

COOLEY LAW SCHOOL
Active COURSES and Course Descriptions

Access to Justice Clinic Advanced - CLIN 1133 CLNC

Credits: Variable

PREREQUISITE: ACCESS TO JUSTICE CLINIC I (CLIN1110CLNC).

By invitation only. Students will work with a selected caseload, supervise first term Access to Justice Clinic students, and/or complete other clinic projects as directed by the clinical faculty. No exam.

Access to Justice Clinic I - CLIN 1110 CLNC

Credits: Variable

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

By application only. Students in the Access to Justice Clinic under the supervision of the clinic faculty, advise and represent low income residents in Kent County. The clinic focuses on reentry issues, and on community education and representation of those facing barriers related to criminal history. The clinic primarily assists clients with expungement petitions, preparing the petition and representing the client at the hearing. Students may enroll in the clinic once they have completed 40 credit hours. 3 to 5 credits per term, one or two term commitment. Students are preselected. No exam.

Access to Justice Clinic II - CLIN 1205 CLNC

Credits: Variable

PREREQUISITE: ACCESS TO JUSTICE CLINIC I (CLIN1110CLNC).

By invitation only. 3 to 5 credits per term. Experienced Access to Justice Clinic students continue to develop their legal skills, building on Access to Justice Clinic I. Students are preselected. No exam.

Accounting for Lawyers - ELEC 455 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND TAXATION (TXBW516LECT or TXBW521LECT).

Provides students with an introduction to the principles of financial accounting that are relevant to lawyers practicing business and tax law. Topics include the mechanics of the double-entry bookkeeping system and the related financial and tax ramifications of implementing various accounting conventions and methods in addition to the various regulatory requirements surrounding accounting internal controls in a corporate environment. Provides a basic understanding of generally accepted accounting principles and basic financial statements utilized by business clients. Take home exam.

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AdaptiBar - BARP 191 LECT

Credits: 0

Advanced Admiralty and Maritime Law - ELEC 1263 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT). ALSO SUGGESTED MARITIME LAW (ELEC1260LECT).

To expose students to advanced admiralty and maritime law issues that attorneys practicing in coastal areas will most likely encounter. Students will be expected to gain an understanding of admiralty jurisdiction and procedure, conflicts of laws, maritime torts, maritime contracts, marine insurance, and statutory limitation of liability, salvage, carriage of cargo, recreational boating, sovereign immunity, pollution and environmental regulation. Final exam.

Advanced Criminal Procedure - ELEC 823 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT), CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT), AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT).

Examines the tactical and procedural aspects of criminal prosecution and defense from arrest to sentencing. Includes charging decisions, bail, discovery, grand jury, preliminary examination, motion practice, plea bargaining, trial strategy, the death penalty, and sentencing. Designed for those students who anticipate practicing outside Michigan, the course focuses on procedures common to many jurisdictions with an emphasis on federal law, particularly the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. The course will also examine recent federal constitutional criminal procedure caselaw. Final exam.

Advanced Legal Methods - BARP 1308 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

The primary goal of Advanced Legal Methods is to strengthen students' legal problem-solving abilities. The course focuses on fundamental lawyering skills such as reading comprehension, rule mastery, issue spotting, outlining, the mechanics of legal analysis, and strong writing. Throughout the course, students will have hands-on practice with focused drills, group exercises, and workbook activities to sharpen these skills. The course enhances learning by providing particularized feedback for students to learn how to self-evaluate their work and see a clear pathway for consistent improvement. The course connects the learning activities to law practice and, more immediately, to law school and bar exam success. Final exam.

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Advanced Legal Research - Administrative Law - ELEC 1139 SKIL

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

An overview of legal research emphasizing administrative and public law. Focus on both federal and state, key primary and secondary resources, as well as research strategies and evaluation of materials. Both print and online resources are examined. Provides a practice based research experience that may be taken prior to or concurrent with an administrative law based externship. No exam.

Advanced Legal Research - Canadian Legal Research - ELEC 1264 LECT

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

The course will introduce students to the Canadian legal system and in conducting federal and provincial common law research. Quebec's civil law tradition will be touched upon briefly. No exam.

Advanced Legal Research - Computer Assisted Legal Research - ELEC 1129 SKIL Credits: 1

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

This course will offer an overview of the theory of online searching and training in numerous major online legal research services currently used in a diverse array of legal practices. Fee-based and free sources will be covered. Besides the traditional online services, it will also look at free resources often affiliated with state bar memberships. No exam.

Advanced Legal Research - Florida Legal Research - ELEC 1143 SKIL

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

An overview of legal research geared towards those intending to practice law in Florida. Course will cover key primary and secondary resources as well as research strategies and evaluation of materials. Both print and online resources will be examined. This course will provide practice based research experience and may be taken prior to or in conjunction with a Florida based externship. No exam.

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Advanced Legal Research - Legislative Research - ELEC 1138 SKIL

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Course will offer an overview of the theory, practice and tools for researching federal, state and local legislation and legislative history. Students will learn how to locate current, pending, and historic legislation, and how to compile a Michigan and federal legislative history using print and online resources. No exam.

Advanced Legal Research - Michigan Legal Research - ELEC 1123 SKIL

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

An overview of legal research geared towards those intending to practice law in Michigan. Course will cover key primary and secondary resources as well as research strategies and evaluation of materials. Both print and online resources will be examined. This course will provide practice based research experience and may be taken prior to or in conjunction with a Michigan based externship. No exam.

Advanced Practice Skills - Expert Witness - ELEC 1142 SKIL

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITES: EVIDENCE (CIVP406LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

This practical skills course is designed to teach the art and science of expert witnessing cases including criminal and civil. The class will cover the law on expert witness admissibility, case analysis to determine the necessity and desirability of an expert, the practical aspects of locating, interviewing, and hiring the expert. Additionally, ethical issues and concerns will be discussed as well as how to prepare and ultimately present a top quality expert witness to both judge and jury. No exam.

Advanced Practice Skills - Action Methods and Storytelling - ELEC 1079 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT) AND TRIAL SKILLS (ELEC1018LECT).

Explores the use of action methods and storytelling techniques in trial preparation and trial. Subjects include: re-enactment, of critical events, assisting the client in telling the story, discovering the witness through action, in-court demonstrations, first-person storytelling. Readings center around theories and methods of bringing action into the courtroom, and use of action methods in trial preparation. No exam.

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Advanced Practice Skills - Depositions & Evidence Skills - ELEC 1280 SKIL Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: ADVOCACY (RESW309LECT) AND EVIDENCE (CIVP406LECT).

This online skills class introduces evidentiary skills in the context of depositions. Students will practice direct examinations, cross examinations, evidentiary foundations, and evidentiary objections in the context of depositions, including both lay and expert depositions. No exam.

Advanced Practice Skills - Family Law - ELEC 1225 SKIL Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LAssumiECT).

Explores advocacy techniques in family law cases. Students will practice skills including conducting direct and cross examination, introducing evidence, impeaching witnesses, arguing motions, making opening statements and closing arguments. Students prepare pleadings, motions, and a trial or mediation brief. No exam.

Advanced Practice Skills - Mediation Training - ELEC 1088 SKIL Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

This course is the Michigan State Court Administrator's Office approved training for mediation under MCR 2.411. Students learn principles and skills of facilitative mediation through experiential training, practicing the roles of parties, lawyers and mediators. Students who complete the course will be a few short steps from eligibility to serve as court-appointed mediators. No exam.

Advanced Practice Skills - Michigan Family Law Mediation - ELEC 1284 SKIL Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

This course is the Michigan State Court Administrator's Office approved training for domestic mediation under MCR 3.216. Students explore conflict management theories and skills needed to mediate a divorce. Considers emotional issues, children's issues, custody, and support, parenting time, property division, power balancing, family violence, financial concerns, building future relationships, and ethics. The course satisfies Michigan's first step for eligibility to serve as a court-appointed mediator in family law. No exam.

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Advanced Professional Ethics - ELEC 1107 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

Introduces the student to the history, philosophy, and morality of legal ethics to help the students evaluate, shape, adopt, and put into practice a purposive professional ethic. Paper will be required. No exam.

Advocacy - RESW 309 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Advocacy will build on what students learned in Research & Writing, but instead of writing predictive documents, such as in-firm memos, students will learn to write persuasive motions and briefs. And the class will culminate in oral advocacy. No exam.

Alternative Dispute Resolution - ELEC 996 SKIL

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CIVIL PROCEDURE I (CIVP105LECT).

Examines the procedural, practical, and theoretical aspects of settlement; covers negotiation, conciliation, mediation, arbitration, mini trials, and additional settlement mechanisms. Reviews emergent organizations and resources for informal resolution of complex or protracted litigation. No exam.

Alternative Dispute Resolution for Advocates - ELEC 1125 SKIL

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Explores the role and responsibilities of advocates when counseling and representing clients in various alternative dispute resolution (ADR) processes, including arbitration, neutral evaluation, negotiation, collaborative practice, and mediation, among others. This intensive, interactive, learn-by-doing course is designed to allow students to practice and perfect the advocacy and counseling skills and ethics required for state-of-the-art ADR practice. Students leave the course with the strategies, skills, tools, and practical experience to apply ADR in the real world. No exam, final paper is required.

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American Legal History - ELEC 878 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Explores how and why the institutions and principles of American law developed into their present forms. Surveys the development of the American legal system from its ancient and medieval roots through the 21st century. Final exam.

Animal Law - ELEC 1115 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Considers how legal systems, cases, statutes, and society view and protect the rights of nonhuman animals. Explores how legal concepts such as rights, legal personhood, standing, and property can be used in managing the conflicts involved in various human and nonhuman interactions. No exam.

Anxiety and the Law - FYEL 101 LECT

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITES: NONE.

This course has three main objectives: each student will:

- 1) understand that anxiety is a fear response that leads to negative talk and unwanted physical responses (knowledge);
- 2) learn and implement at least one technique to combat anxiety to become a more effective law student and a happier lawyer (skill); and
- 3) connect the response to anxiety with failure to properly attend to the needs of a client (ethics).

Students will see law school anxiety as precursor to anxiety experienced by practitioners and will try new practices to reduce anxiety. No exam.

Anxiety and the Practice of Law - ELEC 1281 LECT

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITE: ADVOCACY (RESW309LECT).

This course has three main objectives: each student will 1) understand that anxiety is a fear response that leads to negative talk and unwanted physical responses; 2) learn and implement at least one technique to combat anxiety to become a more effective law student and a happier lawyer; and 3) connect the response to anxiety with failure to properly attend to the needs of a client (ethics). Students will see law school anxiety as a precursor to anxiety experienced by practitioners and will try new practices to reduce anxiety. No exam. Only grades of Credit (CR) or No Credit (NC) are awarded.

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Appellate Advocacy/Moot Court - ELEC 1126 SKIL

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: ADVOCACY(RESW309LECT).

Covers fundamental appellate practice skills in a learn-by-doing environment. Students will learn each step of the process in preparing, initiating, and pursuing an appeal. Students will write a federal court brief and present an oral argument to a panel of judges. The oral arguments will serve as an audition round for WMU-Cooley's national Moot Court teams. No exam.

Arbitration Law - ELEC 1134 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CONTRACTS I (CONT108LECT), TORTS I (TOEQ106LECT), CIVIL PROCEDURE I (CIVP105LECT), EVIDENCE (CIVP406LECT), AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

This course is designed to prepare students for the arbitration process. Arbitration clauses are common in almost every type of contract, providing a method for resolving disputes without going to court. Arbitration has its own rules, procedures, tribunals and enforcement mechanisms. The course examines drafting arbitration agreements, jurisdiction and the regulatory framework, pleading and practice, discovery, arbitration hearings and enforcement of arbitration awards. Students will be assigned a case study from which they will draft a statement of claim and discovery documents, and conduct a mock arbitration hearing. Students will be graded on their pleadings and arguments. No exam.

Asylum and Refugee Law - ELEC 1252 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

This class will discuss the laws of asylum and related protections for those who are unable or unwilling to return to their country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution. It examines asylum and refugee law and policy in the United States, and sets forth the legal grounds for barring someone from asylum. It also explores the politics driving immigration policy, including asylum and refugee policy, and the federal agencies that implement those policies. Students will study the U.S. asylum system, including the statutory structure and processes for refugee admissions, asylum and withholding of deportation, temporary protected status, and related protections. Final exam.

Aviation Law - ELEC 923 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Covers statutory, regulatory and judicial aspects in the aviation field, along with some attention to the legal implications of the space age. Final exam.

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Banking Law - ELEC 948 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND SECURED TRANSACTIONS (PRSE604LECT).

Explores the formation and regulation of banks, bank officials, and non-bank institutions that offer bank services. Includes discussion of the latest TARP issues and the nationalization of the banking industry by the federal government and how it impacts financial institutions and financial services. Final exam.

Bankruptcy - ELEC 3959 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Building on the principles established in Secured Transactions; covers Chapters 7, 11, 12, and 13 of the Bankruptcy Code. Final exam.

Bar Exam Skills - BARP 1303 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: TORTS II (TOEQ304LECT), CONTRACTS II (CONT213LECT), CIVIL PROCEDURE II (CIVP209LECT), CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT), CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II (CONL503LECT), PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT), CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT), CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT), PROPERTY II (PRSE207LECT), ADVOCACY (RESW309LECT), EVIDENCE (CIVP406LECT), BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS (TXBW518LECT), AND WILLS ESTATES & TRUSTS (TXBW517LECT). Students must be in their last semester of enrollment to take this course. Students may only take Bar Exam Skills (BARP1303LECT) or Florida Bar Exam Skills (BARP1306LECT) but not both because they utilize the same course material.

In-depth review of highly-tested topics in Contracts, Evidence, Torts, and Real Property plus skills-focused and skills reinforcement lectures, practice MBE and Essay questions for skill-building and retention. Students will improve how they learn the law and strengthen critical thinking so that they can draw on this understanding for the wide variety of legal problems encountered in law school exams, the bar exam, and in legal practice. This course is not intended to and does not replace the need for a complete commercial bar prep course. Class is asynchronous. Take home exam.

Bar Exam Skills Basics - BARP 1305 LECT

Credits: 2

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This course is for students who are not taking the Florida bar exam. Students will be prepared for success on the bar exam by emphasizing aspects of the law tested in UBE jurisdictions, with application exercises for students in non-UBE jurisdictions. Students will be taught strategies to study and techniques for answering multiple-choice and essay questions. Students will practice answering MBE questions and essay questions both in class and out-of-class. This class is not a substitute for a commercial bar prep course, which continues to be recommended for all students. Instead, this course is intended as a bridge between the substantive law studied in the required courses and a bar-preparation course from an approved vendor. Students are strongly encouraged to enroll in Law Practice: Writing for Practice, a 1-credit elective for practice with performance tests, if they are taking the bar in a state with a performance test, as this topic will not be covered in this class. This class is asynchronous. Take home exam.

Bar Exam Skills Plus - BARP 1304 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: TORTS II (TOEQ304LECT), CONTRACTS II (CONT213LECT), CIVIL PROCEDURE II (CIVP209LECT), CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT), CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II (CONL503LECT), PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT), CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT), CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT), PROPERTY II (PRSE207LECT), ADVOCACY (RESW309LECT), EVIDENCE (CIVP406LECT), BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS (TXBW518LECT), AND WILLS ESTATES & TRUSTS (TXBW517LECT). Students may only take Bar Exam Skills Plus (BARP1304LECT) or Florida Bar Exam Skills Plus (BARP1307LECT) but not both because they utilize the same course material.

In-depth review of highly-tested topics in Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, and Criminal Procedure plus skills-focused and skills reinforcement lectures, practice MBE and Essay questions for skill-building and retention. Students will improve how they learn the law and strengthen critical thinking so that they can draw on this understanding for the wide variety of legal problems encountered in law school exams, the bar exam, and in legal practice. This course is not intended to and does not replace the need for a complete commercial bar prep course. Class is asynchronous. Take home exam.

BARBRI - BARP 192 LECT

Credits: 0

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Business Organizations - TXBW 518 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Covers partnerships; limited liability companies; some aspects of limited partnerships, including formation of the limited partnership and the potential loss of limited liability of limited partners; corporations, including closely held and publicly owned corporations; social policy developed under the common law; and agency principles. Final exam or take-home exam is at the discretion of the professor and is identified at registration.

Business Planning - ELEC 1040 SKIL

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS (TXBW518LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Examines issues in representing closely-held entities with an emphasis on practical advice, drafting, and analysis. Topics include ethics in representing the enterprise, choice of entity, variations in ownership and management structures, handling internal disputes, methods of taking and documenting entity actions, capitalizing the enterprise, entity valuation, buyouts and redemptions, mergers and acquisitions, and securities law aspects of business planning. Major projects will require drafting agreements and written client communications. No exam.

Canadian Administrative Law - ELEC 1228 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Explores the obligation of procedural fairness for governmental decision-makers in Canada, the standard of review and the method of review assigned to administrative agencies, judicial review, and the framework for provincial and federal review. Examines the differences between Canadian and U.S. administrative law systems. Final exam.

Canadian Constitutional Law - ELEC 1229 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Covers the nature and sources of the Canadian Constitution and how it differs from the U.S. Constitution, the role of each branch of government and checks and balances, and the balance of power between the federal and provincial governments. Considers the rule of law at the heart of the Canadian system of government and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, including aboriginal rights. Final exam.

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Canadian Criminal Law and Procedure - ELEC 1230 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT), CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT), AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT).

Examines the differences between criminal law and procedure in the U.S. and Canada, including the Canadian federal legal system and the provincial administration of justice; the Canadian criminal code and case law interpreting the code, and the rights of the accused as determined by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Final exam.

Canadian Law (Foundations of) - ELEC 1231 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Provides an overview of Canadian law and the role of law in Canadian society. Considers judicial review and statutory interpretation; the relationships between the branches of Canadian government; treaty-making and the relationship of the Aboriginal people and the Canadian state. Explores the sources of Canadian law and how to research it. Final exam.

Students who enroll in this course may not enroll later in Introduction to Canadian Legal System - (ELEC4218FRGN). If already completed Introduction to Canadian Legal System - (ELEC4218FRGN), students may not enroll in this course.

Career Exploration - FYEL 104 LECT

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITES: NONE.

This course will introduce students to traditional and nontraditional legal career paths that are open to individuals with Juris Doctor degrees. Each week students will meet attorneys practicing in those fields during guest presentations. Topics covered will include overview of the practice area, pay, job outlook, work environment, ethical considerations, and how to prepare themselves to be competitive for those positions. No exam.

Child Abuse & Neglect - ELEC 975 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Examines, from an interdisciplinary viewpoint, the appropriate occasions for state intrusion into ongoing family relationships. Focuses on the roles of the participants in the decision to withdraw a child from the home, the standards used to arrive at that decision, and the interrelationships between and among the fields of law, psychiatry, psychology, and social work. Final exam.

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Children and the Law - ELEC 892 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II (CONL503LECT).

Examines the legal relationships between children and the state and between children and their parents. Includes an examination of common law, statutory, and constitutional constraints on the rights and status of children in both civil and criminal contexts. No exam.

Civil Procedure - FYRQ 108 LECT

Credits: 4

PREREQUISITES: CONTRACTS (FYRQ104LECT) AND TORTS (FYRQ101LECT).

Covers personal jurisdiction, notice and service of process, subject matter jurisdiction, removal, transfer, venue, joinder, pleading, default, dismissals, the Erie doctrine, class actions, claim/issue preclusion, discovery, trial, summary judgment, post-trial motions, appeals, and related matters. Final exam.

Civil Procedure I - CIVP 105 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: CONTRACTS I (CONT108LECT) AND TORTS I (TOEQ106LECT).

Covers personal jurisdiction, notice and service of process, subject matter jurisdiction, removal, transfer, venue, simple joinder, pleading, default, dismissals, the Erie doctrine and related matters. Final exam.

Civil Procedure II - CIVP 209 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: CIVIL PROCEDURE I (CIVP105LECT).

Covers complex joinder, class actions, former adjudication, discovery, trial, summary judgment, post-trial motions, and related matters. Final exam.

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Compliance and Regulations - ELEC 1150 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

Prepares students to become compliance officers in private and public settings. Workplace compliance requires that organizations have a systematic process for understanding and implementing laws and regulations relevant to the particular workplace setting. In addition, proactive compliance interventions are necessary to ensure the viability and sustainability of organizations. This course provides foundational information regarding the establishment and maintenance of a compliance program. In addition, a brief overview of compliance in four areas of compliance is presented by attorneys who are experts in the following areas: Credit Union/Banking, Healthcare, Higher Education Title IX, and Local Government. Final exam.

Compliance and Regulations - Finance - ELEC 1154 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND COMPLIANCE AND REGULATIONS (ELEC1150LECT).

This course provides students with knowledge of state and federal compliance regulations applicable to credit unions, banks, and other financial systems in the United States. The US maintains a “dual banking” system composed of overlapping federal and state jurisdictions. The course focuses on transactional laws that address consumer credit, negotiable instruments, security devices such as mortgages, and enforcement proceedings brought by government regulators against credit unions, banks and other financial systems. Additionally, students will survey contemporary credit union and banking issues, and financial institutional risks and related laws. Students will have the benefit of presentations by executive level compliance officers/in-house attorneys from various financial institutions. Final exam.

Compliance and Regulations - FL Local Govt - ELEC 1155 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND COMPLIANCE AND REGULATIONS (ELEC1150LECT).

This course prepares students to become agency attorneys who manage compliance functions in local government settings in Florida. Compliance functions in local government include but are not limited to public safety, growth and planning, code compliance, emergency management, law enforcement, public works, revenue and funding, policy making, and open records. Local governments must have a systematic process for understanding and implementing laws and regulations relevant to municipalities. Final exam.

Compliance and Regulations - Healthcare - ELEC 1156 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND COMPLIANCE AND REGULATIONS (ELEC1150LECT).

The primary goal of this course is to prepare students to become healthcare compliance officers in private and public settings. This course provides a substantive overview of healthcare compliance laws and regulations while also providing a conceptual and operational perspective. This course will explore the underlying reasons as to why a healthcare compliance program is needed within a healthcare organization. This course will explore those federal laws that require the most significant compliance obligations including the False Claims Act, Anti-Kickback Statute, Stark Law, HIPAA, HITECH, and EMTALA. Students will examine legal and practical issues related to the operation of a compliance program. Final exam.

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Compliance and Regulations - Title IX Higher Ed - ELEC 1153 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND COMPLIANCE AND REGULATIONS (ELEC1150LECT).

Students will gain an in-depth understanding of Title IX and corresponding federal laws and government regulations that require compliance by federal funding recipients, higher education institutions. This course presents empirical best practices when addressing Title IX issues, while providing students the ability to identify, discern, and develop practices to ensure compliance requirements mandated by federal laws are met. Students will have the benefit of presentations by executive level Title IX officers/in-house attorneys from various higher education institutions. Final exam.

Condominium Law - ELEC 1080 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Explores the substantive law and practice related to condominiums, with particular emphasis on the Michigan Condominium Act, homeowner associations, resort developments and mixed use developments. Examines the practical considerations regarding the representation of condominium associations and condominium association developers. No exam.

Conflict of Laws - ELEC 960 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT), CIVIL PROCEDURE I (CIVP105LECT), AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT).

Conflict of Laws focuses on two procedural topics: choice of law and judgment recognition. Choice of law jurisprudence examines which jurisdiction's laws will govern legal rights and responsibilities in cases with multi-jurisdiction connections. Basic concepts include characterization, renvoi, depeçage, and substance and procedure. Judgment recognition is examined in the context of due process and full faith and credit. This two-credit elective will help students prepare for the essay portion of most state bar exams. Final exam.

Constitutional Law - FYRQ 109 LECT

Credits: 4

PREREQUISITES: NONE.

Covers the structure of government in the United States; separation of powers and federal-state relations; the federal judiciary; congressional powers; presidential powers; state action; state police power under the Tenth Amendment; state regulation of commerce; and individual rights arising under the Fourteenth Amendment's Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses, the First Amendment, and the Second Amendment. Final exam.

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Constitutional Law I - CONL 404 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: NONE.

Covers judicial review, Tenth and Eleventh Amendment doctrines, separation of powers, federal-state relations, Congressional powers, state action, and the Contracts Clause. Final exam.

Constitutional Law II - CONL 503 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT).

Covers due process, equal protection, freedom of expression, and freedom of religion. Final exam.

Constitutional Law Seminar - ELEC 963 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT), CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II (CONL503LECT), AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Focuses on particular topics and issues of current significance in constitutional law. No exam.

Contracts - FYRQ 104 LECT

Credits: 4

PREREQUISITES: NONE.

Covers mutual assent (offer & acceptance), consideration, damages/remedies, parol evidence rule & interpretation of the contract, conditions & promises (including tender rules, substantial performance, & anticipatory repudiation), third-party contracts (third-party beneficiaries, assignments, & delegations), statute of frauds, and avoidance of the contract. Final exam.

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Criminal Law - FYRQ 105 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: NONE.

Studies both the common law and modern statutory schemes. Covers the crimes of homicide, rape, assault, battery, kidnapping, arson, burglary, theft, attempt, solicitation, and conspiracy; general principles of imputability and responsibility; and defenses. Final exam.

Criminal Procedure - CRLP 305 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: NONE.

Involves the criminal case in a constitutional rather than tactical context. Primary emphasis is on the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendments. Final exam.

Criminal Procedure in the Courtroom - ELEC 1269 SKIL

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT) AND EVIDENCE (CIVP406LECT).

Deepens student awareness of 4th, 5th, 6th and 14th Amendment principals while exposing the student to their practical application in the courtroom. On completion of the course, the student will have sharpened focus on the constitutional principles and a practical awareness of redressing violations. No exam.

Criminal Sentencing/Law & Practice - ELEC 1046 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II (CONL503LECT), CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT), CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT), AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Details sentencing plans, credits, concurrent and consecutive sentencing and presentence report issues. Covers repeat offender provisions, probation, and parole. Reviews procedures for obtaining relief. Explores sentencing guidelines. No exam.

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Death Penalty Seminar - ELEC 1061 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II (CONL503LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Covers the constitutional and procedural issues involved in a death penalty case including methods of execution; proportionality as a limit on punishment; race, gender and the death penalty; executing juveniles, mentally insane, and mentally retarded defendants; aggravating and mitigating circumstances in a death penalty case; and state and federal habeas corpus. No exam.

Debt Relief Clinic Advanced - CLIN 1250 CLNC

Credits: Variable

PREREQUISITE: DEBT RELIEF CLINIC I (CLIN1248CLNC).

By invitation only. Experienced Debt Relief Clinic students continue to develop their legal skills. The Debt Relief Clinic Advanced may be taken for 1-3 credits. Students will work with a selected caseload, supervise first term Debt Relief Clinic students, and/or complete other clinic projects as directed by the clinical faculty. No exam.

Debt Relief Clinic I - CLIN 1248 CLNC

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

By application only. The Debt Relief Clinic is a three credit, one-term, in-house, live-client, clinical program. Evening students have priority, others if space is available. This Clinic provides students with an opportunity to develop lawyering skills and gain substantive legal knowledge through representing indigent clients in Bankruptcy Court, transactional matters, alternative dispute resolution, and pre-litigation resolution. The Clinic focuses on resolving issues without having to file lawsuits. The Clinic's substantive law focus includes federal bankruptcy law and procedures, the Florida Consumer Collections Act and the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Florida Fair Lending Act, and Florida Garnishment law. The Clinic provides community education on debt relief issues to residents in the Tampa Bay area and also provides a pro-se reach-out project for Chapter 7 debtors. Students may enroll in the clinic once they have completed 48 credit hours. One term commitment. Students are preselected. No exam.

Decision Making - ELEC 1152 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

This course examines the role of the attorney as advisor/counselor in the decisions clients make, as well as those limitations/boundaries and complexities of that role. We will consider "Process" or "Deciding how to Decide", "Power, Influence, Strategy and Strategic Thinking." We will examine the role of attorney and client in "Conflict Management" and the influences upon participants resulting from "cognitive bias." We will examine a number of decisions made by leaders/"deciders" in a number of professional settings, consider constructive criticism thereof, using a "case method" presentation. Students will be presented a number of exercises to complete in class. They will be graded upon these exercises and a final paper. No exam.

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Defending Battered People - ELEC 787 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT) AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT).

Provides students an understanding of domestic violence and the ways in which its victims are represented within the criminal justice system. Examines the dynamics of abuse, including syndrome theories. Focuses on how domestic violence victims become involved with the criminal justice system, and the general mechanics of a criminal trial for domestic violence victims who defend themselves or retaliate. Explores syndromes related to domestic violence evidence and how it can be used. Discusses the phases of trials and appeals in which domestic violence victims are defendants. Representation from arrest through the appeal will be covered. Examines current state of the criminal justice system as it relates to domestic violence victims. No exam.

Directed Study - ELEC 990 LECT

Credits: Variable

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Provides an opportunity for second- and third-year students in good academic standing to submit a proposal for a Directed Study project to a full-time faculty member. Generally requires 15 to 20 pages of a written project for each credit hour earned and 45 hours of time spent on the project for each credit hour. No exam.

Drafting - RESW 625 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT), ADVOCACY (RESW309LECT), AND BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS (TXBW518LECT).

Students learn the fundamentals of legal drafting, with an emphasis on drafting clear and unambiguous contracts. Assignments and exercises will expose students to a variety of legal language, including provisions common to secured transactions and provisions explored in Equities & Remedies. No exam.

Education Law - ELEC 931 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Introduces the topics of state regulation of education, school finances, teachers' duties and rights, students' duties and rights, discrimination in educational systems, academic freedom, church/state problems, educational malpractice and tort liability, and collective bargaining. Final exam.

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Effective Communication for Lawyers - FYEL 105 LECT

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITES: NONE.

Communication skills are essential for lawyers to effectively interact with clients, potential employers, community leaders, and other legal professionals. Effective Communication for Lawyers will provide students with the skills necessary to successfully communicate in a variety of contexts. The class will explore concepts including listening, non-verbal messages, communicating in the digital age, and public speaking. Students will examine communication theories and strategies and techniques needed for effective communication. Students will actively prepare, present, and critique communication. No exam.

Elder Law Practice - ELEC 1226 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT), WILLS, ESTATES & TRUSTS (TXBW517LECT), AND PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

Provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the basics of an elder law practice. Examines how to start an elder law practice, the legal components of elder law and the issues faced by potential elder law clientele. Focuses on estate planning concepts, incapacity planning, protection of vulnerable adults, housing options and rights, governmental benefits, ethics in representing elderly clients, elder abuse and approaches to starting an elder law practice. Final exam.

Election Law - ELEC 943 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT)

Analyzes Michigan and federal election laws (for Michigan campuses) and Florida and federal election laws (for Tampa Bay campus) with practical experience in current election matters. Includes an analysis of legislation and also the practical administration of recounts and other election matters. Final exam.

Electronic Discovery - ELEC 1312 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CIVIL PROCEDURE II(CIVP209LECT) OR CIVIL PROCEDURE (FYRQ108LECT).

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 will examine issues and case law related to the identification, preservation, collection, processing, hosting, review and production of electronic information. Students will also examine ways in which to proactively manage data to reduce privacy, security, and litigation risks and costs. The course will feature guest speakers from stakeholders in the electronic discovery and information technology industries. Students will get hands-on experience through practical exercises and utilizing software to accomplish specific litigation or eDiscovery tasks. Final exam.

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Emerging Elder Law Issues Seminar - ELEC 1105 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Explores emerging issues in elder law in the US. Each student selects an elder law topic, prepares and presents a paper of publishable quality exploring the legal and social issues presented. No exam.

Employment Law - ELEC 1227 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Explores legal issues raised by adverse personnel actions in the non-union private sector workplace, including the doctrine of employment at will and its exceptions, as well as related tort and contract theories; state and federal employment discrimination law; the use and enforceability of restrictive covenants to engage in business competition, state and federal wages and hours laws; and state and federal safety laws. Final exam.

Energy Law - ELEC 1109 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT).

This is a broad subject that impacts all activities that use or produce energy. Students will focus on legal and public policy issues that arise in the production and use of electric energy. The concepts, however, are applicable to regulation of other sources of energy as well as economic regulation of business. Also covers public utility regulation, competition in the electric energy market, renewable energy resources, and nuclear energy. Final exam.

Entertainment Law - ELEC 991 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CONTRACTS II (CONT213LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Focuses on principles governing activities within the entertainment industry. A major focus of the class will be in the intellectual property areas. (A different course, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OF ENTERTAINMENT, is devoted exclusively to this area.) Final exam.

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Environmental Law - ELEC 3912 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Covers environmental protection; state and federal pollution control; common law and statutory remedies. Surveys the major statutory programs, such as the Clean Air and Water Acts, and the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act. Final exam.

Equity & Remedies - TOEQ 623 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PROPERTY II (PRSE207LECT) AND CIVIL PROCEDURE II (CIVP209LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II (CONL503LECT) AND BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS (TXBW518LECT).

Studies basic characteristics of legal, equitable, and restitutionary remedies and their application to tortious wrongs and disrupted transactions. Final exam.

Estate Planning - ELEC 914 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND WILLS, ESTATES & TRUSTS (TXBW517LECT).

Involves a study of typical problems and transactions in planning an effective and economical distribution of property while alive and at death. Includes basic estate and gift tax concepts. No exam.

Evidence - CIVP 406 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Covers the Federal Rules of Evidence and their common law sources. Includes standards and procedures for admission and exclusion of all forms of evidence. Examines problems of relevance, prejudice, character and conduct evidence, hearsay evidence, testimonial privileges, and expert testimony. Final exam.

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Evidence Problems - ELEC 982 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: EVIDENCE (CIVP406LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

An in-depth examination of selected areas of the law of evidence including relevancy, hearsay and non-hearsay, character evidence, impeachment and support, and scientific and demonstrative evidence. Final exam.

Expert Witnesses: From Selection to Presentation - ELEC 1302 SKIL

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CIVIL PROCEDURE II (CIVP209LECT) AND EVIDENCE (CIVP406LECT).

This practical skills course is designed to teach the art and science of expert witnessing cases including criminal and civil. The class will cover the law on expert witness admissibility, case analysis to determine the necessity and desirability of an expert, the practical aspects of locating, interviewing, and hiring the expert. Additionally, ethical issues and concerns will be discussed as well as how to prepare and ultimately present a top-quality expert witness to both judge and jury. Final exam.

Externship - CLIN 5030 EXTE

Credits: Variable

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

Offering students the opportunity to practice law in a supervised setting, third-year students can complete lawyering tasks assigned by their attorney supervisors, with their learning guided by a WMU-Cooley faculty member. Students must apply and be approved for externship placements and corresponding classes, and all sites must be pre-approved. No exam.

Externship II - CLIN 5031 EXTE

Credits: 0

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT), PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT), AND EXTERNSHIP (CLIN5030EXTE).

Offering students an additional opportunity to practice law in a supervised setting, third-year students can complete lawyering tasks assigned by their attorney supervisors, with their learning guided by a WMU-Cooley faculty member. Students must apply and be approved for externship placements and corresponding classes, and all sites must be pre-approved. A second externship, either at a new placement or at the same placement, is an opportunity for a student to increase their knowledge and skill and to gain additional insight into values, principles, and procedures to be successful in the practice of law. No exam.

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Family Law - ELEC 915 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

This course is for students taking a bar exam that is non-Michigan and non-Florida. Students will practice writing bar-style family law essay questions, primarily from previous Multistate Essay Exams. This course covers premarital agreements, status of marriage, annulments, legitimacy, paternity, adoption, emancipation of minors, divorce, property settlements, custody, support, and alimony issues in family law. The course will cover each of these areas with a focus on jurisdiction and procedure for an initial action, for a modification action, and an enforcement action. Final exam.

See also Michigan Family Law (ELEC1274LECT) and Florida Family Law (ELEC1275LECT).

Family Violence Practice - ELEC 857 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT) AND TORTS II (TOEQ304LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Explores through an interdisciplinary approach, the correlation between family violence, child abuse and the abuse of elderly. Covers crime victimization, psychology, criminology of the assailant, and the need for a leadership role in coordinating a community response. Helps identify resources within the community, including battered women's shelters, child abuse intervention programs, and offenders' treatment programs. Explores the Model Code on Domestic Violence approved by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and current state law material on domestic violence, civil remedies, tort litigation, and divorce actions. Identifies the remedies available to persons experiencing or who have experienced abuse - including injunctive relief, divorce, arrest, prosecution, and tort litigation. Covers trial evidence strategies for civil litigation and criminal prosecution of family violence crimes. No exam.

Federal Administrative Law - ELEC 622 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT).

Examines the principles governing the theory, practice, and procedures of federal administrative law. Covers delegation, separation of powers, access to information, rule making, due process, adjudication, and judicial review. Take home exam.

Federal Courts Practice - ELEC 946 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: Civil Procedure I (CIVP105LECT) AND CIVIL PROCEDURE II (CIVP209LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II (CONL503LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Explores the procedures and skills necessary for effective practice in federal district courts. Students will develop their written and oral advocacy skills through in-class exercises. Student evaluation includes simulation, short writing assignments, and a research paper. No exam.

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Federal Disabilities Law - ELEC 1210 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Examines federal legislation, regulations, and case law affecting the rights of individuals with physical and mental disabilities. Special emphasis is placed on all components of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Other federal legislation surveyed in this course includes the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Fair Housing Amendments of 1988. Final exam.

Federal Indian Law - ELEC 880 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT).

Examines legal doctrines relating to American Indians, Indian tribes, and Indian reservations. Focuses on the relationship of Indian tribal sovereignty to the federal and state governments. Final exam.

Florida Administrative Law - ELEC 1132 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT).

Examines the principles governing the theory, practice, and procedures of Florida administrative law. Covers delegation, separation of powers, access to information, rule making, due process, adjudication, and judicial review. Final exam.

Florida Bar Advantage - ELEC 1270 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CONTRACTS I (CONT108LECT), CONTRACTS II (CONT213LECT), TORTS I (TOEQ106LECT), TORTS II (TOEQ304LECT), PROPERTY I (PRSE109LECT), PROPERTY II (PRSE207LECT), CIVIL PROCEDURE I (CIVP105LECT), CIVIL PROCEDURE II (CIVP209LECT), EVIDENCE (CIVP406LECT), CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT), CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT), AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Florida Bar Advantage examines strategies for maximizing student preparation for the Florida Bar Exam by teaching and applying multiple choice (MC) techniques for approaching both Florida and Multi-state Bar Exam (MBE) questions. Because the Florida Bar Exam comprises 75% MC and 25% Essay, enhanced MC skills will contribute to both the Florida and MBE portions of the test. No knowledge of Florida law is required, but basic black letter law in all seven MBE topics will be covered. Therefore, it is expected that students in the course will have completed or be concurrently enrolled in Contracts I & II, Constitutional Law I & II, Evidence, Civil Procedure I & II, Property I & II, Torts I & II, and Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure. No exam.

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Florida Bar Exam Skills - BARP 1306 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: TORTS II (TOEQ304LECT), CONTRACTS II (CONT213LECT), CIVIL PROCEDURE II (CIVP209LECT), CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT), CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II (CONL503LECT), PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT), CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT), CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT), PROPERTY II (PRSE207LECT), ADVOCACY (RESW309LECT), EVIDENCE (CIVP406LECT), BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS (TXBW518LECT), AND WILLS ESTATES & TRUSTS (TXBW517LECT). Students must be in their last semester of enrollment to take this course. Students may only take Bar Exam Skills (BARP1303LECT) or Florida Bar Exam Skills (BARP1306LECT) but not both because they utilize the same course material.

In-depth review of highly tested topics in Contracts, Evidence, Torts, and Real Property plus skills-focused and skills reinforcement lectures, practice MBE and Essay questions for skill-building and retention. Students will improve how they learn the law and strengthen critical thinking so that they can draw on this understanding for the wide variety of legal problems encountered in law school exams, the bar exam, and in legal practice. This course is not intended to and does not replace the need for a complete commercial bar prep course. Class is asynchronous. Take home exam. Graded essays will focus on Florida topics and the course will include Florida Multiple Choice questions.

Florida Bar Exam Skills Plus - BARP 1307 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: TORTS II (TOEQ304LECT), CONTRACTS II (CONT213LECT), CIVIL PROCEDURE II (CIVP209LECT), CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT), CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II (CONL503LECT), PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT), CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT), CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT), PROPERTY II (PRSE207LECT), ADVOCACY (RESW309LECT), EVIDENCE (CIVP406LECT), BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS (TXBW518LECT), AND WILLS ESTATES & TRUSTS (TXBW517LECT). Students may only take Bar Exam Skills Plus (BARP1304LECT) or Florida Bar Exam Skills Plus (BARP1307LECT) but not both because they utilize the same course material.

In-depth review of highly-tested topics in Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, and Criminal Procedure plus skills-focused and skills reinforcement lectures, practice MBE and Florida Bar Exam Essay questions for skill-building and retention. Students will improve how they learn the law and strengthen critical thinking so that they can draw on this understanding for the wide variety of legal problems encountered in law school exams, the bar exam, and in legal practice. This course is not intended to and does not replace the need for a complete commercial bar prep course. Class is asynchronous. Take home exam.

Florida Bar Workshop - BARP 120 LECT

Credits: 0

This two-day (4 hours each day) workshop which will provide substantive video lectures on Florida law distinctions for four topics. Students will be trained in organizational skills that apply to all subjects. Furthermore, students will be trained in successful test-taking strategies for both Florida essays and multiple-choice questions. Students answer actual bar exam questions and receive model answers and additional feedback. No exam.

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Florida Child Abuse and Neglect - ELEC 1286 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Examines, from an interdisciplinary viewpoint, the appropriate occasions for state intrusion into ongoing family relationships. Focuses on the roles of the participants in the decision to withdraw a child from the home, the standards used to arrive at that decision, and the interrelationships between and among the fields of law, psychiatry, psychology, and social work. Final exam.

Florida Civil Procedure - ELEC 997 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CIVIL PROCEDURE II (CIVP209LECT).

Covers civil procedure under Florida Court Rules, and other matters related to civil practice in Florida. Final exam.

Florida Constitutional Law - ELEC 1247 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT), CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT), AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II (CONL503LECT).

This course will discuss the historical development and case analysis of the Florida Constitution, which has distinct differences from the United States Constitution. Emphasis will be placed on researching, reading and analyzing specific provisions of the Florida Constitution and case decisions proffered by the Florida Supreme Court. This subject is tested on the essay portion of the Florida Bar exam and is highly recommended for students planning to seek admission to The Florida Bar. Grade based on a mid-term and final exam.

Florida County Court Practice - ELEC 1256 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT), CIVIL PROCEDURE II (CIVP209LECT), AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT).

Reviews practice in the county courts procedurally and substantively. Both criminal and civil practice are involved. Emphasis is placed on substantive areas the practitioner uses most often in Florida county courts. Final exam.

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Florida Criminal Practice - ELEC 1255 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT), EVIDENCE (EVID406LECT), AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT).

Includes counseling the accused, defenses, and trial strategy, both prosecutorial and defense, with a focus on Florida Law. (A different course, ADVANCED CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, is designed for students who plan to practice outside Florida or Michigan.) No exam.

Florida Defending Battered People - ELEC 1298 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT), CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT), AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT).

Provides students an understanding of domestic violence and the ways in which its victims are represented within the criminal justice system. Examines the dynamics of abuse, including syndrome theories. Focuses on how domestic violence victims become involved with the criminal justice system, and the general mechanics of a criminal trial for domestic violence victims who defend themselves or retaliate. Explores syndromes related to domestic violence evidence and how it can be used. Discusses the phases of trials and appeals in which domestic violence victims are defendants. Representation from arrest through the appeal will be covered. Examines current state of the criminal justice system as it relates to domestic violence victims. No exam.

Florida Drunk Driving: Skills and Practice - ELEC 1257 SKIL

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: EVIDENCE (CIVP406LECT), CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT), CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT), AND ADVOCACY (RESW309LECT).

The class will provide an in-depth study of Florida Driving Under the Influence (DUI) law and practice. The class will cover essential elements of the crime, prosecution and defense perspectives, field sobriety exercise, blood/breath/urine testing, pre-trial motions, discovery, DMV hearings, and sentencing. Students will participate in mock DUI trials. Guest speakers will include County Court Judges, Assistant State Attorneys, Expert Witnesses, and Law Enforcement. No exam.

Florida Elder Law Practice - ELEC 1288 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT), WILLS, ESTATES & TRUSTS (TXBW517LECT), AND PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

Provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the basics of an elder law practice. Examines how to start an elder law practice, the legal components of elder law and the issues faced by potential elder law clientele. Focuses on estate planning concepts, incapacity planning, protection of vulnerable adults, housing options and rights, governmental benefits, ethics in representing elderly clients, elder abuse and approaches to starting an elder law practice. Final exam.

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Florida Employment Law - ELEC 1294 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Explores legal issues raised by adverse personnel actions in the non-union private sector workplace under Florida law, including the doctrine of employment at will and its exceptions, as well as related tort and contract theories; state and federal employment discrimination law; the use and enforceability of restrictive covenants to engage in business competition, state and federal wages and hours laws; and state and federal safety laws. Final exam.

Florida Estate Planning - ELEC 1282 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND WILLS, ESTATES & TRUSTS (TXBW517LECT).

Involves a study of typical problems and transactions in planning an effective and economical distribution of property while alive and at death. Includes basic estate and gift tax concepts. No exam.

Florida Evidence - ELEC 1276 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND EVIDENCE (CIVP406LECT).

Covers the Florida Evidence Code and compares it to the Federal Rules of Evidence. Includes standards and procedures for admission and exclusion of all forms of evidence. Examines problems of relevance, prejudice, character and conduct evidence, hearsay evidence, testimonial privileges, and expert testimony. Final exam.

Florida Family Law - ELEC 1275 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

This course is for students taking the Florida bar exam and will focus on Florida law. Students will practice writing bar-style family law essay questions, primarily from previous Florida essay exams. This course covers premarital agreements, status of marriage, annulments, legitimacy, paternity, adoption, emancipation of minors, divorce, property settlements, custody, support, and alimony issues in family law. The course will cover each of these areas with a focus on jurisdiction and procedure for an initial action, for a modification action, and an enforcement action. Final exam.

See also Family Law (ELEC915LECT) and Michigan Family Law (ELEC1274LECT).

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Florida Foreclosure Law - ELEC 1151 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING(RESW214LECT) AND PROPERTY I(PRSE109LECT).

This course provides an in-depth examination of Florida foreclosure law, including issues of Note and Mortgage formation and origination, Note assignment, default, standing, foreclosure practice, procedure, litigation, alternative dispute resolutions, property sales upon Judgment and appeals. The course will also include mock trials and motions with students participating as parties and counsel. Final exam.

Florida Juvenile Delinquency & Dependency - ELEC 1259 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT), CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT), AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Explores Florida law as it relates to the interrelations of children, parents, and the state, focusing specifically on juvenile delinquency, juvenile dependency, crossover cases, and termination of parental rights. Covers evidence, trial strategies, and appeals of juvenile delinquency and dependency cases in Florida. Final exam.

Florida Medical Malpractice - ELEC 1292 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND EVIDENCE (CIVP406LECT).

Focuses on contemporary legal and medical issues particular to medical and dental malpractice. Final exam.

Florida Medical Marijuana and the Law - ELEC 1290 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT), CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT), CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT), PROPERTY I (PRSE109LECT), AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Examines Florida's legislative process, including powers and limitations, federal law and state's rights, conflicts of law, supremacy, statutory construction, and the role of the court and its functions in regard to legislative and executive powers. Students will review and discuss criminal and civil Issues in regard to the application, interpretation, and enforcement of medical marijuana laws, including penal law, civil forfeiture, contracts, family law, employment law, taxing powers, zoning and licensing regulation. The course addresses the moral and ethical issues inherent in the subject of drugs and the law. No exam.

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Florida Modern Real Estate Transactions - ELEC 1296 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: TAXATION (TXBW516LECT or TXBW521LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

This course is largely transaction and problem oriented. Discusses problems involving real estate transactions: acquisition, development, operation and disposition with financing and tax considerations. Develops skills to help clients plan for shopping centers, office buildings, apartment complexes and other major projects. Final exam.

Florida Real Estate Transactions - ELEC 1124 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: CONTRACTS I (CONT108LECT), CONTRACTS II (CONT213LECT), AND RESEARCH AND WRITING (RESW214LECT).

This course is largely transaction and problem oriented. Discusses problems involving real estate transactions under Florida law: real estate contracts, parties to Florida transactions, financing, property descriptions, landlord/tenant, and water rights. Final exam.

Forensic Evidence in Criminal Cases - ELEC 1099 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND EVIDENCE (CIVP406LECT).

Examines the use of forensic and scientific evidence in criminal cases. Covers the various types of forensic evidence, such as DNA typing, polygraphs, hypnosis, psychological and syndrome evidence, and other types of police identification techniques. Includes admissibility, reliability, and the scientific method. Paper required. No exam.

Gaming Law - ELEC 1035 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Focuses on the parameters involved in the development of gaming as it expands in more states; concentrates on the existing law as it applies to this emerging, highly regulated business. Examines federal and various state gaming laws and regulations along with constitutional and administrative law issues; analyzes recent developments in gaming law, Indian gaming, and tax and debt collection. No exam.

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Getting to Excellence - FYEL 106 LECT

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITES: NONE.

Students will explore the role of mindset, planning, and active learning in law school success along with strategies for best performance and better productivity and put them to action. In addition, the course explores the science of habit formation and ethical decision making and the bearing these have on personal conduct, including critically, the ability to achieve and maintain success. Finally, the course looks at the role of character in bar admission and character and attitude in best life and success, and examines the concept of professionalism and its importance to the profession and successful practice of law. No exam.

Government Contract Litigation Course - ELEC 1136 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

This course exposes students to the fundamental laws, regulations, and procedures that govern federal procurement and litigation. Students will learn the complex network of regulatory and statutory provisions designed to protect the government and its contractors in this unique field. Students develop and demonstrate mastery in this course by writing a brief and engaging in an oral argument concerning a government contract dispute. Students are also introduced to other litigation skills such as document discovery, interrogatories, and depositions as practiced in this arena. Final exam.

Graduate MBE Workshop - BARP 171 LECT

Credits: 0

The Graduate MBE Workshop is a no-credit, post-graduate course offered at no cost to anyone taking a bar exam in any state. The course meets four weeks for one hour. Each class will feature a substantive component and skills lesson taught by professors and ARC faculty. The course will focus on a review of highly tested areas in Property, Torts, Contracts, and Constitutional Law. The course will do an in-depth analysis of a small number of multiple choice questions per topic which have been selected based on their likelihood for testing.

Gun Control Seminar - ELEC 851 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT).

An in-depth study of gun-related laws including federal and state constitutional provisions affording rights to own and bear arms, current federal and state gun-control laws, proposed federal and state gun-control laws, and the potential need for local gun-control ordinances. No exam.

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Health Law - ELEC 940 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Examines the laws that regulate the U.S. healthcare system through the study of concepts relating to individual and institutional health care providers, such as licensing and accreditation, liability, the physician patient relationship, cost and access to healthcare, structure of health care entities, and fraud and abuse laws. Final paper. No exam.

High Profile Trials - FYEL 111 LECT

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITES: NONE.

Introduces students to rules of evidence and criminal procedure while analyzing the strategy and professionalism of judges, prosecution, and defense through real-time and historical high-profile cases. No exam.

Immigration Law - ELEC 954 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Examines the rights of aliens such as the right to enter, right to asylum, right to remain in the United States; rights in deportation proceedings and registration; the rights of aliens as students, and the right to work, to own property and receive government benefits. Focuses on the Immigration and Nationality Act, with its preferences and other requirements leading to United States citizenship. Final exam.

Innocence Project Advanced - Skills - CLIN 2071 SKIL

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: INNOCENCE PROJECT I (CLIN1070CLNC)

By invitation only. Experienced Innocence Project students continue to develop their legal skills representing clients in post-conviction cases. The second semester will focus on client interviewing and counseling, research and persuasive writing, hiring and working with investigators and experts, negotiation, post-conviction and appellate practice, and oral advocacy. Students will have the opportunity to get involved in policy work related to criminal justice reform. Students are preselected. No exam.

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Innocence Project I - CLIN 1070 CLNC

Credits: Variable

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT), CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT), CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT), AND PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

3 credits. 2 term commitment.

By application only. The Innocence Project explores post-conviction remedies for defendants who claim they are innocent of crimes. The Project seeks DNA testing in appropriate cases. Students practice law under Michigan Court Rule 8.120. Students work with investigators and experts and prepare cases for filing in state court, and represent clients in court proceedings. Students may enroll in the clinic once they have completed 40 credit hours. No exam.

Innocence Project II - CLIN 2070 CLNC

Credits: 0

PREREQUISITE: INNOCENCE PROJECT I (CLIN1070CLNC).

3 to 5 credits per term. Experienced Innocence Project students continue to develop their legal skills, representing clients in post-conviction cases. Students have the opportunity to get involved in policy work related to criminal justice reform. Students are preselected. No Exam.

Innocence Project-Advanced - CLIN 5026 CLNC

Credits: Variable

PREREQUISITES: INNOCENCE PROJECT I (CLIN1070CLNC) AND INNOCENCE PROJECT II (CLIN2070CLNC).

By invitation only.

Experienced Innocence Project students continue to develop their legal skills by continuing with case work and/or by completing projects as directed by clinical faculty. No exam.

Insurance Law - ELEC 916 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

A survey of the principles of insurance. Students will be able to distinguish and apply concepts of insurable interest, risk transfer, and the formation of insurance agreements. The insurance contract and its defensibility will be considered. Students will learn to identify and apply litigation claims and defenses unique to insurance relationships. This course is foundational to other course offerings, providing students with a comprehensive understanding of insurance organizations, insurance contracts, the interaction between insurance and tort principles, and the public policy aspects of insurance regulation. Final exam.

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Intellectual Property Law - ELEC 1097 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Covers basic principles of trade secret, patent, trademark, and copyright law and related intellectual property law issues. Provides a basic understanding of the scope of rights in these fields and the protection and enforcement of those rights. Serves as a foundation for further study in Intellectual Property Law, or as an overview of the field for general practitioners. Final exam.

International and Comparative Contract Law - ELEC 1120 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Examines the Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) and compares it to the Uniform Commercial Code. Compares common law and civil law issues of contract formation, performance, breach and remedies. Final exam.

International Business Law - ELEC 829 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Covers international business relationships and issues. Includes U.S. and foreign regulation of transactions, formation and operation of subsidiaries, joint ventures and other business entities, sales, and tax considerations. Counseling and drafting skills are emphasized. Final exam.

International Law - ELEC 917 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Examines public international law, covering sources of international law, international agreements, international organizations, recognition of states, international claims, and use of force. Final exam.

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International Legal Advocacy Skills - ELEC 1086 SKIL

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Introduces the basic concepts and supporting documents of international law, and then applies those using written and oral presentation to an international court or tribunal. The Phillips C. Jessup International Moot Court Team will be selected from all participants. No exam.

Interviewing and Counseling - ELEC 1085 SKIL

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

Introduces students to theories about how and why lawyers interview and counsel clients and gives students opportunities to practice the skills of interviewing. No exam.

Interviewing Counseling & Negotiation - ELEC 1254 SKIL

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Part of the Summer Skills Academy. Introduces students to theory and practice for initial client interviews, questioning skills and listening training, decision making and counseling with clients, and interviewing fact witnesses. Introduces students to theory and practice of interest-based negotiation. Students will practice these skills every week. No exam.

Intro to Legislation Regulation and Statutory Interpretation - FYRQ 102 LECT

Credits: 2

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PREREQUISITE: NONE.

For all intents and purposes, programs enacted by state and federal legislatures dominate the social and legal landscape, affecting all of us every day and in myriad ways. The modern legal system is largely the product of both legislatures and complex bureaucratic structures known as agencies, which engage in legislative implementation. Outside constitutional law, the courts today function largely as interpreters of the product of legislatures (statutes) and as reviewers of the legality of the actions taken by agencies to implement statutes. No lawyer today can reasonably hope that his or her clients can escape the far-reaching jurisdiction of state and federal agencies that both regulate private activity and dispense various benefits, many of which are deemed fundamental in today's society. Nor can any competent lawyer adequately serve his or her client without a reasonably sophisticated understanding of the interpretive techniques utilized by courts in "uncovering" the meaning of statutes. This course has three main goals: first, to offer students an overall sense of how the legislative, administrative, and judicial arms of government interrelate in governing our society under a constitutional system of checks and balances; second, to introduce them to the process of statutory interpretation both in theory and practice; and, third, to familiarize them with the process of law-making and law-application as it is conducted in legislative bodies and in administrative agencies. Final exam.

Introduction to International Human Rights Law - FYEL 107 LECT

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITES: NONE.

Introduces students to the specification and enforcement of human rights within the international legal system, including the relevant institutional and legal frameworks. Covers the range of substantive rights enshrined in the core legal instruments, the legal obligations these instruments impose on both state and non-state actors, and the mechanisms for enforcing those obligations to achieve accountability. No exam.

Introduction to Judicial Clerkships - FYEL 110 LECT

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITES: NONE.

In this course, students will peer behind the curtain and explore how judicial decisions are made, with an emphasis on the role that law clerks play in the process. No exam.

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Introduction to Recycling Law - FYEL 109 LECT

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITES: NONE.

This course deals with the day-to-day issues surrounding recycling law. The topics covered include the history of recycling, how laws regarding recycling are created, dealing with specific type of materials including hazardous waste, and guest speakers working in this sub-topic of environmental law including a government lawyer and an environmental law practitioner. No exam.

Jury Dynamics - ELEC 1265 SKIL

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Students will learn in three workshops how to select a jury, what ethical rules apply to juries about what they can and cannot do, and how group dynamics may affect decision-making. Students will serve as jury members for two Trial Skills juries – one criminal and one civil. No exam.

Juvenile Law - ELEC 919 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT), CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II (CONL503LECT), AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Reviews the legal interrelations of children, parents, and the state in terms of offenses committed by or against juveniles. Final exam.

Labor Law - ELEC 920 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Offers an overview of labor laws on the national and state level with concentration placed on the statutory controls designed to regulate labor law, emerging judicial concepts, and legal relationship between labor and management. Final exam.

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Law of Cyberspace - ELEC 1062 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Access to Internet required. Addresses accessing, researching, and evaluating Internet resources. Explores the legal, ethical, and technological implications of working in Cyberspace, online, including first amendment issues, intellectual property, torts, and contracts. No exam.

Law Practice - Business Development - ELEC 1244 LECT

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Offers concentrated instruction in the enterprise skills necessary to identify emerging client populations and to design the systems and improve the processes to package, price, and deliver law products and services to those populations. Meets for two hours one day each week for seven weeks. No exam.

Law Practice - Finance for Lawyers - ELEC 1245 LECT

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Provides overviews of personal financial management principles for lawyers including financial statements, budgets, risk management, insurance, and investment and retirement planning, and law firm financial management principles including capital structure, annual financial plans, balance sheets, operating statements, and financial targets. No exam.

Law Practice - Law Office Management - ELEC 955 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Introductory course which reviews issues related to the management of private law firms. Emphasizes legal economics, organization, billing, business systems, client counseling, and opening a new practice. No exam.

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Law Practice - Transitioning to Practice - ELEC 1128 LECT

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH AND WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Develop "practice ready" skills to transition from student to practitioner. Class will focus on selecting a practice experience (clinic or externship), writing for practice, working with supervisors, unauthorized practice of law and other ethical issues, management skills, and working with legal technology. The course will meet during the first seven weeks of the semester for two hours. There are weekly writing assignments, no exam, and no final paper. No exam. Only grades of Credit (CR) or No Credit (NC) are awarded.

Law Review - ELEC 820 LECT

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND SCHOLARLY WRITING (ELEC1009LECT).

By invitation only. Board members. Maximum of 6 credit hours. Provides an opportunity for selected students to serve on the Western Michigan University Cooley Law Review. No exam.

Law Review Board I - ELEC 825 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND LAW REVIEW (ELEC820LECT).

By invitation only. No exam.

Law Review Board II - ELEC 826 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND LAW REVIEW BOARD I (ELEC825LECT).

By invitation only. No exam.

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Law Review Board III - ELEC 827 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND LAW REVIEW BOARD II (ELEC826LECT).

By invitation only. No exam.

Lawyering Fundamentals - BARP 193 LECT

Credits: 0

This course provides early skill development and foundational instruction to speed the transition from undergrad to lawyer-in-training. Students will learn how to effectively prepare for class, brief cases, take and synthesize notes from lecture, create study outlines, issue-spot, formulate basic arguments applying facts and rules, and write legal answers organized around IRAC. Students will work on multiple choice and essay test-taking skills and receive feedback. Class is asynchronous.

Leadership Development for Lawyers - ELEC 1131 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Lawyers are leaders. The roles attorneys play often require effective leadership skills. This course will not only address fundamental leadership skills development but also dig deeper with concepts such as organization effectiveness, mission and vision development, strategic planning and budgeting, problem solving and leading in a fast-paced, diverse society. No exam.

Leadership Development for Lawyers II - ELEC 1141 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FOR LAWYERS (ELEC1131LECT)

The Lawyers as Leaders Capstone course integrates the student's understanding of the overall Leadership Program teachings, practices and techniques with their growth and experiences over the course of the program. Students, the professor and guest lecturers will explore and evaluate the necessary leadership attributes of lawyers, current thought on leadership within the legal profession, the ethical issues confronting the lawyer-leader, their own growth as a leader and focus on their continued growth as a lawyer-leader in their identified community. As a major part of the Capstone course, students will be responsible for completing a Capstone paper that demonstrates the knowledge, critical thinking, skills and ethics learned in the Leadership Program and that ties the concepts learned to their stated goals as a lawyer-leader. No exam.

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Legal Ethics in the Digital Space - ELEC 1301 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

Legal Ethics in the Digital Space - Assuring the Ethical Practice of Law in a Technology Minefield explores the intersection between legal ethics and technology across multiple realms beginning with a lawyer's fundamental duty of technology competence and what all entails, including the requirement for reasonable efforts to safeguard digital information. With this foundation, students are exposed to the ethical minefields of digital advertising, lawyer (and client) use of social media, social media evidence, discovery, proceedings, and outsourcing. Ethical issues related to practice automation are also explored, including in the areas of practice management and work-flow technology, document automation and review technology, and legal research technology. The increasing role of artificial intelligence in practice management and its inherent ethical challenges is also examined. In addition, the course touches upon the emerging areas of cryptocurrency, block chain, NFTs, and the metaverse, exploring the ethical issues lawyers are facing in connection with these technological developments, including use of cryptocurrency as a means of lawyer compensation. In depth consideration is also given to a lawyer's duty of confidentiality as it relates to the use of technology, along with the steps necessary to keep client information protected in the cloud, safeguard against cyberattacks and natural disasters, avoid a data security incident, and mitigate and recover from a security breach or other disaster. With lawyers today regularly engaged in the remote practice of law, this course also exposes the ethical issues surrounding remote and virtual practice and the security safeguards a lawyer must have in place when working from home, working in a public space, or working while traveling. Students will come away from this course fully equipped with the knowledge and information necessary to successfully navigate the ethical challenges of practicing law in a rapidly progressing digital age. This is a graded, 2-credit course. Students will be expected to submit a paper covering in-depth examination of some aspect of legal ethics and technology due Week 15. In addition, in Week 14, students will give a brief presentation of their five top takeaways from their research. A student's grade will be determined on the basis/quality of the paper submitted combined with the student's overall in-class preparedness and preparation, including the Week 14 presentation. No exam.

Legislative Process - ELEC 870 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II (CONL503LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Examines legislative intent and imparts practical experience dealing with current legislation, legislative hearings, and the relationship between the legislative and executive branches of government. Students draft a bill and analyze the steps for its passage. No exam.

LLM Accounting for Lawyers - LLMTX 6020 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Tax, Corp Law, or Insurance.

Prerequisite: LLM or JD/LLM in Tax, Corp Law, or Insurance.

JD elective. JD Prerequisite: Research & Writing. NOTE: LLM Classes offered at the Tampa Bay campus may be taken for JD credit only.

Provides students with an introduction to the principles of financial accounting that are relevant to lawyers practicing business and tax law. Topics include the mechanics of the double-entry bookkeeping system and the related financial and tax ramifications of implementing various accounting conventions and methods in addition to the various regulatory requirements surrounding accounting internal controls in a corporate environment. Provides a basic understanding of generally accepted accounting principles and basic financial statements utilized by business clients. Grades are typically based on tests, class participation, a take home final, and a paper.

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LLM Advanced Corporate Transactions - LLMCL 6025 LECT

Credits: 3

Required: LLM in Corp Law.

JD elective. JD Prerequisite: B or better in Business Organizations, and good academic standing.

Building upon the principles of corporation law and policy learned in the Business Organizations course, this course will prepare students to understand and structure the legal aspects of various business combinations, including buy-sell arrangements, licensing agreements, mergers, asset purchases, stock sales, debt/loan structures (including indentures), shareholder agreements, dispute resolution procedures, service agreements and employment agreements. The course will build around several transactions and require mastery of key skills and abilities that include: understanding key components of various transactions and their legal structures; identification of various transactional approaches to address specific client needs; development of analytic, reasoning, negotiation and writing skills in various business law environments; and mastery of the core legal doctrines which are the foundations for the transactions studied. Grades are typically based on class participation and assignment(s).

LLM Advanced Estate & Gift Tax Planning Techniques - LLMTX 6068 LECT

Credits: 1

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Tax.

Prerequisite: Tax Planning & Drafting for Estates (6188) [previously Estate Planning (6046)] and Estate & Gift Taxation (6045), or approval of academic director.

Seminar discussing advanced techniques in federal estate and gift tax planning, such as self-cancelling installment notes, grantor retained annuity trusts, generation-skipping transfers, intentionally defective grantor trusts, family limited partnerships and other devices. Grades are typically based on class assignment(s).

LLM Advanced Legal Research - Legislative Research - LLM 6265 LECT

Credits: 1

JD course equivalent 1138.

Course will offer an overview of the theory, practice and tools for researching Federal, State & Local legislation and legislative history. Students will learn how to locate current, pending, & historic legislation, and how to compile a Michigan and Federal legislative history using print and online resources.

LLM Agents and Producers - LLMIN 6103 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Insurance.

Students will explore producer licensing, contracting and oversight issues with an emphasis on roles and relationships and liability issues. Take home exam.

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LLM Antitrust - LLMCL 6085 LECT

Credits: 3

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Corporate Law and Finance, JD elective.

JD Prerequisites: Business Organizations, 45 credits earned, and in good academic standing

This course covers the major topics of antitrust law necessary for all corporate lawyers and provide a basis for lawyers interested in practicing antitrust law. Topics to be covered include the broad definition of agreement; agreements among competitors and between companies and their suppliers or their distributors; monopolization; and both the substantive and procedural aspects of mergers. The philosophical and economic underpinning of the law will be discussed to the extent necessary to better understand the practical aspects of advising clients. The course focuses on U.S. antitrust law but also covers the important distinctions with the competition laws of other major jurisdictions. Grades are typically based on class participation and a take home final.

LLM Biotechnology and Intellectual Property Law - LLMIP 6053 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Intellectual Property.

JD Prerequisite: 45 credits earned and in good standing.

Examines intellectual property rights in biotechnology research with a particular emphasis on effective strategies for patent protection, management and commercialization. No exam.

LLM Bitcoin, Cryptocurrencies, and the Law - LLMCL 6283 LECT

Credits: 1

Elective for LLM_CLF Program.

JD prerequisites: Contracts I and II, Business Organizations, 45 credits earned, and in good academic standing.

Bitcoin and other digital assets have grown from obscurity in 2009 to a multi-trillion dollar asset class. This course focuses on the developing body of law and regulation surrounding Bitcoin and other digital assets. This course covers an introduction to money, Bitcoin, and other digital assets; an overview of the federal regulatory landscape; state regulatory schemes, business finance, and enforcement actions; an examination of emerging use cases; and future legal implications of open and decentralized systems. This course requires one project or research paper of 15-20 pages.

LLM Bitcoin, Cryptocurrencies, and the Law - LLMFN 6286 LECT

Credits: 1

REQUIRED FOR LLM_FGN.

LLM Course Equivalent LLMCL6283LECT.

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LLM Border Patrol and the Fourth Amendment - LLMHS 6282 LECT

Credits: 2

Prerequisites: LLM_HNS student or Crim Pro and Con Law II.

Students will understand the unique applications of the Fourth Amendment to the Department of Homeland Security, a conglomerate of many different law enforcement agencies with both administrative and criminal enforcement functions. Students will survey Homeland Security enforcement functions in the context of the Fourth Amendment's enshrined protections. The course will focus on the mission of the US Border Patrol. Whether on land, sea, or air, Congress and the courts have carved out unique Fourth Amendment standards for the Border Patrol and other DHS law enforcement agencies. Students will analyze how these Fourth Amendment exceptions have created a different balance between US Government operations and Fourth Amendment rights. Paper.

LLM Business Franchise Law & Practice - LLMIP 6008 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Corp Law or Intellectual Property.

Thorough examination of the fundamentals of business franchising operations including federal and state statutes and regulations, franchiser and franchisee rights, obligations and limitations. No exam.

LLM Business Organizations - LLMCL 6026 LECT

Credits: 3

Required: LLM in Corp Law.

This is the course, sometimes referred to as "Corporations" taught at the JD level at WMU-Cooley and at most law schools. All WMU-Cooley students who have obtained a B or better in this course, or those from other schools who have obtained a B or better in a comparable course will receive a waiver without credit of this required course. If a student from outside WMU-Cooley has not taken this course, or a student either from WMU-Cooley or another school has taken the course but received a grade lower than a B, then they must take this course during the first semester, or be excused from taking it by the Director. Those students taking the course will be given a different exam than the JD students in the course and may also be required to write a paper in order to receive credit for the course.

LLM Capital Markets / Investment Banking - LLMCL 6170 LECT

Credits: 3

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Corp Law.

JD Prerequisite: B or better in Business Organizations (518), 45 credits earned and in good standing.

Explores the legal aspects of capital markets and investment banking, including: commercial paper, medium-term notes, shelf registration statements, underwriters, and various types of private securities offerings. Special emphasis on governance, negotiation, documentation, and closing of corporate financing methods. Grades are typically based on assignment(s).

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LLM Captives, Holding Cos./Structural Resp to Transf of Risk - LLMIN 6104 LECT Credits: 2

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Insurance.

JD Prerequisite: Research and Writing.

Students will learn about the advantages and disadvantages of each structure and when and how to use them.

LLM Children and the Law - LLMSD 6164 LECT

Credits: 2

JD course equivalent 892.

Examines the legal relationships between children and the state and between children and their parents. Includes an examination of common law, statutory, and constitutional constraints on the rights and status of children in both civil and criminal contexts. No Exam.

Students must complete a supplemental 10-15 page double-spaced paper, or equivalent project, to earn LL.M. credit.

LLM Civil Procedure I - LLMFN 6162 LECT

Credits: 3

Required course for LL.M. U.S. Legal Studies/Foreign Attorneys

JD course equivalent 105.

Covers personal jurisdiction, notice and service of process, subject matter jurisdiction, removal, transfer, venue, simple joinder, pleading, default, dismissals, the Erie doctrine and related matters.

LLM Constitutional Issues in Homeland and Nat'l Security - LLMHS 6177 LECT Credits: 2

Prerequisite: Homeland Security Law I (6159).

Each student researches and explores a specific constitutional issue arising from homeland and national security. Topics will be approved by the professor and each student will research, write, submit a paper, and present it in class. The paper will serve as a preliminary draft of their thesis. Take home exam.

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LLM Constitutional Law II - LLMFN 6275 LECT

Credits: 3

REQUIRED FOR LLM_FGN.

JD Course Equivalent 503.

Covers due process, equal protection, freedom of expression, and freedom of religion. Final exam.

LLM Copyright Law & Practice - LLMIP 6000 LECT

Credits: 3

Required: LLM in IP.

JD Elective. JD Prerequisite: Research & Writing. NOTE: LLM Classes offered at the Tampa Bay campus may be taken for JD credit only.

Examines the historic and modern concepts, principles and scope of United States copyright law. Requirements for copyright protection, formalities of registration, ownership, assignment and licensing as well as other aspects of the practice of copyright law will be explored. Take home final.

LLM Corporate Compliance Law - LLMCL 6233 LECT

Credits: 2

Prerequisite: B or better in Business Organizations (TXBW518) and Personal and Professional Responsibility (PROF308). This course will focus on developing competencies for leading and ensuring an organization has an effective compliance and ethics' program. Students will gain a broad understanding of compliance oversight along with the skills necessary to identify corporate risks, investigate issues, resolve disputes and create effective compliance documents for Board Governance, Audit Committee, and Senior Management use. There is no exam for this course, several work products related to compliance program development and issue resolution will be graded as will students' responses to issues during class workshops.

LLM Corporate Governance & Finance - LLMCL 6027 LECT

Credits: 3

Required: LLM in Corp Law

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Insurance, JD

JD Elective. JD Prerequisite: B or better in Business Organizations (518) and good academic standing.

This course will study the processes and tensions between capital formation and corporate governance. Traditional methods and concepts of corporate finance will be examined including, time-value of money, stock and bond valuations, capital budgeting, capital and arbitrage pricing models, cost benefit analysis and optimal capital structure theory. In addition to in-depth examination of these traditional areas, including the corporate decision-making difficulties involved in choosing among various financing options, the course will delve into the significant corporate governance challenges posed by derivative securities, asset securitizations and convertible securities. The course will explore in detail the difficult questions of corporate decision making when faced with the tensions between the contract principles of various financing approaches and the fiduciary obligations inherent in corporate decision-making. Grades are typically based on project(s).

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LLM Corporate Mergers, Acquisitions, and Reorganizations - LLMTX 6044 LECT Credits: 2

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Tax.

Prerequisite: Income Taxation (6034) or approval of academic director.

Provides a more in-depth look into the federal tax aspects of certain property transactions. Topics may include debt financings (including debt vs. equity issues, cancellation of indebtedness, and the regulations dealing with modifications of debt instruments), complex like-kind exchanges, installment sales, involuntary conversions, leasing transactions (including sale-leasebacks) and tax shelters. Grades are typically based on a take home final and class participation.

LLM Corporate Professional Responsibility - LLMCL 6028 LECT

Credits: 3

Required: LLM in Corp Law.

JD elective. JD Prerequisite: Business Organizations (518), Personal and Professional Responsibility (308), 45 JD credits earned, and in good standing.

This course focuses on the ethical, as well as broader public policy issues, presented in the practice of law in the corporate setting from the perspectives of both inside and outside counsel in a multistate and global practice arena. Utilizing a practical case study method, the course addresses subjects such as the lawyer's role in the corporation, attorney-client privilege and work product doctrine, attorney discipline and malpractice, conflicts of interest, negotiations, and relationships between inside and outside counsel. Further, the course reviews the structure of corporate compliance activities and regulatory compliance and counseling, at the national, state, local and foreign governmental levels in a number of areas including: environmental; employment, labor and benefits; product liability and recalls; Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and white collar litigation. In addition, the course explores a lawyer's role in society including emphasizing the necessity for a corporate lawyer to embrace diversity, and participate in pro bono and community service activities to be successful. Grades are typically based on class participation, pro bono activities, and a take home final.

LLM Corporate Taxation - LLMTX 6033 LECT

Credits: 3

Required: LLM in Tax.

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Corp Law.

JD elective. JD Prerequisite: Taxation (516 or 521) and Business Organizations (518).

Includes a study of the tax effects resulting from formation, operation, and liquidation of a corporation with some discussion on the "non-recognition" sections of the Internal Revenue Code as they apply to a corporation and its stockholders. Grades are typically based on tests, class participation, and a take home final.

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LLM Co-Teaching I - LLM 7001 PRTM

Credits: 1

Required: Self Directed LLM.

Prerequisite: Completion of a minimum of 12 Graduate Program credits; must have approval from a full-time or adjunct professor to co-teach a J.D. elective This is a two-term commitment.

The first term of the Co-Teaching course allows the student to become familiar with the subject matter of the course to be co-taught. The student will work with the professor on class syllabus, assignments, and presentation materials.

LLM Co-Teaching II - LLM 7002 PRTM

Credits: 2

Required: Self Directed LLM.

Prerequisite: Co-Teaching I and approval from a full-time or adjunct professor to co-teach an elective. This is a two-term commitment.

In the second term of the Co-Teaching course, the student will participate in the preparation and instruction of a J.D. elective course. The student must attend all class meetings and should work with the professor of the course to determine a sufficient presentation schedule. The student must have a minimum of 4 class presentation hours.

LLM Current Topics in Estate Planning - LLMTX 6069 LECT

Credits: 1

Elective: LLM in Tax.

Prerequisites: Taxation (516 or 521) and Wills, Estates and Trusts (517), or approval of the academic director.

Seminar discussing the most current topics relating to federal estate and gift tax issues, standard of estate planning practice, estate planning techniques and estate and gift tax audit practice.

LLM Current Topics in Federal Taxation - LLMTX 6081 LECT

Credits: 1

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Tax.

Prerequisites: Income Taxation (516 or 521 or 6034) or approval of the academic director.

Seminar discussing the most current topics relating to federal tax issues, tax planning techniques and significant developments in federal tax legislation. Grades are typically based on class participation and a take home final.

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LLM Current Topics in Homeland Security Law - LLMHS 6271 LECT

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITES: NONE.

Seminar discussing the legal issues arising from the most current threats to the health, welfare, or safety of the United States domestically or from threats confronting the government agencies charged with protection of the US from domestic terrorist attacks.

LLM Current Topics in State & Local Tax - LLMTX 6076 LECT

Credits: 1

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Tax.

Prerequisites: State & Local Tax (6048) or approval of academic director.

Seminar discussing the most current topics relating to state and local tax issues in the United States and Michigan, state tax practice, state tax planning techniques and significant developments in state or local tax legislation.

LLM Cybercrimes - LLMIP 6072 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Homeland and National Security Law or Intellectual Property.

Explores enforcement of criminal statutes against unlawful activity involving the Internet, computers and other forms of high technology. Examines the legal process required to seize electronic records such as e-mail or web-surfing logs. Considers if there is meaningful privacy in e-commerce. Analyzes Fourth Amendment application to records stored in the online world.

LLM Directed Study - LLM 6010 LECT

Credits: Variable

Elective: LLM in Tax, Corp Law, Intellectual Property, Insurance, or Self Directed.

Provides an opportunity for Master's students to submit a proposal for a directed study project to the Academic Director. Generally requires 15-20 pages of a written project for each credit hour earned.

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LLM Drone Law - LLMHS 6277 LECT

Credits: 2

This course will focus on training students to understand and identify legal challenges in an evolving legal landscape. This course will generally focus in five main areas: 1) understanding laws and FAA regulations regarding small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS) operations; 2) understanding civil litigation matters concerning that authority; 3) identifying criminal consequences related to sUAS activity; 4) exploring the legalities of law enforcement's use of sUAS; and 5) understanding Congress' recent counter-UAS statute. Students in the course will not only learn the history of sUAS legal matters but also chart a bold new course for legally justifiable sUAS operations in support of homeland security. No exam.

LLM E-Commerce Law - LLMIP 6011 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Intellectual Property or Corporate Law and Finance or Homeland and National Security Law.

Survey of legal issues concerning cyberspace, on-line services, internet transactions and activities including free speech, intellectual property infringement, jurisdiction, computer crimes, information security and privacy issues. Grades are typically based on class participation and a take home final.

LLM Emergency Management Law - LLMHS 6241 LECT

Credits: 2

This course introduces students to the current practices of emergency management and the legal authorities and policies on which they are based. The legislative framework and organizational relationships of the states and the federal emergency management system will be discussed and contrasted at length. An analysis of past disasters will be presented by the students along with their impacts on law and policy formation leading up to the current FEMA all-hazards approach. Using this case study approach, students will then apply the legal and policy issues of previous disasters and events to potential future events. No exam.

LLM Entertainment and Media Law - LLMIP 6012 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Intellectual Property or Corp Law.

Analysis of various intellectual property issues relating to the entertainment, motion picture, music, broadcasting and publishing industries including copyright law, rights of publicity, licensing as well as structure and business practices of the entertainment industry. Take home final.

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LLM Entrepreneur Law & Practice - LLMCL 6201 LECT

Credits: 3

This course examines the myriad of issues, such as finance, business model, electronic commerce, risk management, employment, real estate and advertising faced by attorneys who advise clients who may be seeking legal and practical guidance in the beginnings of a small or entrepreneurial business through its maturity and demise. It also allows the attorney to examine the potential to be involved in house with a business or to consider developing a business. From Scrooge & Marley to Microsoft...things often begin small and grow. Current small business news, blogs and other on line resources will serve as discussion points throughout the course. No exam. Students will be evaluated on class participation and completion of analysis papers and a final project.

LLM Estate and Gift Taxation - LLMTX 6045 LECT

Credits: 2

JD Elective, or LLM or JD/LLM in Tax.

JD PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT), TAXATION (TXBW516LECT or TXBW521LECT), AND WILLS, ESTATES & TRUSTS (TXBW517LECT).

Examines the issues of estate and gift taxation, with particular emphasis on estate and gift tax planning. Grades are typically based on a midterm, class participation, and a take home final.

LLM Estate Planning for Retirement Plan Benefits - LLMTX 6272 LECT

Credits: 2

Covers tax rules applicable to traditional and Roth qualified retirement plans and other tax preferred retirement accounts, such as 401(k) accounts ("retirement plans") that are most relevant to the estate planning attorney, including the rules mandating distributions from retirement plans pre- and post-death, and the application of such rules to inheritors who are individuals (spouses and non-spouses), or trusts (charitable and non-charitable). The income tax consequences of naming a variety of different post-death beneficiaries will be explored in detail. Issues that must be considered when drafting beneficiary designation forms for these accounts and trusts to receive them on behalf of minors and other heirs will also receive significant attention.

LLM Externship - LLM 6021 EXTE

Credits: Variable

Elective: LLM in Tax, Corp Law, Insurance, Intellectual Property, or Self Directed.

Offers students the opportunity to practice intellectual property and/or technology law in a supervised setting. Master's students can complete tasks assigned by their attorney supervisors, with their learning guided by a WMU-Cooley faculty member. Students must apply and be approved for externship placements and all sites must be pre-approved. No exam.

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LLM Federal Administrative Law - LLMCL 6083 LECT

Credits: 3

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Corp Law.

JD Course Equivalent 622.

Examines the principles governing the theory, practice, and procedures of federal administrative law. Covers delegation, separation of powers, access to information, rule making, due process, adjudication and judicial review.

Students must complete a supplemental 10-15 page double-spaced paper, or equivalent project, to earn LL.M. credit.

LLM Federal Government Contracting - LLMHS 6255 LECT

Credits: 2

Government contracts differ widely from private contracts. The principles of contract law have been amended by federal law and regulation to create a unique subset of contract law which is used not just by the federal government but by many state and local governments and corporations as well. Students will develop an understanding of the basic concepts of Federal Government Contracting Law, including federal appropriations, acquisition, the budgeting cycle, contract formation and modification, defaults, remedies, and termination.

LLM Financial Oversight and Insurer Solvency - LLMIN 6105 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Insurance.

JD Elective: 45 credits and good academic standing.

Students will understand and apply solvency and capitalization principles to problem solving; NAIC solvency initiatives, loss ratios and accounting standards will be covered. Students will apply solvency principles to restructuring, rehabilitation and liquidation problem solving. Take home exam.

LLM Global Public Company Law Practicum - LLMCL 6080 LECT

Credits: 3

Elective: LLM in Corp Law.

The Practicum will be an exercise with a real time exchange of information and factual scenarios, designed to place the students in an environment which will draw upon all of the coursework in the Global Public Companies Law Specialization (Corporate Professional Responsibility, Advanced Corporate Transactions, Corporate Governance and Finance, Intellectual Property, Litigation and Public Company Disclosure). Students will interact with other students and practitioners in representing their client in this simulated exercise.

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LLM Health Ins/Impact of State & Federal Reform Initiatives - LLMIN 6107 LECT Credits: 2

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Insurance, JD elective.

JD Prerequisite: 45 credits earned and good academic standing.

A deep dive into the evolution of various health care financing and risk distribution models, the market effects of federal and state programs for population subsets and the social and financial impacts of health care reform on the state and federal levels. Grades are typically based on tests and a paper or project.

LLM Homeland & National Security Law Review - Exec. Board - LLMHS 6221 Credits: 1

LECT **PREREQUISITES:** RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT), SCHOLARLY WRITING (ELEC1009LECT OR LLM6210LECT), AND ONE HOMELAND SECURITY COURSE (HOMELAND SECURITY LAW I (6159), NATIONAL SECURITY LAW I (6174), MILITARY OPERATIONS LAW (6196), OR APPROVAL OF HNS LAW REVIEW FACULTY ADVISOR).

By invitation only. Executive Board Members. Maximum of 4 credit hours. Provides an opportunity for selected students to serve on the Thomas M. Cooley Homeland and National Security Law Review. No exam.

LLM Homeland & National Security Law Review - Sr. Assoc. Ed. - LLMHS 6220 Credits: 1

LECT **PREREQUISITES:** RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT), SCHOLARLY WRITING (ELEC1009LECT OR LLM6210LECT), AND ONE HOMELAND SECURITY COURSE (HOMELAND SECURITY LAW I (6159), NATIONAL SECURITY LAW I (6174), MILITARY OPERATIONS LAW (6196), OR APPROVAL OF HNS LAW REVIEW FACULTY ADVISOR).

By invitation only. Senior Associate Editor. Maximum of 4 credit hours. Provides an opportunity for selected students to serve on the Thomas M. Cooley Homeland and National Security Law Review. No exam.

LLM Homeland and National Security Law Review - Assoc. Ed. - LLMHS 6219 Credits: 1

LECT **PREREQUISITES:** RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT), SCHOLARLY WRITING (ELEC1009LECT OR LLM6210LECT), AND ONE HOMELAND SECURITY COURSE (HOMELAND SECURITY LAW I (6159), NATIONAL SECURITY LAW I (6174), MILITARY OPERATIONS LAW (6196), OR APPROVAL OF HNS LAW REVIEW FACULTY ADVISOR).

By invitation only. Associate Editor. Maximum of 4 credit hours. Provides an opportunity for selected students to serve on the Thomas M. Cooley Homeland and National Security Law Review. No exam.

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LLM Homeland Security Law I - LLMHS 6159 LECT

Credits: 3

Required course for HNS LLM Program.

JD Prerequisites: Constitutional Law I (404), 45 credits earned, and good academic standing.

Surveys the laws of Homeland Security. Reviews the statutes, executive orders and regulations as well as the theory, practice, and challenges for securing the American Homeland against terrorist attacks and major natural disasters, with an equal emphasis on prevention and counter-terrorism and on response. Explores the statutes in the emerging field of homeland security law enacted post-September 11, 2001, including airline security, border security, critical infrastructure, and weapons of mass destruction. Take-home exam and final paper.

LLM Homeland Security Law II - Comp Laws of Homeland Sec. - LLMHS 6173

Credits: 3

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Required course for HNS LLM Program. Assesses the laws of nations through a comparative analysis perspective, looking at how homeland security is accomplished in nations other than the United States. Students will develop an understanding of the framework, policies and laws, the constitutional and other powers under which other countries operate to prevent and to respond to terror and other threats. Take-home exam and final paper.

LLM Immigration Court Practice - LLMHS 6230 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM_HNS.

JD Elective: 45 credits earned and in good standing.

The course is designed to provide practical considerations of immigration and nationality law. The course will be scenario based, constructed using readily accessible case law and immigration authorities. The student will be required to advocate each week for or against a particular immigration issue. The course will address issues of removal and deportation, relief from removal, foreign policy considerations and current trends in U.S. Immigration law. All students are required to provide responses to exercises and participate in the discussion. Some additional readings may be assigned during the course and materials or sources for such readings will be available online or provided.

LLM Income Taxation - LLMTX 6034 LECT

Credits: 3

Required: LLM in Tax.

An in-depth study of federal income taxation, including the concepts of income, identification of the proper taxpayer, deductions, characterization of income, and the timing, deferral and non-recognition of income. Take home exam.

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LLM Ins Co Formation Regulation & Governance - LLMIN 6098 LECT

Credits: 3

Required: LLM in Insurance.

A study of the corporate, regulatory and governance aspects of insurance companies directed towards preparing students for the corporate law aspects of representing insurance clients before regulatory tribunals and the courts. Special emphasis will be given to the creation, organization and qualification of a Michigan based insurance company, assuring that students will acquire the skills for establishing and maintaining a compliant enterprise. Professional responsibility lessons will be interwoven throughout the materials and classroom discussion. Grades are typically based on assignment(s).

LLM Insurance and Public Policy - LLMIN 6213 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM Insurance Program. Formerly known as Insurance and Government Relations.

Prerequisite: JD/LLM or LLM Insurance Program.

Explores issues that arise in an insurance entity's relationships with government and trade associations. Focuses on state regulation and legislative relationships, including privacy and lobbying laws, interactions with industry trade associations, and representing clients in each of these contexts. No exam; paper required.

LLM Insurance and Risk Management - LLMIN 6171 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Insurance.

Olivet course MBA 800 and WMU-Cooley seminar.

including fundamental doctrines, historical background, social value, economic influence, loss exposures and protection, insurance regulation, insurance carriers, and overview of insurance operations such as reinsurance, marketing, underwriting, and claims adjusting. No exam.

LLM Insurance Claims and Disputes - LLMIN 6106 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Insurance.

This course builds on the fundamental exposure to claims litigations in the Advanced Insurance Law course. Students will develop expertise in the continuum of litigation directed activity resulting from a denied claim. Alternative dispute resolution, international tribunals, class action defense and bad faith claims management will be covered. Students will apply these principals to problem resolution involving claims scenarios. Grades are typically based on class participation and a take home final.

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LLM Insurance Law - LLMIN 6097 LECT

Credits: 3

Required: LLM in Insurance.

JD elective. JD Prerequisites: Contracts I (108), Contracts II (213), 45 credits earned and in good academic standing.

An in-depth study of the principles of insurance. Students will be able to distinguish and apply concepts of insurable interest, risk transfer and the formation of insurance agreements. The insurance contract and its defensibility will be considered. Students will learn to identify and apply litigation claims and defenses unique to insurance relationships. Text materials will be supplemented with readings on market configurations and relationships, insurance company operations and current industry issues. Professional responsibility will be a focus of all teachings, with particular focus on conflicts of interest arising in the relationship between insured and insurers and their legal counsel. This course is foundational to other course offerings, providing students with a comprehensive understanding of insurance organizations, insurance contracts, the interaction between insurance and tort principles and the public policy aspects of insurance regulation. Grades are typically based on class participation and a take home final.

LLM Intellectual Property in China and the Pacific Rim - LLMIP 6054 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Intellectual Property.

Intellectual property protection and enforcement is examined in detail under the laws of the Peoples Republic of China as well as Japan and other Asian Pacific countries. Take home final.

LLM Intelligence Law and Privacy - LLMHS 6176 LECT

Credits: 2

Prerequisite: Homeland Security Law I (6159).

Considers the role of the attorney as counsel to an intelligence agency. Surveys the development of intelligence law from the creation of CIA in 1947, through the Cold War, to the current War on Terrorism. It will look at the USA Patriot Act of 2001 and more recent efforts to strengthen intelligence collection, analysis and dissemination in the wake of the 9/11 attacks and the inaccurate intelligence on Iraq, both administratively and with the passage of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004. Considers whether the threat of international and domestic terrorism is an intelligence or a law enforcement or military problem and the propriety and legality of coercive interrogations, pre-emptive incarcerations, and intrusive surveillance in a constitutional democracy. No exam.

LLM International Taxation - Inbound - LLMTX 6047 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Tax.

Prerequisites: Income Taxation (516 or 6034) and Corporate Taxation (6033) or approval of the academic director.

Introduces the rules and regulations involved in the U.S. taxation of foreign persons and foreign investment in the United States. Grades are typically based on class participation and a take home final.

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LLM International Taxation - Outbound - LLMTX 6040 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Tax; JD.

Prerequisites: Income Taxation (6034) and Corporate Taxation (6033) or approval of the academic director.

Introduces the rules and regulations involved in the U.S. taxation of U.S. persons and businesses earning income outside of the United States. Grades are typically based on class participation and a take home final.

LLM International Transfer Pricing - LLMTX 6263 LECT

Credits: 2

International Transfer Pricing closely examines the U.S. tax regime for related party transactions between members of multi-national entities. The price in which related parties charge each other for tangible property, intangibles, and services is commonly referred to as the "transfer price." The U.S. tax rules require that transaction between related parties be at an "arm's length" transfer price, which is the consensus international transfer pricing standard. One of the main goals of the U.S. transfer pricing rules is to ensure that the U.S. taxable profits of a multinational entity are not artificially shifted out of the United States by non-arm's length transfer pricing. A non-arm's length transfer generally results in the artificial shifting of profits from related entities in high tax countries, such as the United States, to a related entity in lower tax entity, such as Ireland, through either under-charging or over-charging the related entity in cross-border transactions. This course will examine and apply the U.S. transfer pricing rules and methods to various types of international transactions; evaluate the U.S. transfer pricing documentation requirements; and contrast the U.S. rules with the transfer pricing rules of other countries. Take home exam.

LLM International Treaties and Intellectual Property - LLMIP 6211 LECT

Credits: 2

Prerequisites: Intellectual Property Law (1097), Trademark and Unfair Competition Law (6003), Patent Law (6002), or Copyright Law and Practice (6000).

Explores treaties and international agreements affecting the rights of IP right holders, including the Berne Convention; the Universal Copyright Convention, the Madrid Agreement, the Trademark Law Treaty (TLT), the Paris Convention, the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the Patent Law Treaty (PLT) and the European Patent Convention. Also discusses the Trade Related aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement of the World Trade Organization, including the past, present and future impact of TRIPS on international IP practice. Bilateral trade agreements and agreements affecting the biotechnology industry also will be addressed.

LLM Jury Dynamics - LLMFN 6285 LECT

Credits: 1

REQUIRED FOR LLM_FGN.

JD Course Equivalent ELEC1265SKIL.

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LLM Law of Cyberspace - LLMSD 6184 LECT

Credits: 3

JD course equivalent 1062.

Access to Internet required. Addresses accessing, researching, and evaluating Internet resources. Explores the legal, ethical, and technological implications of working in Cyberspace, including first amendment issues, intellectual property, torts, and contracts on-line. No Exam.

Students must complete a supplemental 10-15 page double-spaced paper, or equivalent project, to earn LL.M. credit.

LLM Law Practice - Writing for Practice - LLMSD 6274 LECT

Credits: 1

JD course equivalent 520.

Students will be given simulated case files to review. Using the contents of the file, students will write several legal documents: (1) a letter to a client, (2) a memo to a partner, and (3) a complaint, motion, or brief to a court. Students will review case files and draft assigned tasks during this course. This will be a guided process using instruction, self- and peer-assessment, and professor feedback. Emphasis will be on problem solving; legal analysis and reasoning; factual analysis; writing; organizing a legal task; and recognizing and resolving ethical dilemmas. This class prepares students for externships, clinics, bar exams, and legal practice. This course is recommended for students taking the bar in a jurisdiction that requires the Multistate Practice Test ("MPT"). No exam.

LLM students must also complete a supplemental paper or project to earn LLM credit for this course.

LLM Laws of Armed Conflict - LLMHS 6250 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM_HNS

Prerequisites: Homeland Security Law I, National Security Law I

The Law of Armed Conflict is the embodiment of the signatory nations' (the "High Contracting Parties") to the Geneva Conventions commitment to educate and train their military on, and to disseminate the substance of the Conventions, as widely as possible. Students will learn the treaties, court decisions and customary law which comprises the laws of armed conflict, or international humanitarian law. Students will analyse the origin and application of the laws which protects combatants, persons who are not or are no longer participating in the hostilities, and that restricts the means and methods of warfare. Topics will include targeting, detention, rules of engagement, the reestablishment of law and order, and lawful weapons and tactics. Take home exam.

LLM Leadership Development for Lawyers - LLMSD 6273 LECT

Credits: 2

JD course equivalent 1131.

Lawyers are leaders. The roles attorneys play often require effective leadership skills. This course will not only address fundamental leadership skills development but also dig deeper with concepts such as organization effectiveness, mission and vision development, strategic planning and budgeting, problem solving and leading in a fast-paced, diverse society.

LLM students must also complete a supplemental paper or project to earn LLM credit for this course.

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LLM Legal Ethics in the Digital Space - LLMHS 6287 LECT

Credits: 2

JD course equivalent 1301.

Legal Ethics in the Digital Space - Assuring the Ethical Practice of Law in a Technology Minefield explores the intersection between legal ethics and technology across multiple realms beginning with a lawyer's fundamental duty of technology competence and what all entails, including the requirement for reasonable efforts to safeguard digital information. With this foundation, students are exposed to the ethical minefields of digital advertising, lawyer (and client) use of social media, social media evidence, discovery, proceedings, and outsourcing. Ethical issues related to practice automation are also explored, including in the areas of practice management and work-flow technology, document automation and review technology, and legal research technology. The increasing role of artificial intelligence in practice management and its inherent ethical challenges is also examined. In addition, the course touches upon the emerging areas of cryptocurrency, block chain, NFTs, and the metaverse, exploring the ethical issues lawyers are facing in connection with these technological developments, including use of cryptocurrency as a means of lawyer compensation. In depth consideration is also given to a lawyer's duty of confidentiality as it relates to the use of technology, along with the steps necessary to keep client information protected in the cloud, safeguard against cyberattacks and natural disasters, avoid a data security incident, and mitigate and recover from a security breach or other disaster. With lawyers today regularly engaged in the remote practice of law, this course also exposes the ethical issues surrounding remote and virtual practice and the security safeguards a lawyer must have in place when working from home, working in a public space, or working while traveling. Students will come away from this course fully equipped with the knowledge and information necessary to successfully navigate the ethical challenges of practicing law in a rapidly progressing digital age. This is a graded, 2-credit course. Students will be expected to submit a paper covering in-depth examination of some aspect of legal ethics and technology due Week 15. In addition, in Week 14, students will give a brief presentation of their five top takeaways from their research. A student's grade will be determined on the basis/quality of the paper submitted combined with the student's overall in-class preparedness and preparation, including the Week 14 presentation. No exam.

LLM students must complete a supplemental paper or project to earn credit for this course.

LLM Licensing of Intellectual Property - LLMIP 6001 LECT

Credits: 3

Required: LLM in Intellectual Property.

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Corp Law.

JD Prerequisite: 45 credits earned and in good academic standing.

Extensive examination of express and implied licenses, validity and enforcement of license provisions, rights and obligations of parties to license, transfers and assignments of intellectual property and public policy considerations. Grades are typically based on assignment(s) and a take home final.

LLM Life Insurance/Property and Casualty Insurance - LLMIN 6108 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Insurance.

Prerequisite: Insurance Law (6097).

This course will offer a more comprehensive study of each of these types of insurance, including the resolution of problems applying principles learned and an understanding of current issues and trends.

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LLM Litigation Practice - Global and Local - LLMCL 6078 LECT

Credits: 2

Prerequisite: LLM or JD/LLM in Corp Law.

An overview course in litigation practices to acquaint the prospective corporate counsel, outside counsel and non-litigator with basic principles and strategies for handling a range of business and corporate litigation. Topics include class actions, products liability and general commercial litigation in U.S. Courts, Global Litigation, and international legal systems. The course includes alternate dispute resolution, elements of discovery and e-discovery, litigation avoidance strategies, ethics, practice tips, legal technology and Hot Topics in business litigation.

LLM Master's Thesis/Research Project - LLM 6015 LECT

Credits: 2

Required: Self Directed LLM.

Elective: LLM in Tax, Corp Law, Intellectual Property, or Insurance.

Students research and write on a topic selected by the student and approved by the Academic Director. Paper must be publishable quality.

LLM Medicine Forensic Science and Law - LLMSD 6270 LECT

Credits: 2

Covers medical/legal problems in civil and criminal cases, medical examiners, blood testing, forensic science developments, medical proof in litigation, disability evaluations, professional liability of hospitals, doctors, and nurses.

To earn LLM credit, student must also complete supplemental paper or project.

LLM Mergers Acquisitions and Reorganizations - LLMTX 6038 LECT

Credits: 2

Required: LLM in Tax.

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Insurance.

Prerequisite: Corporate Taxation (6033) or approval of academic director.

Provides an in-depth look into corporate transactions. Topics include the federal tax consequences of asset and stock sales, tax-free and taxable corporate reorganizations and tax-free distributions under the Internal Revenue Code.

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LLM Military Operations Law - LLMHS 6196 LECT

Credits: 2

JD Prerequisite: Con Law I, Con Law II, 45 JD credits earned, and good standing.

Military Operations Law differs from National Security Law or Homeland Security Law as it involves the identification, analysis and resolution of legal issues arising from the use of military forces within the continental United States either in the Homeland Defense mission or in response to civilian authorities, applying assistance in the prevention of, or response to, domestic terror, natural disaster or industrial, events.

LLM Multicultural Lawyering - LLMFN 6284 LECT

Credits: 2

REQUIRED FOR LLM_FGN.

JD Course Equivalent ELEC1277LECT.

LLM National Security Law I - LLMHS 6174 LECT

Credits: 3

Required course for HNS LLM Program.

JD Elective: Con Law I, 45 JD credits earned, and in good academic standing.

Examines the competing conceptions and definitions of terrorism at the national and international level and the institutions and processes designed to execute the war on terrorism. Explores the balance between security and liberty policies in the U.S. Patriot Act, the use of military tribunals or civil courts, the use of assassination or targeted killings, and the emerging law on enemy combatants and their detention, and the arguable need for new self-defense doctrines at the global level. Considers the separation of powers in national security matters, presidential war powers, congressional and presidential emergency powers, the domestic effect of international law, the use of military force in international relations, investigating national security threats, the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts, access to national security information in the federal courts, and restraints on disclosing and publishing national security information. Take-home exam and final paper.

LLM National Security Law II - Law of Terrorism - LLMHS 6200 LECT

Credits: 3

Required course for HNS LLM.

JD Prerequisite: 45 credits earned and in good academic standing.

This course addresses the legal aspects of the U.S. government's "war" on terrorism. It focuses on the crimes and special approaches to criminal procedure (including bases for extended detention and special rules of investigation) as well as consideration for how they may differ from much of ordinary criminal process. Problems of legality, constitutionality, application and the appropriateness of using particular policy approaches are addressed. The main emphasis is on U.S. domestic criminal law, not on the use of international adjudicative process or international agencies. The course plays off of the tension between a criminal or law enforcement approach, on the one hand, and a wartime, military basis, on the other.

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LLM Partnership Taxation - LLMTX 6036 LECT

Credits: 3

Required: LLM in Tax.

JD Prerequisites: Taxation (516 or 521), 45 credits earned, and in good academic standing.

Examines the tax issues arising from the formation, operation and liquidation of partnerships. Includes a study of the consequences of acquisition and transfer of partnership interests, compensation and distributions to partners and basis adjustments. Grades are typically based on assignment(s), class participation, and a take home final.

LLM Patent Law - LLMIP 6002 LECT

Credits: 3

Required: LLM in Intellectual Property.

JD elective. JD Prerequisite: Research & Writing (214). NOTE: LLM Classes offered at the Tampa Bay campus may be taken for JD credit only.

Thorough coverage of substantive patent law, including standards for patentability, fundamentals of patent validity, acquisition and maintenance of patent rights, as well as the law governing patent infringement and applicable defenses and remedies. Take home final.

LLM Patent Litigation - LLMIP 6018 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Intellectual Property.

Prerequisite: Patent Law (6002).

A practice oriented skills course relating to the enforcement of patent rights, construction of patents, patent infringement, contributory infringement, patent invalidity defenses, unenforceability, practical considerations including jurisdiction, venue, pretrial and trial practice. Take home final.

LLM Patent Office Practice I - Patent Prosecution - LLMIP 6016 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Intellectual Property.

Prerequisite: Patent Law (6002).

JD elective. JD Prerequisite Research & Writing (214). NOTE: LLM Classes offered at the Tampa Bay campus may be taken for JD credit only.

Covers practice before the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office in detail with particular emphasis on the preparation and prosecution of the patent application, including formal requirements and claim drafting. Take home final.

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LLM Patent Office Practice II - Adv. Patent Prosecution - LLMIP 6017 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Intellectual Property.
Prerequisite: Patent Office Practice I (6016).

Provides extensive instruction designed to enhance skills in claim drafting and patent prosecution including reissue, reexamination and interference practice.

LLM Patent Research and Analytics - LLMIP 6115 LECT

Credits: 1

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Intellectual Property.

This course will offer students a look at how patent research and analytics are utilized across many areas of practice. This will include exploring the specifics of performing, understanding, and analyzing patent research.

LLM Pension and Employee Benefit Plans - LLMIN 6099 LECT

Credits: 3

Required: LLM in Insurance.
Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Tax; LLM or JD/LLM in Corporate Law.

A comprehensive assessment of the tax and regulatory aspects of employee benefit plan design. Students will review and apply Tax Code and ERISA principles to the development and administration of various forms of employment benefits including qualified and non-qualified forms of deferred compensation, public and private pension plans, plan contributions, vesting and discrimination; health and welfare plans, group term life, and annuities. ERISA fiduciary duties respecting plan design and administration will be explored in the context of insured and self-funded benefit plans. Students will acquire knowledge of state and federal regulatory and pre-emption conflicts in the context of the evolution of the case law under ERISA, the Tax Code and the NLRA. Grades are typically based on assignment(s), class participation, and a take home final.

LLM Personal and Professional Responsibility - LLMFN 6185 LECT

Credits: 3

REQUIRED FOR LLM_FGN.

JD Course Equivalent 308.

Examines the ethical dimensions of the lawyer's role, duty, and tactics as advisor, counselor, and problem-solver in civil and criminal settings. Inculcates the study of the ethical obligations of the profession in delivering legal services. Covers the American Bar Association Model Code of Professional Responsibility, Model Rules of Professional Conduct, and Code of Judicial Conduct.

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LLM Physical Security of Critical Infrastructure & Risk Mgmt - LLMHS 6175

Credits: 2

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Prerequisite: Homeland Security Law I (6159).

Explores the policy, strategy and practical application of critical infrastructure protection and resilience from an all-hazards perspective. Describes the strategic context presented by the 21st century risk environment, as well as the challenges and opportunities associated with infrastructure-related public-private partnerships, information-sharing, risk analysis and prioritization, risk mitigation, performance metrics, program management, incident management, and investing for the future. No exam.

LLM Post-Mortem Estate Planning - LLMTX 6281 LECT

Credits: 2

Prerequisite: LLM_Tax, or JD/LLM_Tax, or TXBW516, or TXBW521

Students will achieve an understanding of the tax planning opportunities that are available to the beneficiaries of an estate after its owner has passed away. These opportunities are mainly of two types: federal income and transfer tax elections and disclaimer strategies. Students will demonstrate the ability to apply their understanding of the course material by taking weekly quizzes involving real world fact patterns, class discussions of the weekly quizzes, and a final exam involving the analysis of a real world post-mortem case study, including the drafting of one or more disclaimer and other legal instruments.

LLM Privacy and Information Security - LLMIP 6249 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective for: LLM_IP, LLM_CLF, LLM_HNS.

JD Prerequisite: 45 credits earned and in good standing.

Provides an in depth analysis of information privacy law including an individual's right to control his or her personal information held by others. The focus of the course is to understand how emerging laws seek to protect information privacy as new technologies and institutional practices emerge. The course examines the development of the right to information privacy through Constitutional law, tort law, and emerging modern statutory law.

The course will examine controversies involving domestic surveillance, identification systems, social networking sites, video surveillance, databases, record systems and identity theft. The course also considers the impact of the European privacy directive, the growth of the Internet, and the availability of privacy enhancing technologies on the future of privacy law in the United States. Take home exam.

LLM Property Taxation and Valuation - LLMTX 6077 LECT

Credits: 2

An introduction to property taxation in the United States and Michigan, including real, personal and intangible property taxation, valuation principles, exemption issue and constitutional law challenges to property taxation. Includes an in-depth look at the three property valuation methods used by courts in property tax controversies. Grades are typically based on class participation and a take home final.

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LLM Public / Municipal Finance Law - LLMCL 6193 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM in Corp Law. JD prerequisite: 45 JD credits earned and in good standing.

Students will gain a substantive understanding of the public finance law and the roles and responsibilities of the major practitioners involved. Students will learn about the debt issuance process.

LLM Public Company Disclosure - LLMCL 6079 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Corp Law; JD Elective.

JD Prerequisite: Business Organizations (TXBW518LECT) and Research and Writing (RESW214LECT). NOTE: LLM Classes offered at the Tampa Bay campus may be taken for JD credit only.

This course will focus on periodic reporting by already-public companies under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (as modified by Sarbanes-Oxley) and cover Forms 10-K, 10-Q, and 8-K, proxy statements, Schedules 13D and 13G, reporting under Section 16, and Regulation FD. The course will also investigate the tension that these reporting requirements place on both inside and outside counsel who are advising on routine corporate activities such as shareholder and public relations, and negotiations of significant transactions or settling significant litigation. Take home final.

LLM Purchasing Processes and the Law - LLMCL 6202 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM in Corp Law; JD elective.

JD Prerequisite: Business Organizations (TXBW518LECT). NOTE: LLM Classes offered at the Tampa Bay campus may be taken for JD credit only.

This course examines legal issues arising from private sector and governmental procurement processes, business practices and strategies, and related public policy considerations. Key purchasing documents, terms and conditions, bidding and negotiation processes and strategies and dispute resolution will be covered, as will the significant ethical and compliance challenges present in various procurement and supply chain management situations. Students will study actual purchasing scenarios, prepare legal memoranda and work in teams on a case study. No examination. Students will be evaluated through their completion of assignments and class participation.

LLM Reinsurance Law - LLMIN 6100 LECT

Credits: 3

Required: LLM in Insurance.

A master level study of the principles and practice of reinsurance, self-insurance, alternative risk transfer arrangements and the markets in which risks are managed. Students will learn about the types of reinsurance, the placement process, treaties, regulatory oversight of the participants and their activities, the unique aspects of reserving and current topics in the world markets for reinsurance. Coursework will include problem solving in which students will apply knowledge of market placement options involving each of the risk transfer arrangements as well as the regulatory and ethical constraints applicable to transfers of risk. Take home final.

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LLM Reinsurance Principles and Practices - LLMIN 6199 LECT

Credits: 2

An introduction to reinsurance, and an examination of the types of reinsurance and reinsurance program design, reinsurance placement process, common reinsurance treaty clauses, quota share treaties, surplus share treaties, property per risk excess of loss treaties, casualty excess of loss treaties, catastrophe reinsurance, aggregate excess of loss treaties, reinsurance audits, reinsurance regulation, reinsurance aspects of the NAIC annual statement, and reserves.

LLM Research & Writing - LLMFN 6276 LECT

Credits: 3

REQUIRED FOR LLM_FGN.

JD Course Equivalent 214.

Centers on the skills of legal research, writing and analysis. Students are also taught the principle of good legal writing, plain English, and citation form. They write several papers, including three law-office memorandums that emphasize the analysis, synthesis, and application of law. Students can have draft conferences on at least two of the memos and receive extensive feedback on all three. Students also prepare a resume appropriate for applying for a law clerk or attorney position.

The research instruction covers the evaluation and use of primary and secondary state and national authorities and the major secondary authorities relied on in the practice of law. Students work through a series of self-guided audiotapes designed to teach the process of research, along with legal analysis. They receive six hours of training in electronic research. Final exam.

LLM Scholarly Writing - LLM 6210 LECT

Credits: 2

JD course equivalent 1009.

Includes training in advanced research, the use of authority and proper citation form, the principles of legal writing, and the basics of editing. Each student will write a casenote or comment during the term. No exam.

LLM Skills Teaching Assistant - LLM 7003 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: By professor invitation only.

The Teaching Assistant (TA) will assist the professor in a Skills class. The professor will provide a written document to the TA prior to registration outlining the expectations for the course, the learning objectives for the TA and how the course will be graded. No exam.

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LLM Solo By Design - LLM 6279 SKIL

Credits: 1

JD course equivalent 1279.

PREREQUISITE: JD/LLM or LLM student.

This is a skills based class which will give guidance and direction to students who wish to establish themselves as solo practitioners in preparing a realistic business plan based upon interviews with attorneys and others in the area where they plan to establish their practices. No exam. LLM student must complete a supplemental paper or project to earn LLM credit for this class.

LLM Standards & Ethics of Tax Practice - LLMTX 6066 LECT

Credits: 1

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Tax.

Examines standards and ethical considerations of practice before the Internal Revenue Service and the United States Tax Court, including opinion, controversy, return preparation and counseling practice issues. Grades are typically based on class participation and a take home final.

LLM State and Local Tax - LLMTX 6048 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Tax.

Surveys the constitutional restrictions on state tax powers. Explores a variety of taxes imposed by state and local governments, including: income, corporation franchise, sales and use, property, and transfer taxes. Examines the fundamentals of state tax systems. Grades are typically based on class participation, a midterm exam, and a take home final exam.

LLM Tax Accounting - LLMTX 6049 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Tax, Corp Law, or Insurance.

Combines a survey of basic financial accounting principles and business valuation concepts, with a detailed examination of complex tax accounting issues, including: inventories, accounting methods, and conformity between tax and financial accounting. Grades are typically based on class participation and a take home final.

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LLM Tax Fraud - LLMTX 6094 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Tax.

JD elective. JD Prerequisite: Taxation (516 or 521). NOTE: LLM Classes offered at the Tampa Bay campus may be taken for JD credit only.

Examines civil and criminal tax fraud, emphasizing the difference between tax avoidance and tax evasion. Includes a review of the statutory elements of civil and criminal tax fraud and the study of administrative summonses, grand jury subpoenas and the rights of witnesses and targets.

LLM Tax Planning & Drafting for Estates - LLMTX 6188 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM in Tax.

JD Prerequisite: Taxation (516 or 521), 45 credits earned, and in good academic standing.

[Previously Estate Planning]. Provides the practical skills needed to create a uniform estate plan. Includes special issues such as planning for the terminally ill, the elderly, and the disabled, as well as planning for the family with a closely-held business. Grades are typically based on assignments.

LLM Tax Planning For Businesses - LLMTX 6189 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Tax or Insurance.

Prerequisite: Corporate Tax (6033) or Partnership Tax (6036).

[Previously Business Planning]. A problem-based approach to learn methods and techniques to carry out individual and corporate transactions in a tax-advantaged manner considering the application of federal tax and securities tax law. Grades are typically based on projects and a take home final.

LLM Tax Planning for Closely-Held Businesses - LLMTX 6070 LECT

Credits: 1

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Tax, JD elective.

Prerequisite: Partnership Tax (6036) and Corporate Tax (6033) or the approval of the academic director.

Additional JD Prerequisite: 45 credits earned, and in good academic standing.

A problem based course providing an in-depth discussion of federal income taxation of Subchapter S corporations, with comparisons to the taxation of limited liability corporations and sole proprietorships.

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LLM Tax Practice & Procedure - LLMTX 6037 LECT

Credits: 3

Required: LLM in Tax.

JD elective. JD Prerequisite: Taxation (516 or 521), 45 credits earned, and in good academic standing.

Covers administrative and judicial tax procedure, including, the structure and function of the IRS, the regulatory process, audit and appeals procedures, aspects of litigation in federal courts, and assessment and collection practice. Grades are typically based on assignment(s), class participation, and a take home final.

LLM Tax Research & Argument Techniques - LLMTX 6067 LECT

Credits: 1

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Tax.

JD elective. JD Prerequisite: Taxation (516). NOTE: LLM Classes offered at the Tampa Bay campus may be taken for JD credit only.

Intensive hands-on workshop in tax matter research involving primarily electronic versions of primary and secondary materials, including discussion of the relative weight of authorities, rules of interpretation and techniques of persuasive argument. Grades are typically based on class participation, projects, and an oral presentation.

LLM Taxation - LLMTX 6280 LECT

Credits: 2

Prerequisite: LLM Tax

Course equivalent TXBW 521. An in-depth study of federal income taxation, including the concepts of income, identification of the proper taxpayer, deductions, characterization of income, and the timing, deferral and non-recognition of income. Final exam. LLM students must complete a supplemental paper or project to earn LLM credit for this class.

LLM Taxation of Non-Profit Organizations - LLMTX 6050 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Tax or Corp Law.

JD elective. JD Prerequisite: Taxation (516 or 521), 45 credits earned, and in good academic standing.

Covers the exempt and taxable income of non-profit organizations. Focuses on qualification for tax exempt status, the unrelated business income tax, tax treatment of private foundations, and the sanction regimen. Take home final exam.

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LLM Taxation of Real Estate - LLMTX 6052 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Tax; JD.

Prerequisite: B or better in Individual Income Tax (516 or 6034) or approval of academic director.

Explores the tax consequences of real property ownership and investment, including acquisitions, operations, exchanges, abandonments, financing, leasing, and forms of entity ownership of property. Grades are typically based on assignment(s) and a take home final.

LLM Taxation of Trusts & Fiduciaries - LLMTX 6014 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Tax.

Prerequisite: Taxation (516, 521, 6034, or 6280)

Covers federal income tax consequences arising upon the death of a decedent and special income tax treatments of estates, trusts and fiduciaries. Topics may include determination of gross income and allocation between the decedent and the trust or estate; special problems with income with respect to a decedent; separate and conduit taxation of estates and trusts; allocation of tax attributes between an estate or trust and its beneficiaries; grantor trust rules; and other topics. Grades are typically based on a midterm, class participation, and a take home final.

LLM Torts I - LLMFN 6139 LECT

Credits: 3

REQUIRED FOR LLM_FGN.

JD Course Equivalent 106.

Covers intentional interference with person and property, privileges, negligence liability, including duty rules, breach and causation, and the defenses of comparative and contributory negligence and assumption of the risk.

LLM Trade Secrets Law - LLMIP 6032 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Intellectual Property.

Course examines various aspects of law relating to trade secrets and proprietary information. Grades are typically based on assignment(s) and class participation.

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LLM Trademark Office Practice - LLMIP 6090 LECT

Credits: 2

Elective: LLM or JD/LLM in Intellectual Property.

Prerequisite: Trademarks and Unfair Competition (6003).

JD elective. NOTE: LLM Classes offered at the Tampa Bay campus may be taken for JD credit only.

Provides students with the fundamental skills necessary to represent clients in transactional trademark matters, including: developing a trademark strategy, trademark searching and clearance, federal trademark registration process and registration and maintenance, inter parties proceedings before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and an introduction to foreign trademark registration practice, treaties and protocols. Grades are typically based on written work product throughout the term and a take home final.

LLM Trademarks and Unfair Competition - LLMIP 6003 LECT

Credits: 3

Required: LLM in Intellectual Property.

JD Prerequisite: 45 credits earned and in good academic standing.

Investigates the statutory and common law framework of trademark and unfair competition law, including creation and protection of trademark rights, trademark registration, infringement, defenses, loss of trademark rights and remedies. Take home final.

LLM U. S. Constitutional Law for Foreign Attorneys - LLMFN 6140 LECT

Credits: 2

REQUIRED FOR LLM_FGN.

Introduces American constitutional law as traditionally studied in a first course in constitutional law. Covers the three branches of the federal government, how they interact, and how they relate to the states. Discusses American history and government to provide context.

LLM U. S. Legal Research Writing and Analysis - LLMFN 6095 LECT

Credits: 2

REQUIRED FOR LLM_FGN.

Introduces American law and philosophy. Explores methodology of American legal research, covers basic U.S. legal research of primary and secondary authorities utilizing print materials, online subscriptions, publicly available Internet sites, and other emerging research tools.

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LLM Veterans Law Seminar - LLMHS 6212 LECT

Credits: 2

Explores the laws impacting US veterans, the federal administrative process by which claims are processed, the types of claims most commonly raised, and the relevant regulatory, statutory and case law. No Exam; paper required.

Maritime Law - ELEC 1260 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Exposes students to numerous admiralty and maritime rules, regulations and issues. Final exam.

Medical Malpractice - ELEC 888 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND EVIDENCE (CIVP406LECT).

Focuses on contemporary legal and medical issues particular to medical and dental malpractice. Final exam.

Medical Marijuana & the Law - ELEC 1233 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT), CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT), CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT), PROPERTY I (PRSE109LECT), AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Examines the states' legislative process, including power and limitations, federal law and states' rights, conflict of laws, supremacy, statutory construction, and the role of the court and its functions in regard to legislative and executive powers. Students will review and discuss criminal and civil issues in regard to the application, interpretation, and enforcement of medical marijuana laws, including penal law, civil forfeiture, contracts, family law, employment law, taxing powers, zoning, and licensing regulation. The course addresses the moral and ethical issues inherent in the subject of drugs and the law. No exam.

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Medicine Forensic Science and Law - ELEC 924 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND EVIDENCE (CIVP406LECT).

Covers medical/legal problems in civil and criminal cases, medical examiners, blood testing, forensic science developments, medical proof in litigation, disability evaluations, professional liability of hospitals, doctors, and nurses. Final exam.

Michigan Child Abuse and Neglect - ELEC 1285 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Examines, from an interdisciplinary viewpoint, the appropriate occasions for state intrusion into ongoing family relationships. Focuses on the roles of the participants in the decision to withdraw a child from the home, the standards used to arrive at that decision, and the interrelationships between and among the fields of law, psychiatry, psychology, and social work. Final exam.

Michigan Comparative Procedure - ELEC 866 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CIVIL PROCEDURE II (CIVP209LECT).

Covers civil procedure under Michigan Court Rules, and other matters related to civil practice in Michigan. Final exam.

Michigan Criminal Practice - ELEC 909 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND EVIDENCE (CIVP406LECT) AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT).

Includes counseling the accused, defenses, and trial strategy, both prosecutorial and defense, with a focus on Michigan Law. (A different course, ADVANCED CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, is designed for students who plan to practice outside Michigan or Florida.) Final exam.

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Michigan Defending Battered People - ELEC 1297 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT), CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT), AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT).

Provides students an understanding of domestic violence and the ways in which its victims are represented within the criminal justice system. Examines the dynamics of abuse, including syndrome theories. Focuses on how domestic violence victims become involved with the criminal justice system, and the general mechanics of a criminal trial for domestic violence victims who defend themselves or retaliate. Explores syndromes related to domestic violence evidence and how it can be used. Discusses the phases of trials and appeals in which domestic violence victims are defendants. Representation from arrest through the appeal will be covered. Examines current state of the criminal justice system as it relates to domestic violence victims. No exam.

Michigan District Court Practice - ELEC 910 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CIVIL PROCEDURE II (CIVP209LECT) AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT).

Reviews practice in the district courts emphasizing both procedural rules and substantive concepts. Both criminal and civil practice are involved. Emphasis is placed on substantive areas the practitioner uses most often in Michigan district courts. Final exam.

Michigan Drunk Driving Law & Prac. - ELEC 1119 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT) AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Explores the prosecution and defense of Michigan's most common crime: Operating While Intoxicated (OWI). Topics include the substantive law of OWI, the law and science of breath and blood testing, substantive & procedural motions, trial, sentencing, administrative law, and ethics. Final exam.

Michigan Elder Law Practice - ELEC 1287 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT), WILLS, ESTATES & TRUSTS (TXBW517LECT), AND PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

Provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the basics of an elder law practice. Examines how to start an elder law practice, the legal components of an elder law and the issues faced by potential elder law clientele. Focuses on estate planning concepts, incapacity planning, protection of vulnerable adults, housing options and rights, governmental benefits, ethics in representing elderly clients, elder abuse and approaches to starting an elder law practice. Final exam.

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Michigan Employment Law - ELEC 1293 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Explores legal issues raised by adverse personnel actions in the non-union private sector workplace, including the doctrine of employment at will and its exceptions, as well as related tort and contract theories; state and federal employment discrimination law; the use and enforceability of restrictive covenants to engage in business competition, state and federal wages and hours laws; and state and federal safety laws. Final exam.

Michigan Estate Planning - ELEC 1283 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND WILLS, ESTATES & TRUSTS (TXBW517LECT).

Involves a study of typical problems and transactions in planning an effective and economical distribution of property while alive and at death. Includes basic and estate and gift tax concepts. No exam.

Michigan Family Law - ELEC 1274 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

This course is for students taking the Michigan bar exam and will focus on Michigan law. Students will practice writing bar-style family law essay questions, primarily from previous Michigan essay exams. This course covers pre-marital agreements, status of marriage, annulments, legitimacy, paternity, adoption, emancipation of minors, divorce, property settlements, custody, support, and alimony issues in family law. The course will cover each of these areas with a focus on jurisdiction and procedure for an initial action, for a modification action, and an enforcement action. Final exam.

See also Family Law (ELEC915LECT) and Florida Family Law (ELEC1275LECT).

Michigan Medical Malpractice - ELEC 1291 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND EVIDENCE (CIVP406LECT).

Focuses on contemporary legal and medical issues particular to medical and dental malpractice. Final exam.

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Michigan Medical Marijuana and the Law - ELEC 1289 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT), CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT), CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT), PROPERTY I (PRSE109LECT), AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Examines Michigan's legislative process, including powers and limitations, federal law and state's rights, conflicts of law, supremacy, statutory construction, and the role of the court and its functions in regard to legislative and executive powers. Students will review and discuss criminal and civil Issues in regard to the application, interpretation, and enforcement of medical marijuana laws, including penal law, civil forfeiture, contracts, family law, employment law, taxing powers, zoning and licensing regulation. The course addresses the moral and ethical issues inherent in the subject of drugs and the law. No exam.

Michigan Modern Real Estate Transactions - ELEC 1295 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: TAXATION (TXBW516LECT or TXBW521LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

This course is largely transaction and problem oriented. Discusses problems involving real estate transactions: acquisition, development, operation and disposition with financing and tax considerations. Develops skills to help clients plan for shopping centers, office buildings, apartment complexes and other major projects. Final exam.

Michigan No-Fault Insurance - ELEC 1078 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Provides an in-depth analysis of Michigan's No-Fault insurance law. Both first-party (contract) benefits and third-party (tort) benefits will be explored, including what is required to trigger these benefits under Michigan's No-Fault Act. In addition to covering the statutory and case law necessary to understand Michigan's No-Fault coverage, includes practice information; such as claims handling requirements, proving a threshold injury, and uninsured and under insured coverage. Final exam.

Military Law - ELEC 944 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Considers the military lawyer's role and function in the United States military establishment focusing on the Army Judge General's Corps as the model for all services. Examines the organization and operation of the military court structure and its relationship with commanders. Emphasizes military criminal and disciplinary law, claims and tort liability, and administrative law. Covers legal assistance services, international affairs and law, litigation and real estate matters. Final exam.

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Mock Trial Competition Course - FYEL 108 LECT

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITES: NONE.

Students will take a simple constitutional law fact pattern and prepare the case for trial. They will learn how to develop an opening statement, a direct examination, perform a cross-examination, and a closing argument in teams of two. The class will culminate in a Mock Trial competition with outside judges. Pass/Fail course. No exam.

Modern Real Estate Practice - ELEC 1258 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: TAXATION (TXBW516LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

This is a skills based course. The goal is to develop the necessary skills required to represent clients in connection with modern real estate transactions. This course will include a study of the common issues that arise during the sales, leasing and development process, including, without limitation, the financing, constructing and leasing of residential and commercial real estate projects. Due diligence process, zoning and land use concerns, declarations, easements and a review of survey and title matters will be addressed. Students will also review, analyze, draft and study techniques of negotiation for various real estate documents. No exam.

Modern Real Estate Transactions - ELEC 961 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: TAXATION (TXBW516LECT or TXBW521LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

This course is largely transaction and problem oriented. Discusses problems involving real estate transactions: acquisition, development, operation and disposition with financing and tax considerations. Develops skills to help clients plan for shopping centers, office buildings, apartment complexes and other major projects. Final exam.

Mortgages and Land Contracts - ELEC 926 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: PROPERTY II (PRSE207LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Covers creation, discharge, default, foreclosure, redemption, priorities, and alternative means of land financing. Final exam.

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Multicultural Lawyering - ELEC 1277 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: ADVOCACY (RESW309LECT).

This course explores multicultural competencies needed by lawyers in an increasingly diverse world. Students will explore why multicultural competency is needed in the legal profession, how our own cultural experiences affect how we navigate legal culture; what tools lawyers can use to better help clients from diverse cultures, and how specific cultural values challenge assumptions about how the law works. Students will develop projects and presentations that explore how ordinary people from diverse backgrounds experience the law and legal systems, and how culture affects such experiences. No exam.

Multistate Performance Test (MPT) Workshop - BARP 180 LECT

Credits: 0

This online workshop provides students with successful performance test-taking strategies and skills. Students can complete actual MPT questions and receive model answers and feedback. The class will meet online only at various times usually for 1 hour at a time. No exam.

Multistate Performance Test Skills and Practice - ELEC 520 LECT

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Formerly known as Law Practice - Writing for Practice, students will be given simulated case files to review. Using the contents of the file, students will write several legal documents: (1) a letter to a client, (2) a memo to a partner, and (3) a complaint, motion, or brief to a court. Students will review case files and draft assigned tasks during this course. This will be a guided process using instruction, self- and peer-assessment, and professor feedback. Emphasis will be on problem solving; legal analysis and reasoning; factual analysis; writing; organizing a legal task; and recognizing and resolving ethical dilemmas. This class prepares students for externships, clinics, bar exams, and legal practice. This course is recommended for students taking the bar in a jurisdiction that requires the Multistate Performance Test. No exam.

National Team - Client Counseling - ELEC 1101 SKIL

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

By invitation only. Students participate in practice counseling rounds, then compete in regional competitions that are held each spring. No exam.

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National Team - Mock Trial - ELEC 925 SKIL

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: TRIAL SKILLS (ELEC1018LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

By audition and selection only. Teams of students prepare to handle a simulated trial leading to a competition conducted by the A.B.A. and A.T.L.A., or another sponsoring agency. Regional competitions are at various times throughout the year. No exam.

National Team - Moot Court - ELEC 979 SKIL

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND ADVOCACY (RESW309LECT).

Students are preselected. Students participate in preparation of a case based on a problem received from the competition sponsors. The regional oral arguments are held in the fall or winter; the prevailing law schools advance to the national competitions. Competitions include: National Appellate Advocacy Team (ABA), National Team (Young Lawyers Committee of the Bar of the City of New York and the American College of Trial Lawyers), Frederick Douglass Competition (National Black Student Lawyers), Environmental Moot Court, Jessup International Law Competition. No exam.

National Team - Negotiation - ELEC 1104 SKIL

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Students are preselected. Students research and prepare for negotiation based on a problem received from the competition sponsors. Students conduct negotiation in regional competition. No exam.

National Team-Jessup International Law I - ELEC 1309 SKIL

Credits: 0

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND ADVOCACY (RESW309LECT).

Students are preselected, usually from participants in International Law or International Legal Advocacy Skills. Students prepare a case based on a problem from the International Law Students Association. Students prepare memorials (written briefs) and present oral arguments at the Midwest super-regional competition. 0 to 3 credits per term. No exam.

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National Team-Jessup International Law II - ELEC 1310 SKIL

Credits: 0

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND ADVOCACY (RESW309LECT).

Students are preselected, usually from participants in International Law or International Legal Advocacy Skills. Students prepare a case based on a problem from the International Law Students Association. Students prepare memorials (written briefs) and present oral arguments at the Midwest super-regional competition. 0 to 3 credits per term. No exam.

Negotiation Skills - ELEC 1106 SKIL

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

Explores components of the negotiation process and methods of negotiation. Students will define and hopefully refine their own negotiating styles; learn effective methods of confronting and managing difficult issues, as well as strategies for dealing with negotiation obstacles. They will learn negotiation ethics and consider negotiation within the context of the attorney-client relationship. Students will role play negotiations and prepare several short papers. No exam.

Oil & Gas Law - ELEC 956 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: PROPERTY II (PRSE207LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Covers theories of ownership, the Rule of Capture, correlative rights, state regulation, pooling, environmental concerns, leases, mineral estates, royalties, co-tenants, and trespassers. Final exam.

Personal and Professional Responsibility - PROF 308 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: TORTS II (TOEQ304LECT).

Examines the ethical dimensions of the lawyer's role, duty, and tactics as advisor, counselor, and problem-solver in civil and criminal settings. Inculdes the study of the ethical obligations of the profession in delivering legal services. Covers the American Bar Association Model Code of Professional Responsibility, Model Rules of Professional Conduct, and Code of Judicial Conduct. Final exam.

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Preparing for the Multistate Bar Examination - BARP 1299 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT), PROPERTY I (PRSE109LECT), PROPERTY II (PRESE207LECT), EVIDENCE (CIVP406LECT), CONTRACTS I (CONT108LECT), CONTRACTS II (CONT213LECT), TORTS I (TOEQ106LECT), TORTS II (TOEQ304LECT), CIVIL PROCEDURE I (CIVP105LECT), CIVIL PROCEDURE II (CIVP209LECT), CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT), CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II (CONL503LECT), CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT), AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT).

This course provides early preparation for the Multistate Bar Exam (MBE) and uses cognitive learning science to promote learning and greater recall of information. The course covers selected substantive topics that frequently appear on the MBE in the seven testable subjects (Civil Procedure, Contracts, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law and Procedure, Evidence, Real Property, and Torts). To promote better recall of the information, several assessments opportunities are built into the course. Students will be taught strategies to study and techniques for answering multiple-choice questions. Students will practice answering MBE questions both in class and out-of-class. This course is not a substitute for a commercial bar prep course, which continues to be recommended for all students. Instead, this course is intended as a bridge between the substantive law studied in the required courses and a bar-preparation course from an approved vendor. Final exam.

Pretrial Skills - ELEC 510 SKIL

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT), CIVIL PROCEDURE I (CIVP105LECT), AND CIVIL PROCEDURE II (CIVP209LECT).

Covers the pretrial aspects of representing clients, including interviewing, counseling, pleading preparation, negotiating, discovery, motions, and pretrial preparation. Includes simulated client contact, discovery proceedings, and settlement negotiations. Students will receive instruction on persuasive legal writing, brief form and content, and oral advocacy and will prepare written motions and briefs. Students will present oral arguments before a circuit court judge. No exam.

Probate Court Practice - ELEC 939 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: WILLS, ESTATES & TRUSTS (TXBW517LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Covers winding up a decedent's affairs, evaluation of assets in the estate for probate and for tax purposes, immediate post-mortem estate planning, liquidity considerations, probating of small estates, will contest litigation, guardianships, trust estates, conservatorships and adoptions. Final exam.

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Products Liability - ELEC 936 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Covers liabilities of various parties in the chain of distribution. Includes theories of liability of manufacturers, distributors, and retailers, as well as concepts of defectiveness, causation, proofs and remedies, and defenses based upon plaintiff's conduct. Compares traditional negligence and strict liability theories. Final exam.

Professional Development Series - I - COMP 111 LECT

Credits: 0

PREREQUISITE: NONE.

The WMU-Cooley Professional Development Series (PDS) spans the entire 90 credits of your law school enrollment and is designed to:

- 1) Guide you through law school and connect you to school resources,
- 2) Help you continue your professional development,
- 3) Provide you with tools to help you pass the Bar Exam,
- 4) Prepare you for success in your job search, or career enhancement, and
- 5) Contribute to a successful legal career.

Because the program is completely on-line, you can access assignments when you please to complete them by the deadline, which is week 8, for each part. Instructors will monitor your progress and answer your questions along the way. No exam.

Professional Development Series - II - COMP 112 LECT

Credits: 0

PREREQUISITE: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES - I (COMP111LECT).

Please refer to Professional Development Series - I for description. No exam.

Professional Development Series - III - COMP 113 LECT

Credits: 0

PREREQUISITE: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES - II (COMP112LECT).

Please refer to Professional Development Series - I for description. No exam.

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Professional Development Series - IV - COMP 114 LECT

Credits: 0

PREREQUISITE: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES - III (COMP113LECT).

Please refer to Professional Development Series - I for description. No exam.

Professional Development Series - V - COMP 115 LECT

Credits: 0

PREREQUISITE: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES - IV (COMP114LECT).

Please refer to Professional Development Series - I for description. No exam.

Professional Development Series - VI - COMP 116 LECT

Credits: 0

PREREQUISITE: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES - V (COMP115LECT).

Please refer to Professional Development Series - I for description. No exam.

Property - FYRQ 107 LECT

Credits: 4

PREREQUISITES: NONE.

Covers the private ownership and possession of real property; estates in land; landlord-tenant rights and duties; introduction to real estate transactions; easements, covenants, and other rights in land; and zoning and land use regulation. Final exam.

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Property I - PRSE 109 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: NONE.

Covers the private ownership and possession of real property, estates in land, introduction to mortgages, and the transfer of property for value or gratuitously. Final exam.

Property II - PRSE 207 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: PROPERTY I (PRSE109LECT).

Involves land-use fundamentals: landlord-tenant rights and duties, neighbors' rights, easements, covenants and servitudes, zoning and subdivision controls, eminent domain and inverse condemnation. Final exam.

Public Defender Clinic - Washtenaw - CLIN 5018 EXTE

Credits: Variable

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT), EVIDENCE (CIVP406LECT), CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT), AND CRIMINAL LAW (CRLP107LECT).

By application only. Working for the Washtenaw County Public Defender's Office in Ann Arbor, students are allowed to practice law under Michigan Court Rule 8.120. Students appear in court under the supervision of an assistant defender and with the approval of the judge. Students interview, counsel and represent indigent defendants charged with misdemeanors and felonies. The clinic class is taught by WMU-Cooley clinic faculty. Students may enroll in the clinic once they have completed 40 credit hours. No exam.

Public Defender Clinic - Washtenaw Advanced - CLIN 5027 EXTE

Credits: Variable

PREREQUISITE: PUBLIC DEFENDER CLINIC - WASHTENAW (CLIN5018EXTE).

By invitation only. Experienced Public Defender students continue to develop their legal skills. Students appear in court under the supervision of an assistant defender and with the approval of the judge. Students interview, counsel and represent indigent defendants charged with misdemeanors and felonies. No exam.

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Race and the Supreme Court - ELEC 1074 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT) AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II (CONL503LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Examines the history of Supreme Court cases dealing with race and ethnicity. Representative topics include Native American land titles cases, slavery, voting rights, criminal procedure cases dealing with trial rights, discrimination in travel and accommodations, deportation, education, and affirmative action. The course covers race cases chronologically rather than thematically to get historical appreciation of the Supreme Court's treatment of racial issues. No exam.

Regulation of Health Care Systems - ELEC 1066 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Covers licensing, quality assessment and risk management, EMTLA, ERISA, the False Claims Act, fraud and abuse under Medicaid and Medicare. Final exam.

Research & Writing - RESW 214 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: TORTS I (TOEQ106LECT) AND CONTRACTS I (CONT108LECT).

Centers on the skills of legal research, writing and analysis. Students are also taught the principle of good legal writing, plain English, and citation form. They write several papers, including three law-office memorandums that emphasize the analysis, synthesis, and application of law. Students can have draft conferences on at least two of the memos and receive extensive feedback on all three. Students also prepare a resume appropriate for applying for a law clerk or attorney position.

The research instruction covers the evaluation and use of primary and secondary state and national authorities and the major secondary authorities relied on in the practice of law. Students work through a series of self-guided audiotapes designed to teach the process of research, along with legal analysis. They receive six hours of training in electronic research. Final exam.

Research & Writing I - FYRQ 103 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: NONE.

Students learn the basics of the U.S. court system, legal authority, legal analysis, and clear writing style. Students also learn the basics of legal research and the use of legal authorities. During the semester, students write several documents common to the law-office setting, including client letters, a substantive email to a supervisor, and an objective office memorandum. No exam.

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Research & Writing II - FYRQ 106 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING I (FYRQ103LECT).

In Research & Writing II, students will apply--and build on--the skills they learned in Research & Writing I. Students will author an objective memorandum that adds formal issue statements, brief answers, a statement of facts, and more. Then, students will transition to persuasive writing, authoring a trial-court motion and supporting brief. Students will also get opportunities to experiment with generative artificial intelligence. No exam.

Residential Real Estate Practice Skills - ELEC 1313 SKIL

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: PROPERTY I (PRSE109LECT) AND PROPERTY II (PRSE207LECT) OR PROPERTY (FYRQ107LECT).

This is a skills class for students who want to know how to close residential real estate transactions. Students will become more familiar with the real estate process and the specific role that lawyers play during each phase ("Phase"); identify recent cases and statutes impacting protocols for closing residential cases; use substantive knowledge to identify relevant documents needed to help clients during each Phase, culminating with drafting those needed for the final stage, the closing; use analytical skills to identify how to resolve "complicated" issues that may arise during each Phase; enhance writing skills by drafting documents associated with each Phase, culminating with those needed to close mock transactions at the end of the course; enhance communication skills by representing high school/community college students participating in the 10CORE® S.W.A.G. Program; and identify and clarify the significance of ethics rules for transactional lawyers. No exam.

Restorative Justice - ELEC 1140 SKIL

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

This course introduces students to the procedural, practical, and theoretical aspects of restorative processes, including circles, conferences, and peer court. It compares and contrasts retributive and restorative justice. Students will learn how to conduct restorative circles, conferences, and peer court and how to incorporate these processes into the justice system, governmental administrative law processes, human resource personnel procedures, and school/college/university student disciplinary codes. Courses in ADR, Civil Mediation or Domestic Mediation are recommended but not required. No exam.

Sales - ELEC 621 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: CONTRACTS I (CONT108LECT) AND CONTRACTS II (CONT213LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Covers Uniform Commercial Code Articles 2 and 3, with limited coverage of Article 4. Final exam.

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Scholarly Writing - ELEC 1009 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Includes training in advanced research, the use of authority and proper citation form, the principles of legal writing, and the basics of editing. Each student will write a casenote or comment during the term. This course is a prerequisite to participate in Law Review and to serve on the Journal of Practical and Clinical Law Board of Editors. No exam.

Secured Transactions - PRSE 624 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: PROPERTY I (PRSE109 LECT) AND BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS (TXBW518LECT).

Addresses the rights and obligations accompanying security interests in personal property. Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code is studied in detail along with portions of the Federal Bankruptcy Code. Final exam.

Securities Regulation - ELEC 3930 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS (TXBW518LECT).

Covers the federal regulation of securities, including: What is a "security"?; registered and exempt securities offerings under the Securities Act of 1933; resales of securities and Rule 144; materiality and civil liability under the Securities Act; regulation of publicly traded companies under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, including reporting requirements, Regulation FD, the proxy rules and tender offer rules; insider trading under Rule 10b-5 and Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act; regulation of brokers and dealers; and ethical issues faced by securities lawyers. Take-home exam.

Sixty Plus Advanced - Skills - CLIN 1271 SKIL

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITE: SIXTY PLUS/ESTATE PLANNING (CLIN1054CLNC).

By invitation only. Students will continue to represent live clients, honing those skills through continued performance of those tasks and based on their experiences assist in the creation of materials to be used in the classroom. Options for skill development include research regarding trends and opportunities in estate planning, outreach in the community and public speaking on the fundamentals of life and death planning, work on selected probate cases, and working directly with the professor on a specific area of interest. All students will be assigned to mentor first term clinic students in skill development. No exam.

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Sixty Plus/Estate Planning - CLIN 1054 CLNC

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: WILLS, ESTATES & TRUSTS (TXBW517LECT), RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT), AND PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (PROF308LECT).

By application only. Students, acting pursuant to MCR 8.120, interview clients who need wills, medical powers of attorney, durable powers of attorney, deeds and conduct guardianship reviews and recommendations for courts in the three counties surrounding Lansing. Students prepare and finalize all documents with live clients. Students work closely with experienced Sixty Plus students and a faculty member. This class was designed for evening and weekend students and is also available for students enrolled in the traditional daytime program. No exam.

Skills Teaching Assistant - ELEC 1251 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH AND WRITING (RESW214LECT).

By professor invitation only. The Teaching Assistant (TA) will assist the professor in a Skills class or in preparing for and managing an inter-school competition. The professor will provide a written document to the TA prior to registration outlining the expectations for the course, the learning objectives for the TA and how the course will be graded. No exam.

Slavery and Trafficking - ELEC 1243 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Combines a detailed analysis of the Atlantic Slave Trade and the evolution of Civil Rights Law in the United States with an exploration of modern day human trafficking and the various legal means for combating modern day slavery. Weekly papers required. No exam.

Social Justice Through Nonprofits - ELEC 1311 SKIL

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) OR RESEARCH & WRITING II (FYRQ106LECT).

This course is intended for students who envision starting a nonprofit, for themselves or a client, to attain a particular social justice goal or to address a social problem. Social justice should be construed broadly, to encompass economic, political, and social rights and opportunities. Students will learn to create a 501(c)(3) or other type of nonprofit business structure, rough-out a website, register the corporation with a state, request federal tax exemption status, draft a mission statement and bylaws, establish a Board of Directors, design a program, write grants, consider other fundraising, and be ready to start the nonprofit, or help a client start the nonprofit, as soon as they graduate or take and pass a bar exam. This course is also relevant to those students who want to learn these skills to use later in their careers for themselves, or for advising clients. Take-home papers. No exam.

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Solo by Design - ELEC 1279 SKIL

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITE: Research & Writing (RESW214LECT).

This is a skills based class which will give guidance and direction to students who wish to establish themselves as solo practitioners in preparing a realistic business plan based upon interviews with attorneys and others in the area where they plan to establish their practices. No exam.

Sports Law - ELEC 969 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CONTRACTS II (CONT213LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Covers amateur and professional sports law. Examines the contractual relationship between player and club including labor aspects, antitrust issues, injury and tax problems. Final exam.

State Administrative Law - ELEC 1059 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND FEDERAL ADMINISTRATIVE LAW (ELEC622LECT).

Examines the principles governing the theory, practice, and procedures of state administrative law. Covers delegation, separation of powers, access to information, rulemaking, due process, adjudication, and judicial review. Final exam or no exam is at the discretion of the professor.

State and Local Government Law - ELEC 1202 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT), CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT)

Explores state and local governments: their forms, relationships, creation, structure, powers, financing, liability and the relationship of state and local governments, public employees, and citizens. Final exam.

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Sustainable Development Law and Policy - ELEC 1208 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: PROPERTY II (PRSE207LECT) AND RESEARCH AND WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Introduces students to sustainability concepts and the legal, regulatory and corporate governance that now often requires the implementation of sustainable practices, the metrics that measure success or failure, and the incentives available to make organizations sustainable. Final exam.

Tax Transactions - ELEC 1300 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND TAXATION (TXBW521LECT OR TXBW516LECT).

This course will follow Taxation, and provide an in-depth, advanced study of federal income taxation concepts that were not covered in the 2-credit required tax course. These include concepts of income (prepayments and security deposits, and amounts received under a claim of right), deductions (charitable deductions and casualty loss), and the timing, deferral and non-recognition of income (including like kind exchanges and involuntary conversions). Final exam.

Taxation - TXBW 521 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

An in-depth study of federal income taxation, including the concepts of income, identification of the proper taxpayer, deductions, characterization of income, and the timing, deferral and non-recognition of income. Final exam.

Taxation for the Bankruptcy Law Practitioner - ELEC 1220 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND TAXATION (TXBW516LECT or TXBW521LECT).

Addresses tax issues that arise in a bankruptcy practice. Covers debt priority, liens, levies, debt modification (bankruptcy versus nonbankruptcy debt modification), equity for debt recapitalizations, and deductibility of expenses incurred during a bankruptcy. Final exam.

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Taxation for the Family Law Practitioner - ELEC 1217 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND TAXATION (TXBW516LECT or TXBW521LECT).

Considers tax provisions that are relevant for the family law practitioner. Takes an in-depth look at the tax consequences of child support, alimony, and division of property. Also considers the deductibility of costs incurred in a divorce proceeding, filing status, innocent spouse issues, various child-related deductions, and child-related tax credits. Final exam.

Taxation for the Real Estate Practitioner - ELEC 1219 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND TAXATION (TXBW516LECT or TXBW521LECT).

This course considers tax issues faced by a real estate practitioner. It covers qualifying as a "dealer," like-kind exchanges, condominium sales, issues arising from rental real estate, application of the at-risk and passive activity loss provisions, real estate financing, REITS, charitable gifts of real estate, and sale of a personal residence. Final exam.

Taxation for the Solo or Small Firm Practitioner - ELEC 1218 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND TAXATION (TXBW516LECT or TXBW521LECT).

This course goes beyond the tax provisions covered in the Individual Income Tax Course, and will cover issues relevant to the operation of a small firm or issues likely to arise in a small general practice. In the area of gross income, it takes an in-depth look at the exclusion of gain from the sale of a principal residence and the tax consequences of litigation awards. It considers various deductions including those for entertainment and business meals expenses, fringe benefits, charitable contributions, and deductions associated with dual use property. It also covers hobby losses, sales of a business, and various emerging issues. Final exam.

Taxation of Business Entities - ELEC 1094 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: TAXATION (TXBW516LECT or TXBW521LECT), BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS (TXBW518LECT), AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Includes a comparative study of the tax effects resulting from formation, operation, and partial or total liquidation of corporations (including "S Corporations") and partnerships (including LLC's). Emphasizes the "non-recognition" sections of the Internal Revenue Code. Final exam.

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Teaching Assistant - ELEC 1262 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

By professor invitation only. The Teaching Assistant (TA) will assist the professor. The professor will provide a written document to the TA prior to registration outlining the expectations for the course, the learning objectives for the TA and how the course will be graded. Subsequent enrollment requires distinct and progressive learning outcomes from prior enrollment. No exam.

The Art of Analogical Reasoning - FYEL 102 LECT

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITES: NONE.

This course will explore the cognitive process of drawing connections between ideas and discover how it underpins the American legal system. Students will learn how lawyers use analogical reasoning to resolve complex legal issues. Students will sharpen their critical thinking and problem-solving skills by examining cases and engaging in thought-provoking discussions. No exam.

The Art of Legal Storytelling - FYEL 103 LECT

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITES: NONE.

This course introduces applied legal storytelling as a form of effective advocacy. Scientifically, storytelling is the way humans organize facts, find meaning in events, and create meaningful communication. In the legal context, storytelling is the persuasive lens by which lawyers allow judges and juries to see their clients as humans, not case files.

The first half of the course will introduce students to the science of storytelling and the basic components of a story. Emphasis will be placed on structure (beginnings, middles, and endings); openings; plot and character; and transitions. Students will analyze each of these components in literature, film and contemporary culture. During the second half of the course, students will apply storytelling techniques skills to various legal situations such as civil cases, criminal cases, appellate cases, and legislative proposals. Students will engage in both written and spoken storytelling. No exam.

Torts - FYRQ 101 LECT

Credits: 4

PREREQUISITES: NONE.

Torts is a foundational course that introduces students to the legal principles governing civil liability for harm caused to people and property. With a primary focus on negligence, this course provides an in-depth exploration of its core elements and discusses related topics, including liability apportionment, limitations of liability due to remote or unforeseen causes, and defenses, such as contributory negligence, assumption of risk, and comparative fault. Additionally, students will be introduced to other concepts that are also heavily tested on the Multistate Bar Exam (MBE) and the Multistate Essay Exam (MEE), such as intentional torts and their defenses; strict liability, including products liability; defamation; invasion of privacy; and misrepresentation. The course may also cover nuisance, interference with business relations, vicarious liability, wrongful death, and survival actions. Final exam.

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Torts - FYRQ 110 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: NONE.

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Torts Lab - FYRQ 111 LECT

Credits: 1

PREREQUISITES: NONE.

Torts Lab is a required asynchronous online component to the in-person WBLP Torts course (FYRQ 110), which must be taken concurrently (in the same term). In this course, your instructor will offer video instruction and materials on torts topics that are explored during the in-person Torts course, and may also introduce tort topics not yet introduced during the in-person Torts class. Assessments, exercises, and other learning opportunities will provide students with an in-depth synthesis and application platform. The Torts (FYRQ110) final exam is cumulative and will cover material covered in both FYRQ 110 and FYRQ 111.

Trial Skills - ELEC 1018 SKIL

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: EVIDENCE (CIVP406LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Explores fundamental trial skills in a learning-by-doing setting. Students practice opening statements, direct and cross examinations, and closing argument. Emphasizes introduction of evidence. No exam.

Veterans Law Seminar - ELEC 1240 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I (CONL404LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Explores the laws impacting US veterans, the federal administrative process by which claims are processed, the types of claims most commonly raised, and the relevant regulatory, statutory and case law. Final paper required. No exam.

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Water Law - ELEC 876 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Addresses the issues of riparian rights and the relationship to ownership of land, prior appropriation, water transfers, administration of water rights. Emphasizes the special problems of groundwater and public rights to water, including navigability; federal reclamation and irrigation systems; and federal water quality and pollution regulation, including wetlands protection. Final exam.

Wills Estates & Trusts - TXBW 517 LECT

Credits: 3

PREREQUISITES: PROPERTY I (PRSE109LECT) AND RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Introduces students to the general concepts of succession to property. Covers intestate succession, family protection, and the law of wills. Also covers trusts and introduces students to transfer taxes. Final exam or take-home exam is at the discretion of the professor and is identified at registration.

Workers Compensation Law - ELEC 934 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITE: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT).

Coverage, practice and procedure under the various state workers' disability compensation laws. Covers remedies for an injured worker under workers' disability compensation, social security, unemployment, third party actions, and first party actions. Final exam.

Wrongful Convictions Seminar - Making a Murderer II - ELEC 1215 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CRLP305LECT).

Explores the causes of and possible remedies for wrongful convictions in the United States. Take home exam.

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Zoning and Land Use Planning - ELEC 935 LECT

Credits: 2

PREREQUISITES: RESEARCH & WRITING (RESW214LECT) AND PROPERTY II (PRSE207LECT).

Covers zoning, public and private land development, urban renewal, master plans, subdividing, wetlands, open space and farmlands preservation. Final exam.