, Jr. (J.D. 1940), to provide financial support for worthy students.

MARY POLK GREEN SCHOLARSHIP. The Mary Polk Green Scholarship honors the memory and legacy of Vanderbilt Law School graduate Mary Polk Green (J.D. 1947) and her contributions to the school and the legal profession as Director of the Vanderbilt Law Library. The income from this endowed fund is used to support students with financial need.

DONALD J. HALL SCHOLARSHIP. Established to provide need-based financial support for deserving students at the Law School to honor Donald J. Hall, Professor of Law, Emeritus, and in celebration of the 30th reunion of the class of 1979 by members of the Class of 1979 Moot Court Team. Professor Hall was faculty adviser for this distinguished team.

WILLIAM J. HARBISON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. The William J. Harbison Memorial Scholarship was established to honor the memory of Vanderbilt Law School graduates Judge William J. Harbison (J.D. 1950) by his family, friends, and former law partners. The scholarship award is based on merit and financial need.

HARRY H. HARKINS JR. SCHOLARSHIP. The Harry H. Harkins Jr. Scholarship was established in 2015 by Harry H. Harkins, Jr., (J.D. 1978) of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to provide scholarship support for deserving students at the Law School.


HESS SCHOLARSHIP. The Hess Scholarship was established in 2006 by William H. Hess (J.D. 1990) and Jodi Hess to provide assistance for second- or third-year students who maintain Dean’s List or higher GPA standing, have demonstrated financial need, and have borrowed significantly for their legal education.

HOLTON-BROWN SCHOLARSHIP. Established in 2012 to honor Richard D. Holton (J.D. 1980) and the Brown family, including Martin S. Brown, Sr., his children Eliza, Nina, Susannah, and Martin S. Brown, Jr. (J.D. 1992). The scholarship supports deserving students at the Law School.

JUSTICE-MOORE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP. Kathleen Justice-Moore (J.D. 1991) established this fund in 2010 to provide scholarship assistance to students who show an interest in working in the not-for-profit sector or in public service upon graduation.

VICTOR AND KUMI VON KLEMPERER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP. Established to provide financial support to deserving students at the Law School in honor of Michael von Klemperer, class of 2012, and in appreciation of the education he received at the Law School.

ROBERT R. KRIVCHER SCHOLARSHIP. The Krivcher Scholarship was endowed by Sonya A. Krivcher in memory of her husband, Robert Russell Krivcher, (B.A. 1942, J.D. 1947). Robert Krivcher served in the U.S. Army during World War II, graduated first in his Law School class, and was a founding partner in the Memphis-based firm, Krivcher & Magids, PC. A need-based scholarship, the Krivcher Scholarship is awarded annually to a second- or third-year law student who demonstrates strong academic achievement and is of high moral character.

RICHARD F. AND GLORIA E. LAROCHE JR. SCHOLARSHIP. Established in 2004 by Richard F. (“Ted”) LaRoche (J.D. 1970) and his wife, Gloria, to provide scholarship assistance to deserving students in the Law School.

LAW CLASS OF 1991 SCHOLARSHIP. The Law Class of 1991 Scholarship was established in 2010 by various donors to provide scholarship support based on financial need to deserving students at the Law School.

IKE LAURENCE EPSTEIN SCHOLARSHIP. Established to provide annual financial aid for deserving students at the Law School.

JAMES G. LEWIS SCHOLARSHIP. Established in 2006 by James G. Lewis (J.D. 1990) to provide assistance to Vanderbilt University Law School students who have demonstrated high academic achievement.

ANTHONY MANSFIELD LITIGATION SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP. The Anthony Mansfield Litigation Skills Scholarship was established in 2010 by James H. Hancock, J.D. 1966, M. William Munno, and John E. Tavss, J.D. 1979, and other donors to provide annual scholarship support to a rising third-year law student at the Vanderbilt Law School. The fund was created to honor the memory of Anthony R. Mansfield, J.D. 1968. The criteria for selection of the recipient include: excellent academic performance in litigation-related subjects such as Evidence, Civil Procedure, and Criminal Procedure; outstanding performance in the Moot Court Program; and positive involvement in litigation-related skills such as Trial Advocacy, Negotiation, Externships and/or Clinical Courses.

MARR SCHOLARSHIPS. Mr. William B. Marr, alumnus of the class of 1899, left the bulk of his estate to the Vanderbilt University Law School, with directions that the income from it be used for scholarships to public-school graduates from Middle Tennessee. Several scholarships are awarded each year.

THOMAS R. MOCOY SCHOLARSHIP. Established in 2007 by law alumni and friends to honor Thomas R. McCoy and his teaching legacy at the Law School upon the occasion of his retirement and to provide need-based scholarships for law students who demonstrate outstanding intellectual and analytical ability in the field of constitutional law.

WILLIAM A. MCDONNELL SCHOLARSHIP. A scholarship fund endowed by Mr. William A. McDonnell (B.A. 1916, LL.B. 1917), a former member of Vanderbilt’s Board of Trust from Saint Louis, Missouri. Income from this fund is used for a scholarship or scholarships awarded annually to students with high academic promise and financial need.

E. M. MORGAN SCHOLARSHIP. Established in honor of Professor Edmund M. Morgan, outstanding authority on the law of evidence and a member of the law faculty from 1950 to 1964, and supported in part by contributions from his friends and former students.

HUGH JACKSON MORGAN SCHOLARSHIP. Established in 2004 by former Vanderbilt University Board of Trust member Hugh J. Morgan Jr. (LL.B. 1956) to honor his father and provide scholarship assistance to students enrolled in the Law School.
RICHARD NAGAREDA SCHOLARSHIP. The Richard Nagareda Memorial Fund was established in 2011 by multiple donors to provide scholarship support for deserving students at the Vanderbilt Law School. This fund was established in memory of Professor Nagareda, former David Daniels Allen Professor of Law and director of the Cecil D. Branstetter Litigation and Dispute Resolution Program.

SALLY BAUM NORDLUND AND D. CRAIG NORDLUND SCHOLARSHIP IN LAW. Established in 2006 by Sally Baum Nordlund (B.S.N. 1974) and D. Craig Nordlund (J.D. 1974) to provide scholarship assistance to deserving students enrolled in the Law School.

RAYMONDE I. PAUL SCHOLARSHIP IN TRANSNATIONAL LAW. A scholarship fund endowed by the Charles Ulrick and Josephine Bay Foundation, Inc. Income from this fund is used for a scholarship awarded annually to an entering or returning student with a demonstrated interest in international law.

JEFFREY R. PETTIT MEMORIAL BOOK FUND. The Jeffrey R. Pettit Memorial Book Fund was established in 2002 by multiple donors in memory of their classmate, Jeffrey R. Pettit, to provide support to help deserving students at the Law School purchase books.


ONES W. POLK II INTERNATIONAL STUDIES STIPEND FUND. The Ones W. Polk II International Studies Stipend Fund was established by members of the Class of 1998 in memory of their classmate Ones W. Polk. The stipend is awarded to a student in need of financial assistance for international studies.

STEVE POTT S AND LES NICHOLSON SCHOLARSHIP. Established to honor Stephen D. Potts (B.A. 1952; LL.B. 1954), who established the fund in 1963, and Leslie A. Nicholson, Jr. (LL.B. 1965), Steve’s partner at Shaw Pittman and close personal friend for fifty years. The fund provides scholarship assistance to deserving students in the Law School.

TOM H. PROCTOR SCHOLARSHIP. Established in 1997 by Tom H. Proctor, Jr. (B.A. 1949, J.D. 1951) to provide scholarship assistance to students in the Law School.

RILEY SCHOLARSHIP. Established by Laura T. Riley (B.A. 1974) and Steven A. Riley (B.A. 1974, J.D. 1978) to provide financial support for deserving students at the Law School in recognition of the Riley family’s long history with Vanderbilt University.

ETHEL AND CECIL ROBERTS SCHOLARSHIP. Established in 2005 by Stephanie E. Parker (J.D. 1984) in honor of her grandparents to provide financial assistance to law students who are current residents of the state of Georgia and who demonstrate high academic achievement and good citizenship.

SANDERS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP. The Sanders Family Scholarship was established in 2011 by James F. Sanders, Esq. (B.A. 1967, J.D. 1970) of Brentwood, Tennessee, to provide scholarship support for deserving students at the Law School.

PAUL H. SANDERS SCHOLARSHIP. This scholarship honors Professor Paul H. Sanders, a member of the law faculty from 1948 to 1974. The scholarship fund was established by a gift from his estate and by contributions from his colleagues, family and friends.

SCHLESINGER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP. Established in 2008 by Dr. Leonard A. Schlesinger and Dr. Phyllis F. Schlesinger of Wellesley, Massachusetts, in honor of their daughter, Emily (J.D. 2005), and in appreciation of the education she received at the Vanderbilt Law School. The scholarship provides assistance to deserving students in the Law School who would otherwise be unable to attend.

SCM SCHOLARSHIP. The SCM Scholarship was established in 2014 by anonymous donors to provide financial support for deserving students at the Law School.

JOHN BOLTON SHAPARD SCHOLARSHIP. Established in memory of John Bolton Shapard, a 1965 graduate of the Law School. Funds for the scholarship have been contributed by Mr. Shapard’s family and friends.

JUDGE LUTHER A. SMITH SCOTTISH RITE SCHOLARSHIPS. Established in honor of Judge Luther A. Smith, (Law 1909), for many years Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. Funds for the endowment have been contributed by the Scottish Rite Foundation, a number of local Scottish Rite organizations, and friends of Judge Smith. The income is used for several scholarships each year.

M. LEE SMITH SCHOLARSHIP. Established by M. Lee Smith (B.A. 1964, LL.B. 1967) to provide financial assistance to law students who demonstrate high academic achievement and good character.

LARRY D. SODERQUIST SCHOLARSHIP. Established by Ann Soderquist (M.Div. 1996) to provide scholarship assistance to students pursing careers in public service in memory of her husband, Larry D. Soderquist, a professor of law at Vanderbilt University for many years before his untimely passing in 2005.

ROBERT L. SULLIVAN SCHOLARSHIP. Established in memory of Robert L. Sullivan (B.A. 1974, J.D. 1977) by his classmates and colleagues to support deserving students at the Law School, particularly those who have an interest in entertainment law or intellectual property law.

KENT SYVERUD SCHOLARSHIP. Established in 2004 by alumni, faculty, and friends to honor Dean Kent Syverud and to provide scholarship assistance to deserving students in the Law School.

ALFRED WELCKER TAYLOR SCHOLARSHIP. Established in 2003 by A. Alexander “Alec” Taylor II (J.D. 1978) of Chattanooga, Tennessee, to honor the memory of his late father Alfred Welcker Taylor (B.A. 1948, J.D. 1950) and to provide scholarship grants to students who meet the requirements for honor scholarship recipients.

GLENN K. AND THOMAS J. TRIMBLE SCHOLARSHIP. The Glenna K. and Thomas J. Trimble Scholarship was established in 2014 by Glenna K. and Thomas J. Trimble (J.D. 1956) to provide financial support for deserving students at the Law School. Donors are particularly interested in students who have graduated from an accredited college or university associated with the Church of Christ, including, but not limited to, the following schools: Abilene Christian University, Faulkner University, Freed-Hardeman University, Harding University, Lipscomb University, Lubbock Christian University, Ohio Valley University, Oklahoma Christian University, Pepperdine University, Rochester College, and York College. If no student from an accredited college or university associated with the Church of Christ is available, then the fund shall be awarded to any deserving student at the Law School.

JOHN LEWIS TYE IV MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. Established in honor of John Lewis Tye IV, (B.A. 1965), 1944-1966, by his parents in 1969. A member of the Class of 1968 from Cleveland, Tennessee, Tye had completed his first year of Law School. Given to a first-year student, the scholarship also is awarded in the second and third year, contingent upon a demonstrated commitment to excellence in all facets of a well-rounded life. The scholarship, based on both merit and need, is awarded to a student from Tennessee or Georgia.

MILTON R. UNDERWOOD SCHOLARSHIPS. Two scholarships endowed by gifts from David and Lynda Underwood of Houston, Texas, and the Fondren Foundation, in memory of Milton R. Underwood, a 1928 law graduate and longtime trustee of Vanderbilt University. Awarded to a first-year student and renewed each year.

JOHN W. WADE SCHOLARSHIPS. The premier honor scholarship, awarded to three members of each class. The three-year full-tuition awards were established in honor of John W. Wade, Dean Emeritus and Distinguished Professor, Emeritus, of Vanderbilt Law School. Wade Scholars are chosen on the basis of superior achievement in all aspects of their lives. The founding gift for the Wade Scholarship was a bequest from Ucota Collier and Arthur Frank Katzenlind. All applicants to the Law School are eligible to apply for the Wade Scholarship.
MARK WOODWORTH WALTON SCHOLARSHIPS. An endowed fund in memory of Mark Woodworth Walton, son of Mrs. John H. Stambaugh. The income from this fund is used for grants to needy and talented law students selected by the Law School.

PATRICK WILSON SCHOLAR’S SCHOLARSHIP. Established in 1994 by recipients of the prestigious Patrick Wilson Scholarships, premier honor scholarships awarded from 1967 to 1991. The scholarship provides full tuition and is endowed to ensure support in perpetuity. Recipients are chosen on the basis of superior academic records and personal qualities that reflect potential for contribution to the legal profession.

WELDON WILSON SCHOLARSHIP. The Weldon Wilson Scholarship was established in 2011 by Wilson Weldon Wilson (J.D. 1986) and Elaine C. Wilson to honor Weldon’s 25th reunion. The scholarship provides financial support to deserving students who are graduates of public institutions.

JEFF AND SUSAN REINFELD ZAGER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP. Established in 2010 by Jeff (B.A. 1982; J.D. 1985) and Susan Reinfeld Zager (J.D. 1986) to provide financial support to deserving students at the Law School.

HOPE AND STAVROS ZEPPOS SCHOLARSHIP. Nicholas S. Zeppos, professor of law and chancellor of Vanderbilt University, and his wife, Lydia A. Howarth, established this scholarship in memory of the chancellor’s parents, Hope and Stavros Zeppos. This scholarship provides financial assistance to law students who demonstrate high academic achievement and good character.

Loan Funds
Vanderbilt University students participate in the Perkins Loan program, the Federal Unsubsidized Direct Loan Program, and the Graduate PLUS Loan Program. Information may be obtained from the Admissions Office. Completion of the FAFSA and Vanderbilt Law School forms are required in order to certify eligibility for federal student loan programs. In addition to loans available from general Law School funds, the following specific loan funds are available to law students:

PAUL J. HARTMAN LOAN FUND. Established in honor of Paul J. Hartman, Professor of Law, Emeritus. Loans are awarded by the Law School in instances in which an unexpected need has arisen and no other reasonable means of assistance is available. Funds for the loan fund are contributed by the Law School and by Law School alumni.

VANDERBILT EMERGENCY LOAN FUND. Small loans at no interest are available to assist students who encounter a financial emergency during the school year.
Honors and Awards

Dean’s List
Students in the top 20 percent of their class, as based on the semester GPA, receive Dean’s List honors.

The Order of the Coif
The Order of the Coif, the national legal scholarship society, has a chapter at Vanderbilt. Election to membership in the order is limited to those students in the top 10 percent of the graduating class who have completed at least 75 percent of their law studies (66 class hours) as graded class hours. Graded courses are those for which grades in the A+ through F range are awarded and are recorded on the transcript. Courses taken on a pass-fail basis are not included. Because Vanderbilt accepts transfer credits but not grades, it is unlikely that a transfer student can meet the 75 percent rule to qualify for the Order of the Coif.

Founder’s Medal
The Founder’s Medal, signifying first honors, was endowed by Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt as one of his gifts to the university. It is awarded to the student in the graduating class who has attained the highest grade point average, having completed at least 55 credit hours and five full-time semesters in residence at Vanderbilt.

Other Medals and Prizes
JUNIUS L. ALLISON LEGAL AID AWARD. Awarded annually to the student adjudged to have made the most significant contribution to the work of the Legal Aid Society. Set up to honor Professor Junius L. Allison, first director of the Vanderbilt Legal Clinic.

THE BANKS AWARD. Selected and awarded by the Jessup Moot Court competition team to the member who has made the greatest contribution to the team’s overall success during the prior year. This award was established in memory of Thomas Cloney Banks (J.D. 1983).

BENNETT DOUGLAS BELL MEMORIAL PRIZE. Established by Lily Cartwright Bell, in 1938, to honor her husband, and awarded to the graduating student who is not only well versed in the law, but who, in the words of the donor, “shows the highest conception of the ethics of the profession and who would strive to ‘do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God,’” as did the one in whose memory the prize is given and whose name it bears, Bennett Douglas Bell.

THE DAMALI A. BOCKER AWARD. Presented annually to the third-year law student who has a keen dedication to legal activism and a demonstrated commitment to confronting social issues facing both Vanderbilt Law School and the greater Nashville community.

G. SCOTT BRIGGS TRANSNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES AWARD. Awarded each year to the senior who has exhibited a high degree of scholastic achievement in transnational legal studies and who has made the most significant contribution to the development of international legal inquiry while a student of Vanderbilt Law School. This award was endowed by Mr. Briggs (J.D. 1969) in memory of his parents.

DARBY DICKERSON LEGAL ACADEMY SCHOLARS PROGRAM STIPEND. Darby Dickerson (J.D. 1988) established this fund in 2004 to provide stipend awards to deserving students enrolled in the Legal Academy Scholars Program.

THE PHILIP G. DAVIDSON III MEMORIAL AWARD. The Philip G. Davidson III Memorial Award is presented annually to the student, chosen by the Vanderbilt Bar Association Board of Governors, who is dedicated to the law and its problem-solving role in society, and who provides exemplary leadership in service to the Law School and the greater community. The award has been endowed by Mr. Davidson’s family and friends.

ROBERT F. JACKSON MEMORIAL PRIZE. Awarded to “that member of the second-year law class who has maintained the highest scholastic average during the two years.” This prize was established in 1945 by Mrs. Robert F. Jackson in memory of her husband, who was for many years an esteemed member of the Board of Trust.

CHRIS LANTZ AWARD. Awarded each year to a student who demonstrates a dedication to developing a sense of community among his or her classmates with a strong capacity for leadership and commitment to his or her legal studies. This award was endowed by the Class of 2011 to honor the memory of their friend and classmate Chris Lantz.

LIGHTFOOT, FRANKLIN, and WHITE LLC LEGAL WRITING AWARDS. Awarded annually for Best Brief and Best Oralist in each of the eight sections of the first-year Legal Research and Writing course. This award is sponsored by Lightfoot, Franklin & White LLC of Birmingham, Alabama, to support the teaching of practical legal skills in the Law School curriculum.

L.L.M. RESEARCH PRIZE. Awarded for outstanding achievement in the completion of a scholarly research and writing project.

ARCHIE B. MARTIN MEMORIAL PRIZE. Awarded to the student of the first-year class who has earned the highest general average for the year. The late Dr. Herman L. Martin of New York City made provision for the prize, which is given in honor of his son, who was a member of the first-year class when he died in 1923.

RICHARD A. NAGAREDA AWARD. Awarded by the Cecil D. Branstetter Litigation and Dispute Resolution Program to a student in the graduating class for extraordinary achievement in the study of litigation and dispute resolution.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS’ OUTSTANDING LAW STUDENT AWARD. Awarded to the student whose Law School involvement best fulfills the goals of contributing to the advancement of women in society and promoting women’s issues in the legal profession, and who has exhibited tenacity, enthusiasm and academic achievement while earning the respect of others. The Association provides an honorary membership for a year, which includes receipt of its publications and other membership benefits.

JORDAN A. QUICK MEMORIAL AWARD. Award given to the graduating student judged to have made the greatest contribution to the quality of life at the Law School through his or her leadership with the Vanderbilt Bar Association. This award was established in 1997 by family and friends of Jordan Quick (J.D. 1993).

STANLEY D. ROSE MEMORIAL BOOK AWARD. Awarded to the law student who has submitted the best legal writing in the field of jurisprudence or legal history, in fulfillment of the Law School’s advanced writing requirement. This award was a gift from the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice in memory of Stanley Rose (J.D. 1949).
CARL J. RUSKOWSKI CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION AWARD. Awarded to the student who, in his or her representation of clients in the Law School’s clinical program, demonstrated excellence in practice of law and best exemplified the highest standards of the legal profession. This award was established by Mae Ruskowski in memory of her husband, Carl Ruskowski (J.D. 1939).

VANDERBILT SCHOLASTIC EXCELLENCE AWARD. Awarded to the student designated by the professor as receiving the highest grade in all courses except seminars and limited enrollment courses.

WELDON B. WHITE PRIZE. Awarded to the student in the graduating class who submitted the best paper in fulfillment of the Law School’s advanced writing requirement. This award was established in 1968 by relatives and friends of Justice Weldon B. White, a former professor in the Law School.

Vanderbilt Journal of Entertainment and Technology Law Awards

THE CHRIS LANTZ MEMORIAL JOURNAL OF ENTERTAINMENT AND TECHNOLOGY LAW OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD. Awarded to the student, other than the editor-in-chief, who has made the most significant contribution to the advancement of the Vanderbilt Journal of Entertainment and Technology Law.

VANDERBILT JOURNAL OF ENTERTAINMENT AND TECHNOLOGY LAW STUDENT WRITING AWARD. Awarded to the student submitting the most outstanding piece of student writing for publication in the Vanderbilt Journal of Entertainment and Technology Law.

Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law Awards

GRACE WILSON SIMS PRIZE FOR TRANSNATIONAL LAW THIRD YEAR EDITOR. Awarded to the member of the third-year staff selected as having done the most outstanding work on the Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law during the academic year.

MASAMICHI YAMAMOTO SECOND-YEAR EDITOR AWARD. Awarded to the second-year staff member who has made the most significant contribution to the advancement of the Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law during the academic year. This award was endowed in 2008 by Mr. Masamichi Yamamoto (J.D. 2007), who served on the editorial staff in 2005–06 and 2007–07, in memory of his mother, Michiko Yamamoto.

GRACE WILSON SIMS MEDAL IN TRANSNATIONAL LAW. Awarded to the Editorial Board member, other than the editor-in-chief, who has done the most outstanding work on the Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law during the school year.

GRACE WILSON SIMS PRIZE FOR STUDENT WRITING IN TRANSNATIONAL LAW. Awarded to the student submitting the best piece of student writing for publication in the Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law during the school year.

Vanderbilt Law Review Awards

LAW REVIEW CANDIDATE’S AWARD. Awarded by the second-year staff of the Vanderbilt Law Review to the third-year staff member, other than the editor-in-chief, who has made the most significant contribution to their development as staff members of the Vanderbilt Law Review.

LAW REVIEW EDITOR’S AWARD. Awarded annually to a third-year editorial board member who has made the most significant contribution to the Vanderbilt Law Review.

MORGAN PRIZE. An award, in honor of Professor Edmund M. Morgan, given to the student contributing the most outstanding piece of student writing published in the Vanderbilt Law Review during the school year. The winner of this prize is ineligible to receive the Weldon B. White Prize.

MYRON PENN LAUGHLIN NOTE AWARD. Awarded to the student, other than the recipient of the Morgan Prize, who has contributed the best student note published in the Vanderbilt Law Review during the school year.

Moot Court Awards

BASS BERRY & SIMS MOOT COURT COMPETITION AWARD. Awarded to the semifinalists in the Intramural Appellate Competition.

JOHN CORTNER MEMORIAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION AWARD. Awarded to the two members of the winning team in the Intramural Appellate Competition. The award was established by family and friends in memory of John A. Cortner, (J.D. 1985) as a memorial to his energetic commitment to the Moot Court program, in which he served as the Chief Justice of the Moot Court Board.

K. HARLAN DODSON MOOT COURT STAFF AWARD. An award to the senior member of the moot court staff, other than the chief justice, who rendered the most outstanding service during the year in all aspects of the moot court program. This award was established by Harlan Dodson III (J.D. 1969) in memory of his father.

JUDGE ALBERT C. HUNT NATIONAL MOOT COURT TEAM AWARD. John Hunt endowed this fund to provide awards to students chosen to become members of the National Moot Court Team. This award honors the memory of his father, Judge Albert C. Hunt, a 1909 graduate of Vanderbilt Law School, who was a Justice of the Supreme Court of Oklahoma at the time of his death.
Courses of Study

The following courses are approved by the faculty. Offerings for each semester are announced in the Law School Schedule of Courses well in advance of the beginning of the academic year; changes and additions are announced thereafter as necessary.

LAW 5750. Law Review. [Formerly LAW 575] Credit for successful completion of work on the editorial staff of the Vanderbilt Law Review. May be repeated for credit more than once if there is no duplication in subject matter, but students may earn only up to 1 credit per semester of enrollment. Four semesters of membership are usually required for any credit to be awarded. No credit will be awarded for less than two semesters of work. An additional credit is awarded for some Board positions. Extracurricular credit. Pass/Fail. [1]

LAW 5755. Law Review Executive Board. [Formerly LAW 575A] May be repeated for credit more than once if there is no duplication in subject matter, but students may earn only up to 1 credit per semester of enrollment. [1]

LAW 5770. Journal of Transnational Law. [Formerly LAW 577] Credit for successful completion of work on the editorial staff of the Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law. May be repeated for credit more than once if there is no duplication in subject matter, but students may earn only up to 1 credit per semester of enrollment. Four semesters of membership are usually required for any credit to be awarded. No credit will be awarded for less than two semesters of work. An additional credit is awarded for some Board positions. Extracurricular credit. Pass/Fail. [3-4]

LAW 5775. Journal of Transnational Law Executive Board. [Formerly LAW 577A] May be repeated for credit more than once if there is no duplication in subject matter, but students may earn only up to 1 credit per semester of enrollment. [1]

LAW 5790. Journal of Entertainment and Technology Law. [Formerly LAW 579] Credit for successful completion of work on the editorial staff of the Vanderbilt Journal of Entertainment and Technology Law. May be repeated for credit more than once if there is no duplication in subject matter, but students may earn only up to 1 credit per semester of enrollment. Four semesters of membership are usually required for any credit to be awarded. No credit will be awarded for less than two semesters of work. An additional credit is awarded for some Board positions. Extracurricular credit. Pass/Fail. [3-4]

LAW 5795. Journal of Entertainment and Technology Law Executive Board. [Formerly LAW 579A] May be repeated for credit more than once if there is no duplication in subject matter, but students may earn only up to 1 credit per semester of enrollment. Pass/Fail. [1]

LAW 5800. Legal Aid Society. [Formerly LAW 580] Credit for successful completion of work as a staff member in any of the several projects operated by the Legal Aid Society. May be repeated for credit more than once if there is no duplication in subject matter, but students may earn only up to 1 credit per semester of enrollment. Extracurricular credit. Pass/Fail. [1]

LAW 5850. Jessup Competition Team. [Formerly LAW 585] A team selected to compete with other law schools on a hypothetical problem in international law. Extracurricular credit. Pass/Fail. [2]

LAW 5875. Mock Trial Board. [Formerly LAW 587] Students who compete in the mock trial competition in the second year are chosen to serve on the Mock Trial Board in the third year. Board members may also be chosen as members of one of two mock trial teams that will compete in a regional, and if successful, a national competition. To receive credit, a student must participate in the competition and also satisfy Board responsibilities. Pre- or corequisite: Evidence. Pass/Fail. [1]

LAW 5900. Moot Court Competition. [Formerly LAW 590] This competition is a moot court tournament for second- and third-year students. Emphasis will be placed on feedback in written and oral presentations. This course may be taken only once for credit. Extracurricular credit. Pass/Fail. [1]

LAW 5905. Moot Court Board. [Formerly LAW 590A] Credit for successful completion of work on the staff of the Moot Court Board. Membership on the Moot Court Board is based on participation in the Intramural Appellate Advocacy Competition. May be repeated for credit more than once if there is no duplication in subject matter, but students may earn only up to 1 credit hour per semester of enrollment. Maximum number of credits: 3. Extracurricular credit. Pass/Fail. [1]

LAW 5910. Moot Court Traveling Team. [Formerly LAW 584] Each year the Moot Court Board holds a competition to select the students who will compete in two tournaments in which Vanderbilt enters teams. Extracurricular credit. Pass/Fail. [1]

LAW 5920. National Moot Court Team. [Formerly LAW 586] A team selected to compete in a national competition against teams from other law schools. Extracurricular credit. Pass/Fail. [2]

LAW 6010. Civil Procedure. [Formerly LAW 603] An introduction to federal and state court organization, jurisdiction, and procedure including pleading, joinder of parties and claims, pretrial discovery, pretrial disposition of cases, judgments, res judicata, collateral estoppel, and other subjects. Primary emphasis is on the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and its counterparts which have been adopted by many states. [4]

LAW 6020. Contracts. [Formerly LAW 606] The agreement process; interpretation; consideration and its equivalents; illegal bargains; the statute of frauds; remedies for breach of contract; failure of condition; impossibility of performance and frustration of purpose; third-party beneficiaries; assignment of rights and delegation of duties; and discharge. Relevant sections of Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code are included in study of each topic. [4]

LAW 6030. Criminal Law. [Formerly LAW 613] A basic study of specific crimes at common law and under modern statutes; general principles of criminal liability; defenses; selected problems in criminal law administration from investigation and arrest through trial. [3]

LAW 6040. Legal Writing I. [Formerly LAW 614] Students learn the fundamentals of written legal analysis, citation, and written and oral advocacy. [2]

LAW 6050. Legal Writing II. [Formerly LAW 615] Continuation of Legal Writing I. [2]

LAW 6060. Life of the Law. [Formerly LAW 605] This class introduces students to the study of law. It is designed to give students the knowledge and skills that will prepare them for their other first year courses. Topics covered will include a review of American history and civics, the place of law among methods of ordering behavior, an overview of the American legal system, legal methodologies, legal concepts, theoretical frameworks for law, and the role(s) of law students and lawyers. Pass/Fail. [1]

LAW 6062. Life of the Law—LL.M. [Formerly LAW 605A] This class introduces LL.M. students to the study of law in the United States. They will gain the knowledge and skills necessary to understand the U.S. legal system and to succeed in their other law school classes. The course provides a basic grounding in discrete non-legal topics that are important to the contemporary study of law. Examples include reviewing the formative periods of American history and the essential features of American government, conveying economic concepts such as efficiency and the role of markets, and describing phenomena such as social norms and cognitive bias. The course also gives students an overview of the American legal regime and legal methodologies, concepts, and frameworks. The class will discuss analytic tools and methods of legal reasoning with a special emphasis on common law and statutory interpretation. We will also cover briefly the history of American legal education, the pedagogy of American law schools, and the structure of the American legal profession. Pass/Fail. [2]

LAW 6070. Property. [Formerly LAW 620] A basic survey of the law of property with emphasis on real estate, estates in land; divided interests; adverse possession; introduction to future interests; landlord-tenant;
Two credit hours are awarded for an optional second semester. Maximum credit of five Clinic credits. Pass/Fail. Faculty approval required. [2]

LAW 6789. Intellectual Property and the Arts Clinic. [Formerly LAW 677] The Intellectual Property and the Arts Clinic allows students to practice and represent clients in the areas of intellectual property and the arts. Students, under faculty supervision, will represent and counsel individuals, businesses, organizations, groups and associations in matters in various intellectual property fields, including, but not limited to, copyright, trademark, publicity rights, and trade secrets. Such work may include drafting, filing, and prosecuting copyright registrations and trademark applications; negotiating and drafting contracts; transactional projects, such as acquisitions, sales, and transfers of intellectual property or licensing agreements; advising and counseling clients; policy development and advocacy; internet and technology issues; and litigation. In addition, students will work with entertainers, artists, and arts organizations on other legal matters such as entertainment-related contracts; music and film industry issues; and the drafting and filing of corporate and non-profit documents for arts and entertainment-related organizations. A substantive course in intellectual property (e.g., copyrights, trademarks) or technology law (e.g., law of cyberspace) is recommended, though not required. Enrollment limited. Pass/Fail. [3]

LAW 6799. Intellectual Property and the Arts Clinic—Advanced. [Formerly LAW 677A] An optional second semester is available. Maximum credit of five Clinic credits. Pass/Fail. Faculty approval required. [2]

LAW 6809. Medical Legal Partnership Clinic—VA Hospital. [Formerly LAW 670] Students in this clinic will represent patients of the Veterans Administration Hospital (and possibly other veterans) with civil legal problems, with emphasis on those problems that affect the clients’ medical care. Students are supervised by clinical faculty during all stages of representation. Three credit hours are awarded for the first semester in which the student is enrolled, which includes a series of introductory classes on the law of medical negligence and relevant issues of substantive law and procedure. Pass/Fail. Enrollment limited. [3]

LAW 6819. Advanced Medical Legal Partnership Clinic—VA Hospital. An optional second semester is available. Maximum credit of five Clinic credits. Pass/Fail. Faculty approval required. Enrollment limited. Pass/Fail. [2]

LAW 6829. Immigrant Advocacy Practicum. Students in this practicum will provide individual representation to noncitizens in immigration proceedings and undertake a policy, advocacy, or community legal education project in conjunction with a partner community organization. Under the co-supervision of clinical faculty and attorneys from the partner community organization, students will prepare and present claims for human rights and forms of immigration relief, such as U-Visas, T-Visas, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, or asylum. The course will include classes on substantive immigration law and procedure as well as the unique status of the noncitizen in domestic legal frameworks. Students will develop core lawyering skills, such as client and witness interviewing; counseling; fact investigation; legal drafting; and administrative advocacy. They will also develop important problem-solving skills in context as they use legal tools to address policy issues affecting Tennessee’s immigrant communities. Pass/Fail. Enrollment limited. [3]

LAW 7000. Administrative Law. [Formerly LAW 653] The use of administrative agencies, including executive departments, to accomplish governmental purposes; creation and control of agency powers, with emphasis on constitutional and statutory provisions affecting administrative procedure, and judicial review of agency action; the quest for widely applicable...
concepts. Issues and principles of law are drawn from the experiences of various agencies, mostly federal. This course treats administrative law as a body of legal knowledge; it does not offer specialized study of any particular agency. Prerequisite: Regulatory State. [3]

LAW 7003. Administrative Law (Limited). This is the basic course on the law that governs federal administrative agencies. It covers material that is essential for anyone who represents a regulated party or works for a regulatory agency. The main topics are agency action and judicial review under the Administrative Procedure Act and the Constitution, the due process revolution in administrative law, access to courts (standing, reviewability, etc.) and government transparency under the Freedom of Information Act. The course builds on the first year Regulatory State course, but doesn’t duplicate it. Note: Due to overlap in content, students who enroll in this course will not be eligible to take the Administrative Law course. Enrollment limited. [3]

LAW 7006. Advanced Legal Research. [Formerly LAW 852] This course will build upon basic legal research skills and expose the student to the information resources utilized by researchers in several specialized areas of law. Following a review of legal research fundamentals (including a review of both secondary and primary materials), the course will focus on specialized research materials in the areas of transnational law, state and local law, company information, business and industry research, securities filings, intellectual property, and an in-depth focus on legislative and administrative materials. Enrollment limited. Pass/Fail. [2]

LAW 7008. Advanced Legal Writing. [Formerly LAW 851] The most important perspective on legal writing is that of the reader. Through extensive practice, feedback, peer review, and review of excerpts from actual briefs and other documents, students in this course will continue to develop their skills in effective writing and analysis while learning how to increase the likelihood that the message they intended to send is the message received by their readers. Coursework will include exercises, revisions of existing legal documents, peer editing, and several writing projects. The writing projects will include at least one document that is not assigned during the first-year course, such as a judicial opinion, a demand letter, or a transactional document. The course will also review and reinforce, through additional practice, the principles of effective research and writing, including citation, introduced in LAW 6040 and 6050. Enrollment limited. Pass/Fail. [2]

LAW 7010. Advanced Statutory and Regulatory Research. [Formerly LAW 845] This course will build upon basic legal research skills and expose the student to book and electronic information sources utilized by researchers in conducting legislative and regulatory research, both at the state and federal level. Following a basic review of research fundamentals, the course will focus on advanced research strategies for legislative and administrative law research. Topics will include cost-and time-effective research strategies, current awareness resources, legislative tracking and history, advanced statutory research, regulatory tracking and history, researching administrative decisions, exploring agency guidance materials, and how to make freedom of information requests, among other related topics. Enrollment limited. Pass/Fail. [1]

LAW 7016. American Legal History. [Formerly LAW 723] This class focuses on a number of crucial themes in American legal history: the transformation of the Constitution from slavery to freedom to Jim Crow and the legal system’s adjustments in the aftermath of Civil War; the evolving social role and self-image of lawyers and the emergence of the modern legal profession; and the legal regulation of the economy, labor, race relations, immigration, the family, gender roles, and crime in an increasingly urban, industrial and pluralistic society. In exploring these themes, we can better understand the role of law in shaping American society and culture, as well as how the law in turn has been shaped by social, cultural and political forces and the efforts of individuals, groups and their lawyers. The bulk of the course will cover the period between Reconstruction and the Civil Rights Era, roughly 1865–1965, a period in which the dynamics of American legal culture assumed a fundamental form that resonates to this day. In addition to introducing students to historical methods of legal analysis, this course will examine the continuing power of history in American law. [3]

LAW 7020. Antitrust Law. [Formerly LAW 681] Federal regulation of private economic activities under the Sherman Act, the Clayton Act, and the Federal Trade Commission Act to ensure maintenance of a competitive economy; examination of the major areas of antitrust law in the context of relevant economic concepts. [3]

LAW 7024. Appellate Practice and Procedure. [Formerly LAW 892] This course will provide in-depth inquiry into the many substantive and procedural issues central to practice before the federal and state courts of appeal. Beginning with a brief examination of the history and development of appellate courts, students will then consider the modern courts’ essential functions and limits upon appellate decision making. Topics will include appellate jurisdiction, finality and appealable orders, standards of review, and harmless error and issue preservation. Appellate procedure will be examined through study of the federal rules. Finally, students will consider questions of professional responsibility unique to appellate practice and other aspects of effective appellate advocacy. Enrollment limited. [2-3]

LAW 7028. Arbitration Law. [Formerly LAW 814] This course explores the potential advantages and disadvantages of resolving disputes through arbitration rather than court proceedings. In addition, this course focuses on court enforcement of arbitration clauses and arbitral awards (including a study of the Federal Arbitration Act, the New York Convention, and state and federal case law). Differing types of arbitration will be explored, including international commercial arbitration, labor and employment arbitration, and consumer arbitration. Note: Due to some overlap in content, students who enroll in Arbitration Law will not be eligible to take the Arbitration Seminar. [3]

LAW 7030. Bankruptcy. [Formerly LAW 720] A study of the rights of secured and unsecured creditors under state law and federal bankruptcy law, and the corresponding rights of debtors. Other areas covered include methods of collecting judgments, fraudulent conveyances, general assignments, garnishment, and attachment. Completion of Secured Transactions is helpful, but not required. [3]

LAW 7034. Bioethics and the Law. [Formerly LAW 899] Examination of emerging legal concepts reflecting the rapid developments in modern medicine and the moral concerns of society. Emphasis upon judicial decisional and philosophical analyses dealing with issues such as genetic manipulation, novel modes of procreation, human experimentation, nature of consent regarding medical procedures, control of drugs, definitions of death, implications of euthanasia. Enrollment limited. [2]

LAW 7036. Business and Securities Research. After a brief overview of the legal research process and resources, this course will introduce students to specific sources and strategies for researching a variety of business law topics, including corporations and securities. It will cover key primary and secondary sources for business law research: state and federal cases, statutes, regulations, and other administrative materials; subject-specific secondary sources; company disclosure documents; and sources for factual company and industry research, among others. The course will emphasize research process, strategies, and evaluation of sources, including exposure to databases beyond Westlaw and Lexis. Basic knowledge of corporate and securities law is assumed. Pass/Fail. Enrollment limited. [1]

LAW 7038. Campaign Finance and Elections. [Formerly LAW 684] This course explores constitutional, statutory, and political aspects of the American electoral system, examining campaign finance, the role of political parties, and redistricting. Topics addressed include the Federal Election Campaign Act, first amendment limits on campaign finance regulation, first amendment and associational issues related to political parties, and the equal protection clause as it applies to redistricting. Enrollment limited. [2]

LAW 7046. Choosing Legal Regimes. [Formerly LAW 786] The rapid growth of interstate and international travel and commerce creates opportunities for people and businesses to choose the law that will govern their transactions and relationships. A corporation can choose its own internal affairs law by choosing the place that it will incorporate. It can also choose the law that governs many of its activities by entering into contracts with choice-of-forum and choice-of-law provisions. Lenders can relocate branch offices to circumvent usury laws. Internet vendors incorporate choice-of-law and forum provisions into their online boilerplate contract language. Companies that deal with consumers can use choice-of-forum provisions to attempt to eliminate the possibility of class action lawsuits against them. People can place their assets into trusts that would not
be recognized in some jurisdictions. Same-sex partners can enter into marriages valid in some but not many U.S. jurisdictions. Native American Indian reservations are better able to attract outside businesses by committing to resolve any contractual disputes in non-reservation fora. Nations with undeveloped laws and unreliable court systems are able to attract investment activity into their countries with similar provisions. This course will explore the extent to which party choice-of-law and dispute resolution fora are possible and desirable. [3]

**LAW 7051. Collective Management of Copyright.** [Formerly LAW 811] This short course will look at the history, organization, functions and future role of collective management organizations in organizing access to online and other copyrighted material, including Performance Rights Organizations (ASCAP, BMI, and SESAC in the United States and their foreign counterparts) and other copyright collectives such as Copyright Clearance Center, Inc. The course will cover antitrust and other forms of regulation of collective management in the United States and a few other jurisdictions. Representatives from one or more copyright collectives will be invited to speak. Pass/Fail. [1]

**LAW 7060. Comparative Corporate Governance.** [Formerly LAW 714B] This course will provide a general overview of the field of comparative corporate governance, including the United States and several other countries with a focus on the basic economic principles and theories that have been developed. Specific topics will include the theory of the firm, limited liability, share dispersion, agency costs, internal governance structures, executive compensation, shareholder activism, shareholder litigation, the market for corporate control and shareholder voting. [2]

**LAW 7061. Comparative Corporate Governance Short Course.** [Formerly LAW 714] This course is designed to constitute a comparative study of major areas of the corporate laws of the United States, the United Kingdom, and continental Europe (in particular, Germany) and Asia. The purpose of the course is to discuss and evaluate the policy choices that are available to legislators and judges when dealing with certain central issues of corporate law. Company and legal persons are studied from a comparative law perspective, and in which students are reminded of the basic governance features of the corporation, the course deals with a series of selected topics related to comparative corporate governance. The aim is to critically evaluate the different ways in which European and Asian countries and the U.S. have tackled some of the big issues in corporate law, such as conflicts of interest of directors and shareholders, control transactions (take-over bids and related transactions) and class derivative actions in corporate and securities law matters. The course will also discuss federalism in corporate law and governance and thereby compare the constitutional setup of the U.S. in comparison with the emerging corporate environment in the EU and Asia. Pass/Fail. [1]

**LAW 7064. Comparative Law: Europe, Latin America, and East Asia.** [Formerly LAW 817] This course will provide an introduction to the principal legal systems of continental Europe, Latin America, and East Asia with particular emphasis on their contemporary institutions of the Civil Law Tradition. This course covers the basic contrasts both between civil and common-law jurisdictions and among civil law jurisdictions. Students have the opportunity to select a particular country of interest and examine its legal system in greater detail. [2-3]

**LAW 7068. Comparative Perspectives on Counterterrorism.** [Formerly LAW 842] This course offers a comparative analysis of the national approaches of, inter alia, the United States, Israel, Spain, Russia, and India. This multidisciplinary course focuses on the dual interlocking axes of legal norms (flowing from international as well as national perspective) and the accompanying political and operational imperatives. Counterterrorism is a global cooperative phenomenon, and the study of its practice entails the use of case law, legislation, international law, and national policy directives and operational decisions. Students will be exposed to case law from a number of jurisdictions, occasionally reaching contradictory results. The course will also entail extended use of scenario-driven exercises. [2]

**LAW 7073. Complex Litigation.** [Formerly LAW 733] This course will focus upon the major procedural and substantive issues that arise in the context of nationwide complex civil litigation. The major focus will be on class actions, including the requirement for class certification, dual federal and state class actions, the manifold issues that arise in class settlements, and the determination of class attorneys’ fees. In addition, alternatives to the class action mechanism will be discussed, including coordination by the judicial panel on multi-district litigation. [3]

**LAW 7077. Conflict of Laws.** [Formerly LAW 692] This course will examine the legal problems that arise when an occurrence or a case cuts across state or national boundaries: jurisdiction of courts, enforceability of foreign judgments, and choice of applicable law. The focus is on the policies, the rules of law, and the constitutional requirements in private interstate law. [4]

**LAW 7078. Constitutional Law I-Structural Questions, Federalism, and Separation of Powers.** [Formerly LAW 608] A basic study of the distribution of governmental powers between the federal government and the states, as well as the relationship among the three branches of the federal government and the role of the courts in the constitutional scheme. Issues include judicial review, standing, the enumerated powers of Congress, preemption, legislative veto, presidential power, and introductory aspects of constitutional interpretation. [3]

**LAW 7080. Constitutional Law of U.S. Foreign Relations (Foreign Affairs).** [Formerly LAW 748] An introductory study of the constitutional allocation of lawmaking power in the foreign affairs field, including a consideration of the related powers of the executive, Congress, and the judiciary in situations involving foreign elements. Specific subject matter areas include the treaty power, the war power, executive agreements, the allocation of powers to control international trading activities, the political question doctrine, protection of rights of aliens and the rights of foreign corporations, and the scope of state lawmaking power in private international matters. This course also taught as Constitutional Law of U.S. and Foreign Relations. [3]

**LAW 7084. Copyright Law.** [Formerly LAW 701] Copyright is the form of intellectual property that covers expressive works such as literature, film, music, artwork, and software. This course will introduce you to the fundamentals of U.S. copyright law and theory. It surveys copyrightable subject matter; the process for acquiring copyright protection; the scope and duration of the rights that a copyright owner enjoys; defenses to infringement, including fair use; and the remedies available once infringement is established. We will devote particular attention to whether any reform is necessary in light of new technologies that challenge existing industries and business models. [3]

**LAW 7086. Corporate Compliance and Internal Investigations.** This course will familiarize students with legal principles and practical strategies critical to practicing in the rapidly expanding fields of corporate compliance and internal investigations. Students will first become familiar with the core elements of an effective compliance program as outlined in key federal and international guidance. We will then explore some of these elements in depth, such as appropriate reporting, oversight, and governance mechanisms and factors to consider in structuring a centralized compliance function. In particular, a significant portion of this course will be committed to studying corporate internal investigations; we will study corporate goals, investigative strategies and tactics, communicative techniques, and ethical issues that shape internal investigations. Finally, we will consider how corporate compliance efforts and internal investigations impact the resolution of government enforcement actions against a company. Throughout the course, students will typically examine these topics through the lens of anti-corruption compliance, which serves as an important and representative example, but will also consider how particular concepts play out in other substantive areas, such as health care or government contracting. [3]

**LAW 7091. Corporate Governance and Control Short Course.** [Formerly LAW 712] This course entails an in-depth study of the principal issues involved in creating appropriate governance and control systems for large publicly-held corporations. It focuses on questions of corporate structure, voting rights, duties of directors, derivative suits, indemnification, and transfers of control, viewed from legal, economic, and societal perspectives, and critically evaluates current proposals for dealing with these matters. Corporations or Corporations and Business Entities is recommended. Pass/Fail. [1]

**LAW 7101. Corporate Law in the European Union.** [Formerly LAW 885] The aim of the course is to give an overview of the level of harmonisation of company law in the EU and to discuss selected topics of
EU company law. The course will begin with a brief introduction to the functioning of EU law and its relation to domestic laws of member states. This will be followed by an examination of the freedom of establishment of companies, which is the legal basis for EU company law harmonisation. The main part of the course will be dedicated to discussion of selected topics of EU company law, such as mergers, divisions, capital maintenance, financial assistance and safeguards for the protection of interests of shareholders and third parties. Future trends of harmonisation in EU Company law will also be analyzed in light of the “Action Plan on European Company Law and Corporate Governance—A Modern Legal Framework for More Engaged Shareholders and Sustainable Companies” released by the EU Commission in December 2012. [1]

**LAW 7111. Corporate Litigation Short Course.** This short course will focus on the strategies and mechanics involved at the various stages of expedited corporate litigation in the Delaware Court of Chancery. Focusing primarily on merger and acquisition related litigation, the course will examine topics such as (i) selecting a forum and filing a complaint; (ii) the different stages of expedited litigation and the applicable standard of review at each stage; (iii) discovery disputes; and (iv) settlements. The course will be a participation- and practice-focused course in which students will be asked to read actual pleadings, briefs, and court filings from recent Delaware Court of Chancery cases. Pass/Fail. [1]

**LAW 7114. Corporations.** [Formerly LAW 708] A study of the modern business corporation, both publicly held and closely held enterprises, including the organization and financial structuring of corporations; the allocation of control among shareholders, directors, and officers; the responsibilities of management and controlling shareholders; and the issuance of corporate securities. Note: Students cannot take both Corporations and Corporations and Business Entities. [3]

**LAW 7116. Corporations and Business Entities.** [Formerly LAW 742] The primary focus of attention is a study of the modern business corporation, both publicly held and closely held, including the organization and financial structuring of the corporation; the allocation of control among shareholders, directors, and officers; the responsibilities of management and controlling shareholders; and the issuance of shares. Attention will also be given to alternative forms of business associations, such as partnerships, limited partnerships, and limited liability companies. Note: Students cannot take both Corporations and Corporations and Business Entities. [4]

**LAW 7121. The Criminal Jury Trial Short Course.** [Formerly LAW 721] This short course, taught by a California state trial judge, examines the criminal trial jury from both a practical and theoretical perspective. The class will also tackle some of the thorny legal issues posed by drug laws, current state and federal drug policies? What are the alternatives? What are the costs (physical, social, financial, etc.) associated with drug use? What are the costs of the war on drugs? How effective are current state and federal drug policies? What are the alternatives? What are the promises and pitfalls of drug legalization and other proposed reforms? The class will also tackle some of the thorny legal issues posed by drug laws, including: What does it mean to “possess” or “distribute” an illicit drug? Does the move to eliminate the mens rea requirement for simple drug possession violate Due Process? How are drug quantities to be calculated for purposes of sentencing? The class will conclude by discussing drug reform proposals currently being considered by Congress and various states. [3]

**LAW 7148. Education Law.** [Formerly LAW 794] This course will examine selected legal issues that arise in public and private elementary and secondary schools. Subjects to be explored include the scope of compulsory schooling laws, school disciplinary processes, educational equality, and religion in schools. The class will devote particular attention to the legal questions raised by current reform efforts, notably state and federal mandates to measure student achievement and the expansion of school choice in order to promote competition as a mechanism for improving school quality and accountability. [3]

**LAW 7151. Effective Legal Writing for the Real World Short Course.** [Formerly LAW 707] Team-taught by a federal appellate judge, a federal trial court judge and a veteran journalist, this real-world course has four goals: (1) Using lectures, examples and in-class exercises, students will learn the characteristics of legal writing most likely to engage and convince judges; (2) Students will learn how legal writing for public consumption, for trial courts and for appellate courts are different and how to be an effective advocate in each context; (3) Students will acquire lists of do’s and don’ts to guide the development of effective, individualized legal writing styles; and (4) Students will be guided in how best to write to get results when trying to reach wider audiences, with a focus on influencing media and speaking to public policy debates. Pass/Fail. [1]

**LAW 7156. Electronic Discovery and Information Governance.** [Formerly LAW 834] This course examines rapidly evolving law and practice. The digital age requires both litigation and transactional attorneys to understand the basics of information technology and its impact on the law. Students will learn how electronic information is stored and received. They
LAW 7164. Employment Discrimination Law. [Formerly LAW 727] A study of the legal protection against discrimination in employment on the basis of race, sex, religion, age, national origin, and handicap. The major emphasis of the course will be on Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Other laws include the Equal Pay Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, and the Rehabilitation Act. Subjects include theories of discrimination, defenses and proof; pregnancy discrimination; sexual harassment; affirmative action; and remedies for unlawful employment discrimination. [2-3]

LAW 7168. Employment Law. [Formerly LAW 789] This course surveys and examines a broad range of legal doctrines, statutes, and rules governing the relationship between employers and employees that are not controlled by collective bargaining agreements. We will examine a range of issues including the establishment of the employer-employee relationship, problems and issues arising during the course of the employment relationship, and legal protection of employee rights upon termination of the employment relationship. Some of the specific subjects to be explored include the employment-at-will doctrine, drug testing, wage and hour restrictions, the Family and Medical Leave Act, occupational safety and health, and privacy in the workplace. This is a survey course and not a substitute for other offerings such as Labor Relations Law and Employment Discrimination Law. [2-3]

LAW 7174. Energy Law. [Formerly LAW 759] This course focuses on foundational legal issues related to the management, development, transportation and use of energy resources, including the generation and transmission of electricity. An emphasis will be placed on themes that recur across specific fields of energy law, including the legal framework for regulatory commitments related to energy infrastructure, legal and market governance of energy resources, and how the law approaches externality and risk issues related to energy. Coverage of the course includes the basics of state public utility regulation, exposure to key statutes administered by federal agencies that regulate energy (such as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission), various legal issues related to the emergence of energy markets in natural gas and electric power, network issues related to energy such as electric power transmission, legal approaches to new energy technologies, and the law’s approach to climate change concerns with energy resources. [3]

LAW 7178. European Union Law. [Formerly LAW 816] The European Union is the most ambitious legal, political, and economic integration among nations in the post-World War II era. This course provides a general introduction to the legal system of the European Union and to selected aspects of substantive EU law. We will examine the EU’s lawmaking processes, the relationship between EU law and the member states’ laws, the jurisdiction of the European Court of Justice, the EU’s system of legal remedies, and the constitutional law of the EU. In addition, we will study aspects of substantive EU law that are central to EU market integration, including protections for the free movement of goods, persons, services, and capital. [2]

LAW 7180. Evidence. [Formerly LAW 749] A comprehensive study of evidence law, including the examination of witnesses, functions of judges and jury in determining admissibility of evidence, principles of relevance and hearsay, evidentiary privileges, the admission of expert and scientific testimony, and the confrontation rights of criminal defendants. [3-4]

LAW 7184. Environmental Law I: Public Environmental Governance. [Formerly LAW 732] Introduction to the roles of the legislative, executive and judicial branches in addressing problems of environmental disruption, with special emphasis on problems of pollution. The course examines traditional and evolving public law remedies for the control of pollution, including recent litigation, legislation, regulations, and administrative regulatory reform efforts. Analysis of statutory materials focuses on the principal federal statutes and their implementation. [4]

LAW 7186. Environmental Law II: Private Environmental Governance. Introduction to the roles that private organizations, including non-governmental organizations, corporations, lenders, investors, and others are playing in reducing pollution and managing natural resources. These roles include private standard-setting, implementation, enforcement, and adjudication. Private environmental governance initiatives utilize many regulatory instruments that parallel the instruments used by public environmental governance, such as regulatory standards, market mechanisms and information disclosure requirements. Private initiatives also play an important role in the subject matter areas addressed by public environmental laws and policies, including toxic chemicals, greenhouse gas emissions, forest and fisheries management, environmental assessments for development projects, land conservation, and the role of environmental issues in commercial transactions. Private environmental governance initiatives also are widespread: Roughly 15% of all temperate forests and 10% of all fish caught for human consumption are subject to private standards, and most major law firms report that they are engaged in negotiating and litigating over the environmental aspects of commercial transactions. The course examines the theoretical foundation for private environmental governance, reviews the leading types of private initiatives, and includes hands-on experiences to prepare students to participate in this emerging field. [2]

LAW 7188. Fair Representation and Election Design. A central problem for representative democracies is to design elections so that the representatives are an accurate reflection of the whole polity. A rigorous assessment of the effectiveness of an election design requires us to be able to measure things such as “representation” and “voting power” and to develop workable criteria for assessing when an election result is “accurate” and when it is not. Only then can we analyze whether a particular election design is likely to meet the criteria that have been developed. The goal of this course is to teach the various quantitative methods that have been developed, by courts and others, to address these questions, and consider how the courts have used or should use them in assessing issues in representation. The course will apply these methods to a broad range of election issues, including “one person-one vote,” equality of voting power, apportionment, gerrymandering, and polarized voting, among other concepts. We will also discuss what election methods are appropriate to address these varied problems. Although we will take a quantitative approach, there are no mathematical prerequisites. [3]

LAW 7190. Family Law. [Formerly LAW 737] The law applying to persons in their family relationships, including legal problems concerning marriage and divorce; the impact of constitutional rights regarding the decision whether or not to have children; the enforceability of private contracts governing intimate relationships in and out of marriage; and the legal standards governing decisions regarding alimony, property division, and child custody in the event of a divorce. The course includes an examination of the sociological implications of current marriage and divorce practices and legal changes proposed in response thereto. [3]

LAW 7194. Establishment and Management of Nonprofit Organizations. [Formerly LAW 728] This course will prepare students to interact with nonprofit organizations in a variety of capacities, from board member to founder to adviser. Topics discussed will include nonprofit corporations, tax exempt organizations, the role and duties of the board of directors, standards of conduct and fiduciary duties of directors, conflicts of interest, record-keeping, annual compliance, indemnification and protection of board members, board operations, and the board-staff relationship. In addition, students will discuss the process for forming a new organization, including drafting governance documents and the application to the IRS for recognition of tax exempt status. These issues will be examined in an interactive setting using real world examples. Note: Due to overlap in content, students who enroll in this course will not be eligible to take the Goverance in Nonprofit Corporations Short Course. [1]

LAW 7198. Federal Courts and the Federal System. [Formerly LAW 740] An advanced study of the power and role of the federal courts as defined by the U.S. Constitution, U.S. Supreme Court cases, and U.S. statutes. Focus is primarily on the role of the federal courts in their relations with other branches of the federal government and the state governments. Subjects covered may include standing and other justiciability questions; power of Congress to define the scope of federal court jurisdiction; state
sovereign immunity; abstention; interjurisdictional preclusion and injunctions; and appellate and collateral review, including habeas corpus. [3]

LAW 7200. Federal Tax Law. [Formerly LAW 769] The basic course on federal income taxation; operation of the federal tax system and its application to various types of taxpayers. Emphasis on such concepts as gross income, exclusion, deductions, assignment of income, capital gains and losses, and tax accounting problems as well as tax problems arising in business activities, family arrangements, property transfers, and the tax planning relevant to dealing with them. [3-4]

LAW 7204. First Amendment Constitutional Law. [Formerly LAW 745] A basic constitutional law course focusing on the wide range of first amendment problem areas: political, artistic, and commercial speech; "symbolic" speech or expression; association rights; free exercise of religion; and the bar to government "establishment" of religion. Prerequisite: Constitutional Law I. [3]

LAW 7208. Franchise Law. [Formerly LAW 751] This course is designed to enhance your understanding of franchise law and the legal aspects of distributing products in the United States through independent entities. In particular, we will focus on the relationship between franchisor and franchisee and the law used to regulate that relationship. Course materials will provide an in-depth study of federal and state statutes and case decisions that define this field of law. [2]

LAW 7210. Genetics, Medicine, and Law. [Formerly LAW 773] Ten years have passed since the official announcement that the human genome had been sequenced. Many predictions have been made about the ethical, legal, and social implications of advances in our understanding of genetics. In this course, which will invite students from a number of graduate disciplines, we will examine a number of cases, such as genetic nondiscrimination, genetic variation and legal responsibility, proposed changes to human subjects regulations, preimplantation and prenatal diagnosis, and the current debate about newborn screening, to see how these predictions have played out and what we can expect in the future, and to propose more effective responses. [2]

LAW 7211. Governance in Nonprofit Corporations Short Course. This short course examines the particular legal and practical demands on directors and officers of non-profit corporations, as well as on the leaders of so-called "B" corporations, which are operated for profit but with special missions that go beyond profit-making. Topics to be covered will include the fiduciary duties that guide officers and directors and the standards of review employed by courts in reviewing corporate action; an examination of the varieties of non-profit organizations, from large health care systems and electric cooperatives to small charitable and religious organizations; an analysis of B corporations and the balancing of non-profit and profit motives; consideration of the role of the IRS in non-profit governance, including on issues of compensation, fundraising, and gift; and a practical primer on non-profit board service. The course will include (and be graded based on) two experiential exercises. First, teams of students will draft organizational documents for a non-profit organization and outline the steps necessary for the chartering and maintenance-in-good-standing of a non-profit that operates across state lines. Second, teams of students will inquire into and argue for and against corporate resolutions that implicate the specific mission of a hypothetical non-profit, as if the students were members of the organization’s board of directors. Pass/Fail. Note: Due to overlap in content, students who enroll in this course will not be eligible to take the Establishment and Management of Nonprofit Organizations course. [1]

LAW 7213. Government Contract Law. [Formerly LAW 734] The United States government spends nearly $500 billion annually on contracts to procure goods and services. Government contracts and grants are used to acquire items ranging from multi-million dollar weapons systems and aerospace vehicles to disaster recovery services, job training and technology. The process of awarding these contracts is highly competitive and the performance of them can be complicated and risky. This course will focus on the laws and policies that affect those who do business with the government. We will explore the roles and responsibilities of both private contractors and employees on the government side. We will also look at the role of Congress and the executive branch agencies in the procurement process, the various contracting methods available, enforcement and penalties for ethical violations, battlefield contracting, socio-economic issues such as small and disadvantaged business set-asides, and more. [2]

LAW 7214. Health Care Fraud and Abuse. [Formerly LAW 772] This course is intended to cover the health care fraud and abuse laws and issues relating to the prosecution and defense of alleged wrongdoing under federal and state health care systems. This course will provide a basic overview of the laws governing health care providers, such as hospitals, physicians and physician practices, medical device and pharmaceutical manufacturers, clinical laboratories and nursing homes. The course will examine the criminal and civil prosecution and defense of actions against such entities and individuals and the essential features of the major statutes in this area of the law including the federal civil False Claims Act, the Stark Act, the federal Anti-kickback Statute and the remedies and civil and criminal penalties available to governmental entities and civil litigants. This course will address voluntary and mandatory fraud and abuse compliance strategies and the practical compliance issues faced by health care providers. Enrollment limited. [2]

LAW 7216. Health Law and Policy. [Formerly LAW 774] This course is the foundational offering for health law and policy. It will consider different ways of thinking about health care issues and the analytical significance of those models for the development of federal and state public policy. A focus is on government’s role in the health care marketplace as payor, provider, and regulator. The course will consider such topics as the following: hospitals’ obligations to provide access to emergency medical services under state common law and federal emergency treatment legislation (EMTALA); selected issues related to persons with disabilities; selected issues related to ERISA; federal anti-kickback and anti-self-referral legislation; hospital governance and hospital-physician relationships, including limitations on the corporate practice of medicine; institutional and professional liability; selected antitrust issues. [3]

LAW 7221. Human Trafficking: Law, Policy, and Litigation Short Course. This course offers an in depth analysis of human trafficking law and policy as well as practical litigation strategies for criminal prosecutions and civil litigation. Forced labor, modern-day slavery, and sex trafficking have become an increasing lucrative crimes and a prosecution priority. With real world examples and hands-on learning, this course will examine current legal trends and new business models traffickers employ, including front businesses, labor recruiters, organized crime, and gang-related trafficking. In addition to learning about specific recruiting and grooming techniques, the course will also cover effective interviewing strategies for victims, witnesses, and traffickers. The course will also address the intersection of cutting edge evidentiary issues, immigration relief, survivor stabilization, and trial strategies. Students will be exposed to all aspects of the United States approach to combat trafficking and comparative international approaches from the United Nations and countries throughout the world. Pass/Fail. [1]

LAW 7224. Immigration Law and Policy. [Formerly LAW 741] The law on the entry of foreign nationals into the United States is becoming increasingly important as larger numbers of people seek to settle in this country and our legislators grapple with the immigration system. This course examines the substantive and procedural aspects of immigration law, as well as the application of immigration rules, the procedures to gain entry into the country, and the rights of foreign nationals after entry. Students will analyze specific case problems and participate in a moot deportation hearing. [2]

LAW 7238. Information Privacy Law. We live and work in an age of rapidly developing technological and informational advances. From National Security Agency monitoring to Google analytics, courts are increasingly confronted with complex privacy issues that have far reaching social and legal implications. This course examines the rights and obligations of governmental entities, corporate businesses, and individual consumers with respect to information use and information privacy. Specifically, this course explores state, federal, and international rules and regulations that apply to collecting, using, and disclosing personal information. This course also offers students practical exercises in such things as drafting consumer privacy notices and disclosures, negotiating contract provisions concerning the commercial transfer and use of personal information, and preparing executive communications that propose solutions to information use and privacy challenges. [2]
LAW 7241. Intellectual Property Licensing Short Course. [Formerly LAW 862] This course will focus, from a practitioner perspective, on the licensing of various intellectual property. Students will engage in drafting, and analysis exercises with respect to an assortment of licenses, including copyright, trademark, trade secrets, patent, music, and right of publicity. In addition, the course will explore related issues, such as business and marketing strategies, valuation of intellectual property, branding, and First Amendment and “free culture” concerns. Enrollment limited. Pass/Fail. [1]

LAW 7244. Intellectual Property Survey. [Formerly LAW 807] An introduction to the law of patent, copyright, trademark, unfair competition, trade secret, and other regimes through which the legal system extends protection in the United States to ideas, their use, or their expression. Specific topics that may be discussed include: the applicability of copyright to the Internet; the patentability of life forms; the patentability of business models; patent trolls; and trademarks and the Internet. Note: Taking this course will not preclude a student from later taking a course that specializes in patent, copyright or trademarks. [4]

LAW 7246. Intellectual Property Research. This course will begin with a refresher on standard legal research processes and resources, and will then proceed to provide specific strategies and sources for intellectual property law research, focusing on copyright, patent, and trademark law. Key primary and secondary sources addressed will include cases; statutes, regulations, and administrative materials; articles, treatises, and Restatements; and other subject-specific resources. The course will also provide a brief overview of international IP law research. Research processes, evaluation of sources, and exposure to databases beyond Lexis and Westlaw will all be emphasized. Previous knowledge of intellectual property law is helpful but not required. Pass/Fail. Enrollment limited. [1]

LAW 7250. International Arbitral Process. [Formerly LAW 830] This course is designed to acquaint students in the understanding of both public and private international law rules from an arbitral perspective. Special emphasis will be made on international economic law. Inquiry is made into the sources of international law and will include related bodies of rules involving more than one legal and political system. Hence, particular reference will be made to new sources of global law such as the United Principles for international commercial contracts and lex mercatoria. The focus will be on the understanding of doctrines, institutions and applications using historical, political and jurisprudential perspectives. The topics employed to explore these themes include the following: a) Sources of international law; b) the European Community Law experience; c) the Hague Peace system for intergovernmental dispute settlement and ICIJ; d) WTO and economic disputes; e) Mixed arbitration; State contracts; ICSID, the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal and UNCITRAL; f) Transnational commercial arbitration. [2]

LAW 7256. International Business Transactions. [Formerly LAW 739] This course is intended to prepare students to represent business clients in a variety of transactions having international elements. Through the careful analysis of problems, treaties, statutes, and international rules, we will develop the principles central to the successful structuring of international business transactions. We will cover the sale of goods abroad, including the UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods; financing of international sales and letter of credit law; shipping and liability regimes; anti-bribery rules and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act; transfers of technology, particularly the licensing and protection of intellectual property; and foreign direct investment, including international investment law, the role of trade agreements such as NAFTA, investment in the EU, and corporate social responsibility. [3]

LAW 7261. International Commercial Arbitration Short Course. [Formerly LAW 898] This one-unit short course will consider the law and strategic decisions underpinning international commercial arbitration. It will begin by considering arbitration as one “form” of dispute resolution and the reasons why parties (or at least the party in the dominant bargaining position) might favor that form. It then will turn to the issues governing the enforcement of international arbitration agreements, focusing both on the standards under the New York Convention and the subtly different standards under the Federal Arbitration Act. The course then focuses on arbitral procedure, placing particular emphasis on the choice of arbitrators, the arbitral forum and discovery (focusing on the extent to which default rules as opposed to mandatory rules govern these issues). Finally, the course will conclude with a survey of the law governing the vacatur, recognition and enforcement of international arbitral awards. Picking up on the contract vs. regulation themes that permeate the agreement and procedure discussion, the course will study closely the U.S. Supreme Court’s very recent decision in Hall Street v. Mattel. Pass/Fail. [1]

LAW 7266. International Criminal Law. [Formerly LAW 755] This course provides a survey of the field of international criminal law through a study of international criminal courts, hybrid tribunals, and the domestic implementation of international crimes. Focusing on the International Criminal Court, and the international criminal tribunals such as those conducted in Nuremberg and Tokyo, and for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, the class explores the legal and political dimensions of the developing system of international criminal law with a particular focus on the procedural and substantive tools needed to practice in this field. It is recommended, but not required, that students taking this course have completed Public International Law. [3]

LAW 7270. International Environmental Law. [Formerly LAW 763] IEL examines duties and obligations of nations imposed by treaties and customary international law in regard to transboundary impacts on the environment. In addition, IEL examines how so-called “soft law” and “private environmental governance” have developed in recent times as supplements to the “hard law” of international treaties and customary law in driving change in behavior. Specific issue areas explored throughout the course include endangered species, climate change, ozone depletion, biodiversity, international fisheries depletion, and the use of trade sanctions as tools to protect the environment. The course explores the structure and roles of international organizations engaged in protecting the environment, as well as the roles played by the private sector and non-governmental organizations. And, it examines the limitations of and challenges to the reach of international law in regard to the environment, including barriers imposed by sovereignty as well as enforcement issues. The course features an extended “mock negotiation” by the students of a current global environmental issue, namely, how to improve the Climate Change treaty and its Kyoto Protocol. [2]

LAW 7274. International Financial Regulation. [Formerly LAW 819] This course introduces students to the regulatory framework underlying the flow of capital in international financial markets. The course provides an understanding of the key regulatory characteristics of international banking and securities markets, including how different types of financial market transactions, techniques and instruments function and are regulated. Topics covered include standard banking and securities transactions (e.g., syndicated loans, bond and equity issues) as well as more complex tools and techniques such as securitization and derivatives. The course also analyzes the broader governance of international financial markets, examining the role of regulatory bodies (e.g., the G-20 Financial Stability Board, Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, International Organization of Securities Commissions, the International Monetary Fund), as well as the role of private actors (e.g., exchanges, clearing and settlement mechanisms, and self-regulatory and trade associations). The course continuously raises the key themes and debates that animate the normative construction of regulation in this area, including systemic risk, regulatory arbitrage, consumer protection and moral hazard. [3]

LAW 7278. International Intellectual Property. [Formerly LAW 895] This course provides an introduction to the international law of intellectual property. Students will examine the sources of international intellectual property, the multilateral treaties administered by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the World Trade Organization (WTO), as well as certain European Union Directives and Regulations. The course will also examine relevant policy issues in the area of international intellectual property, which may include: the nexus between intellectual property and human rights, the impact of intellectual property protection on economic development; the protection of traditional knowledge; and the impact of bilateral treaties and Section 301 of the Trade Act on multilateral norm-making processes. [3]

LAW 7284. International Protection of Human Rights. [Formerly LAW 938] This course studies and critically assesses the rules, institutions, and legal and political theories that seek to protect basic liberties for all human beings. The course emphasizes (1) specific “hot button” subjects within human rights law (such as the death penalty, hate speech, women’s rights, and lesbian and gay rights); (2) the judicial, legislative, and executive bodies in international and domestic legal systems that interpret and implement legal rules relating to these subjects; and (3) the public and private actors who seek redress for those whose rights have been violated. [3]
LAW 7288. International Trade Law. This course provides an introduction to international trade law. We begin by examining justifications for liberalizing international trade, as well as arguments for limiting such liberalization. We next discuss the institutional dimension of the international trade regime (WTO), as well as the way in which international trade rules are negotiated and implemented in the United States and the EU. We then move onto core trade principles, such as most-favored nation and national treatment in goods and services trade, as well as the non-economic exceptions to international trade obligations. Based on this knowledge of substantive international trade law, we discuss the WTO dispute settlement system, including its relationship to regional free trade institutions such as the EU and NAFTA, and the relationship between WTO law and other parts of the international legal system (for example, environmental and human rights law). [3]

LAW 7296. Introduction to Accounting. [Formerly LAW 688] A study of the basic concepts and limitations of financial accounting. Covers the financial reporting process and the development of financial statements for external users, such as investors and creditors. Note: Any student who chooses to take Introduction to Accounting will be required to take the course on a Pass/Fail basis if that student is enrolled as a JD/MBA or JD/MSF student, has earned an MBA, or has previously obtained a minimum grade of “B” in a college-level accounting course. All other students are required to take the course for a grade. [2]

LAW 7301. Introduction to Contract Drafting Short Course. [Formerly LAW 797] This course will provide students with a basic understanding of the issues and techniques relevant to the drafting of major contractual arrangements in the commercial setting. The course will focus on basic drafting techniques and customs; actual examples of litigation arising from imprecise or flawed drafting; analysis of a contract evidencing the terms of a major commercial arrangement; and drafting assignments geared to providing the students with an opportunity to apply the information presented during the course and to hone their own drafting skills. Pass/Fail. [1]

LAW 7306. Introduction to Law and Economics. [Formerly LAW 668] This course will introduce the basic concepts of law and economics. Economics has become an increasingly influential lens with which to view the law and it has become an important tool to understand the effect that legal rules have on people’s behavior. We will focus on applications of economics to the areas of tort, property, and contract, but will also explore the way economics can be used to understand the workings of the legal system itself. The course will not assume any prior familiarity with economics; all the relevant concepts and techniques will be developed in class. [3]

LAW 7321. Introduction to Private Equity Short Course. [Formerly LAW 776] This short course provides an overview of private equity funds, including their structure, fund raising process, evaluation and performance measurement, and the role they play as part of a diversified investment portfolio. Prerequisite: Corporations or Corporations and Business Entities. Although not required, a basic understanding of securities law and finance is useful. Pass/Fail. [1]

LAW 7323. Islamic Law: from Mecca to Modernity. [Formerly LAW 729] Islamic Law occupies a growing role in our popular mindset, and Islamic legal sources and principles are increasingly given attention in secular legal systems the world over. This course will introduce the traditional sources and methodological development of Islamic law, historical and contemporary reformist movements both progressive and reactionary, and ways in which American legal practice engages with Islamic Law. [2-3]

LAW 7340. Jewish Law. This course will survey the primary genres and methods of Jewish legal writing and legal decision-making from the Bible through the rabbinic and medieval period to the modern period. In discussing Jewish legal history, the course will focus particularly on the relationship of Jewish law to non-Jewish legal systems, issues of legal competition when Jews had access to non-Jewish venues, and the role of legal pluralism and indeterminacy in Jewish legal decision-making. The course will also discuss the complicated role of Jewish law in the State of Israel with respect to Jewish-Arab relations as well as the role of religious pluralism among Jewish communities within Israel. The role of Jewish law in contemporary Diaspora Jewish communities will also be addressed, particularly as these communities address modern social issues such as abortion, women’s rights, and homosexuality. [2]


LAW 7395. Environmental Annual Review. [Formerly LAW 821] This course will enable students to identify the environmental articles in law journals that present the best policy-relevant ideas and publish a one-issue student-edited volume that includes reprints or summaries of the articles, along with commentaries from leading experts from the academy, business, government, and non-governmental organizations. May be repeated for credit more than once if there is no duplication in subject matter, but students may earn only up to 1 credit per semester of enrollment. Enrollment limited. Pass/Fail. [1]

LAW 7400. Juvenile Justice. [Formerly LAW 685] This course will trace the trajectory of juvenile justice (that is, juvenile delinquency and the application of criminal law to minors) in the United States over the course of the last century. Critical issues such as the development of separate systems of adjudication and correction for minors; search, seizure, and interrogation of minors; waiver from juvenile to adult court; the unique procedural mechanisms of juvenile courts; school violence; sentencing and confinement; and implications of emerging scientific research on adolescent development will be explored. Because this complex and ever-changing area of law is heavily influenced by empirical accounts and policy considerations, both legal doctrine and the historical and policy contexts within which it has developed will be considered. [3]


LAW 7416. Law and Business of Climate Change. [Formerly LAW 777] Environmental governance often takes place through actions that are voluntary or are the product of extra-legal social norms. This course examines how many of these emerging forms of private environmental governance are influencing the responses of corporations, governments, and non-governmental organizations to climate change. The course explores the role of climate change in areas such as commercial transactions, corporate and product carbon disclosure, securities disclosure, and environmental management systems. The commercial transactions portion of the course includes lecture and class discussion, along with mock negotiations in small groups. In each segment of the course, the legal, policy and business implications of climate change are considered. The course materials include public and private standards, legal cases, business case studies, and scholarly articles. Note: Environmental Law is not a prerequisite for this class. [2]

LAW 7420. Law and Neuroscience. [Formerly LAW 890] New techniques—such as brain-scanning—have dramatically accelerated our ability to learn about how brains work. This deepening knowledge has serious implications for the legal system, as law parses responsibility for behavior, dispenses justice, and assesses injuries. For example, brain scans are increasingly offered as evidence in civil and criminal litigation. This course provides an introduction to what future lawyers need to know about the brain. We will begin by exploring the most up-to-date understandings of how brains function. We will then explore how brain functioning can be impaired by injuries and disease—as well as enhanced by drugs and other techniques. Against the important background of how law and science increasingly interact with one another, we will then consider the legal implications of brain sciences for a number of areas of law, including litigation, evidence, assessments of criminal responsibility, lie detection, determining brain death, and the like. A background in science is not required and is not assumed. [3]

LAW 7424. Law as a Business. [Formerly LAW 704] The practice of law as a profession is increasingly being challenged by the profit-driven models being utilized by law firms. This course will examine the practical side of running the business of practicing law without losing the essence of what historically has made the practice of law a profession. [2]
This course will review the evolution and ethical implications of legal bill-
ing. These concepts will form the baseline for a study of legal project
management, and legal risk management. Students will engage in
active small group discussions, reaction papers, short presentations, and
practice development proposals. [3]

LAW 7440. Law Review Publication Note. [Formerly LAW 806A] Aca-
demic credit for a note of publishable quality. Credit is awarded in the fall
of the third year. Pass/Fail. [1]

LAW 7450. Legal Interviewing and Counseling. [Formerly LAW 725]
This course will focus on the skills and legal principles involved in interview-
ing clients and witnesses and counseling clients in the course of litigation
and dispute resolution. Topics will include information gathering, decision making,
and developing the lawyer-client relationship. Students will partic-
icipate in simulations of interviewing and counseling sessions and will have
an opportunity to do independent research on the ethical and legal issues
underlying the lawyer-client relationship. Enrollment limited. [2]

LAW 7454. Legal Project Management. [Formerly LAW 839] Legal
project management (LPM) is a method based on decades of commercial
experience designed to plan, budget, execute, monitor and control a legal
engagement (litigation or transactional). LPM methodologies provide a cli-
ent with a predictable cost while maintaining profitability for the law firm.
This course will review the evolution and ethical implications of legal bill-
ing practices and will evaluate common complaints by clients at the vari-
ous stages of the engagement which have led to the new normal in legal
billing. These concepts will form the baseline for a study of legal project
management, alternative fee arrangements and innovative legal pricing
models. Students will develop the skills and techniques to develop the
scope of the engagement, define the tasks to be completed, identify time
and cost constraints, develop pricing arrangements and budgets, select
appropriate resources and manage a team in the successful completion of
legal engagements. Students will utilize current web based technology
which can monitor performance, execute the project plan, manage finan-
cial objectives and improve processes of legal service delivery. [2]

LAW 7464. Legal Writing Assistance for Credit. [Formerly LAW 805]
Pass/fail academic credit may be earned by students who serve as assis-
tants to members of the faculty in connection with the first-year Legal Writ-
ing course. A student assistant will be expected to aid a faculty member in
researching possible writing assignments, to assist first-year students in
the completion of the assignment, and to perform such other tasks as may
be assigned by the faculty member. Approval for enrollment is required by
the individual faculty member whom the student is assisting. This course
may be repeated once for one additional credit. Pass/Fail. [1]

LAW 7470. Local Government Law. [Formerly LAW 736] Local gov-
ernments are the source of many of the legal rules and policy decisions
that affect our daily lives, from land use controls, and infrastructure devel-
opment to public schools, and police and fire protection. This course
explores the political structure of local governments, the sources of local
government authority, and limits on local government actions. Topics will
include the formation of local governments, municipal finance, and the
scope of local control. [3]

LAW 7472. Marijuana Law and Policy. [Formerly LAW 767] With 19 mil-
lion regular users, marijuana is one of the most popular drugs in the country.
It is also one of the most highly regulated. Until recently, such regulation
was virtually synonymous with prohibition. But over the past two decades,
a growing number of states have experimented with new approaches to
regulating the drug, treating it more like other legal medicines or alcohol
than heroin or methamphetamines. These experiments have created a
new body of law governing a host of marijuana-related behaviors, from
simple possessing the drug to employing those who use it, along with a
host of intriguing questions regarding who has authority to regulate the
drug. This course takes an in-depth look at the competing approaches to
regulating marijuana, the rationales behind these approaches, and where
legal authority resides for choosing among them. What are the elements of
a marijuana trafficking offense? May a state legalize a drug, the federal
government forbids? Who is allowed to use and traffic marijuana under
state law? How do states prevent diversion of marijuana into forbidden
markets? Are contracts with marijuana dealers enforceable? May employ-
ers fire employees who use marijuana for medical purposes? These are
just some of the questions the course will address. [3]

LAW 7476. Mediation. [Formerly LAW 808] Mediation is a consensual
dispute resolution process in which a neutral third party called a mediator
attempts to facilitate a negotiated outcome between two disputants. This
intensive course will provide students with a focused introduction to the
theory and practice of mediation. It will be valuable both to the large group
of students who will represent clients in the mediation process as well as
the smaller group of students. Enrollment limited. Pass/Fail. [2-3]

LAW 7480. Mental Disability and Criminal Law. [Formerly LAW 790]
This course will examine the role of mental disability in determining crimi-
nal liability and eligibility for preventive detention. It will cover the insanity
defense, the incompetency plea, death penalty litigation and other sen-
tencing issues, sexual violent predator statutes, civil commitment, and
guardianship proceedings. [3]

LAW 7506. Methods and Ethics of Information Gathering. [Formerly
LAW 853] This course has two components: first, students learn specific
techniques for gathering information in an effective and legal manner. Stu-
dents learn how to gather information from human sources, from written
documents and from the World Wide Web. Second, students will exam-
mine real-life ethical dilemmas faced by lawyers, businessmen, and others
when trying properly to obtain information. The course will include studies
of actual information gathering projects in law enforcement and in other
areas, visits from a variety of distinguished information gatherers, readings
and hands-on assignments. Enrollment limited. [2]

LAW 7511. Multidistrict Litigation Short Course. [Formerly LAW 705] This
short course will focus on federal multidistrict litigation. The U.S. Judicial Panel
on Multidistrict Litigation (MDL Panel) may transfer and consolidate factually
related cases filed in different federal district courts to a single judge in any
federal district for pre-trial litigation, including resolution of dispositive motions.
Nearly all cases terminate in the MDL transfer court. More than 400,000
cases have been consolidated in an MDL since 1968. This course will examine
the history and evolution of the MDL Panel, motions practice before the
Panel, and litigation of MDL cases in the transferee court. Pass/Fail. [1]

LAW 7531. Negotiation Short Course. [Formerly LAW 796A] This
intensive short course will focus on the theory and practice of negotia-
tion. Course topics will include conflict style, adversarial negotiation, and
problem-solving negotiation. A “no drop” policy will be in place after Open
Enrollment ends for the semester. Attendance is required. Failure to attend
any of the sessions will result in a failing grade in the course. Note: Due to
an overlap in content, students who enroll in this course will not be eligible
to take the three-credit Negotiation course or the one credit Settlement
Negotiation short course. Enrollment limited. Pass/Fail. [1]

LAW 7538. Non-Litigation Strategies for Change in Public and
Social Policy. [Formerly LAW 864] This course will teach students how
to approach the task of developing a strategy for problems that require
social and political change within an emphasis on approaches other than
litigation. It will include a review of alternative frameworks, models and
other analytical tools for assessing alternative approaches, and then apply
them to several case studies. Enrollment limited. [2-3]
LAW 7541. Oil and Gas Law Short Course. This course will provide a broad overview of oil and gas law. It will examine the process by which oil, gas, and other minerals are produced and the legal issues raised by the various stages of production. It will also explore the property rights that allow for such production and the contracts by which those rights are created and extinguished. Given that the focus of the course will be on the litigation attendant to oil and gas exploration and production, the course will consider the environmental and non-environmental issues that arise and how those issues are litigated, in addition to discussing emerging topics that will hold the future for oil and gas litigation. Examples of topics covered by the course will include, among others, environmental remediation of oilfield sites, federal and state regulation of the oil and gas industry, mineral royalty disputes, deep-water exploration and production, natural gas production, and technologies providing opportunities for expanding the scope of mineral production, both domestically and internationally. Pass/Fail. [1]

LAW 7550. Patent Law. [Formerly LAW 822] This course will explore the theory, practice, and policy objectives of the U.S. patent system. After briefly exploring its history and basic architecture, we will explore patentability, including: the requirements for disclosing and claiming the invention; patent eligibility; statutory bars; priority rules; and prior art hurdles. We will then explore patent infringement, defenses to patent infringement, remedies, the Hatch-Waxman Act, and the legal process of the patent system. Throughout the term we will discuss current topics in patent law and consider changes to the patent system brought about by the passage of the America Invents Act of 2011 (“AIA”). A technical background is not required to take this course. [3-4]

LAW 7556. Philosophy of Law. [Formerly LAW 696] This is a course in legal and political philosophy. It asks basic questions that lurk beneath the surface of other courses: What is law? Where does (or should) it come from? What are its functions? What, if anything, makes it authoritative? What, if anything, recommends it? Are there right answers to legal questions? What distinguishes law from the use of raw force? To what extent is law discovered or made, positive or natural, instrumental or moral, subjective or relative or objective, neutral or political? Enrolment limited. [3]

LAW 7564. Political and Legal Environment of Business. [Formerly LAW 750] For many businesses, non-market forces are as significant as market factors: the interaction between government institutions, elected officials, policy-oriented activists and NGOs shape the legal environment for firms in ways that have direct implications for their bottom line. Lawyers are frequently involved in developing and implementing strategies in the non-market environment to advocate and realize the interests their clients. This class introduces a set of analytic tools that rest upon a foundation of economic principles, political analysis, social psychology and risk management to help students identify patterns of behavior and outcomes in the non-market environment, methods of analysis that facilitate understanding and prediction, and, ultimately, the shaping of strategies to improve the non-market environment for clients. The course is organized through a series of case studies that identifies the ways in which firms are subjected to, and need to respond to, non-market forces and institutions including the media, activist campaigns, regulatory action and threats, and the legislative arena. In exploring these topics students will be required to prepare a series of short assignments that provide policy and legal guidance for firms that are engaged in these situations, complete an in-class midterm that tests students on their understanding of fundamental concepts in non-market analysis, and complete a substantial group project in which students identify an important non-market issue being faced by a Nashville-area business or non-governmental organization, and use the frameworks and lessons learned in class to offer advice and recommendations for how best to achieve their goals while paying appropriate attention to the relevant non-market considerations. [3]

LAW 7567. Poverty Law. [Formerly LAW 771] This course will explore the range of legal and policy issues affecting the ability of low-income families and individuals to access the most basic necessities of life. We will examine both the unique challenges of practicing poverty law (at both the direct-service and impact-litigation levels) and the substantive law governing access to adequate health care, housing, food and nutrition, and financial support. We will pay special attention to the impact of contemporary welfare reform and health care reform efforts. [2]

LAW 7568. Practicing Environmental Law. [Formerly LAW 784] The standard “litigation or transactions” dichotomy omits the third important leg in the legal practice stool: regulatory compliance. Indeed, legal industry experts have identified regulatory compliance practice as the fastest growing and most secure sector of legal work, with traditional practices in fields such as environmental, financial, health care, and employment regulation being supplemented with massive new regimes such as the Dodd-Frank statute in financial regulation and the Affordable Care Act in health care regulation. This course uses environmental regulation as the medium for exploring six major themes in regulatory compliance practice: (1) counseling clients on how to comply with regulation; (2) participating in agency rulemakings; (3) securing (and challenging) regulatory permits; (4) prosecuting and defending agency enforcement actions; (5) private litigation as an adjunct to regulation; and (6) regulatory due diligence in business transactions. [3]

LAW 7600. Professional Responsibility. [Formerly LAW 708] In-depth study and discussion of selected aspects of the Code of Professional Responsibility, the 1983 Model Rules of Conduct, and the Code of Judicial Conduct. Topics include confidentiality, disqualification for conflicts of interest, limits of ethical advocacy, and public responsibilities of lawyers. As a prerequisite for the New York Bar, LL.M. students must satisfactorily complete this course. [2-3]

LAW 7602. Professional Responsibility (LL.M.). [Formerly LAW 798A] In-depth study and discussion of selected aspects of the Code of Professional Responsibility, the 1983 Model Rules of Conduct, and the Code of Judicial Conduct. Topics include confidentiality, disqualification for conflicts of interest, limits of ethical advocacy, and public responsibilities of lawyers. As a prerequisite for the New York Bar, LL.M. students must satisfactorily complete this course. [2]

LAW 7611. Public Interest Litigation Short Course. [Formerly LAW 865] This short course will examine the practice of public interest law in the United States. The course will consider how public interest litigators identify problems to address through litigation, select an issue to litigate, and develop a litigation strategy. Students will explore issues associated with representation of individuals who cannot afford legal representation as well as the problems and possibilities involved in impact litigation. Readings will include articles, legal pleadings, and case studies that allow analysis and exploration of the tensions and challenges that exist within the legal system for public interest practitioners. Pass/Fail. [1]

LAW 7614. Public International Law. [Formerly LAW 813] This introductory course examines the fundamentals of public international law, including the nature and structure of the international legal systems, how rules of international law are formed and enforced, the subjects of international law, and the status of international law in United States law. Rules of public international law that are studied include the law of treaties, the use of force, dispute settlement, the act of state doctrine, sovereign immunity, state responsibility and remedies, acquisition of territory, the law of the sea, human rights, the right of self determination, and extraterritorial jurisdiction. [3]


LAW 7624. Regulation of Financial Institutions. [Formerly LAW 818] This course examines the law and policy pertaining to financial institutions, with a particular focus on the regulation and supervision of large, complex financial firms. The course will examine how national and international banks operate and are regulated as financial intermediaries offering payment services, and will illustrate how the need to maintain transaction accounts for customers leads to instability in the banking firm. Deposit insurance as a remedy for financial instability will be stressed, as well as the problem of moral hazard and devices for countering the risk-taking incentives created by deposit protection. Rules governing non-bank financial institutions will be examined and compared with bank-specific rules. The course will cover some of the legal, economic, and policy issues arising out of the global financial crisis of 2008-2009. [3]

LAW 7630. Religion and the Law. [Formerly LAW 754] This course will examine the place of religion in the contemporary American and international legal scene. In the American context, we will trace the development of the separation of church and state, particularly in both its Free Exercise and non-Establishment forms, from its controversial foundations to
ongoing debates. Internationally, we will explore the growing influence of sectarian law in the law of the state, particularly in the area of “personal status” laws. Finally, we will study ways in which religion finds its way into current transactional practice, particularly with reference to wills and estates. [3]

LAW 7638. Remedies. [Formerly LAW 730] This course will explore the forms and limits of judicial relief in civil actions. Remedies deals with the bottom line of litigation: what the court can do for a claimant who wins. The basic concepts, rules, and relative roles and availability of the major remedies compensatory damages, injunctions, declaratory judgments, restitution, and punitive damages will be examined. In addition, the course will cover the practical and strategic aspects of seeking and resisting these forms of judicial relief. While this course is strongly recommended for students who plan to litigate, students who seek careers in other areas like business transactions (where prospective remedies are often lurking in the background) will find the course valuable. [3]

LAW 7644. Secured Transactions. [Formerly LAW 688] A study of commercial and consumer credit with primary emphasis placed on Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code. Some time will also be devoted to a study of those provisions of federal bankruptcy law having the most impact on the rights of secured creditors. Completion of Bankruptcy is helpful, but not required. [3]

LAW 7654. Sports Law I: Legal Aspects of College Athletics. [Formerly LAW 809] This course will focus on the legal issues that regulate and influence universities and their ability to sponsor and take part in athletics. What is intercollegiate athletics and why do we have it? Does it add value to institutions of higher education or pull away from their missions? Completion of Bankruptcy is helpful, but not required. [3]

LAW 7656. Sports Law II: Legal Aspects of Professional and International Sports. This course will cover various legal issues involving the professional sports industry as well as the field of international sports including the Olympics. The course will focus on the National Football League (NFL), the National Basketball League (NBA), the Women National Basketball League (WNBA), Major League Baseball (MLB) and the National Hockey League (NHL), as well as professional soccer (in the United States and abroad), golf and tennis. Special attention will be paid to the history of each as well as how labor law, antitrust law, contract law, tax law, tort law, intellectual property law and other aspects of law influence, shape and regulate professional and international sports. The role of broadcasting, facility financing and team ownership will also be covered. The course will also look at the Olympic movement and how disputes are handled and the legal rules covering the Olympic Games and other forms of international sports associated with the Olympic movement. Finally, the issues of concussions and other injuries as well as the interaction between professional sports and society will be explored. Note: Due to overlap in content, students who enroll in the Sports Law I course will not be eligible to take the Sports and the Law Seminar. Enrollment limited. [2]

LAW 7658. Statistical Concepts for Lawyers. [Formerly LAW 884] This course provides a gentle introduction to statistical reasoning for a non-technical, legal audience. Its primary goal is to provide lawyers with the literacy necessary to be well-informed and critical consumers of statistical experiments in legal contexts. No mathematical background beyond high school is assumed, and when possible, graphical and concrete examples will be used instead of formulas. The course will survey standard statistical ideas such as statistical significance, regression, base rates, and confounders, as well as provide exposure to more modern insights. Enrollment limited. [3]

LAW 7661. Supreme Court Litigation Short Course. [Formerly LAW 715] This short course examines U.S. Supreme Court decision making by exploring the litigation process before the Court. Coverage will include discussion of the role of Supreme Court litigators, the decision to seek certiorari with the Court’s consideration of petitions, the role of amici, the nature of Supreme Court briefs, and the dynamics and significance of oral arguments. The short course will offer an opportunity to discuss recent and current Supreme Court cases. Pass/Fail. [1]

LAW 7681. The Democratic Constitution Short Course. [Formerly LAW 709] An introduction to the profound role that elected officials, elites, and the American people play in shaping constitutional values. This short course will examine the power of elected officials both to frame the issues before the Court and to respond to Court decisions they disapprove of. Particular attention will be paid to privacy, race, gay rights, federalism, and separation of powers. This course will also examine how it is that Supreme Court Justices are part of elite social networks and how that contributes to the growing partisan divide between Republican and Democratic appointees to the Court. Pass/Fail. [1]

LAW 7691. The Exclusionary Rule Short Course. [Formerly LAW 697] This short course will closely examine the history of and justification for the exclusionary rule, the judicially-created remedy for violation of the constitutional rules governing searches and seizures and interrogations. Materials will include Supreme Court and lower court opinions, research on the impact of the rule, and comparative literature describing how other countries handle illegally seized evidence. The professor is a well-known and well-respected federal appellate judge who also has substantial experience as a trial judge in state and federal court. Pass/Fail. [1]

LAW 7686. The Law of Secrets and Lies. [Formerly LAW 873] Secrets and lies can get you arrested, or make you rich. They can keep the country safe, and they can save your marriage. The First Amendment protects your right to lie, but a lie can land you in prison. Sometimes the government requires you to tell it all your secrets; other times, telling a secret is punishable by death. In general, the law says don’t lie to judges, or the police, or your customers. But feel free to keep secrets from all three groups; in fact, the law encourages you to do so. If this mishmash of rules seems confusing, there’s a reason: We simply don’t trust you, and you don’t trust us. This course explores why. [2]

LAW 7701. The Practice of Civil Litigation. [Formerly LAW 896] The Practice of Civil Litigation will cover crucial, practical issues faced by the civil litigator from the first day. The class will be structured to move chronologically through the issues a new litigator faces. Topics will include options for the newly licensed lawyer (including how to develop a litigation practice), the attorney-client relationship (including taking on a client, setting goals for the representation, and handling conflict), relationships with opposing counsel, litigation as a process (including the specific steps necessary to file and defend a suit, framing a case, and planning and implementing discovery), and settlements and verdicts (including alternative dispute resolution and what happens after a settlement or verdict). Pass/Fail. [1-2]

LAW 7706. Technology in Legal Practice. [Formerly LAW 756] Technological competency is a must for modern lawyers. After an introduction to the fundamentals of technological innovation and legal system design, class time will be spent working in groups assessing actual pro-bono client legal service issues and designing a legal application to solve an issue. The final part of the course will examine technology’s impact on the business of law. Topics during this portion of the course will include the consumer law revolution, access to justice, and the unauthorized practice of law. The course will examine potentially disruptive technological innovations in the legal industry such as eDiscovery software, document assembly, machine learning, predictive analytics, and online dispute resolution. Guest speakers from legal technology start-ups will make presentations to the class. The course culminates in a pitch day where groups will get the opportunity to present their legal application to a panel of judges with expertise in the legal technology and venture capital. Students will be graded on their final project and presentation, teamwork, organization, and class participation. Enrollment limited. [3]
Act of 1946 and the accompanying case law. Students may also examine recent applications of trademark law to the Internet and some related state law doctrines, including the right of publicity. Pass/Fail. [1]

LAW 7714. Transnational Legal Research. [Formerly LAW 844] This course introduces students to concepts and skills used in transnational legal research. This course will build upon basic legal research skills and expose the student to information sources utilized by researchers in conducting transnational legal research. Both primary and secondary authority will be covered in various formats. The course will focus on advanced methodologies and strategies for transnational legal research. Research topics will include treaties and international agreements; customary international law; human rights law; international intellectual property law, and other related topics. Recommended for students interested in international legal practice, members of the Jessup Moot Court team, and the 2L staff of the Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law. Enrollment limited. Pass/Fail. [1]

LAW 7718. Transnational Litigation. [Formerly LAW 835] This course will provide an introduction to the procedural issues that arise in the legal resolution of disputes in international transactions. The law of various countries will be covered (particularly Canada, Germany, France, the EU, and China); however, disputes involving United States and Japanese law are the major focus. The course covers international jurisdiction, service of process abroad, taking evidence abroad, applicable laws and treaties, comparison of trial procedures, enforcement of foreign judgments and use of arbitration. The course will also introduce students to the principal regional and international conventions: EU Regulation 44/2-1, the Inter-American Convention on Jurisdiction in the International Sphere for the Extraterritorial Validity of Foreign Judgments, the Hague service and evidence conventions, and enforcement of judgments, and an ALI-proposed Code of International Civil Procedure. [3]

LAW 7721. Transactional Practice Workshop Short Course. This course will introduce students to the role of the lawyer in contemporary transactional practice. Using actual financing documents tailored to a hypothetical financing transaction, students will examine how the syndicated loan market operates and why the transactions are structured the way they are. Key to the analysis will be understanding how and why the various documents (from preliminary expression of interest to commitment letter and term sheet and related fee letter to loan agreement and related guarantee and security documents) allow the parties to identify and mitigate the risks on each side. While some opportunity for role playing and mock negotiation will be included, the primary focus will be on problem identification and problem solving in the transactional context and on the interplay of often-competing commercial and legal considerations in structuring and executing business arrangements. Pass/Fail. [1]

LAW 7741. Truth, Lies, and Justice: Evidentiary Challenges in the Courtroom Short Course. This short course explores the more challenging situations that an attorney can face in the courtroom. Students will examine real courtroom dilemmas such as witness flipping, impeachment, and ethical challenges. Class discussion will focus on actual scenarios from a variety of trials and hearings, including an exploration of the applicable rules of evidence, case law, and procedure. Students will learn practical skills, including witness questioning techniques, evidentiary arguments, and trial preparation strategy. Pre- or corequisite: Evidence. Pass/Fail. Enrollment limited. [1]

LAW 7790. Wills and Trusts. [Formerly LAW 866] The basic policies, concepts, and problem areas of intestate succession, wills, trusts, and fiduciary administration. Remedies and techniques available to beneficiaries, fiduciaries, and estate planners. [4]

LAW 7800. Research Assistance for Credit. [Formerly LAW 800] One or two hours of pass/fail academic credit per semester may be earned by students who serve as research assistants to members of the faculty in connection with a faculty member’s research. Students may receive more than two hours credit for Research Assistance for Credit only by approval of the Assistant Dean for Academic Life. A student may not count more than 6 credit hours of research assistance credit toward meeting the graduation requirements. An approval form to register for the course is available on the intranet. After a faculty member approves the registration of a student as a research assistant in the program, the student will perform all such research for and on behalf of the faculty member. Students may not receive credit for research for which they are paid. May be repeated for credit more than once if there is no duplication in subject matter, but students may earn only up to 3 credit hours per semester of enrollment. Pass/Fail. Faculty approval required. [1-2]

LAW 7810. Independent Study. [Formerly LAW 801] A student develops his or her own project, to be carried out under the supervision of a full-time faculty member. A faculty member’s approval of the academic merit of the project, and agreement to supervise the project must be obtained in writing before the student may enroll in this course. A written work product must be included among the elements of the project that the faculty member evaluates, and this work does not satisfy the writing requirement for graduation. This course may be taken only once for credit. Pass/Fail. Faculty approval required. [1-2]

LAW 7900. Externship—Outside Nashville/Summer. [Formerly LAW 802] Students wishing to pursue an externship program away from Nashville must submit a proposal to do so, endorsed by a full-time faculty member, to the Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs by the appropriate deadline. The proposal must provide that all relevant requirements of the American Bar Association Standards are met. May be repeated for credit more than once if there is no duplication in subject matter. Students may apply a maximum of six credits of externship toward graduation requirements. Pass/Fail. Faculty approval required. [1-6]

LAW 7905. Externship—in Nashville/Academic Year/Summer. [Formerly LAW 804] The basic requirements are: (1) Students may receive credit only for work supervised by faculty-approved fieldwork supervisors at faculty-approved placements. (2) Various types of externships may qualify, including placements with federal and state prosecutors and defenders, the state attorney general’s office, attorney general’s office, federal and state agencies, federal and state judges, corporate legal departments and legal aid or other non-profit programs. Students may not receive credit for work for which they are paid. For placements in the Nashville area, the main course requirements are: a) 110 hours of fieldwork (or approximately 8 hours per week over a 14-week semester); b) weekly classroom sessions; and, c) recording a journal of work experience, which will be reviewed periodically by the faculty member. The course for Nashville area placements carries 3 academic credits. Placements must be arranged by the student and approved by the associate dean for clinical affairs no later than the end of the first week of classes. May be repeated for credit more than once if there is no duplication in subject matter. Students may apply a maximum of six credits of externship toward graduation requirements. Pass/Fail. Faculty approval required. [5]

LAW 7910. Externship/Full Semester. [Formerly LAW 803A] Students wishing to pursue an externship for an entire semester must submit a proposal, endorsed by a full-time faculty member, to the Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs six weeks prior to the end of the semester preceding the one in which the externship will take place. If a student participates in a semester-long externship, no additional externship credits may be counted toward graduation requirements, and only in the instance of a semester-long externship can the six-credit limit for externship credits be exceeded. Students may not receive credit for work for which they are paid. Faculty approval required. The externship requirements are: a) 560 hours at the externship placement (or approximately 40 hours per week over a 14-week period) for a pass/fail grade; and b) completion of a significant research paper (35-40 pages) on a topic related to the externship which will be graded work. The paper does not satisfy the writing requirement for graduation. [8]

LAW 7915. Externship Paper. [Formerly LAW 803B] Completion of a significant research paper (35-40 pages) on a topic related to the externship which will be graded work. The paper does not satisfy the writing requirement for graduation. Faculty approval required. [2]

LAW 8000. Actual Innocence. [Formerly LAW 717] This course explores the legal landscape of wrongful conviction of the factually innocent. Students review empirical evidence of the prevalence of wrongful conviction; examine its most common causes, including false confessions and faulty eyewitness testimony; dissect the legal procedures by which it may be discovered and corrected, including state post-conviction relief, federal habeas claims, and standards for accessing DNA testing; and evaluate compensation schemes and reintegration programs for those determined to have been wrongly convicted. While there are no pre- or corequisite
courses, it is highly recommended that students have taken or are concurrently enrolled in one of the following: (1) Criminal Procedure: Investigation; (2) Criminal Procedure: Adjudication; or (3) Criminal Procedure: Social Science Perspectives. Federal Courts is also advisable. [3]

LAW 8004: Actual Innocence Practicum. In this experiential course, students, under the supervision of an experienced attorney, will investigate potential claims of actual innocence, and prepare factual memos on those cases for attorneys who would later represent the clients. For example, students might work with the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers to identify cases in which now-discredited hair comparison testimony may have led to wrongful convictions. Students will not be representing clients in court but will be preparing dockets on cases so that pro-bono counsel could then proceed in court. Enrollment limited. Prerequisite: Actual Innocence. [2]

LAW 8020. Advanced Topics in International Humanitarian Law. [Formerly LAW 883] This class focuses on cutting-edge controversies related to the rules of international humanitarian law (IHL), which is the body of law specifically designed to regulate situations of armed conflict (also termed the laws and customs of war). IHL issues are at the core of current political and legal developments, and often arise in the context of extraterritorial proceedings. After reviewing important historical developments in the law of armed conflict, the class will explore the modern legal issues arising in cases related to rule of law development during ongoing operations. It uses the new U.S. Law of War Manual as a point of comparison to the practices of other nations, the jurisprudence of international judicial bodies, and recent national court rulings. Other issues include debates over progressive development of IHL, the modern trend of international investigations, and the applicability of human rights law in armed conflict. Note: Due to overlap in content, students who enroll in this course will not be eligible to take the Advanced Topics in International Humanitarian Law Seminar. [3]

LAW 8030. Advising Public Directors. [Formerly LAW 710] This course will provide students with an in-depth analysis of the obligations and issues faced by directors of publicly-traded corporations in the United States. The course will focus in particular on the respective rights and obligations of stockholders, directors and officers in connection with various aspects of the life of a public corporation, including elections of directors; retention and compensation of officers; SEC reporting and disclosure obligations; directors' supervision and handling of corporate risk-taking, malfeasance and misconduct; responding to hostile takeover activity; and change of control transactions. Students will be graded on the basis of their in-class participation and their performance on a written final exam. Prerequisites: Corporations or Corporations and Business Entities. Note: Due to overlap in content, students who enroll in this course will not be eligible to take the one-credit Advising Corporate Boards short course. [2]

LAW 8040. Constitutional Law II—Individual Rights. [Formerly LAW 848] An introductory study of due process and equal protection as general constitutional concepts, as well as their application in specific cases, and an introduction to the structural role of the Supreme Court in enforcing those constitutional restrictions against the other units of state and federal government. Prerequisite: Constitutional Law I. [3]

LAW 8046. Corporate Bankruptcy. [Formerly LAW 831] This course will examine the law and economics of corporate bankruptcy with a special focus on reorganization. In seeking to understand the role that corporate bankruptcy—and reorganization in particular—plays in today's economy, the course will include analysis of how bankruptcy law shapes deal-making and the considerations that underpin corporate financing transactions. This involves understanding the design of event-of-default clauses, priority in debt, security interests and the role of credit derivatives. The course will study central aspects of the bankruptcy process including the automatic stay, fraudulent conveyance and preferences, debtor-in-possession (DIP) financing, claims trading and the process of negotiating and voting on a plan of reorganization. Prerequisite: Corporations or Corporations and Business Entities. [3]

LAW 8050. Corporate Taxation. [Formerly LAW 702] A basic study of federal income taxation of domestic corporations and shareholders, with a limited and comparative treatment of the taxation of partnerships and partners, including the mechanisms for and consequences of corporate formation and capitalization; cash dividends and property distributions; common and preferred stock dividends, complete and partial liquidations; reorganizations; accumulated earnings tax; personal holding companies; collapsible corporations; and “Subchapter S” corporations. Prerequisite: Federal Tax Law. [3]

LAW 8061. Entertainment Industry Transactions: Negotiation and Drafting. [Formerly LAW 859] This course is an introduction to the responsibilities, functions, and business concerns of entertainment industry attorneys through contract negotiation, drafting and analysis exercises. Prerequisite: Copyright Law or IP Survey. Enrollment limited. Pass/Fail. [1]

LAW 8064. Estate Taxation and Planning. [Formerly LAW 880] Fundamental concepts of estate, gift, and generation-skipping transfer taxation, as well as related estate planning techniques. It is recommended, but not required, that students have Federal Tax Law and/or Wills and Trusts either prior to or while taking this course. [2]

LAW 8068. Federal Courts and the Federal System. [Formerly LAW 744] An advanced study of the power and role of the federal courts as defined by the U.S. Constitution, U.S. Supreme Court cases, and U.S. statutes. Focus is primarily on the role of the federal courts in their relations with other branches of the federal government and the state governments. Subjects covered may include standing and other justiciability questions; power of Congress to define the scope of federal court jurisdiction; state sovereign immunity; abstention; interjurisdictional preclusion and injunctions; and appellate and collateral review, including habeas corpus. Pre- or corequisite: Constitutional Law II—Individual Rights. [4]

LAW 8076. Health Policy. [Formerly LAW 840] This course is intended as a follow-up course to Health Law and Policy. It is an overview of the health care delivery system and an introduction to the market for health services. Student presentations on topics of particular interest form the core of the seminar-style offerings. Topics that may be considered include: specific components of the Affordable Care Act, such as Accountable Care Organizations, health insurance exchanges, and including Supreme Court litigation of its constitutional/personnel issues (e.g., licensure); financing issues (e.g., public and private health insurance); regulatory issues (e.g., varied regulatory legislation, antitrust, fraud, and abuse); competition of market and regulatory responses; the roles of health maintenance organizations, specialty hospitals, and for-profit institutions in the health field; problems of cost containment; the value of human life; allocation of decision-making authority (e.g., Baby Doe); organ transplantation. Prior completion of Health Law and Policy course is strongly recommended. Enrollment limited. [2-3]

LAW 8090. International Law Practice Lab. [Formerly LAW 882] The field of international law is one of the most dynamic areas of legal practice, and its principles are increasingly applied by practitioners addressing complex problems on behalf of their clients. This three-credit course will analyze the development and implementation of international norms by emphasizing the interrelationship between the theoretical foundations of international law and the pragmatic skills needed to succeed in this evolving and interdisciplinary field. Students will learn specific lawyering skills such as treaty negotiation, research relating to international law and the intersections of international and domestic law. An overarching course goal will be to develop strategies for advocacy of particular legal and policy positions in different venues such as international institutions, domestic government agencies, and international institutions. Prerequisites: International Civil Litigation, International Protection of Human Rights, International Trade, International Criminal Law Seminar, or other international law-related courses, at the discretion of the instructor. Enrollment limited. [3]

LAW 8101. International Mergers and Acquisitions Short Course. [Formerly LAW 826A] This short course will expose students to some of the most important elements of a typical mergers-and-acquisitions transaction. After reviewing some foundational concepts, the course will explore issues relating to structuring and executing cross-border M&A deals in which one or more of the parties involved are non-U.S. entities, with particular emphasis on Brazil. As part of focusing on issues that typically arise concerning cross-border M&A deals with Brazil, the course will also focus U.S. M&A and securities rules, regulations, and their application. Prerequisites: Mergers and Acquisitions or Mergers and Acquisitions Short Course. Note: This course does NOT count towards the Professional Skills Graduation Requirement. Pass/Fail. [1]

LAW 8120. Introduction to Corporate Finance for Lawyers. [Formerly LAW 687] This course provides an introduction to the basic skills needed to understand and evaluate corporate securities, transactions, and financing arrangements. Most of the course is devoted to developing skills for valuing expected cash flow streams, including discounted present value analysis, risk assessment, ratio analysis, and an introduction to forward contracts and options. The course also examines some of the legal issues involved when investors invoke their enforcement or control rights. Prerequisite: Introduction to Accounting or equivalent; Corporations or Corporations and Business Entities. Note: Any student who chooses to take Introduction to Corporate Finance for Lawyers will be required to take the course on a Pass/Fail basis if
that student is enrolled as a JD/MBA or JS/MSF student, has earned an MBA, or has previously obtained a minimum grade of “B” in a college-level finance course, with the exception of Personal Finance or International Finance. All other students are required to take the course for a grade. [3]

**LAW 8130. Mental Health Law: Deprivations of Life and Liberty.** This course will focus on four topics: (1) criminal responsibility (the insanity defense and other psychiatric defenses; the death penalty; sexually violent commitment statutes); (2) civil commitment; (3) competency to proceed and to waive rights; (4) the right to treatment and the right to refuse treatment. The course will examine these subjects from doctrinal, constitutional, evidentiary and behavioral science perspectives. Criminal Law is a prerequisite, Constitutional Law, Criminal Procedure and Evidence are helpful as background, but are not prerequisite. Several of the classes will be co-taught with a mental health professional. Prerequisite: Criminal Law. [2]

**LAW 8138. Mergers and Acquisitions.** [Formerly LAW 857] An examination of the law relating to the acquisition of businesses through asset and stock acquisitions and corporate mergers. The course examines applicable state corporate law and federal securities laws. Prerequisite: Corporations or Corporations and Business Entities. [3-4]

**LAW 8141. Mergers and Acquisitions Deal Dynamics Short Course.** [Formerly LAW 846] In this intensive short course, students will be exposed to the most important elements of a typical merger-and-acquisition transaction. The course will take an interactive, practical approach, and will center on a hypothetical M&A scenario, involving friendly “merger of equals,” the consummation of which is endangered by the emergence of a hostile bidder. The real-world scenario will be used to illustrate the legal and practical context in which mergers and takeovers are negotiated and voted upon, the core contractual provisions of merger agreements, the interests of the various constituencies involved and the dynamics of balancing those interests, and the relevance of key legal principles to the strategic and tactical business decisions that must be made in the course of a fast-moving M&A transaction. Among the specific subjects to be covered will be: (1) deal structure and timing issues; (2) contractual provisions relating to merger consideration, including collar and walkaways; (3) deal protection lock-up measures, including termination fees, no-shop and no-talk clauses, and lock-out provisions; and (4) representations, warranties and covenants, including material adverse change (“MAC”) clauses. At various times during the course, students will be asked to address these topics from the perspective of various players (e.g., the legal and business advisors to the target company, friendly merger partner, and hostile bidder, respectively) in the merger negotiation and litigation process. The course is designed as a complement to, not a substitute for, the full-semester course on mergers and acquisitions. Prerequisite: Corporations or Corporations and Business Entities or the equivalent. Securities Regulation and Mergers and Acquisitions would be helpful, but are not prerequisites. Enrollment limited. Pass/Fail. [1]

**LAW 8151. Mergers and Acquisitions Short Course.** [Formerly LAW 857A] This course is designed to introduce students with a basic understanding of corporation law to the fundamental and certain advanced topics in the law of mergers and acquisitions. The course will focus principally on the corporation law aspects, and to a lesser extent, on the securities regulation and deal documentation aspects of mergers and acquisitions. The course is not intended to address related tax, antitrust or accounting issues in detail. Prerequisite: Corporations or Corporations and Business Entities. Enrollment limited. Pass/Fail. [1]

**LAW 8154. Negotiation and Drafting of Key Corporate Documents.** [Formerly LAW 841] This course will provide students with a basic understanding of the issues and techniques relevant to the negotiation and drafting of the key documentation used in the corporate setting, ranging from basic corporate documentation to the documentation employed in mergers and acquisitions transactions, both public and private. The purpose of this course is two-fold: first, to acquaint students who might be considering a career in the corporate structure with the basic documentation that they might confront and, second, to help students develop their drafting skills. To this end, we will focus on basic drafting techniques and customs; actual examples of litigation arising from imprecise or flawed drafting; analysis of the key terms of corporate documentation; and drafting assignments geared to providing the students with an opportunity to apply the information presented during the course of the semester and to hone their own drafting skills.

**Note:** This course is only open to graduating 3L or LL.M. students. Due to overlap in content, students who enroll in this course will not be eligible to take the Drafting and Analysis of Business Documents Seminar. Prerequisites: Corporations or Corporations and Business Entities (Mergers and Acquisitions or Mergers and Acquisitions short courses helpful, but not required). [4]

**LAW 8156. Negotiated Public M&A.** [Formerly LAW 858] This course will provide both legal and practical information for any student interested in learning the ins and outs of a negotiated public company merger transaction. The course will focus on a step-by-step analysis of an actual negotiated public company merger transaction from start to finish, including advising directors concerning their fiduciary duties; options for structuring the transaction (including rudimentary tax aspects); retention and role of the financial advisor; negotiation and preparation of preliminary agreements; conducting an auction; analysis, preparation and negotiation of the merger agreement; SEC disclosure obligations and issues; obtaining stockholder approval; obtaining other regulatory approvals and clearances; and closing the transaction. Students will be graded on the basis of their in-class participation and their performance on drafting exercises and/or a written final exam. Prerequisite: Corporations or Corporations and Business Entities. Mergers and Acquisitions or Mergers and Acquisitions short courses helpful, but not required. Enrollment limited. [3-4]

**LAW 8157. Online Trademark Infringement.** [Formerly LAW 828] The first part of this course consists of a presentation and discussion of current trademark protection in the United States, China, and the European Union. The second part will focus more specifically on two major issues, namely (a) online infringement of trademarks (for example when protected marks are used in domain names (URLs) or in comparative advertising); and (b) branding and the emergence of well-known marks as products (for example, the Nike swoosh). A critical discussion of the adequacy of the current regime to protect the rights of trademark owners while preserving or enhancing freedom of speech and the development of the Internet will follow. No previous knowledge of trademark law is necessary. [2]

**LAW 8158. Partnership Taxation.** [Formerly LAW 854] This course will cover the tax planning considerations and tax consequences involved in the formation, operation, and dissolution of general and limited partnerships; the effect of at-risk and passive activity rules; the tax consequences of partial withdrawals and complete dissolutions, mergers, and consolidations; and the use of special forms of partnerships. Prerequisite: Federal Tax Law. [2-3]

**LAW 8171. Patent Litigation Short Course.** [Formerly LAW 822A] An intensive course examining the basics of litigating intellectual property disputes in a United States District Court, with particular emphasis on patent litigation, from the drafting of the Complaint, through "Markman" claims construction proceedings, fact and expert discovery, international discovery practice, dispositional motions practice, trial, and post-trial proceedings. Pre- or corequisite: Either an Intellectual Property course or a patents course. Pass/Fail. [1]

**LAW 8174. Patent Litigation Practicum.** This course simulates a patent infringement lawsuit. Students will participate in the various aspects of a patent infringement case including drafting pleadings, preparing written discovery and claim charts, briefing and arguing claim construction, taking and defending depositions, preparing expert reports, drafting summary judgment motions, and preparing for trial. The purpose of the course is to blend substantive knowledge of patent law with practical application in a litigation context with an emphasis on litigation skills including client relations, strategic counseling, oral and written advocacy, and developing a record/narrowing issues for trial. Prerequisite: Patent Law. Enrollment limited. [2]

**LAW 8181. Private Mergers and Acquisitions Short Course.** Utilizing the actual buyout of a privately-held business (for which one of the professors served as lead counsel for one of the parties) as a framework for the classroom discussions, this course will explore the M&A transaction process from a business lawyer’s perspective. The course will offer an in-depth explanation of the legal principles, regulatory considerations, transaction documentation, and practice techniques that impact today’s complex business transactions. We also will discuss how the business lawyer may effectively use his or her mastery of the legal issues and practice techniques to the client’s advantage. Pass/Fail. [1]

**LAW 8184. Representing the Public Company.** [Formerly LAW 711] This course will examine the practical art form of representing a public
company by analyzing four essential issues: the initial capital raising and public offering stage; the operational and governance challenges of being a public company; growing the business through mergers and acquisitions; and finally, on exiting the public sector through a sale of the business. Prerequisite: Securities Regulation. [3]

LAW 8190. Securities Regulation. [Formerly LAW 824] The focus of this course will be the regulation of capital formation under the Securities Act of 1933 and the disclosure provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. An additional focus is the inter-relationship of the two primary federal securities statutes and the SEC’s attempt to integrate securities regulations into a coherent regulatory system. Prerequisite: Corporations and Business Entities or Corporations. [3-4]

LAW 8200. Advanced Securities Regulation. [Formerly LAW 855] This course will focus on advanced subjects not thoroughly explored in the basic securities regulation course, including the Investment Company Act of 1940 and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940—statutes that are key to understanding the regulation of the mutual fund and private equity industries. Prerequisite: Corporations, Securities Regulation. [2]

LAW 8221. Succession Planning for the Closely-Held Business Short Course. [Formerly LAW 868] Succession upon retirement or death of a principal owner in the case of the closely-held business presents special concerns and limitations that are far different than those found in widely-held companies and or in publicly-traded companies. This course is designed to first focus on the personal, financial and tax concerns faced by the owners of a closely-held business when confronting the issue of succession. The second part of the course will examine the approaches the advisor to a closely-held business should consider and evaluate which of these alternatives, or combination of alternatives, is the most appropriate for that particular situation. Pass/Fail. [1] Prerequisite: Federal Taxation. Suggested: Corporations and Business Entities

LAW 8226. Tax Practice and Procedure. [Formerly LAW 849] This course focuses on the processes and procedures involved in the determination and collection of tax liabilities. In addition to class discussions, students will participate in exercises designed to acquaint them with tax practice and client representation before the Internal Revenue Service and in federal courts. Topics include administrative rulings, examination procedures, innocent spouse determinations, pass-through entity examinations, summons authority, administrative resolution of tax disputes, tax litigation, collection issues, and criminal tax investigation and prosecution. Prerequisite: Federal Taxation. Enrollment limited. [2-3]

LAW 8230. Taxation of Non-Profit/Tax Exempt Organizations. [Formerly LAW 827] A number of organizations that generate revenue are afforded tax-free or tax-exempt status by the federal, state, and/or local government. Why is this the case and what qualifications must an organization have to be afforded this status? This course will introduce the student to the world of tax-exempt organizations. After an introduction to the history, purpose, and theory of why we have organizations that are exempt from taxation, the course will explore the main rules and issues that surround this status. The course will also look at the increased coverage being given to tax-exempt organizations by the Internal Revenue Service. Topics will include, but not be limited to, types of tax-exempt organizations; requirements to obtain tax-exempt status; rules and procedures for maintaining tax-exempt status; unrelated business income; college savings plans; corporate sponsorships; sanctions; and unfair business competition issues. Prerequisite: Federal Tax Law. [2-3]

LAW 8300. The Individual in the Democratic State. [Formerly LAW 863] American political and legal theorists have traditionally devoted a great deal of attention to rights but rather less to obligations. In this course, we will explore the relationship between rights and obligations in a democratic state. Is it ever legitimate for a democratic state to use its power to constrain individual citizens in the service of democracy itself? Sometimes obligations look like rights, and vice versa; is there a meaningful way to delineate the two? What happens when an obligation meets a right? We will examine these questions and others by looking more closely at four different sets of rights and obligations: military service, jury duty, education, and voting. Course materials include not only court opinions and legal commentary but also canonical political theory texts and writings from various social science disciplines. [2]

LAW 8400. Trial Advocacy. [Formerly LAW 682] Lectures, presentations, classroom exercises, and mock trials designed to introduce students to the basic elements of trial practice. Subjects include jury selection, opening statement and closing arguments, direct and cross examination, presentation of expert testimony, introduction and handling of exhibits, trial preparation, courtroom etiquette, motion practice, and litigation ethics. All sections meet together on Monday afternoon. In addition, each section meets weekly in a small group for two hours with the faculty member teaching that section. Prerequisite: Evidence. Enrollment limited: Pass/Fail. [3]

LAW 8410. Advanced Evidence and Trial Advocacy: Civil. [Formerly LAW 780] This course will explore selected complex issues in evidence law that are not covered in the basic Evidence course. This exploration will be accomplished through the use of simulations that present these issues in the context of complicated litigation. While learning to analyze sophisticated evidentiary issues, students will also be able to expand the basic trial skills they acquired in Trial Advocacy. This course will focus on issues arising in civil litigation. Prerequisite: Evidence and Trial Advocacy. Enrollment limited. [2]

LAW 8420. Advanced Evidence and Trial Advocacy: Criminal. [Formerly LAW 782] This course will explore selected complex issues in evidence law that are not covered in the basic Evidence course. This exploration will be accomplished through the use of simulations that present these issues in the context of complicated litigation. While learning to analyze sophisticated evidentiary issues, students will also be able to expand the basic trial skills they acquired in Trial Advocacy. This course will focus on issues arising in criminal litigation. Prerequisite: Evidence and Trial Advocacy. Enrollment limited. [2]

LAW 9000. Supervised Research Project. [Formerly LAW 900] A student develops his or her own research project and writes a substantial research paper under the supervision of a faculty member who agrees to supervise the paper. The criteria for a substantial research paper are provided in the description of the requirements for the J.D. degree. The procedures for enrolling and completing the supervised research course are located on the Academic Life page of the Law School intranet under the headings, “Registration,” and “Registration Forms.” This course may be taken only once for credit. Faculty approval required. [2]

LAW 9008. Advanced Criminal Procedure Seminar. [Formerly LAW 921] This course will look at recent scholarship and case law dealing with criminal procedure. It will engage students in an in-depth examination of the theory and doctrine of the fourth, fifth and sixth amendments, the federal rules of criminal procedure, and plea bargaining and sentencing. A research paper will be required. Students need not have taken any other criminal procedure course, but should be aware that this course will not be focused on issues tested in bar examinations. Enrollment limited. [3]

LAW 9014. Advanced Litigation Seminar. [Formerly LAW 939] This seminar focuses on civil litigation and settlement in theory and practice. It is intended for students who wish to pursue advanced, in-depth study of civil litigation and dispute resolution on a systemic basis, moving beyond individual doctrinal areas. Readings will be drawn primarily from recent scholarly literature on such topics as models of litigation (economic, psychological, and others), the functionality—or lack thereof—of the American litigation system, aggregate litigation, the role of insurance, and comparative regimes of litigation finance. Enrollment limited. [3]

LAW 9020. Behind the Curtain of the Supreme Court Seminar. [Formerly LAW 904] This course explores the operation of the Supreme Court and the interaction of the Justices through popular books, which may include Supreme Conflict, The Nine, and The Brethren, as well as those written by Justices themselves, which may include books by Chief Justice Rehnquist, Justice Stevens, and Justice O’Connor. The goal of the course is to explore the message that popular accounts of the Court and its Justices send, and how those messages might affect the legitimacy of the Court. What do the accounts mean to suggest about the Court? Does that comport with what we learn in law school? How do different Courts or Justices compare with one another? Enrollment limited. [3]

LAW 9036. Corporate Voting: Practice, Theory, and Research Seminar. [Formerly LAW 944] This seminar will examine corporate voting at American public corporations. Students will explore in depth the voting
practices used today and the problems that they have created for compa-
nies and shareholders, legal rules in this area, underlying theory, and the
more recent analyses of this issue. Prerequisite: Corporations and Busi-
ness Entities or Corporations. Enrollment limited. [3]

**LAW 9046. Current Issues in Constitutional Law Seminar.** [Formerly
LAW 902] In this seminar, we will discuss cutting edge and hot button
constitutional issues, including Supreme Court cases from OT 2013 and
OT 2014, challenges facing the Executive Branch (e.g., debt ceiling), and
scholarship in constitutional theory. If possible, issues will be drawn from
current events. Topics might include recess appointments, corporate per-
sonhood, campaign finance, Executive power to delay regulations, and
constitutional constraints on the President. [3] Enrollment limited

**LAW 9054. Digital Copyright and Music Seminar.** [Formerly LAW 945]
This seminar provides an in-depth legal and policy analysis of the global
music scene and the management of music rights, whether individually or
by collectives such as ASCAP and BMI. Students will examine applicable
laws, including domestic and international copyright law and the role of
the Copyright Office. Exploring legal, commercial, technological and social
perspectives, students will consider available options for the development of
viable future markets for music both in the United States and interna-
tionally. Enrollment limited. [3]

**LAW 9060. Drafting and Analysis of Business Documents Seminar.**
[Formerly LAW 932] This course is designed for students who are in the
last semester of their law school careers and plan to be involved in a trans-
actional practice. The objective of the course is to prepare students to deal
effectively with the documents they are likely to encounter in the early years
of their transactional practice at a firm. In addition to gaining a considerable
familiarity with the structure and typical provisions of a variety of commonly-
used documents such as shareholders agreements, employment agree-
ments, deeds, and appraisals, students will also be regularly exposed to
the process by which transactional documents should be carefully analyzed.
Prerequisite: Corporations and Business Entities or Corporations. Federal
Tax Law is helpful, but not a prerequisite. This course is restricted to gradu-
ating 3Ls. Note: While not a traditional seminar, this course will satisfy the
research and writing (seminar) requirement for graduation. Due to overlap in
content, students may not enroll in this course if they have completed the
Negotiation and Drafting of Key Corporate Documents course. Transaction-
oriented students who may already have completed their seminar require-
ment are encouraged to enroll. Enrollment limited. [3]

**LAW 9068. Expertise and Legal Decision-making Seminar.** [Formerly
LAW 903] This seminar will focus on the use of experts in legal decision-
making. It will define the difference between expert and lay knowledge and
then explore the theoretical basis of lay decision-makers using informa-
tion that is, by definition, beyond their understanding. With an eye toward
evaluating institutional competence, the course will contrast how agencies,
courts, and others use expertise. Although the course will cover topics related
to evidence, administrative law, and institutional design, it will not require
previous coursework in those topics. Enrollment limited. [3]

**LAW 9074. Federalism Seminar.** [Formerly LAW 910] This seminar exam-
ines "the oldest question of constitutional law" in the United States: the
allocation of authority between national and state governments. We will
explore the historical underpinnings and normative theories of federalism,
evaluate the Supreme Court's federalism doctrines, and consider the role
of federalism in contemporary political/social issues. Specific topics include:
What is the value of a federal system? Are states even necessary to secur-
ing the benefits attributed to our federal structure? What was the original
understanding of the scope of federal power? To what extent should this
original understanding inform judicial decision making today, given changes
in our country (and in the international arena) over the past 200 years? Do
the Supreme Court's federalism rulings actually limit federal power and pro-
hibit states' rights? Do the Court's rulings comport with normative theo-
ries of federalism? To what extent do they track (or mask) the substantive
policy preferences of the Justices? Who should be primarily responsible for
safeguarding federalism? What is the relationship between federalism and
individual rights? What role does federalism play in contemporary debates
on issues such as same-sex marriage, medical marijuana, and immigration?
Though the focus of the seminar is on American federalism, students will
(briefly) consider federalism in comparative context. Enrollment limited. [3]

**LAW 9076. Health Policy Seminar.** This course is intended as a follow-up
course to Health Law and Policy. It is an overview of the health care system
and an introduction to the market for health services. Student presentations
on topics of particular interest form the core of the seminar-style offering.
Topics that may be considered include: specific components of the Afford-
able Care Act, such as Accountable Care Organizations, health insurance
exchanges, and including Supreme Court litigation of its constitutionality;
personal issues (e.g., licensure); financing issues (e.g., public and private
health insurance); regulatory issues (e.g., varied regulatory legislation, anti-
trust, fraud, and abuse); comparison of market and regulatory responses;
the roles of health maintenance organizations, specialty hospitals, and for-
profit institutions in the health field; problems of cost containment; the value
of human life; allocation of decision-making authority (e.g., Baby Doe); organ
transplantation. Note: Prior completion of Health Law and Policy course is
strongly recommended. Enrollment limited. [3]

**LAW 9078. Judicial Activism Seminar.** [Formerly LAW 909] Courts—
especially the Supreme Court—are under attack from all sides of the politi-
cal spectrum for being too “activist.” This seminar will explore that charge:
what is judicial activism, how can we measure it, what if anything is wrong
with it, and how can we fix the problem (if there is a problem)? Readings
will be drawn from recent scholarly literature on these topics. Students will
write 4 ten-page critical papers on the readings; grades will be awarded
on the basis of those papers and participation in class discussion. Prerreq-
usite: Constitutional Law I. Enrollment limited. [3]

**LAW 9084. Law and Business Seminar.** [Formerly LAW 942] This seminar
will feature distinguished legal and business scholars presenting their
research on current important issues in the corporate and securities
fields. Students will read and prepare written critiques of the papers pre-
sented. They will learn about important corporate and securities topics as
well as develop an understanding of the empirical techniques commonly
employed by academics and practitioners in these fields. A research
paper will be required. Prerequisite: Corporations or Corporations and
Business Entities. Pre- or corequisite: Introduction to Corporate Finance
for Lawyers. Enrollment limited. [3]

**LAW 9088. Law and the Emotions Seminar.** [Formerly LAW 914] The
emerging interdisciplinary field of law and emotion challenges the long-
held belief that law either is or should be about "reason" alone, with reason
defined as emotion’s antithesis. This seminar will introduce students to
the fundamentals of contemporary emotion theory as it has emerged from
other disciplines, including philosophy, psychology, and cognitive neuro-
science. It will then go on to those insights to explore the role that emo-
tions play, don’t play, and ought to play in the practice and theory of law.
Students will explore a range of issues in both criminal law and civil law;
for example, the role of emotion in judging, as well as a range of potentially
law-relevant emotions, from shame and disgust to love and empathy. Stu-
dents will formulate, research, and write original research papers, give
an oral presentation, and critique one another’s work. Enrollment limited. [3]

**LAW 9096. Legal History of Race in the United States: Slavery, Seg-
regation, and Civil Rights Seminar.** [Formerly LAW 919] This seminar
explores the role of law and the courts in the creation and evolution of
ideologies of racial difference in the United States from the colonial era to
the mid-twentieth century. Enrollment limited. [3]

**LAW 9104. Legal Scholarship Seminar.** [Formerly LAW 905] This semi-
nar is intended principally to introduce prospective law teachers to various
kinds of contemporary legal scholarship. It may also prove useful to edi-
tors of student publications and to students with an avocational interest
in scholarly writing. The seminar will explore the extent to which, and the
various ways in which, professors of law may usefully contribute to legal
analysis and important public debates through academic publications. It
is therefore intended both to offer students a sustained examination of
the scholarly side of legal academics and to offer students an opportunity
to prepare a work of legal scholarship that may proceed toward eventual
publication. Enrollment limited. [3]

**LAW 9106. Music and Copyright Seminar.** This advanced course
examines the laws that affect the creation, distribution, and consumption
of music. The course provides both a big-picture look at the structure of
the U.S. music industry and lawyers’ practice within it, as well as a detailed
examination of particular legal controversies facing the music industry today. Topics will include: substantial similarity and music plagiarism; sampling; the role of performing rights organizations; statutory licensing schemes; anti-piracy litigation; and digital rights management. Prerequisites: Copyright or Intellectual Property Survey. Enrollment limited. [3]

**LAW 9118. Philosophy of Rights in the U.S. and International Law Seminar.** [Formerly LAW 959] This seminar will examine the philosophical approaches to rights found in both U.S. constitutional theory and international human rights theory. The goal for the seminar is to compare how U.S. constitutional theory and human rights theory deal with key problems surrounding rights, with each class featuring a reading from each body of theory. The subjects to be considered include: the origin of rights; the justification for rights entrenchment; interpretative bodies; methods of interpretation; individual versus collective rights; and the relationship between rights and sovereignty. Enrollment limited. [3]

**LAW 9120. Political and Legal Environment of Business Seminar.** For many businesses, non-market forces are as significant as market factors: the interaction between government institutions, elected officials, policy-oriented activists and NGOs shape the legal environment for firms in ways that have direct implications for their bottom line. Lawyers are frequently involved in developing and implementing strategies in the non-market environment to advocate and realize the interests their clients. This class introduces a set of analytic tools that rest upon a foundation of economic principles, political analysis, social psychology and risk management to help students identify patterns of behavior and outcomes in the non-market environment, methods of analysis that facilitate understanding and prediction, and, ultimately, the shaping of strategies to improve the non-market environment for clients. The course is organized through a series of case studies that identifies the ways in which firms are subjected to, and react to, non-market forces and institutions including the media, activist campaigns, regulatory action and threats, and the legislative arena. In exploring these topics students will be required to prepare a series of short assignments that provide policy and legal guidance for firms that are engaged in these situations, complete an in-class midterm that tests students on their understanding of fundamental concepts in non-market analysis, and complete a substantial group project in which students identify an important non-market issue facing a firm and develop and write a substantial page working paper. Enrollment limited. [3]

**LAW 9123: Race and Law Seminar.** This seminar addresses the racial and legal history of African-Americans, Asian Americans, Latina/o, Native Americans, and Whites in the United States through an examination of the intersection of race, culture, ethnicity, and law in U.S. society. Enrollment limited. [3]

**LAW 9124. Race, Gender, and Representation in the Political Process.** [Formerly LAW 920] This course will examine how U.S. institutions of representative democracy have accommodated differences of race and gender in our political community. Among the topics to be covered are the participation of racial minorities and women in the electoral process, electoral reforms and the effects of those reforms on representation and the legislative process, theories of representation, and representation of minority groups on juries. Enrollment limited. [3]

**LAW 9125. Regulating Financial Stability Seminar.** [Formerly LAW 948] The recent crisis revealed that our regulatory apparatus was unequal to the task of ensuring the stability of the financial system. The recent Dodd-Frank bill represents one attempt to remedy this deficiency. Will it succeed? This seminar will examine a range of potential tools for enhancing the stability of the financial system, such as: higher capital requirements, “systemic” supervision, restrictions on risk-taking, orderly liquidation authority for systemic financial firms, deposit insurance, emergency response tools, and enhanced disclosure, as well as innovative contemporary proposals. Readings will primarily consist of scholarly articles and working papers. Enrollment limited. [3]

**LAW 9130. Religious Liberty in America Seminar.** This seminar examines changing interpretations of the religion clauses of the First Amendment. Topics include separation of church and state, religious pluralism, the rise of secularism, and the resulting constraints on churches and individuals. After examining religious freedom in historical context, the primary emphasis is on contemporary issues affecting Christians, Muslims, and Jews. Enrollment limited. [3]

**LAW 9134. Renewable Power Seminar.** [Formerly LAW 962] This seminar examines the legal framework for development of renewable sources of electric power. Emphasis will be placed on federal, state and regional efforts to regulate concerns surrounding the development of solar, wind, and biomass as sources of electricity, as well as other clean energy resources including conservation. The seminar will address the unique aspects of renewable project financing and power purchase contracts, legal barriers to the development of renewable power projects, and ways of reforming state and federal law to promote greater innovations in renewable power. Students will be expected to develop and write a research paper, which will be presented in the final month of the seminar. Enrollment limited. [3]

**LAW 9138. Role of Corporations Seminar.** [Formerly LAW 931] Organizations such as corporations and other business entities play an enormous role in modern economies and are major political and social actors. Moreover, numerous policy and legal questions in corporate and securities law, antitrust, regulation, international trade, and finance depend on our understanding of why business activity is generally organized in firms, and what economic and social function firms serve. Is a corporation simply a legal fiction, a “nexus of contracts,” as some economists have suggested? Or is the nature and process of productive activity different when it is carried out within a firm rather than across markets in such a way that has implications for the law and policy? How does the law identify which legal rules apply in which situations? Do firms have a social function or social responsibilities that are more than, or different from, the sum of the responsibilities of the individuals who participate in the firms? And why do the boundaries between within-firm activities and across-firm activities shift, as happens when firms outsource production? This seminar course will begin by examining the classics in the literature on the economic theory of the firm, beginning with works by Coase, Alchian & Demsetz (team production theory). Jensen & Meckling (principal-agent theory), Easterbrook & Fischel (nexus of contracts theory), Williamson (transactions cost theory), and Oliver Hart (property rights theory). Then we will read and evaluate more recent literature, such as the work of Hansmann & Kraakman (elaborating a property rights theory of the law of entities), Rajan & Zingales and Blair & Stout (developing a team production theory of corporate law), Antras, Antras & Helpman (on outsourcing in international trade), Baker, Gibbons & Murphy (relational contracts), and Baldwin & Clark (on the role of modularization). We will also look at the concept of the corporation as “legal person,” and the implications of the recent Supreme Court opinion that says corporations have First Amendment rights. Prerequisite: Corporations or Corporations and Business Entities. Enrollment limited. [3]

**LAW 9154. The Food System Seminar.** Every piece of food and drop of drink you put in your mouth is the end product of a vast and highly-regulated social-economic-environmental system, the Food System. This seminar examines the law of the Food System from beginning to end. Topics will include agriculture and the environment, food safety regulation, food justice, urban agriculture, the farm-to-table movement, restaurants, wine and beer, sustainable agriculture, food federalism, and climate change adaptation. Students will prepare and present a research paper on a relevant topic and engage in class discussions of readings and guest speaker presentations. Readings will include a variety of cases, statutes, regulations, and law review articles, as well as general news and commentary. Enrollment limited. [3]

**LAW 9158. The Jurisprudence and Scholarship of Richard Posner Seminar.** This seminar will dive into the work of perhaps the best-known contemporary legal intellectual with weekly readings of Judge Posner’s most cited and influential opinions and scholarly works. The course will begin with a brief look at some of his strongest influences: Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., Judge Learned Hand, and Judge Henry Friendly. We will then explore his contribution to the Law & Economics movement in the 1970s and 80s, before moving chronologically up through his more contemporary contributions. Students will be required to write seven five-page response papers to the weekly readings and to give one classroom presentation. Enrollment limited. [3]

**LAW 9170. White Collar Crime Seminar.** [Formerly LAW 955] This seminar examines issues in the prosecution and defense of white collar crime. Coverage includes the liability of corporations and executives for the acts of agents, the federal sentencing guidelines and their effects.
on investigation and plea bargaining, substantive federal crimes (including perjury, mail fraud, and obstruction of justice), parallel civil proceedings, internal investigations, grand jury investigations, multiple representation, and joint defense agreements. Class visits by local practitioners, judges, and other officials supplement the readings. Additional information is available on the White Collar Crime classroom webpage. Former or concurrent enrollment in either Criminal Procedure: Investigation or Criminal Procedure: Adjudication recommended. Note: Due to overlap in content, students who enroll in this course will not be eligible to take the three-credit Federal Criminal Law course. Enrollment limited. [3]

LAW 9292. LL.M. Research and Writing Project. [Formerly LAW 925] This spring semester course is required for all LL.M. students pursuing the Thesis Track for their degree. Under the supervision of a faculty advisor, the student will prepare a substantial scholarly research and writing project. [4-7]

Non-Law Electives

A student may, upon written petition, with approval of the assistant dean for academic life and with permission of the cooperating department, include in his or her degree program up to six credit hours of graduate-level work in non-law courses in other divisions of the university. A proposed course will be approved only if the student demonstrates a reasonable relationship between the course and the study of law. Students who contemplate enrollment in a non-law course should consult the assistant dean for academic life regarding policies for approval.

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