

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Colorado Law's curriculum provides students one of the best comprehensive legal educations in the nation, employing a solid foundation in the fundamentals of law, robust theoretical inquiry, doctrinal and policy analysis, real world experience, legal reasoning tools and professional skills. Our faculty members are passionate about teaching and are committed to providing a well-rounded learning experience that prepares students to serve wisely and with professionalism.

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Courses

LAWS 5064 (1-2) Legal Analysis

Designed to help students develop the analytical skills necessary for success in law school and on the bar exam. Students will strengthen their core analytical skills, written communication skills, and ability to retain information. The ability to engage legal questions at the highest level is a skill that can be practiced and improved.

Requisites: Restricted to Professional Year 1 Law students only.

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Research and Writing

LAWS 5103 (1) Legal Ethics & Professionalism: What Kind of Lawyer Do You Want to Be?

Explores both the kind of law students might decide to practice and the ethical, personal and professional commitments central to the practice of law.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Jurisprudence and Perspective

LAWS 5121 (4) Contracts

Covers basic principles of contract liability, offer, acceptance and consideration, statute of frauds, contract remedies, the parole evidence rule, performance of contracts, conditions, effect of changed circumstances, third-party beneficiaries, assignment and specific performance.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 5201 (1) Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Public Policy

Explores cutting edge questions around entrepreneurship, including being an entrepreneur, leadership and what makes a great founding team, building and scaling a business, entrepreneurial communities, financing entrepreneurial companies, leadership in government, entrepreneurship and innovation policy.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 5203 (1) Legal Ethics, Professionalism and Creative Problem Solving

Developing reflective, creative problem solving and ethical legal professionals by touching a core set of issues facing lawyers, including the duty of confidentiality to clients and the hazard of conflicts of interest, providing students with an opportunity to confront these challenges in an interactive and engaged environment.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Electives

LAWS 5205 (3) Legislation and Regulation

Introduces lawmaking in the modern administrative state. Examines the way Congress and administrative agencies adopt binding rules of law (statutes and regulations, respectively) and the way that implementing institutions, courts and administrative agencies, interpret and apply these laws. Considers the structure of the modern administrative state, the incentives that influence the behavior of the various actors, and the legal rules that help to structure the relationships among Congress, the agencies and the courts.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Government and Public

LAWS 5211 (1) Framing and Legal Narrative

Thinking through the fundamental concepts that inform and animate different areas of law.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

LAWS 5223 (2) Legal Writing II

Students prepare appellate briefs and related documents and deliver oral arguments before a three-judge court composed of faculty, upper-division students, and practicing attorneys. Practice arguments are videotaped and critiqued.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Litigation and Procedure

LAWS 5226 (2) Legal Writing I

Provides an intensive introduction to the resources available for legal research. Students also prepare written material of various kinds designed to develop research skills, legal writing style, and analysis of legal problems.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Research and Writing

LAWS 5303 (4) Civil Procedure

Studies modern practice in civil suits, including rules governing pleading, joinder of parties, discovery, jurisdiction of courts over the subject matter and parties, right to jury trial, appeals, and res judicata and collateral estoppel, with emphasis on the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and their Colorado counterpart.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Litigation and Procedure

LAWS 5323 (1) Courtroom Observation Civil

An elective that requires 15 hours observing actual civil proceedings in a courtroom, attending a two-hour class meeting every other week, preparing and submitting a journal of recorded observations. Figuring out how to gain access to appropriate proceedings is part of the student's work, although the professor is available for advice and guidance.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Jurisprudence and Perspective

LAWS 5425 (3) Torts

Studies nonconsensual allocation of losses for civil wrongs, focusing primarily on concepts of negligence and strict liability.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Government and Public

LAWS 5503 (4) Criminal Law

Studies statutory and common law of crimes and defenses, the procedures by which the law makes judgments as to criminality of conduct, the purposes of criminal law, and the constitutional limits upon it.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Litigation and Procedure

LAWS 5513 (1) Courtroom Observation Criminal

An elective that requires 15 hours observing actual criminal proceedings in a courtroom, attending a two-hour class meeting every other week, preparing and submitting a journal of recorded observations. Figuring out how to gain access to appropriate proceedings is part of the student's work, although the professor is available for advice and guidance.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Jurisprudence and Perspective

LAWS 5624 (4) Property

Topics include personal property, estates and interests in land, landlord-tenant, basic land conveyancing, and private land use controls.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Property

LAWS 5646 (1) Foundations of Legal Research

Designed to move students from the brief introduction to legal research offered in the first-year legal writing classes to the problem-centered research students will perform starting in the summer after their first year. Provides students with a conceptual understanding of the organization and connectivity of legal authority and with instruction in research methodology at both the project and resource levels.

Requisites: Restricted to Professional Year 1, 2, or 3 Law students only.

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Research and Writing

LAWS 5803 (1) Courtroom Observation International

An elective that requires fifteen hours observing proceedings before an international tribunal(s), attending a two-hour class meeting every other week, preparing and submitting a journal of recorded observations. The proceedings observed will be available streaming online and the professor will provide information about how to gain access to them.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Jurisprudence and Perspective

LAWS 6002 (3) Public Land Law

Deals with the legal status and management of resources on federal lands, including national forests, parks and BLM lands. Explores federal law, policy, and agency practice affecting the use of mineral, timber, range, water, wildlife and wilderness resources on public lands.

Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of LAWS 6112 (minimum grade D-).

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Environment, Natural Resources and American Indian

LAWS 6004 (3) Real Estate Transactions

Focuses on legal issues that arise in all phases of real estate transactions, with an emphasis on the role of the lawyer in the business of real estate as well as on the regulation of real estate markets.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Property

LAWS 6005 (4) Constitutional Law

Studies constitutional structure: judicial review, federalism, separation of powers; and constitutional rights of due process and equal protection.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Government and Public

LAWS 6007 (4) Income Taxation

Emphasizes the fundamentals of the federal income tax system and examines its impact on the individual.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ACCT 6700

Requisites: Restricted to Professional Year 1, 2, or 3 Law students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Taxation

LAWS 6008 (3) Foundations of International Legal Thought

Provides students with a broad historical and philosophical introduction to international law. Addresses changing conceptions of sovereignty between 1492 and World War II, the contexts of the Spanish conquest of the Americas, the international legality of the slave trade, relations between the Ottoman Empire and the "Great Powers", the Chinese opium wars and the rise of modern international institutions.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: International

LAWS 6009 (4) Legal Aid Civil Practice 1

Emphasizes procedural and practical remedies and defenses available in civil litigation. Assigns civil cases related to the course material. Develops working knowledge of courtroom skills.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Practice: Clinical and Simulation

LAWS 6019 (4) Civil Practice Clinic 2

Emphasizes procedural and practical remedies and defenses available in civil litigation. Assigns civil cases related to the course material. Develops working knowledge of courtroom skills.

Requisites: Requires prerequisite or corequisite course of LAWS 6353 (minimum grade D-).

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Practice: Clinical and Simulation

LAWS 6021 (3) Secured Transactions

Explores the methodology and policies of Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code, dealing with financing transactions in personal property.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 6029 (4) Criminal and Immigration Defense Clinic

Provides thorough grounding in problems of criminal defense. Students defend indigent misdemeanants in Boulder courts. Develops working knowledge of courtroom skills.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Practice: Clinical and Simulation

LAWS 6031 (2) Consumer Protection Laws and Policies

Focuses on deceptive trade practices and consumer rights. Reviews the law of deception/misrepresentation at common law, and federal and state laws regarding unfair acts and practices. Covers credit practices, environmental and health claims, and telecommunications and privacy. Discusses remedies, including governmental enforcement actions, and individual and class actions.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 6035 (3) White Collar Crime

Examines distinctions between white collar crime and other types of criminal activity and the needs for and arguments against white collar laws and law enforcement. Studies securities fraud, mail and wire fraud, insider trading, money laundering, false statements, conspiracy and criminal forfeiture statutes. Includes use of the grand jury, privileges applicable in the corporate setting, immunity, discovery and the impact of parallel civil proceedings. Examines effect of government policy on corporations and their counsel, pre-trial and trial strategy, jury selection and victim notification and restitution options.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Litigation and Procedure

LAWS 6039 (4) Criminal Defense Clinic 2

Provides thorough grounding in problems of criminal defense. Students defend indigent misdemeanants in Boulder courts. Develops working knowledge of courtroom skills.

Requisites: Requires prerequisite or corequisite course of LAWS 6353 (minimum grade D-).

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Practice: Clinical and Simulation

LAWS 6045 (3) Criminal Procedure

Focuses primarily on the constitutional limitations applicable to such police investigative techniques as arrest, search, seizure, electronic surveillance, interrogation and lineup identification.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Litigation and Procedure

LAWS 6055 (3) Post-Conviction Criminal Procedure

Addresses sentencing process and schemes, direct appeals, probation modification and revocation, parole revocation, pardon and commutation processes, post-conviction litigation and appeal in both state and federal court, federal review of state convictions through habeas and/or the AEDPA, and ethical issues that arise in post-conviction proceedings.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Litigation and Procedure

LAWS 6059 (2-3) Legal Aid and Defender

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 6060 (3) White Collar Crime Practicum

Addresses the non-trial portion of white collar criminal law. Drawing examples and problems from wire fraud, securities fraud, health care, and computer fraud contexts, explores a white collar case's major investigative and charging phases, corporate and organizational issues, as well as pleas and punishment.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Litigation and Procedure

LAWS 6069 (4) Immigration Clinic

Emphasizes practice skills in immigration cases. Includes litigation before Federal Immigration judges, Board of Immigration Appeals, and Federal Circuit Court of Appeals.

Requisites: Requires prerequisite or corequisite course of LAWS 6353 (minimum grade D-).

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

LAWS 6079 (4) Criminal Defense Clinic

Provides thorough grounding in problems of criminal defense. Students defend indigent misdemeanants. Develops working knowledge of courtroom skills, advocacy and evidence presentation. Concludes with full mock trial.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Practice: Clinical and Simulation

LAWS 6099 (4) Family Law Clinic

Represents low-income clients in family law cases in local state district court. Students will gain court-based experience in dissolution's and allocations of parental responsibilities. Seminar component includes instruction on substantive family law, related ethical issues, and theoretical backgrounds of poverty lawyering.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Litigation, Negotiation Alt Dispute Resolution

LAWS 6103 (2-3) Legal Ethics Professionalism

Examines the legal profession as an institution, its history and traditions and the ethics of the bar with particular emphasis on the professional responsibilities of the lawyer. Discusses the Model Rules of Professional Conduct.

Requisites: Restricted to Professional Year 1, 2, or 3 Law students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Jurisprudence and Perspective

LAWS 6104 (3) Wills and Trusts

Covers intestate succession; family protection; execution of wills; revocation and revival; will contracts and will substitutes; creation of trusts; modification and termination; charitable trusts; fiduciary administration, including probate and contest of wills; construction problems in estate distribution.

Requisites: Restricted to Professional Year 1, 2, or 3 Law students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Property

LAWS 6108 (3) Conflict of Laws

Addresses the conflicts that arise when the significant facts of a case are connected with more than one jurisdiction, whether that jurisdiction belongs to a state, the federal government, or a foreign government. The subject is studied in its theoretical and historical context, with special emphasis on the international aspects of extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Jurisprudence and Perspective

LAWS 6109 (2) Trial Advocacy

Focuses on voir dire, opening statement, direct examination of witnesses and cross examination.

Requisites: Restricted to Professional Year 1, 2, or 3 Law students only.

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Practice: Clinical and Simulation

LAWS 6112 (3) Foundations of American Natural Resources Law

Introduces students to the law of natural resources. Examines the legal, historical, political, and intellectual influences that shape resources development and conservation.

Requisites: Restricted to Professional Year 1, 2, or 3 Law students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Environment, Natural Resources and American Indian

LAWS 6113 (2) Legal Ethics and Professionalism: Ethics and the Law of Lawyering

Continuation of LAWS 5103. Focuses on the Model Rules of Professional Conduct. Provides the nuts and bolts of the ethical rules needed to begin to explore externships, clinics, pro bono projects and other practice experiences during law school.

Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of LAWS 5103 (minimum grade D-). Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Jurisprudence and Perspective

LAWS 6114 (2) Construction Law

Focuses on the basic principles and practices of construction law. Provides an overview of construction industry participants and players (engineers, contractors, insurers) and discusses and analyzes the various obligations and liabilities of these parties. Covers construction and design contracting, construction claims, professional negligence, construction insurance and suretyship and ADR in construction. Provides transactional-practice oriented exercises.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Property

LAWS 6115 (2-3) Representing the Spanish-Speaking Client

This course is a survey of the substantive law of matters likely to be encountered by attorneys representing Spanish-speaking clients in Colorado. Topics may include, among others, family law, criminal law, employment law, wage theft, and consumer rights. The course will not only introduce legal Spanish vocabulary, but more importantly, it will teach students how to communicate legal concepts so as to be understood by the clients.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 6119 (1) Deposition Skills

Provides valuable skills to assume active roles in the deposition process. Explores why and when to take depositions; drafting and objecting to deposition notices for individual deponents, non-party witnesses and corporate designees; drafting successful outlines, proper questions and objections; using exhibits; furthering case theory, making and using stipulations; using depositions in pretrial motions and at trial.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Practice: Clinical and Simulation

LAWS 6122 (2) International Natural Resources Law and Policy

Examines the suite of policy issues and legal ramifications associated with sustainable natural resource development. Examines most recent research on the "resource curse" theory. Examines recent policy developments and discussions that have occurred among industry, NGOs, multilateral development agencies and governments. Examines issues related to bribery and corruption in developing country environments and dispute resolution mechanisms at national and local levels.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Environment Natural Resources

Departmental Category: International Comparative Law

LAWS 6123 (2) Legislative and Policy Drafting

Exposes students to the process of drafting and amending enacted legal texts such as statutes, regulations, and policies of both governmental and non-governmental entities. Students will critically examine lawyers' roles as counselors, advocates and experts in different legislative and policy-drafting contexts.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Research and Writing

LAWS 6128 (1-3) Statutory Interpretation

Examines theories of legislation and the relation between legislatures and courts, emphasizing problems of statutory interpretation and other issues in the judicial use or misuse of statutes.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Government and Public

LAWS 6157 (3) Corporate Taxation

Examines the federal income taxation of §236 corporations and their shareholders. Topics may include choice of entity, operations, distributions, redemptions, formations, liquidations, taxable asset and stock acquisitions, and tax-free reorganizations (that is, mergers and acquisitions).

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ACCT 6450

Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of LAWS 6007 (minimum grade D-). Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Taxation

LAWS 6167 (3) Partnership Taxation

Examines the federal income taxation of partnerships and other pass-through entities, which represent most small businesses in the United States. Topics may include the allocation of operating income and deductions among owners, contributions and distributions of property, and acquisitions and dispositions of partnership interests by partners.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ACCT 6430

Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of LAWS 6007 (minimum grade D-).

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Taxation

LAWS 6170 (1-2) E-Discovery

Exposes students to the legal and practical challenges presented by E-discovery and how electronically stored information shapes litigation and the pretrial process. Students gain an understanding of how electronically stored information can impact an overall discovery strategy and how this complicates a lawyer's ethical and professional obligations.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Intellectual Property/Technology/Telecommunication

LAWS 6201 (3-4) Agency, Partnership, and the LLC

Surveys agency law whose principles are important in many other areas of law. Studies the legal organizations commonly used by small businesses: partnerships and limited liability companies (LLCs).

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 6207 (2) Writing in the Regulatory State

Provides an umbrella for several advanced business law sections, each providing an intensive intellectual experience for law students by requiring them to connect deep concepts and knowledge from basic business courses to complex transactional environments. Students are required to solve client problems and negotiate transactions in the face of intricate and conflicting legal regimes that sprawl across doctrinal fields.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 6209 (4) Sustainable Community Development Clinic

Provide legal and policy advice, guidance and representation related to sustainable development with a focus on fostering social enterprise, healthy communities and poverty reduction.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 6211 (3-4) Corporations

Covers formation of corporations and their management; relations among shareholders, officers and directors; the impact of federal legislation on directors' duties; the special problems of closed corporations.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 6213 (2) Advanced Appellate Advocacy

Advanced study and practice of written and oral appellate advocacy. Builds on the first-year advocacy course, but provides more advanced techniques for brief writing, and preparing for and conducting oral argument. Students are required to write an appellate brief and participate in several oral arguments, and receive detailed, one-on-one critiques of work product.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Litigation and Procedure

LAWS 6217 (3) Estate and Gift Tax Planning

Explores structural and planning aspects of the current federal wealth transfer tax system, including the federal tax code provisions governing estate and gift taxation.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: LAWS 7217 or ACCT 6720

Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of LAWS 6104.

Recommended: Prerequisite LAWS 6007.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 6221 (3) Compliance

Covers requirements for corporate compliance programs and key components of them, including the role of audit committee, internal audit and ethics and compliance. Looks closely at different compliance regimes, including Sarbanes Oxley, the privacy and security components of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), the evolution of other data privacy standards and the anti-corruption standards of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the UK Bribery Act.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 6223 (3) Research and Writing in the Regulatory State

Focus on developing in students the research, writing and analytical skills necessary to operate within any highly regulated field. Students will work broadly on research and writing skills required in a regulatory practice and narrowly on how that applies to particular areas of expertise, to gain an understanding of a particular area of the law.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Research and Writing

LAWS 6226 (1-3) Advanced Legal Writing

Builds on skills learned in the first-year legal writing course to improve written legal analysis. Students will complete multiple written assignments and will receive individual feedback on their work. Sections vary significantly depending on the professor; please check the Legal Writing page of the Colorado Law website to read each professor's course description.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Research and Writing

LAWS 6228 (1) Writing in Context

Provides the opportunity to improve legal writing and analytical skills in a particular field of law. This course will be offered in conjunction with a doctrinal course, and the writing assignments will be based on the law taught in the doctrinal course. Students enrolled in this course will need to be concurrently enrolled in the doctrinal course.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

Requisites: Restricted to 2L or 3L students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 6236 (2) Judicial Opinion Writing

Considers the contemporary American judicial opinion in historical and comparative context. Examines institutional constraints and emerging challenges to judicial decision-making. Analyzes individual opinion authors; writing styles. Builds upon the first-year legal-writing curriculum. Challenges students to develop a personal style and approach to writing and editing opinions.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Research and Writing

LAWS 6246 (2) Introduction to United States Legal System/Legal Reasoning, Research and Writing

Introduces students without a law degree to the basic structure and content of the United States legal system, examining how the three branches of government at the state and federal levels make law and policy in the United States. The course will provide a basic introductory overview of the following: the various sources of law, including an understanding of how statutes are enacted by legislative institutions; the role of the United States court system in interpreting laws; application of judicial precedent in common-law systems; trial and appellate court procedures; and judicial review standards. The course will also introduce students to the methodology of American law, including legal reasoning, research, and writing, through a variety of in-class and outside research and writing assignments.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 6270 (1-2) Law and Mathematics

Covers basic mathematical concepts frequently encountered in the practice of law. Examines the relationships between evidence, calculation, and truth. Intended especially for students who lack confidence in their math skills and/or have not previously studied statistics, but all are welcome.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Electives

LAWS 6271 (1-2) Special Topics: Deals Lab

Provides an umbrella for several advanced business law sections, each providing an intensive intellectual experience for law students by requiring them to connect deep concepts and knowledge from basic business courses to complex transactional environments. Students are required to solve client problems and negotiate transactions in the face of intricate and conflicting legal regimes that sprawl across doctrinal fields.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 4.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

Recommended: Prerequisite LAWS 6211.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 6280 (1) Intensive Intro to Financial Info, Accounting and the Law: Accounting Boot Camp

Exposes students to the basics of financial accounting and when and how lawyers encounter accounting problems. Students will leave the course with an understanding of the basic framework of accounting, including the double-entry method, balance sheets, income statements, and statements of cash flows; time value of money; discount rates; basic methods of business valuation; and risk and diversification concepts.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 6281 (3) Accounting Issues for Lawyers

Studies accounting and auditing problems in the form they are placed before the lawyer, including a succinct study of basic bookkeeping, in-depth legal analysis of the major current problems of financial accounting, and consideration of the conduct of the financial affairs of business.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 6301 (3) Introduction to Intellectual Property Law

Provides an overview of our nation's intellectual property laws, including patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade secrets. Discusses other matters related to intellectual property, including licensing, competition policy issues and remedies.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: TLEN 5245

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Intellectual Property/Technology/Telecommunication

LAWS 6302 (3) Water Resources

Analyzes regional and national water problems, including the legal methods by which surface and ground water supplies are allocated, managed and protected.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Environment, Natural Resources and American Indian

LAWS 6315 (2) The Prosecutor's Role in the Criminal Justice System

Designed to familiarize students with the professional and ethical duties of the prosecutor in the criminal justice system, with the goal of encouraging students to think about the role that prosecutors play. While the focus of the materials and presentations will center on the Colorado criminal Justice system, the concepts and principles addressed translate to all state systems and the federal system. National trends and legislative policy decisions related to criminal law, and their potential impact on public safety and prosecution efforts will also be discussed.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Criminal

LAWS 6318 (3) Economic Analysis of Law

Introduces the basic elements of economic theory and emphasizes demand and utility, cost and optimality.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Jurisprudence and Perspective

LAWS 6321 (2-3) Computer Crime

Explores legal issues that judges, legislators, prosecutors, and defense attorneys confront as they respond to recent explosions in computer-related crime. Includes the Fourth Amendment in cyberspace, the law of electronic surveillance, computer hacking and other computer crimes, encryption, online economic espionage, cyberterrorism, First Amendment in cyberspace, federal/state relations in enforcement of computer crime laws, and civil liberties online.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Intellectual Property/Technology/Telecommunication

LAWS 6331 (1) The Technology of Privacy

Explores the escalating debates by policymakers, scholars, advocates and industry representatives about the growing spread of tracking and surveillance in society. Debates are being spurred by the pace of changes to technology and particularly of changes to Internet and mobile technology. Practitioners in information privacy law or technology policy must understand the past, present, and likely future, of the technology of privacy.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Intellectual Property/Technology/Telecommunication

LAWS 6353 (3) Evidence

Studies the methods and forms of proof in litigation, including detailed consideration of hearsay, impeachment of witnesses, relevancy and certain restrictions on authentication and best evidence doctrines, and privileges.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Litigation and Procedure

LAWS 6361 (2-3) Information Privacy and Cybersecurity

Explores the laws that regulate the basic technologies of the internet and the management of information in the digital age. It examines the most significant statutes, regulations and common law practices that comprise this emerging legal framework.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 6363 (5) Evidence and Trial Practice

Studies methods and forms of proof in litigation, including detailed consideration of hearsay, impeachment of witnesses, relevancy and certain restrictions on authentication and best evidence doctrines, and privileges. Applies rules and doctrine of evidence in simulated trial settings. Combined Evidence and Trial Practice course. Satisfies the trial practice requirement and counts two hours toward the 14 credit hour maximum in clinical hours.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 6373 (3) Federal Litigation: Everything but the Trial

Litigates through all pretrial phases as plaintiff's counsel, a mock federal case: an employee's challenge to compensation and termination, with possible claims including breach of contract, breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, violation of wage payment statutory and regulatory requirements, and fraudulent inducement to contract.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Litigation and Procedure

LAWS 6383 (1) Applied Evidence

Provides the opportunity to improve the legal writing and analytical skills by practicing written analysis based on the law of Evidence. Professors Griffin and Bloom designed materials specifically for this course, which is designed to be taken concurrently with Professor Bloom's Evidence class. Student receive individual feedback on every exercise and assignment.

Requisites: Requires corequisite course of LAWS 6353.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 6400 (3) International Law

Examines the nature, structure and sources of international law, the relationship between international law and domestic U.S. law, the role of international organizations such as the United Nations, the methods of resolving international disputes, the bases of international jurisdiction, and select substantive areas of international law that may change from semester to semester.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: International

LAWS 6401 (1) Understanding and Investigating Violations of US and Foreign Anti-Bribery and Human Trafficking Law

Surveys the twin global scourges of bribery and human trafficking/forced labor and examines the role private practitioners play in the fight (including as lawyers investigating allegations of misconduct, interacting with US and foreign authorities, conducting due diligence, and ensuring compliance). We all expect what we buy will not be tainted by bribery, corruption, forced labor. This market reality has generated a need for lawyers able to help clients adapt to these rapidly developing areas of law.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 6410 (3) International Trade Law

Examines the law of the World Trade Organization and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Examines rules restraining national restrictions on trade that addresses tariff and non-tariff barriers, discrimination, regionalism, anti-dumping, countervailing duties and safeguards. Considers the relationship between trade and other regulatory areas or social values, such as environmental protection, health and safety standards, human rights, intellectual property protection.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: International

LAWS 6420 (1) Law and the Holocaust

Explores comparative law, jurisprudence, conflicts of laws and international law. Examines the Nazi philosophy of law emanating from its egregious racial ideology, and how it was used to pervert Germany's legal system to discriminate against, ostracize, dehumanize and eliminate certain classes of people. Studies the role of international law in rectifying the damage by bringing perpetrators to justice and constructing a legal system designed to prevent a repetition.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: International

LAWS 6501 (2-3) The Practice of Labor and Employment Law

Focuses on aspects of the practice of employment law, rather than the examination of legal doctrines. Discusses typical issues presented in advising and litigating on behalf of employers and employees. Topics include special attention to ethical issues.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 6502 (2) Wildlife and the Law

Examines the law that protects wildlife, its habitat and biodiversity. Explores human-caused threats including habitat destruction, illegal trade and climate change. Focuses on statutes, case law, environmental ethics, and current controversies to highlight legal, scientific and political strategies for protecting biodiversity. Particular emphasis is placed on the U.S. Endangered Species Act.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Environment, Natural Resources and American Indian

LAWS 6508 (1) The Philosophy of Law

Questions the nature of law, characteristics and considerations of a legal system, rights and from where they come; thinking like a lawyer, basic techniques of legal reasoning, difference between doctrinal and normative legal analysis. Explores law's frontier and what distinguishes law from morality or politics. Focuses on influential texts from the end of WWII to the end of the Cold War.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Jurisprudence and Perspective

LAWS 6510 (2-3) International Environmental Law

Examines international environmental law, including transboundary impacts and global issues. Addresses such issues as intergenerational equities, principles of compensation, and if international environmental norms should receive special environmental norm consideration. A course in public international law is not a prerequisite, but students who have not taken such a course will probably find it useful to do some additional background reading. Offered in alternate years.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: International

LAWS 6511 (3) Labor Law

Relates to labor unions and other collective aspects of employment, including the right of workers to form and join unions, to provoke collective bargaining and to strike and engage other forms of protest. Focuses on domestic law at the federal level and with a particular statute, the National Labor Relations Act, and the workings of particular agency, the National Labor Relations Board. Engages other sources of law, including constitutional law, as well as judicial decisions and other statutes.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 6518 (2-3) Introduction to Islamic Law & Jurisprudence

Develops student understanding of the internal working of Islamic law at its theoretical roots. Analyzes the various methodologies that are represented in Islamic legal literature, heling to enable the students to identify modern manifestations of these methodologies in contemporary Muslim discourses. Contextualizes the subject of Islamic law within various governmental and constitutional structures, beginning with the classical period, continuing through colonialism and reaching into the present day.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: International

LAWS 6521 (3) Employment Law

Entails a survey of employment-at-will, workplace safety, workplace torts; ERISA and retirement, workers' compensation; controls on hours and wages; health insurance; disability and unemployment compensation.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 6525 (2-3) Elder Law

The counseling and legal representation of older persons and their representatives. Topics may include: legal aspects of health and long-term care planning, public benefits, surrogate decision making, legal capacity, the conservation, disposition, and administration of older persons' estates, the implementation of their decisions concerning such matters, and the broad ethical issues of representing clients in this field of practice.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Family, Gender, and Health

LAWS 6528 (3) Capital Punishment in America

Surveys the history and current status of capital punishment in the United States, with a critical examination of arguments both for and against the death penalty.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Jurisprudence and Perspective

LAWS 6540 (3) Global Law & Global Governance

Addresses contemporary theories of globalization. We will explore questions such as: What is globalization, and in particular, what is the globalization of law? What is the extent of legal globalization, and how can we know? Are global law and global governance good things? How are these categories any different from what has traditionally been called "international law"? Our search for answers will be guided by a selection of recent books from theorists of globalization and global governance, such as David Held, Immanuel Wallerstein, and David Kennedy.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: International

LAWS 6541 (2) Colorado Worker's Compensation Theory and Practice

Introduces the legal theories that underlie the no-fault compensation system, its historical evolution, policy conundrums and ethical quandaries. Teaches the application of the procedural rules most frequently utilized in administrative setting. Studies the Workers' Compensation Act, the Workers' Compensation Rules of Procedure and the Office of Administrative Courts Rules of Procedure.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 6551 (3) Employee Benefits and Compensation Law

Examines past and present employee benefits and compensation practices among private and public employers. Covers ERISA and defined benefit, defined contribution, and welfare benefit plans; equity awards granted by corporations; equity awards granted by LLCs and partnerships; nonqualified deferred compensation and Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code; golden parachutes and Sections 280G and 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 6555 (2-3) Disability Rights

Explores the theories of disability, including whether disability is the product of society/social construction or medicine. The course will then explore some of the major federal protections for disability, including the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits discrimination in employment and public accommodations, and the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 6602 (3) Cultural Property Law

Concerns domestic and International regulation of property that expresses group identity and experience. Organized around traditional categories of property (real, personal and intellectual), covers historic preservation, archeological resources, art and museum law, with attention to indigenous people's advocacy on burial sites, traditional lands, ceremonies, music, symbols, ethnobotany, genetic information and language. May satisfy upper-level writing requirement.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Environment, Natural Resources and American Indian

LAWS 6702 (1) Climate Justice

Introduces the field of climate justice and seeks to identify legal and policy tools for advancing fair outcomes in climate change decision making. Climate justice is concerned with the intersection of race and/or indignity, poverty, and climate change.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 6708 (1-3) Special Topics

Explores special topics in law.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 12.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Jurisprudence and Perspective

LAWS 6712 (3) Climate Change Law and Policy

Examines the science of climate change and the broader role of science in public policymaking. Reviews the changing legal landscape to abate greenhouse gas emissions and key issues in policy design. Reviews the Supreme Court's April 2, 2007, decision in *Massachusetts v. EPA*, overturning EPA's refusal to regulate greenhouse gas pollution from motor vehicle tailpipes and the aftermath in the courts, Executive Branch and Congress.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Environment, Natural Resources and American Indian

LAWS 6722 (3) Energy Law and Regulation

Provides an introduction to energy law and regulation in the United States. Covers basic principles of rate regulation and public utilities, the division of jurisdiction between federal and state governments and the key federal statutes and regulatory regimes governing natural gas, electricity and nuclear power. Focuses on the basic federal frameworks for natural gas and electricity regulation, with an emphasis on understanding the messy and uneven transition to wholesale competition in these sectors and, in the electricity context, the experience with state restructuring and retail competition.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Environment, Natural Resources and American Indian

LAWS 6732 (3) Renewable Energy Project Finance and Development

Examines renewable energy and how legal topics impact financing projects. Reviews structure, regulation, and functioning of electric energy industry and laws applicable to development, ownership and operation of renewable energy projects across technologies. Addresses legal policy, economic and financing issues associated with expansion and improvement of the transmission grid to support renewable energy development.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Environment, Natural Resources and American Indian

LAWS 6801 (1) Anti-money Laundering Law

Explores domestic and foreign laws against money laundering, including know your customer and bank secrecy rules.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 6808 (1) LILAC Symposium Course: Leadership in Law and Community

Addresses issues in law, community, and leadership, explored through multiple pedagogies in teaching and learning, in a symposium-style setting. After introductory classes on the theme of leadership in law and community, and related topics of professional responsibility and personal identity, social change, creative lawyering, the course will turn to spring service projects in law and community.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 4.00 total credit hours.

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

LAWS 6813 (2) Problem-Solving, Professional Judgment, and Decision Making

Drawing from materials in psychology, behavioral economics, and mathematics, the course studies a range of patterns, fallibilities, and best practices concerning the complex problems commonly encountered by attorneys. Topics include general problem-solving strategies, techniques for operating in environments of uncertainty and complexity, empirically supported cognitive biases and errors, and strategies for recognizing and overcoming those errors.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Practice: Clinical and Simulation

LAWS 6816 (1-2) Problem-Solving and Writing

Enhances students' ability to solve problems and writing concise coherent memos to clients or other legal documents outlining their legal analysis and strategic thinking. Uses diagnostic exams in which students are given multiple documents for fact patterns to begin their analysis.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Research and Writing

LAWS 6823 (1-2) Legal Reasoning

This course of seven 100-minute classes aims to present legal reasoning skills crucial to the crafting and criticism of legal arguments. The classes will cover seven topics: rules and standards, the art of the legal distinction, dealing with legal contradictions, facts and framing, level of abstraction, baselines, and legal interpretation.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Practice: Clinical and Simulation

LAWS 6826 (2-3) Interactive Programming for Lawyers

Teaches students how to develop simple computer applications that would help in the practice of law and the delivery of legal services, using a drag-n-drop application development platform. Students will learn programming logic and principles of user-centric design. No programming experience is required. Includes substantial legal research and analysis.

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

LAWS 6836 (1) Special Topics in Legal Research

Builds upon first-year legal research problem solving skills by exposing students to the nuances of research topics in a specialized topic and tracking related doctrinal classes, e.g., environmental and natural resources law.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Research and Writing

LAWS 6856 (2-3) Advanced Legal Research

Offers an in-depth look at research resources and methods. Includes sources from the judicial, legislative, and executive branches of federal and state government; research in topical areas such as environmental law, taxation, and international law; and extensive coverage of secondary and nonlaw resources. Covers both print and electronic sources. Students will have several assignments and a final project.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Research and Writing

LAWS 6866 (1) Colorado Legal Research

Surveys resources and methods to effectively research Colorado law. Covers primary and secondary resources including Colorado statutes, cases and digests, regulations, and constitution and practice materials. Covers how to research Colorado municipal law and other Colorado topics.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Research and Writing

LAWS 6876 (2) Legal Research Skills for Practice

Focuses on preparing students to research in a transactional law legal practice. Students will learn how to research in transactional law subject areas using practitioner-focused research platforms, including Westlaw Practical Law, Lexis Practice Advisor, and Bloomberg Law. Students will also learn how to research corporate and industry data, property records and dockets as well as acquire other competencies and skills helpful for researching in a transactional law practice.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Research and Writing

LAWS 6886 (3) Advanced Legal Research and Analysis

Develops students' ability to think critically about and solve current legal problems. Evaluates the benefits and detriments of both print and on-line legal resources, and how to create an efficient research plan. Formulates and applies research strategies to real-world legal problems, and uses legal analysis to refine and improve research results. Note: students who have taken LAWS 6856 may not enroll in this course.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Research and Writing

LAWS 6896 (3) Advanced Legal Research and Writing for Practice

Advances and improves legal research and writing skills learned in first year. Proposes variety of assignment types across substantive and procedural areas to prepare for experiences as summer associates or new attorneys.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Research and Writing

LAWS 7003 (3) Federal Courts

Looks at structure and jurisdiction of the federal courts, emphasizing problems of federalism and separation of powers and their relationship to resolution of substantive disputes.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Litigation and Procedure

LAWS 7004 (3) Advanced Deals Lab: Real Estate Transactions

Using documents from actual real estate transactions, this course will focus on the drafting and negotiation skills required for the successful practice of real estate transaction law. Students will negotiate and draft actual real estate transactional documents.

Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of LAWS 6004 (minimum grade D-).

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Research and Writing

LAWS 7005 (3) Internet and Media Law

Provides a survey of common, statutory, and regulatory law as applied to the media, including the internet. Topics include: the law as it affects the gathering of news; publisher liability online and offline; First Amendment issues; and related regulation of the internet and computer technologies.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 7011 (3) Creditors' Remedies and Debtors' Protections

Examines typical state rights and procedures for the enforcement of claims and federal and state law limitations providing protection to debtors in the process. Includes prejudgment remedies, statutory and equitable remedies, fraudulent conveyance principles and exemptions and other judicial protections afforded debtors.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 7013 (2) Supreme Court Decision Making

Students deliberate over several important cases as "Justices" of the Supreme Court. Class is divided into three "Courts" with the first hour spent in deliberation and the second hour in discussion of the deliberative process as well as the substantive issues.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Litigation and Procedure

LAWS 7015 (3) First Amendment

Examines speech and religion clauses of the First Amendment. Includes the philosophical foundation of free expression, analytical problems in First Amendment jurisprudence and the relationships between free exercise of religion and the separation of church and state.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Government and Public

LAWS 7019 (1-3) Advanced Clinical Practicum

Enables a clinical student an optional 1-3 credits to complete advanced legal work in the Clinical Education Program. Course must follow enrollment in an existing clinical offering already successfully completed. Permission of the appropriate clinical faculty member required. For each credit taken, a clinical student must complete a minimum of 50 hours of legal work, all of which shall be graded pass/graded. A clinical student may complete 1-3 credits of work over the course of no more than two semesters. A clinical student may earn no more than 3 credits total over the student's law school career.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 3.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Practice: Clinical and Simulation

LAWS 7021 (3-4) Bankruptcy

Bankruptcy is the field of law that governs economic failure, and oftentimes, economic revival. The course includes both consumer and corporate bankruptcy, and for each of these areas, we will learn liquidation, and reorganization. Students will gain a strong understanding of Chapters 7, 11 and 13 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 7023 (2) Jury Selection and History

Studies the history of the jury from ancient times through the implications of Apprendi, the grand jury from the time of Henry II through modern federal practice, and current jury selection procedures, both federal and Colorado, both civil and criminal. Experienced trial attorneys will work with students to demonstrate jury selection.

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Litigation and Procedure

LAWS 7024 (2-3) Real Estate Planning

Considers various contemporary legal problems involved in the ownership, use, development, and operation of real estate, with particular emphasis on the federal income tax aspects of these issues. Topics may include sales, leases, and loans; choice of entity; leveraged partnerships; tax credit financing, foreign and tax-exempt investors; and real estate investment trusts.

Requisites: Requires prerequisite or corequisite course of LAWS 6007 (minimum grade D-).

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Property

LAWS 7025 (3) Civil Rights

Presents a comprehensive study of federal civil rights statutes briefly reviewed in other courses (e.g., Constitutional Law or Federal Courts). Studies federal civil rights statutes, their judicial application, and their interrelationships as a discretely significant body of law of increasing theoretical interest and practical importance.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Government and Public

LAWS 7029 (3) Appellate Advocacy Practicum

Offers the opportunity to represent parties in federal and state civil appeals. Students draft opening briefs in the fall semester, and draft reply briefs and appear for oral argument in the spring. Prior appellate advocacy experience will be helpful. Enrollment is limited to six students.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Practice: Clinical and Simulation

LAWS 7031 (3) Regulation of Financial Institutions

Focuses on the core banking law and works outward to cover a broader spectrum of bank-like financial institutions. Covers bank licensing, restrictions on bank business, regulating safety and soundness of banks, consumer protection of depositors and other bank customers and regulatory examination and enforcement.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 7045 (3) Criminal Procedure: Adjudicative Process

Focuses primarily on criminal procedure at and after trial. Looks at bail, prosecutorial discretion, discovery, plea bargaining, speedy trial, jury trial, the right to counsel at trial, double jeopardy, appeal and federal habeas corpus.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Litigation and Procedure

LAWS 7051 (1-3) Transactional Drafting

Focuses on principles of contemporary transactional drafting. Skills gained will be applicable to transactional practice and will also be useful to litigators. Students will learn to translate, draft and review contracts, as well as how to add value to deals.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 7055 (3) Education Law

Considers issues raised by the interaction of law and education. Issues may include the legitimacy of compulsory schooling, alternatives to public schools, socialization and discipline in the schools and questions of equal educational opportunities.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Government and Public

LAWS 7065 (3-4) Immigration and Citizenship Law

Covers legal issues pertaining to noncitizens of the United States, especially their right to enter and remain as immigrants and nonimmigrants. Topics include admission and exclusion, deportation, and refugees and political asylum. Approaches topics from various perspectives, including constitutional law, statutory interpretation, planning, ethics, history and policy.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: International

LAWS 7071 (2-3) Advanced Transactional Drafting

Provides students with the opportunity to further develop skills gained in LAWS 7051 and put them to use in simulations and business contexts across various areas of practice. Students will be asked to draft industry specific contract provisions, revise existing contracts, counsel and negotiate on behalf of clients and work through ethical dilemmas encountered by transactional attorneys.

Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of LAWS 7051 (minimum grade D-).

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 7079 (2-3) Wrongful Convictions

Focuses on the issues and remedies in cases of people who have been convicted, whose traditional appellate remedies have been exhausted, and who continue to claim actual innocence. Preference given to those who have taken or are taking more criminal procedure courses.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 7085 (2) Law and Religion

Uses judicial decisions as well as historical and theoretical materials to explore significant aspects of the relationship between law and religion. The religion clauses of the First Amendment are a central but not exclusive subject of study. Offered in alternate years.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Jurisprudence and Perspective

LAWS 7101 (4) Deals: Engineering Financial Transactions

Explores the business lawyer's role in creating value by helping clients identify, assess and manage business risks through efficient contract design while achieving the optimal legal, tax or regulatory treatment for the deal. Includes case studies of actual transactions.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 7102 (2-3) Oil and Gas

Deals with the legal problems associated with private arrangements for the ownership and development of oil and gas: deeds and leases to oil and gas rights, trespass, adverse possession, implied covenants in leases, conveyances of fractional interests, and the interaction of private rights and conservation regulation.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Environment, Natural Resources and American Indian

LAWS 7103 (2-3) Ethics and Compliance Capstone

Integrates skills and knowledge from the introductory compliance course and other courses in law school compliance curriculum as students develop a compliance program for an institution.

Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of LAWS 6221 (minimum grade D).

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 7105 (3) Family Law

Focuses on nature of marriage, actions for annulment and divorce, problems of alimony and property division, separation agreements, and custody of children. Also considers illegitimacy, abortion, contraception, the status of married women in common law and under modern statutes and relations of parent and child.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Family, Gender, and Health

LAWS 7106 (1-2) Moot Court Competition

Offers an intensive involvement in legal research, appellate brief writing and oral arguments in a competitive context. Student finalists may continue involvement in regional and national competitions.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Practice: Clinical and Simulation

LAWS 7115 (3) Juvenile Justice

Covers how the judicial system deals with minors accused of crimes, and the collateral consequences for youth in the educational and child welfare systems.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Family, Gender, and Health

LAWS 7116 (1) Barristers Council

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

LAWS 7122 (2-3) Mining and Mineral Development Law

Addresses major issues affecting the development of mineral resources in the western United States. Includes the regulation of the impacts of hardrock and coal mining and oil and gas development on the environment under federal and state laws. Covers the Mining Law of 1872, the Mineral Leasing Act, 'split estates,' and state regulation of mineral development.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Environment, Natural Resources and American Indian

LAWS 7126 (1-2) Transactional Competition

Covers a broad array of topics, including, but far from limited to, contract negotiation, health law, mergers and acquisitions, and client counseling. A valuable opportunity for students to gain experience outside the classroom and develop tactics for interacting with clients, negotiation, techniques, and transactional drafting skills. Provides great opportunities for networking. A division of Barristers' Council.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours.

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Practice: Clinical and Simulation

LAWS 7128 (2-4) Jurisprudence

Addresses a number of fundamental questions, such as: What is law? What should it be? How is it created? Our readings consist of cutting-edge articles from leading modernist/postmodernist schools of thought including legal formalism, legal realism, interpretive theory, law and economics, feminist jurisprudence, critical legal studies and law and literature.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: LAWS 8128

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Jurisprudence and Perspective

LAWS 7135 (3) Parent, Child, and State

Examines the legal rights of parents and children in a constitutional framework, as well as the state's authority to define and regulate the parent-child relationship. Addresses rights of parents and children to freedom of expression and religious exercise, termination of parental rights and adoption, paternity orientation and culture in defining the family.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Family, Gender, and Health

LAWS 7145 (3) Comparative Family Law

Examines and critiques law, legal institutions and traditions of the country of focus and the US as they affect children, families, and work. Enhances research and writing skills, including field and international research. Contributes to host country through scholarship and service. Increases cultural competence through active engagement with peers and with social justice issues in another country. Includes required field study component and service learning project over spring break.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Family, Gender, and Health

LAWS 7154 (3) Land Use Planning

Explores mechanisms for public control of private land uses, such as planning, zoning, and regulation of land development; including consideration of federal and state constitutional and statutory limitations on local governments. Offered in alternate years.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Property

LAWS 7159 (2) Advanced Trial Advocacy

Offers an advanced course covering trial practice elements. Open only to students who have taken LAWS 6109.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Practice: Clinical and Simulation

LAWS 7169 (2) Motions Advocacy

Provides practical training in preparing and arguing pretrial, post-trial and chambers motions to an experienced federal judge based on materials from actual case files. Assigns some research papers. Limited to students with interest in trial advocacy and willingness to participate in confrontational exercises.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Practice: Clinical and Simulation

LAWS 7201 (3) Antitrust

Studies American competition policy: collaborations among competitors, including agreements on price and boycotts, definition of agreement, monopolization, vertical restraints such as resale price maintenance and territorial confinement of dealers.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 7202 (3) Environmental Law

Examines and analyzes important federal pollution control statutes, including the National Environmental Policy Act, the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act, Solid Waste Act, and Superfund. Considers related economic theory, ethics and policy issues.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Environment, Natural Resources and American Indian

LAWS 7205 (3) Administrative Law

Covers practices and procedures of administrative agencies and limitations thereon, including the Federal Administrative Procedure Act, and the relationship between courts and agencies.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Government and Public

LAWS 7207 (3) Federal Estate and Gift Tax

Analyzes the federal estate and gift taxation of inter vivos and testamentary transfers, introduces the federal income taxation of estates and trusts, and explores elementary estate planning. Prior or simultaneous enrollments in Income Taxation (LAWS 6007) and Wills and Trusts (LAWS 6104) are helpful, but not required. Students may receive credit for this course and either Estate Planning (LAWS 7217) or Estate and Gift Tax Planning (LAWS 6217).

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Taxation

LAWS 7209 (4) Natural Resources and Environmental Law Clinic

Offers hands-on experience in the practice of natural resources law in the Rocky Mountain region to a select number of clinic students. The clinic's docket of active cases focuses on public land law and the environmental statutes protecting those lands and their resources. Students participate in projects that test the full range of lawyering skills, including traditional litigation, administrative advocacy, legislative drafting, and the conduct of complex negotiations and settlements.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Practice: Clinical and Simulation

LAWS 7211 (3) Business Planning

Focuses on the development and use of concepts derived from a number of legal areas in the context of business planning and counseling.

Topics such as formation of business entities, sale of a business, recapitalization, division, reorganization and dissolution are considered.

Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of LAWS 6007 (minimum grade D-).

Recommended: Prerequisite or corequisite LAWS 6201 or LAWS 6211.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 7217 (2) Estate Planning

Deals with the practical application of estate planning principles to various client situations, including certain federal wealth transfer taxation issues. Students may not receive credit for both Estate Planning (LAWS 7217) and Estate and Gift Tax Planning (LAWS 6217).

Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of LAWS 7207 (minimum grade D-).

Recommended: Prerequisites LAWS 6007 and LAWS 6104.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Taxation

LAWS 7222 (2-3) Environmental Decision-Making

Explores the foundational issues that underlie agency decision-making, including environmental ethics, cost-benefit analysis, risk assessment, constitutional law and administrative law. Compares and contrasts National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act and the Endangered Species Act.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ENVS 6222

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Environment, Natural Resources and American Indian

LAWS 7232 (3) Global Energy Justice

Establishes why nearly a third of the world populated by the energy oppressed poor, presents a major national and international "legislative" or socio political problem calling for answers from governments and civil societies in the developed and developing world. Explains and elucidates the concept of energy justice, its jurisprudential heritage and its meaning and relevance in contemporary society. Case studies present problem solving frameworks spanning the political, social, behavioral, engineering, natural sciences and law.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Environment, Natural Resources and American Indian

LAWS 7241 (3) Telecommunications Law and Policy

Examines laws governing telecommunications industries, including federal and state regulation and international aspects. Includes telephone, cable, satellite, cellular and other wireless systems and the Internet.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: CYBR 5410

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Intellectual Property/Technology/Telecommunication

LAWS 7242 (3) Environmental Justice and Law

Examines issues of unequal environmental protection across various contexts, including air and water pollution, siting of toxic and hazardous waste, noxious land uses, and access to environmental goods such as public lands. The course will explore the role that U.S. law has played in constructing the unequal distribution of environmental harms and benefits. It will then examine efforts within the U.S. to use law and other tactics to redress environmental injustice.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 7251 (3) Non-Profit Law

Examines the legal and policy issues raised by non-profits. Topics may include the formation of a non-profit, qualification for federal tax exemption, the rise and role of private foundations, fiduciary duty issues, restrictions on political activity and private benefit, and the unrelated business income tax. Also focuses on broader social questions raised by giving, charities, and philanthropy.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 7255 (3) Local Government

Studies state legislative and judicial control of the activities, powers and duties of local governmental units, including home-rule cities and counties, and some problems of federal, state, and local constitutional and statutory limitations on governmental powers when exercised by local governmental units (e.g., the powers to regulate private activities, tax, spend, borrow money and condemn private property for public uses).

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Government and Public

LAWS 7271 (3) Venture Capital and Private Equity

Provides overview of the legal and financial principles to represent privately held companies, their founders and managers and their investors. Emphasizes transaction structuring rather than judicial opinions. Includes the organization and financing of start-ups, structuring buyout transactions, exit strategies, legal organization of investment funds and other financial intermediaries. Discusses the relevant regulatory landscape, including securities law, bankruptcy, ERISA and tax law.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 7285 (2-3) Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project

Teaches students how to educate high school students in the local Denver Metro area high schools about the constitution, public speaking, and logical reasoning. Interested students must apply and requires a commitment teaching once per week in a local high school. Encourages individual development as teachers, writers, and critical thinkers and provides an opportunity to grow as colleagues and teammates.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Government and Public

LAWS 7301 (2-3) Copyright

Examines state and federal laws relating to the protection of works of authorship ranging from traditional works to computer programs. Studies the 1976 Copyright Act as well as relevant earlier acts. Gives attention to state laws, such as interference with contractual relations, the right of publicity, moral right, protection of ideas and misappropriation of trade values, that supplement federal copyright.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Intellectual Property/Technology/Telecommunication

LAWS 7302 (2) Advanced Oil and Gas

Covers the history of oil and gas conservation and its regulation, proration and allowable regulation, compulsory pooling and unitization, permitting and environment regulation, and the interplay between federal, state and local regulation.

Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of LAWS 7102 (minimum grade D-).

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Environment, Natural Resources and American Indian

LAWS 7303 (3) Complex Civil Litigation

Covers civil procedure in modern complex multiparty suits, including class actions in such settings as employment discrimination and mass torts, and problems in discovery, joinder, res judicata, collateral estoppel and judicial management in such suits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Litigation and Procedure

LAWS 7309 (2-4) American Indian Law Clinic

Offers a clinical education course involving participation in the representation and advocacy of Indian causes – land or water claims, Indian religious freedom, job or other discrimination based on race and issues implicating tribal sovereignty.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Practice: Clinical and Simulation

LAWS 7310 (3) International Dispute Settlement

Examines various mechanisms for the settlement of international disputes. Includes negotiation, inquiry, mediation, conciliation, arbitration, and adjudication. Focuses on intergovernmental dispute resolution.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: International

LAWS 7311 (2-3) Patent Law

Covers selected topics, such as patentable subject matter, patentability and utilization of patent rights through licensing and infringement litigation. Covers practice and procedure of the patent and trademark office.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Intellectual Property/Technology/Telecommunication

LAWS 7312 (2) Advanced Water Law

Builds on the study of basic water law principles for those interested in practicing in this field. Explores in more detail the highly developed legal and administrative system of water law in Colorado and other states, including the use of special courts to adjudicate the existence of water rights and approve changes of use.

Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of LAWS 6302 (minimum grade D-).

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Environment, Natural Resources and American Indian

LAWS 7315 (3) Criminal Justice Policy and Practice

Focuses on policy and practice issues rather than case law. Examines how American criminal justice is (and has been) dispensed in the vast majority of cases that never reach trial. Devotes attention to systemic issues rather than case-specific problems. Studies policy behavior, prosecutorial charging and bargaining discretion, the provision of defense services, bail and preventive detention, plea negotiation, and sentencing— aspects of the criminal process that affect huge volumes of cases and require thought in global terms.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Criminal

LAWS 7318 (3) Economics of the American Legal System

Explores the economics of the American legal system. Topics include the cost of producing lawyers, the market for legal services, the practical challenges of running small and large law firms and the government's role in making legal services available.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 7321 (1-2) Patent Drafting and Prosecution

Covers transactions, and often high-tech deals involving intellectual property rights. Studies IP ownership; assignment or rights; commercialization transactions (licensing, distribution, strategic); antitrust; emerging issues. Gives students essential tools to draft and analyze technology contracts.

Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of LAWS 6301 or 7301 (minimum grade D-).

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Intellectual Property/Technology/Telecommunication

LAWS 7323 (2-3) Patent Litigation

Focuses on unique aspects of patent litigation: substantive patent law, civil procedure, federal jurisdiction and litigation strategy; includes claim construction, infringement, anticipation and obviousness defenses, unenforceability challenges, declaratory judgments, injunctions, damages, settlements, licenses and trial strategy. Of interest and useful to those interested in intellectual property generally, not just patents or in litigation.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Intellectual Property/Technology/Telecommunication

LAWS 7325 (3) Election Law

Examines the rapidly evolving field of election law: the right to vote, voting procedures, redistricting, candidate selection, campaign finance laws and direct democracy. Emphasizes federal law, including applicable constitutional jurisprudence.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Government and Public

LAWS 7331 (2) Sports Law

Covers the application of rules from agency, antitrust, contracts, constitutional law (including sex discrimination), labor law, property, torts, unincorporated associations and other subjects to those persons involved in the production and delivery of athletic competition to consumers. Explores the development of the application of these rules to a sports setting and related economic issues.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 7333 (2) Advanced Evidence: Forensic Science and the Criminal Courts

Explores the admissibility of forensic science opinion and expert testimony, its use as evidence at a trial, and the challenges that such evidence may pose for the courts and the entire criminal justice system in the future.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Litigation and Procedure

LAWS 7341 (3) Trademark and Unfair Competition Law

Examines trademark protection, the interaction of trademark and unfair competition law with other intellectual property doctrines, the requirements for acquiring and retaining federal trademark rights, false advertising and other misrepresentations, the right of publicity and related claims, remedies for infringement, and international aspects of trademark protection.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Intellectual Property/Technology/Telecommunication

LAWS 7343 (2) Technical & Engineering Knowledge in Litigation

Teaches law students and engineering students to work with each other in varied legal disputes implicating technical matters (accidents, trade secrets, pollution, etc.), covering expert witness law and practice, use of empirical methods in litigation, and more broadly the roles of lawyers and of engineers in such disputes. Experiential learning-based assignments may include initial investigations, witness testimony, and legal writings that include engineers' expert witness reports and lawyers' complaints and motions.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 7350 (2-3) Analytical Strategies

Develops analytical, writing and problem-solving skills necessary to pass the bar exam and succeed in practice. Designed for third-year law students in their final semester. Students will improve their techniques for analyzing, organizing and writing responses to essay and performance test questions through frequent written exercises and individual feedback on those exercises.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 7361 (2) Cybersecurity

Introduces students to the laws that regulate the basic technologies of the Internet and the management of information in the digital age. It examines the most significant statutes, regulations, and common law principles that comprise this emerging legal framework, including the Federal Wiretap Act, the HIPAA Privacy Rule, and the Digital Millennium Copyright Act.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Intellectual Property/Technology/Telecommunication

LAWS 7365 (2) Comp Constitutional Law

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 7381 (3) Intellectual Property Counseling and Licensing

Introduces strategic development and procurement of IP, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets. Evaluates the latest cases and legal trends from a practical and strategic perspective. Focuses on widely accepted best practices and critical thinking in these areas.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Intellectual Property, Technology Telecomm

LAWS 7401 (3) Securities Regulation

Stresses statutory interpretation of the various federal statutes regulating the issue of corporate securities and the cases and regulations that have arisen out of those statutes.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 7402 (2) The Law of Toxic and Hazardous Wastes

Examines the EPA's federal hazardous waste statutes, including the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (RCRA), and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA). Analyzes the RCRA "Cradle-to-grave" hazardous waste program and addresses the evolving CERCLA liability scheme and cleanup process.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Environment, Natural Resources and American Indian

LAWS 7405 (2-3) Health Law 2: Medical Malpractice and Quality Regulation

Explores (1) the law controlling ethical issues that arise during the delivery of medical care, (2) the substantive law of medical malpractice and tort reform aimed at reducing the frequency and severity of medical malpractice verdicts, and (3) the practical aspects of litigating a medical malpractice case. Cross-listed at the Health Sciences Center; will include field trips there.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Family, Gender, and Health

LAWS 7406 (1) International Moot Court Competition

Open only to students who actively participate in the seminar preparing for the competition, in the preparation of memorials for the competition, and in the practice of oral arguments or regional oral arguments.

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Practice: Clinical and Simulation

LAWS 7407 (1-3) Tax Policy

Explores current issues in tax policy. Topics may include the tax legislative process, consumption taxes, taxes and distributive justice, the tax exemption for nonprofits, carbon taxes, corporate taxes and integration, and taxes and entrepreneurship. There are no required prerequisites, but Federal Income Tax will be helpful.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Taxation

LAWS 7409 (3) Legal Negotiation

Explores the fundamentals of effective negotiation techniques and policies for lawyers. Students engage in mock negotiations of several legal disputes.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Practice: Clinical and Simulation

LAWS 7411 (2-3) Mergers, Acquisitions and Reorganizations

Studies the planning of corporate mergers, acquisitions and reorganizations, examining the application and integration of state corporate law, federal securities law, accounting principles, tax law, labor law, products liability law, environmental law, ERISA and antitrust law.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: BADM 6900

Requisites: Requires prerequisite LAWS 6211 (minimum grade D-).

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 7415 (2) Bioethics and Law

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 7418 (2) Legal Imagination

Advanced course in reading and writing for law students. Varied literary and other works are read. May be of interest to the student interested in the question: Does my choice to become a lawyer mean the sacrifice of my ambitions to be a serious writer (or person)?

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 7421 (2-3) Business and Human Rights

Examine the role of international human rights law in regulating or influencing businesses enterprises, along with relevant policy considerations.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 7425 (2-3) Health Law and Policy

Acquaints students with the issues arising at the interface between law and medicine through analysis of cases and other materials. Critically analyzes methods used by courts and legislatures to address medical/legal problems in an effort to determine whether the legal resolution was reasonable and appropriate in light of medical, social and political considerations. Offered in alternate years.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Family, Gender, and Health

LAWS 7426 (2) Health Care Compliance

Introduces students to a number of primary laws and regulations that give rise to the vast majority of serious fraud and abuse cases. The primary statutes and regulations implementing them will then be viewed from the context of common problems in the health care industry such as: up-coding, unbundling, worthless services/quality of care, medically unnecessary care, over-utilization, joint ventures with referral physicians, off-label marketing.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Family, Gender, and Health

LAWS 7433 (3) Remedies

Examines the types of relief available to vindicate various rights. Covers damages, specific performance, injunctions, and restitution. Emphasizes the planning aspect of enforcement, in view of the limitations and problems of proof associated with specific remedies.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 7439 (2-3) Mediation

Explores mediation, one of the more important methods of alternative dispute resolution and the legal issues that may arise related to mediation. Considers what kinds of persons and disputes are most appropriate for mediation. Includes role playing.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Practice: Clinical and Simulation

LAWS 7440 (3) International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

Surveys international human rights both in law and in philosophy, both current and historical.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: International

LAWS 7445 (2) Insurance Law

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 7449 (2-4) Juvenile and Family Law Clinic

Examines the world of child welfare from the view of the child client, by representing their best interests in abuse and neglect cases. As Guardians ad litem, students will represent children in abuse and neglect cases from the beginning, at the temporary shelter hearing, through the conclusion of the case at a permanency orders hearing.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 8.00 total credit hours.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Practice: Clinical and Simulation

LAWS 7450 (2) Regional Human Rights Protection for JD Students

Examines how human rights law and policy is created, interpreted and enforced within regional systems. Explores the main sources of human rights law including treaties, international customary law, constitutional law, municipal law, comparative law and principles; the jurisprudence of regional courts and tribunals, the institutions that support human rights advocacy and the cultural perspectives of affected communities and peoples.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 8.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 7451 (3) Law and Finance for Entrepreneurs

Studies unique legal problems faced by entrepreneurs, including formation issues (choice of entity, rights of the founders, initial investors), operation issues (governance, key employees, intellectual property, financing), IPOs and buy-outs.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: BADM 6910

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 7461 (1) Dispute Resolution in the Digital Age

Explores the need for expanded and equalized access to remedies in consumer cases, and how the internet opens doors to online dispute resolution ("ODR") systems that utilize cost-effective negotiation, mediation, and arbitration processes for resolving complaints. This course will look at the various systems currently used by major companies, as well as the rules and treaty developments in global markets.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 7465 (2) Public Health Law and Ethics

Explores the legal and ethical dimension of public health. Focuses on topics that generate legal and ethical controversies, including governmental duties to protect citizens, nature and the extent of the government's ability to regulate conduct and responses to epidemics.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Family, Gender, and Health

LAWS 7471 (3) Securities Litigation and Enforcement

Covers the provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related federal statutes, concentrating on the arbitration of private securities claims; SEC enforcement actions; international securities regulation; securities manipulation and fraud; self-regulatory organizations; and regulation of attorneys and accountants practicing before the SEC.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 7475 (2) Advanced Torts

Studies selected tort actions and theories. Topics covered may include "Dignitary torts" (e.g., defamation, privacy, etc.), business torts, and product liability. Offered in alternate years.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Government and Public

LAWS 7505 (2) Sexuality and the Law

Examines the regulation of sexuality in local, state, and federal law, with particular emphasis on sexual orientation. Explores how sexuality shapes, and is shaped by, an array of laws and policies, which may include family law, military regulations, tax law, employment law, trusts and estates, obscenity law, and criminal law.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Family, Gender, and Health

LAWS 7507 (2-3) State and Local Taxation

Examines the operation of the income, property and sales tax used to finance our state and local governments. Includes requirements of equal protection and due process. Covers jurisdiction to tax allocation of the tax base among different state and local governments.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ACCT 6760

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 7509 (1) Mock Trial Competition

Student teams further develop trial and advocacy skills in a competitive mock-trial format involving two or more rounds of trials. Requires preparation of trial briefs and drafting other court pleadings and documents. Credit is limited to the top two teams (six students). Student finalists may continue involvement in regional and national competitions.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 4.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Practice: Clinical and Simulation

LAWS 7512 (2) Advanced Environmental Law: Air Pollution

Provides an examination of efforts to regulate air pollution in the United States under the Clean Air Act. Covers key provisions, basic approach of cooperative federalism, role of science and risk assessment establishing health-based standards, implications of instrument choice and regulatory design on innovation and economic growth, development of 'first generation' climate policies, and new approaches to compliance and enforcement.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Environment, Natural Resources and American Indian

LAWS 7513 (3) Domestic Violence

Explores the law, policy, history and theory of domestic violence. Examines the limits of legal methods and remedies for holding batterers accountable and keeping victims safe; the dynamics of abusive relationships; the history of the criminal justice system's response to domestic violence; the defenses available to battered persons who kill their abusers; the legal paradigm of the sympathetic victim; psychological and feminist theories about abusive relationships; civil rights and tort liability for batterers and third parties; and the intersection of domestic violence with international human rights.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Family, Gender, and Health

LAWS 7515 (3) Poverty Law

Explores the legal and policy responses to poverty in the United States and addresses how the law shapes the lives of poor people and communities. Examines the extent of poverty in the United States, the root causes and the historical development of social welfare policy. Focuses on the rights-based aspect of poverty law and various policies that attempt to ameliorate poverty.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Government and Public

LAWS 7520 (3) Food Law and Practice

Surveys the basic regulatory landscape of food law with insight into critical legal issues facing industry and consumers. Covers federal, state and municipal regulation, litigation, government incentives, international standards and soft-law. Combines doctrinal approaches with simulation and problem solving to introduce systems-level thinking. No prerequisites or prior knowledge if required, though interest in food law and corporate law are helpful.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 7529 (1) Appellate Advocacy Competition

Gives students the opportunity to participate in an intermural appellate advocacy competition, in which a brief must be filed and reviewed, critiqued, and deemed credit-worthy by a member of the faculty. (Law School Rule 3-2-9 (b) should be consulted prior to enrollment.)

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

LAWS 7531 (3) Wage Law and Litigation

Teaches federal and state wage statutes, common-law claims for unpaid wages (e.g., fraud, contract/quasi-contract, etc.), and complex statutes outside employment law (racketeering, antitrust, etc.) that creative wage litigators sometimes use. Coverage of the limits of wage law scope may include non-employee contractors (both traditional and gig economy workers), undocumented workers, students, volunteers, and/or prisoners. Teaches litigation practice and strategy, including class/collective action practice, plus experiential learning assignments that may include deposition-taking/client-interviewing, claim-strategizing, damages-calculating, and/or motion-writing.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 7535 (2) Poverty, Health and Law 1

Introduces students to the substantive areas of health and poverty law. Topics include health disparities and the role of law, cultural competence, standards of care for vulnerable populations, relationships between income, employment, housing, education, health, violence, and immigrants. Students will also help with intake of clinic patients and support client representation by the attorney of record.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 7541 (2-3) Employment Discrimination

Examines statutory and constitutional prohibitions of discrimination in employment on the basis of race, gender, age, religion, national origin and disability.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 7545 (2) Poverty, Health and Law Practicum

A service learning course in which students draw from the substantive materials studied in LAWS 7535 to develop competency in case planning, problem solving, cooperative decision making, and client counseling. Students will staff cases under the supervision of a CO Legal Services (CLS) staff attorney or a pro bono attorney working on behalf of CLS.

Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of LAWS 7535 (minimum grade D-).

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Family, Gender, and Health

LAWS 7551 (2) Trade Secrets

Examines law of trade secrets and how companies and entrepreneurs use this field to protect intellectual property in conjunction with other forms of legal protection (e.g., patent, copyright and trademark).

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 7555 (4) Poverty, Health, and Law Practicum

Introduces students to the substantive areas of health and poverty law. Topics include health disparities and the role of law, cultural competence, standards of care for vulnerable populations, relationships between income, employment, housing, education, and health. Students will also staff cases under the supervision of a Colorado Legal Services (CLS) staff attorney or a pro bono attorney working on behalf of CLS, and will develop competency in case planning, problem solving, cooperative decision making, and client counseling.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Family, Gender, and Health

LAWS 7565 (3) Corporate Transactions in Health Law

Introduces key corporate and regulatory issues impacting the delivery of health care. Focus will be transactional, with students gaining an understanding of basic corporate law and regulatory principles, and then learning to integrate core federal and state laws into choice and use of corporate structures and operational strategies.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Family, Gender, and Health

LAWS 7601 (2-3) Business Transactions

Provides a practical understanding of how to apply the law in both transactional and litigation settings. Gives an interdisciplinary look at how various areas of the law are brought together in common factual settings. Teaches students to negotiate, document and close the acquisition of a business covering the areas of practice of corporate, contracts, real property, secured transactions and bankruptcy law. Tests, in a litigation setting, the decisions made during the acquisition stage.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 7605 (2-3) Refugee and Asylum Law

Focuses on protections offered under international and domestic law for persons who are threatened by persecution or other adverse conditions in their country of origin. Covers who is a refugee and the protections they have or do not have under United States and international law.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: International

LAWS 7609 (1-2) Law Practice Management

Studies the establishment of a solo or small-firm legal practice. Topics include the business structure (PC, LLC, etc.), office systems, marketing and development, staffing, liability insurance, managing time, technology and billing. (This practice course counts toward the 14 credit hour maximum of practice hours.) Course supported by the Section of Law Practice Management of the ABA in memory of Harold A. Feder, CU Law '59.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Practice: Clinical and Simulation

LAWS 7611 (2-3) International Business Transactions

Examines the sources of international business law, the relationship between such law and the U.S. legal system, the choice of law in international business disputes, the special issues that arise when doing business with foreign governments, the law governing international sales and the shipment of goods and international intellectual property protection. Offered in alternate years.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: International

LAWS 7615 (4) Immigration Law and Immigrants' Rights

Addresses four broad questions: Who is a citizen of the United States? Who else can come to this country? When and why can noncitizens be forced to leave? Who has the authority to answer these questions? These questions prompt us to examine the history of U.S. immigration, the constitutional-statutory-regulatory framework that governs immigration and citizenship law and the federal agencies that administer it. Also addresses contemporary challenges to, and assertions of, immigrants' rights.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: PSCI 7181

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: International

LAWS 7617 (3) International Taxation

Explores the United States income taxation of international activities, principally U.S. persons doing business abroad and foreign persons doing business in the United States. This course focuses on the Internal Revenue Code as well as tax treaties.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ACCT 6780

Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of LAWS 6007 (minimum grade D-).

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Taxation

LAWS 7618 (1) Marijuana Law and Policy

Covers three distinct but interwoven topics: substantive law governing marijuana; policy rationales behind and outcomes produced by different approaches to regulating the drug; and the legal authority to regulate the drug. The objective is to prepare to handle legal issues that arise in practice but also to provide informed counsel on proposed an future reforms to the law.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Electives

LAWS 7619 (3-4) Entrepreneurial Law Clinic

Provides law students with practical experience in transactional law while offering valuable legal services without charge to local startup businesses lacking access to legal resources. Enrollment priority is given to third year law students. The ELC professor may set forth additional requirements to ensure that students are qualified to provide services to ELC clients.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 8.00 total credit hours.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Practice: Clinical and Simulation

LAWS 7621 (4) Business Associations

Covers the law of agency, partnerships, limited liability companies and corporations. It includes principles of agency, formation and operation of business entities, fiduciary duties of the actors in business entities, and the relevant federal and state laws related to those entities.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 7629 (1) Introduction to the In-House Practice of Law

Explores cutting edge questions around the practice of law as an employee of a business. Demonstrates how the combination of law and business can be valuable to businesses and also innovative, challenging and rewarding to legal professionals. Legal services to corporate America is changing dramatically with more entities relying on in-house counsel, compared to private practitioners, to obtain legal advice and counsel.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Practice: Clinical and Simulation

LAWS 7709 (3) Advanced Legal Negotiation

Deepens students' understanding of the economic, psychological, cultural, and critical literatures related to legal negotiation and bargaining, provides students an advanced set of negotiations, experiences and simulations that introduce new dynamics and problems not dealt with in the core course, and deepens students' self-understanding and ability to learn from experience.

Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of LAWS 7409 (minimum grade D-).

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Practice: Clinical and Simulation

LAWS 7710 (2-3) Space Law and Policy

Examines the role of international law in the regulation of outer space activities. Topics include current and potential future uses of outer space, law-making process related to space activities, legal regime of outer space and celestial bodies, legal status of spacecraft, liability for damage caused by space activities, settlement of space-related disputes.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 7715 (3) Indigenous Peoples in International Law

Studies developments in the substance and procedure of international human rights law pertaining to indigenous peoples, examining these developments through varying perspectives, doctrinal and political, pragmatic and critical. Students will become familiar with indigenous peoples' involvement in the human rights movement both before and after WWII, and corresponding developments in the United Nations, Organization of American States, and other institutions.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: International

LAWS 7718 (2) The Regulation of Marijuana

Covers three distinct but interwoven topics: substantive law governing marijuana, policy rationales behind and outcomes produced by different approaches to regulating the drug and the legal authority to regulate the drug. Prepares one to handle legal issues that arise in practice, but also to provide informed counsel on proposed and future reforms to law.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Government and Public

LAWS 7725 (3) American Indian Law I

Investigates the federal statutory, decisional and constitutional law that bears upon American Indians, tribal governments and Indian reservation transactions.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Environment, Natural Resources and American Indian

LAWS 7735 (3) American Indian Law II

Investigates the legal history and current legal status of Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians. Addresses other current topics such as tribal water rights, tribal fishing and hunting rights, tribal justice systems, religious freedom, and tribal natural resource and environmental management.

Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of LAWS 7725 (minimum grade D-).

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Environment, Natural Resources and American Indian

LAWS 7751 (3) Arbitration

Discusses the nature of arbitration, enforcement of arbitration agreements and awards, complexities of multi-party arbitrations, fairness and efficiency of the arbitral process and other issues related to arbitration's prevalence in contexts ranging from corporate to consumer and employment disputes.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Practice: Clinical and Simulation

LAWS 7801 (1) Tech Policy Advocacy

Provides an intensive, one-week look at the substance, strategy, tactics, and import of technology policy advocacy. Each year, we will study one particular theme or conflict and examine it in-depth. The point of studying one particular episode is to learn lessons about the practice of technology policy advocacy that apply beyond this one historical moment. This class is meant to combine traditional doctrinal approaches with an experiential focus.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Intellectual Property/Technology/Telecommunication

LAWS 7809 (2-4) Technology Law and Policy Clinic

Features technology law advocacy before administrative, legislative and judicial bodies in the public interest.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: CYBR 5250

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Practice: Clinical and Simulation

LAWS 7846 (1-3) Independent Legal Research

Involves independent study and preparation of a research paper under faculty supervision. Students produce a research paper equivalent to a seminar research paper. A draft is submitted, subjected to critique by the faculty member, and redrafted. Available during or after the fifth semester of law school. Instructor consent required.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 3.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Research and Writing

LAWS 7896 (1) Journal: University of Colorado Law Review

Gives students the opportunity to participate in the research, writing and editing activities involved in publishing the University of Colorado Law Review.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 4.00 total credit hours.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Research and Writing

LAWS 7906 (1-4) Journal: University of Colorado Law Review

Gives students the opportunity to participate in the research, writing, and editing activities involved in publishing the University of Colorado Law Review.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 4.00 total credit hours.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Research and Writing

LAWS 7916 (1) Journal: CO Natural Resources, Energy & Environmental Law Review

Gives students the opportunity to participate in the research, writing and editing activities involved in publishing the Colorado Journal of International Environmental Law and Policy.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 4.00 total credit hours.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Research and Writing

LAWS 7926 (1-4) Journal: CO Natural Resources, Energy & Environmental Law Review

Gives students the opportunity to participate in the research, writing and editing activities involved in publishing the Colorado Natural Resources, Energy, & Environmental Law Review.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 4.00 total credit hours.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Research and Writing

LAWS 7936 (1) Journal: Colorado Technology Law Journal

Gives students the opportunity to participate in the research, writing and editing activities involved in publishing the Journal of Telecommunications and High Technology Law.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 4.00 total credit hours.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Research and Writing

LAWS 7939 (1-10) Extern Program

Extern credit may be earned for uncompensated work for a sponsor, which may be any lawyer, judge, or organization that employs lawyers or judges and is approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. Work is done under the direction of a field instructor (a lawyer or judge as the sponsor) and a member of the law faculty. Requires a substantial writing component and 50 hours of working time per credit hour.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 10.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Practice: Clinical and Simulation

LAWS 7946 (1-4) Journal: Colorado Technology Law Journal

Gives students the opportunity to participate in the research, writing, and editing activities involved in publishing the Colorado Technology Law Journal.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 4.00 total credit hours.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Research and Writing

LAWS 7949 (2) Remote Externship Course Component

Accompanies remote externship placements and provides and opportunity for structured and interactive reflection on the educational experience afforded by the externship placement.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Practice: Clinical and Simulation

LAWS 8002 (1-3) Sem: Special Topics in Law

Explores special topics in law. Students will be given the opportunity for in-depth discussion and study on law-related topics. Law topics will vary.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 8003 (2) Seminar: Lawyers and Leadership

Analyzes challenges and responsibilities of serving in leadership roles, with particular emphasis on utilizing law as a vehicle to change organizations and societies. Topics include characteristics, models, styles, and theories of leadership, charisma, civil and human rights, conflict management, decision-making, diversity, ethical responsibilities, forms of influence and persuasion, innovation, mindfulness, organizational dynamics, positive organizational scholarship, and scandal. Materials will include cutting-edge research, case histories, exercises, problems, simulations, and video clips from popular culture and media.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 8015 (1-3) Seminar: Constitutional Theory

Aims at thinking broadly about the challenges, and problems of constitutionalism in the U.S. What are the fundamental tensions that attend the constitutional enterprise; internally, externally? What relations does the Constitution have to democracy and liberalism? Readings will be taken from legal theory, social theory, philosophy and occasionally judicial opinions. Emphases will differ slightly each year as announced.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 3.00 total credit hours.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Government and Public

LAWS 8021 (2-3) Seminar: Consumers and the Law

Expands understanding and analysis of contracts beyond the basic concepts learned in the first-year contracts course. Explores norms, goals and functions of consumer law and also observes the law "in action" through a class blog and outreach with the Boulder County Department of Housing and Human Services ("BCDHHS"), who assists people throughout Boulder County with an array of financial, housing and other consumer issues.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 8035 (2) Seminar Speech, Religion, and Equality: Constitutional Values in Tension

Addresses past and continuing debates involving potential tensions between antidiscrimination principles and free speech, free exercise and establishment clause values. Examines constitutional protections under the First Amendment and the equal protection clause, together with an array of existing and proposed federal and state antidiscrimination laws regulating employment, housing, and public accommodations, among other areas.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Government and Public

LAWS 8036 (2-3) Seminar: Special Topics in Intellectual Property

Applies copyright doctrine to the digital music contexts. Topics may include but are not limited to radio, compulsory licensing, performance rights, sampling, user generated content, term extension, termination rights, "open-access" and the public domain, emerging technologies and infringement, social implications of copyright legislation, digital fair use and the first sale doctrine and moral rights for users and artists.

Requisites: Require a prerequisite course of LAWS 6301 or LAWS 7301 (minimum grade D-).

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 8060 (3) Seminar: Poverty and Inequality in Comparative Perspective

Investigates the nature, causes, consequences and major responses to persistent poverty and inequality in the United States and several other countries. Students are expected to write short response papers for each assignment as well as a substantial research paper on a topic selected in discussion with the instructor.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 8075 (2) Seminar: Race, Racism, and American Law

Focuses on issues of race reform law, in particular the group of issues dealing with Black Americans. (Students of all hues and persuasions are welcome.) Offers an interpretive or critical dimension, rather than a litigation-oriented one. Helps students understand how race reform law works and how attitudes and historical forces have shaped that body of law.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 8085 (2) Sem Crit Race Theory

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 8095 (2) Seminar: Problems in Constitutional Law

Explores, in depth, various topics in U.S. constitutional law. Examines history, societal impacts, and challenges raised by those topics. The coverage of the seminar varies from year to year, depending on the instructor's interests and expertise.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Government and Public

LAWS 8101 (3) Seminar: Business Law Colloquium

Business law scholars from CU and around the country present research papers at this weekly colloquium. Topics may include contracts, corporate law, securities regulation, tax, intellectual property, venture capital and private equity and the legal profession. No prior knowledge of law and economics is expected, although some knowledge of business organizations will be useful.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 8105 (3) Seminar: Comparative Family Law

Examines and critiques law, legal institutions and traditions of the country of focus and the U.S. as they affect children, families and work. Enhances research and writing skills, including field and international research. Contributes to the host country through scholarship and service. Increases cultural competence through active engagement with peers and with social justice issues in another country. Includes required field study component and service learning project over spring break.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Family, Gender, and Health

LAWS 8110 (2) Seminar: Fascism and the Liberal State

Explores fascist legal theory and its critiques of the liberal democratic state. Readings of major conservative, liberal, fascist, Nazi and Marxist theorists including Marx, Gentile, Fuller, Neumann, Schmitt, Agamben, Hayek and Mill. Understand from a variety of perspectives, the structure and character of the liberal democratic state, its strengths and weaknesses as well as its susceptibility of fascism.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 8111 (3) Sem: National Security Law and US Foreign Policy

Explores the legal frameworks influencing the development of national security policy and U.S. foreign policy. Students will be introduced to applicable U.S. Foreign Relations Law, U.S. National Security Law and International Law before considering how such apply and interact in response to current threats to national security.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 8112 (2-3) Seminar: Advanced Natural Resources Law

Provides in-depth study and analysis of current problems in natural resources law, using historical, literary, and scientific materials. Includes field-trip, and requires additional field trip expenses. Department enforced prerequisites or corequisites: any two of the following: LAWS 6002 or LAWS 6112 or LAWS 6302 or LAWS 7725.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

Recommended: Prerequisite LAWS 6112.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Environment, Natural Resources and American Indian

LAWS 8120 (2-3) Special Topics in Constitutional Law

Offers students the opportunity for in-depth discussion and study on an important topic of constitutional law. Topics may vary from year to year.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 8128 (2-3) Seminar: Jurisprudence

Addresses a number of fundamental questions, such as: What is law? What should it be? How is it created? Our readings consist of cutting-edge articles from leading modernist/postmodernist schools of thought including legal formalism, legal realism, interpretive theory, law and economics, feminist jurisprudence, critical legal studies and law and literature.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: LAWS 7128

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Legal Theory, Jurisprudence Social Policy

LAWS 8211 (2) Sem: Comp Constitutional Law: US, UK and Australia

Takes a comparative law approach to the constitutional law of the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia. The seminar's intellectual purpose is to understand all three nations more deeply (especially our own) by seeing what they do similarly, what they do differently, what the advantages and disadvantages of each nation's approach appear to be, and whether any lessons learned in one place could profitably be transferred to another.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 8235 (2) Seminar: Advanced Topics In Family Law

Explores a variety of current issues related to family law: topics will change to reflect emerging issues and will draw from legal and social science scholarship as well as relevant statutes and cases. Possible topics include reproductive technology, children's rights, the role of religion in family law, and political theories of the family.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Family, Gender, and Health

LAWS 8242 (2) Seminar: Funding Climate Action

Explores the menu of legal and policy options that can be used to fund climate change mitigation, as well as adaptation to climate risks already underway. Robust climate action will require investment on an enormous scale and an increasingly tight timeline. How to fund these investments is one of the central questions of climate policy today.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 8251 (2) Seminar: Advanced Corporate Law

Explores current issues in corporate and securities law, including developments in fiduciary duties of officers and directors, corporate governance, executive compensation, revisions to the model business corporation act, and state and federal litigation reform.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 8252 (2-3) Seminar: Policy and Climate Change In The Mont Blanc Region

Explore the Mont Blanc region including the history and culture, along with the political and economic forces that have shaped it. Attention to the environmental and land use issues and climate change impact. Consideration of the opportunities and obstacles for regional political leaders in adapting to changes in the regional climate. Review techniques to monitor and understand baseline conditions and how climate change may be impacting those conditions. Field work on site required.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 8285 (2-3) Seminar: Education and the Constitution

Teaches the substantive constitutional law governing public education. Students will teach constitutional materials to high school students in the local Denver Metro area high schools. Interested students must apply and requires a commitment to a full-year curriculum. Encourages individual development as teachers, writers, and critical thinkers, and provides an opportunity to grow as colleagues and teammates. Requires extra time outside of class.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Recommended: Prerequisite LAWS 7055.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Government and Public

LAWS 8300 (3) Seminar: International Adjudication

Focuses on writing briefs and memoranda of law suitable for practice before tribunals such as the International Courts of Justice. Emphasis will be on students writing, legal analysis, and presentation of oral arguments. Instruction identifies how to research and analyze international materials, such as treaties, covenants, and international customary law.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 8303 (2) Seminar: Advanced Oil and Gas

Covers the history of oil and gas conservation and its regulation, proration and allowable regulation, compulsory pooling and unitization, permitting and environmental regulation, and the interplay between federal, state and local regulation.

Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of LAWS 7102 (minimum grade D-).

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Environment, Natural Resources and American Indian

LAWS 8312 (3) Seminar: The Law of the Colorado River

Addresses the many areas of law and policy that affect management of the Colorado River and the communities that depend on it. The seminar will also include material and presentations from experts in other disciplines, including conservation biology, climate science, anthropology, geology, and hydrology. The centerpiece of the class will be a two-week raft trip through the Grand Canyon.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 8315 (2) Seminar: Advanced Criminal Justice

Studies policy and practice issues rather than case law. Focuses primarily on how American criminal justice is dispensed in cases that do not reach trial, including police behavior, prosecutorial discretion, defense services, bail, plea bargaining, and sentencing.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 8318 (2) Seminar: Law and Economics

Introduces the uses and limitations of microeconomic theory for understanding and resolving legal problems. Emphasizes concepts prominent in the law and economics literature such as cost, transaction costs, utility, and rational self interest.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Jurisprudence and Perspective

LAWS 8320 (2-3) Seminar: Oil and International Relations

Addresses the extent to which the international community of nations is oil dependent. Assesses the impact and the geopolitical dangers to international relations arising from the expanding demand for scarce oil from developing, as well as developed, economies.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: International

LAWS 8321 (2) Seminar: Computers and Law

Explores a range of topics surrounding the juxtaposition of computers and law. Most are aware of the impact that law has on computers through the myriad of regulations that govern computers and related technologies. Less well known is the impact that computer technology is having on governance and on the practice of law. Explores both sides of this dynamic interplay between law impacting computing, and computing impacting law.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Intellectual Property/Technology/Telecommunication

LAWS 8322 (3) Seminar: Environmental Decision Making

Explores the foundational issues that underlie agency decision making, including environmental ethics, cost benefit analysis, risk assessment, constitutional law and administrative law. Compares and contrasts National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act and the Endangered Species Act.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 8341 (3) Seminar: Law and Economics of the Information Age

Examines basic regulatory and legal challenges of our information economy and digital age. Emphasizes the "networked" information industries, the proper role of "unbundling" policies to advance competition and how intellectual property and antitrust rules should be developed.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: CYBR 5260

Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of LAWS 7201 or LAWS 7241 or LAWS 7301 (minimum grade D-).

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 8351 (2) Seminar: Law and Economics of Utility Regulation

Discusses economics of regulation and matters ranging from neoclassical economic analysis to public choice theory to new institutional economics. Discusses several regulatory domains, including antitrust law, telecommunications regulation and energy regulation. Highlights both economic and non-economic goals, including universal service, sustainability (e.g., renewable energy) and architecture (e.g., free speech concerns with regard to telecommunications networks).

Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of LAWS 6301 or 7201 or 7241 (minimum grade D-). Restricted to Law (LAWS) or Telecommunications (TELE) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 8355 (2) Seminar: Sentencing Law and Policy

Studies sentencing law against the backdrop of criminal justice policy and concerns of public policy. Covers theories of punishment, the merits of indeterminate sentencing, sentencing guidelines, and nonincarcerative sanctions. Confronts problems of race, class, and other disparities in criminal sentencing.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 8361 (2) Seminar: Advanced Information Privacy

Explores current issues in information privacy law and cybersecurity law at depth. Topics will change to reflect subjects that emerge each time that the seminar is offered. Some examples include: federal consumer protection law, federal sectoral privacy statutes, state privacy laws, cybersecurity regulation, and European and comparative data privacy law.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Intellectual Property/Technology/Telecommunication

LAWS 8385 (2) Sem Law & Religion

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 8400 (2) Seminar: Special Topics in International Law

Provides in-depth coverage of particular issues in international law and exposes students to intellectual concepts in the field. Students write seminar length papers and develop critical thinking through writing and research.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 8401 (2) Seminar: Securities Litigation and Enforcement

Designed for students interested in studying topics related to securities litigation. Covers civil liability under the Securities Act of 1933, proxy fraud, class actions (with special emphasis on the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act and the Securities Litigation Uniform Standards Act), market manipulation, SEC enforcement actions, enforcement issues involving attorneys and accountants, criminal enforcement, international securities fraud and securities arbitration.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 8407 (2) Seminar: Tax Law, Economics and Policy

Explores current issues in tax policy. Topics may include equity, efficiency, and distributive justice; the role of tax law in furthering structural inequalities and racism; choice of tax base, including consumption taxes; social policy in the Internal Revenue Code; corporate taxation and tax incidence; current issues in international taxation; and the intersection of tax law and technological innovation.

Requisites: Requires prerequisite or corequisite course of LAWS 6007 (minimum grade D-). Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Taxation

LAWS 8412 (2) Seminar: Critical Law and Economics

Explores some of the more successful and enduring critiques of Chicago Law and Economics. Starts with an introduction to economic analysis, including basic analytic tools like rational actor theory, supply and demand, efficiency notions, and cost concepts. Later classes will explore more advanced works in the area.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 8425 (2) Seminar: Advanced Torts

Explores how dignitary interests have influenced the development of and have been incorporated into law, using the common law of torts and the constitutional rights of life and liberty as a general (but not exclusive) focal point of discussion.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 8426 (2) Seminar: The Law of Pandemics

Develops student understanding of the numerous ways in which the law must reckon with, regulate, and regulate around, pandemics. Shows how, while public health law primarily engages with pandemic to stop its spread, secondary legal regimes must also take pandemics into account in order to ensure the operation of law. This includes the laws of contract, tort, property, finance, welfare, and the like. Situates reading and format within ongoing pandemics to the degree appropriate.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 8440 (2) Seminar: International Human Rights

Exposes students to a variety of human rights issues and the responses by international institutions. In the fall, the seminar will meet for several sessions in a colloquium format, featuring guest speakers from around the world. In the spring semester, students will complete a paper that satisfies the law school's seminar writing requirement.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 8455 (2) Seminar: Gender and Criminal Justice

Explores the intersection of gender and criminal justice in such areas as police and prosecutorial discretion, the investigation and prevention of crimes, the definition of offenses and defenses, factors contributing to criminality, criminal sentencing and the experience of punishment, and the societal ramifications of incarcerating children's caregivers.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Family, Gender, and Health

LAWS 8458 (2) Seminar: Law and Literature

Focuses on the question of what literature can teach lawyers through a variety of literary works and films. Covers traditional works by Shakespeare, Tolstoy, Camus, Kafka and Melville, as well as more contemporary works by Toni Morrison and Norman Mailer. Several short reflection papers, a journal and a final paper will be required.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Research and Writing

LAWS 8533 (2) Seminar: Criminal Law in Context: Legal and Social Images of Victims and Perpetrators

Contextualizes criminal law by engaging in an in depth study of the legal and social characterizations of victims and perpetrators in U.S. law, politics and popular culture.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Litigation and Procedure

LAWS 8535 (2) Seminar: Class and Law

Explores issues relating social class to such areas as labor relations, law enforcement, controls on radical movements and the distribution of wealth and power. Considers problems defining social class.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Government and Public

LAWS 8545 (2-3) Seminar: Food Law and Policy

Introduces students to the laws and regulations that govern our food supply. The focus is federal law provided by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, with additional readings, videos and speakers. Topics to be covered include legal definitions for food, rules on food labeling, standards for food safety, biotechnology, international trade, organic and environmental regulation, hunger, farmer's markets and obesity.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Family, Gender, and Health

LAWS 8548 (1-2) Seminar: Theory of Punishment

Explores the various justifications that philosophers have developed to explain why we have the right to punish. Examines the historical evolution of our punishment system and focuses on the death penalty as a critical contemporary issue in the debate about the proper role of punishment in our society.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Jurisprudence and Perspective

LAWS 8565 (1-3) Seminar: Citizenship and Equality

The concept of citizenship connects immigration with studies of race, international human rights, gender, criminality and many others. It has been receiving growing attention in many scholarly disciplines. Examines the notion of citizenship in recent scholarship spanning law, political science, sociology and history.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Family, Gender, and Health

LAWS 8605 (3) Seminar: Regulation and Innovation

Explores two related questions: first, what role does regulation play in encouraging (or inhibiting) innovation? Second, what kinds of innovation approaches to regulation itself are being employed or might be employed and how might these strategies improve the environment for private innovation?

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Electives

LAWS 8608 (2) Seminar: Power, Ethics, and Professionalism

Examines critically the possibility and character of ethical reasoning within the legal profession in light of its institutional structures.

Explores descriptive/normative accounts of the profession's structure, "Professionalism," and individual conscience. Put simply, the seminar explores whether it is possible to be a good lawyer and ethical person.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Jurisprudence and Perspective

LAWS 8611 (2) Seminar: US National Security and Foreign Relations in a Time of Change

Explores the legal frameworks influencing the development of national security policy and US foreign policy. Students will be introduced to applicable US Foreign Relations Law, US National Security Law and International Law and will engage in analysis about current policy approaches to emergent national security threats.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: International

LAWS 8613 (2) Seminar: Civil Liberties Litigation

Studies issues unique to the prosecution and defense of civil liberties lawsuits. Discusses litigation strategies with reference to lawsuits currently pending in the federal courts.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Government and Public Law

LAWS 8645 (3) Seminar: Law and Politics Colloquium: Race in America

A co-taught colloquium that exposes students to highly prominent scholars conducting research on current topics at the intersection of race, social science and the law, including racial profiling, hate crime and affirmative action. Students will complete a final paper satisfying the CU Law seminar requirement.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: PSCI 7191

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Government and Public

LAWS 8650 (3) Seminar: Conflict of Laws

This seminar addresses the conflicts that arise when the significant facts of a case are connected with more than one jurisdiction, whether that jurisdiction belongs to a state, the federal government, or a foreign government. The subject is studied in its theoretical and historical context, with special emphasis on the international aspects of extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 8665 (2) Seminar: Sexuality, Gender Identity, and Law

Examines the regulation of sexuality and gender identity in local, state, and federal law. Explores how sexuality and gender identity shape, and are shaped by, an array of laws and policies, which may include family law, military regulations, tax law, employment law, trusts and estates, obscenity law, and criminal law.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 8701 (2) Seminar: Counseling Families in Business

Explores the legal aspects of owning, managing and participating in a successful family business system, including corporate structure, legal issues, succession planning and estate management, internal capital markets in private enterprise, ownership issues in private businesses, how lawyers can assist with family governance, planning for and managing family philanthropy, gender issues in family business and conflict resolution.

Recommended: Prerequisites LAWS 6104 and LAWS 6157 and LAWS 6211 and/or LAWS 7409.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Business

LAWS 8722 (2-3) Seminar: Advanced Energy Law

Provides an opportunity for students to further develop their knowledge of the field and to engage in a substantial writing project. Examples of possible topics include hydraulic fracturing, regulation of air emissions from power plants, the smart grid, transmission siting and development, the ratemaking process, design and regulation of electricity markets, energy finance or comparative study of energy regulation.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Environment, Natural Resources and American Indian

LAWS 8725 (2) Seminar: Advanced Topics in American Indian Law

Examines a variety of current issues related to American Indian Law. Topics will change to reflect the subjects that emerge at each time that the seminar is offered. Some examples of topics considered include legal protections for American Indian religion and culture, cultural property, Tribal law, gaming law, and Native American natural and cultural resources law. Department enforced corequisite: LAWS 7725.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Environment, Natural Resources and American Indian

LAWS 8728 (2) Seminar: Critical Theory Colloquium

Surveys critical legal theory; introduces the discipline of analytical engagement with law review literature; feminist legal theory, and critical race theory. Offers a deeper understanding of the purposes behind legal reforms, the interaction between law on the books and law in action, how different groups experience the law in different ways and difficult yet rewarding nature of working through seemingly intractable and emotionally charged race, sex and class issues.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Jurisprudence and Perspective

LAWS 8765 (2) Seminar: Gender, Law, and Public Policy

Introduces students to various schools of feminist theory and examines the relationship between feminist theories and concrete problems in such areas as constitutional law, education law, employment discrimination, family law and criminal law.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Family, Gender, and Health

LAWS 8785 (2-3) Seminar: Access to Justice

Explores the scholarship that has developed around the provision of legal services - or the lack of legal services - for those who cannot afford market prices for attorneys. The seminar will also examine recent efforts to provide empirical support for the range of political claims that are made about access to the legal system.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Electives

LAWS 8795 (2) Seminar: Topics in Law and Feminism

Explores a variety of current issues related to feminism and the law: topics will change to reflect emerging issues and will draw from legal and social science scholarship as well as relevant statutes and cases. Possible topics include reproductive justice, sex discrimination in education and employment, gender and human rights, international and comparative feminism, legal regulation of sex, and feminist legal theory.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 8808 (2) Seminar: Rhetoric and the Art of Persuasion

Explores recent work in rhetoric to identify the principles and techniques of effective persuasion in law. Examines the ways in which cognition, language, imagery, metaphor, narrative, and scene setting shape the ways in which lawyers and judges strive to persuade each other.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Litigation and Procedure

LAWS 9003 (3) Ethical Organizations and Professionals

Provides students, particularly those in the Master of Studies in Law (MSL) in Ethics and Compliance program, the opportunity to examine what drives ethical behavior within organizations and the role that ethics and compliance professionals play in promoting ethical behavior. Investigates ethical challenges and decision making, methods to assess ethical organizational culture and qualities of ethical leadership.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 9005 (3) Introduction to U.S. Law for MSL Students

Provides an overview of the US legal system and will help MSL students begin to 'think like lawyers'. Students will be provided with the necessary vocabulary and skills to use legal resources and legal reasoning in academic and professional environments, including reading and analyzing cases, statutes and regulations, doing legal research, and applying existing law to the issue at hand to predict answers to legal questions.

Requisites: Restricted to Master of Studies in Law (LAWS-MSL) students only.

Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Electives

LAWS 9025 (2-3) Introduction to U.S. Law For LLM Students

Reviews the fundamentals of the U.S. legal system, including an overview of the U.S. Constitution, federalism, the structure and function of courts, sources of legal authority, and common-law methodology.

Requisites: Restricted to students in the LLM program.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 9221 (2) Advanced Applied Compliance

Enables students to discover what it takes to transform a company's compliance program beyond a "paper program." The class will explore the elements of a strong, effective and mature Compliance program. Taught by an experienced compliance professional with the support of several expert guests, the class will investigate how the best Compliance programs augment compliance policies with processes, controls and continuous monitoring.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 9222 (1-2) Topics in Compliance

Learn how to assess allegations of wrongdoing and recognize situations in which internal investigations are appropriate. Students will learn how to develop an investigation plan and will be introduced to the primary steps in an investigation including the following: initiating an investigation, locating and gathering evidence, conducting interviews, analyzing evidence, articulating conclusions and drafting investigative reports.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

Requisites: Restricted to Master of Studies in Law (MSL) or Law-JD students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 9223 (1-2) Investigations

Learn how to assess allegations of employee wrongdoing and recognize situations in which internal investigations are appropriate. They will learn how to develop an investigation plan and will be introduced to the primary steps in an investigation including the following: initiating an investigation, locating and gathering evidence, conducting interviews, analyzing evidence, articulating conclusions and drafting investigative reports.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 9226 (1-3) Communications for Compliance Professionals

Develops the tools students will need to thrive in the law school's MSL program. Deepens students' understanding of the United States legal system and develops their ability to communicate effectively and appropriately in writing and orally to their intended audience, and research, organize and explain their ideas clearly, using appropriate writing conventions.

Requisites: Restricted to Master of Studies in Law (LAWS-MSL) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Research and Writing

LAWS 9246 (2-3) Intro to U.S. Legal Practice: Legal Writing, Research and Analysis

Assist LL.M. students develop their legal writing skills as well as teach practical skills needed in the U.S. legal environment including locating cases, statutes and other legal source materials, citing legal authority correctly, and checking the validity of case citations.

Requisites: Restricted to students in the LLM program.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

LAWS 9846 (1-2) LLM Seminar

LLM students study academic legal writing in this 1-credit per semester yearlong course. Topics covered will include: the purpose of academic legal writing; how academic legal writing differs from other forms of legal writing; topic selection; legal research (methods and ethics); first drafts; editing; academic workshops; and publishing. In addition, guest speakers will talk to LLM students about career planning and job seeking. International LLM students will learn about the American legal system.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Research and Writing

LAWS 9856 (1-4) LL.M Thesis

Provides eligible LL.M students the option to enroll in this two-credit LLM Thesis course. The course requires a significant work of original research on a topic chosen in consultation with a faculty supervisor and other law school faculty with set assignments for topic selection, drafts, and a workshop. In exceptional circumstances and only after pre-approval, an LLM student may enroll for a third or fourth credit.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 4.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

Requisites: Restricted to Law (LAWS) students only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Research and Writing