American Law

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** Doctoral Faculty Member - membership is required to chair doctoral examination or dissertation committees. Graduate faculty membership is a prerequisite for Doctoral faculty membership.

Undergraduate

While MU does not offer undergraduate degrees specifically in American Law. The University does offer baccalaureate opportunities in a number of related areas in the other Schools and Colleges that make up the University. The catalog provides a complete list of these degree options.

Graduate

• LLM in American Law (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/interdisciplinaryacademicprograms/americanlaw/llm-american-law)

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Create new opportunities for both LL.M. and J.D. students.

LAW 5010: Civil Procedure I
Fundamental and recurrent problems in civil actions in federal and state courts; remedies; pleading; discovery; trials; jurisdiction; appeals; joinder; preclusion.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5015: Civil Procedure II
Continuation of LAW 5010.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5020: Contracts I
Contract formation, insufficient and defective agreement, bases of promissory liability (including consideration and promissory estoppel), restitution, and abuse of bargaining process; Statutes of frauds, parol evidence rule and principles of interpretation, contract performance and risk allocation, remedies for breach.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5025: Contracts II
A continuation of Law 5020
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5035: Criminal Law
The purposes of criminal law; nature of criminal responsibility; characteristics of particular crimes.
Credit Hour: 1-4

LAW 5040: Property I
Classification of property; personal property; possession, bailment, lien, gift, bona fide purchase; land conveyancing at common law under statute of uses; freehold estate in land; concurrent estate in land; and introduction to future interests.
Credit Hours: 3

LAW 5045: Property II
Landlord and tenant; easements, profits, and licenses; support; introduction to water rights, nuisance, covenants running with the land, equitable servitudes, zoning, and modern conveyances.
Credit Hours: 3

LAW 5050: Property
Classification of real and personal property; rights to found goods; bailments; possession and adverse possession; estates in land and future interests; concurrent ownership; Landlord and tenant; easements, profits and licenses; conveyances running with land and equitable servitudes; contracts for the sale of land; conveyancing.
Credit Hour: 1-5

LAW 5070: Torts
Principles and practices governing recovery of damages for injuries to person or property. Topics typically covered are intentional torts, negligence, strict liability, products liability, immunities and a survey of various "no fault" proposals.
Credit Hour: 1-5

LAW 5080: Legal Research and Writing
An introduction to the basics of legal research, legal citation and legal writing. Each student writes two objective office memoranda, and a client letter.
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LAW 5285: Advocacy and Research
An introduction to Computer Assisted Legal Research, written advocacy, oral advocacy, and the Missouri rules of appellate procedure. Each student writes a trial court motion and brief and then argues that motion. Each student also writes an appellate brief and presents an oral argument in the First Year Moot Court Competition directed by the Board of Advocates (BOA).
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5290: Legal Reasoning
A limited enrollment course designed to assist first-year students to better understand the legal system, prepare for examinations and improve their legal analysis and reasoning skills. Graded on S/U basis only.
Credit Hour: 1-2

LAW 5295: Lawyering: Problem Solving and Dispute Resolution
The course is designed to provide students an introduction to critical lawyering skills; to give students an overview of the alternative processes that a lawyer can employ to resolve a client’s problem; and to offer students an understanding of the lawyer’s role as a problem solver. It includes an introduction to Interviewing, Counseling, Negotiation, Mediation, Arbitration, mixed dispute resolution processes and ways to choose or build dispute resolution process.
Credit Hour: 1-2

LAW 5310: Administrative Law
(same as PUB_AF 8864). Administrative Law is concerned with the process government agencies use to make decisions. As such it develops the requirements for establishing rules and policies. It also covers the means by which agencies enforce regulations and statutory provisions, and the means for securing judicial review of rules and enforcement actions.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5320: Advanced Legal Research
Skills training in advanced research techniques and resources used in law practice. Designed to help students become critical legal information consumers with an emphasis on developing effective, cost-efficient research strategies. Topics include advanced litigation research, legislative and regulatory history, audience research, research in transactional practice areas, and research in other practice areas including legal ethics, public interest law, and international law. In-depth practice with Lexis, Westlaw and free Internet sources, including appropriate and effective use of social networking tools to extend research is also taught.
Credit Hour: 1-2

LAW 5321: Advanced Legal Writing
This course is designed to help students think purposefully about the process of writing and to practice writing and editing in a disciplined way. Students will do exercises involving: rhetorical techniques; grammar; punctuation; and, word usage. Students also will either rewrite or critique portions of appellate briefs or judicial opinions to emphasize a particular technique.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5323: Advanced Torts: Dignitary and Economic Torts
The course will examine dignitary and economic torts covering but not limited to such topics as: defamation, invasion of privacy, tortious interference, misrepresentation and injurious falsehood. Unlike tortious conduct that results in an individual suffering physical harm or contact, the claims that arise from these torts represent one of two kinds of non-physical injury - independent dignitary harms that are similar to or include emotional harms or independent economic or commercial harms. The purpose of the course is to provide students with an opportunity to explore tortious conduct and remedies available that are omitted typically from the First Year Torts course.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5325: Advanced Trial Practice
This course will expand student knowledge of opening statements, direct/cross examination of witnesses, jury instructions, and closing arguments. The course also will focus significantly on the examination/cross examination of expert witnesses. Grading is based on student participation in the examination of witnesses and a semester-ending written trial brief. NOTE: Intersession Trial Practice will not satisfy the prerequisite.
Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: LAW 5260 Evidence and LAW 5925 Trial Practice
LAW 5330: Advocacy, Family Violence and Public Policy
Interdisciplinary presentations examine both the state of family violence in America and the cross disciplinary issues in effective intervention, including legal procedures. The seminar is open to 2nd or 3rd year law students and other professional graduate students with permission of the faculty.
Credit Hour: 1-2

LAW 5337: American Legal History to 1876
This is a review of Legal History. The course covers such topics as the impact of the English common law heritage; the development of law in the American colonies; and slavery, race and gender in 19th century America. The course ends with the conclusion of the Civil War. The course will explore the effects of historical events on the development of law, but the course does not presume prior study of American history.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5338: American Legal History from 1876
Historical study of the development of American law since the Civil War. The course will cover such topics as the Civil War amendments to the Constitution; Reconstruction and its aftermath; legal change during the rise of industrialism; race and gender in late 19th century and 20th century America; law in the Progressive Era; the growth of civil liberties and civil rights in the Supreme Court; the law during war and the Depression; jurisprudential trends; and the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s. The course will explore the effects of historical events on the development of law, but the course does not presume prior study of American history.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5340: Antitrust Law
Introduces antitrust and economic analysis and the role of competition, with an emphasis on price fixing, horizontal and vertical restraints of trade, monopoly, and merger problems.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5345: Appellate Advocacy
The course enhances skills training for the preservation and presentation of matters on appeal. In addition, the courses provides an introductory examination of extraordinary remedies (as a complement to appeal) and other unique actions filed in the Supreme Court of Missouri.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5350: Arbitration
Law, policy and practices relating to the arbitration process as it is utilized in commercial and international sectors. Topics include modern arbitration statutes (e.g., the Federal Arbitration Act), enforceability of agreements to arbitrate, public policy defenses against enforcement of arbitration agreements, arbitrators and administering institutions, components of the arbital process, arbitral remedies and awards, and the arbitration award in the courts.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5355: Bankruptcy
The course focuses on the rights of both secured and unsecured creditors under state and federal law. State law covers collective actions and individual actions such as execution, attachment, garnishment, and the law of fraudulent conveyances. Federal law concentrates on liquidation proceedings under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code and reorganizations for wage earners under Chapter 13 of the Code. The course will include, as time permits, an introduction to the business reorganization provisions of Chapter 11.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5375: Basic Federal Income Taxation
The course is designed to introduce students to the income tax considerations that arise in a variety of legal contexts and is also beneficial for students not planning to pursue a career in tax. Topics covered are federal income tax problems of individual taxpayers; nature of income; when and to whom income is taxable; exclusion from tax base; deduction; tax effects of exchange or other disposition of capital assets.
Credit Hour: 1-4

LAW 5392: Business, Entrepreneurship, and Tax Law Review
The Business, Entrepreneurship, and Tax Law Review (BETR) is affiliated with the Center for Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship (CIPE). The BET Review journal will give students an opportunity to hone their legal research and writing skills, as well as their leadership skills as editors of the journal, on contemporary issues in growing areas of legal practice. It will also provide an outlet for the publication of articles stemming from symposia and a colloquium series that will be held on topics in the fields of intellectual property, entrepreneurship, and tax.
Graded on S/U basis only.
Credit Hour: 1-2

LAW 5395: Business Organizations
The course is the law school's foundation course in business law. Topics covered include the study of agency, partnership, limited partnerships, limited liability partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations. It is recommended for students in all areas of interest. The course is a prerequisite for several advanced electives in business law.
Credit Hour: 1-4

LAW 5410: Children and the Law
The course covers the status, rights and obligations of children in contemporary American law; civil proceedings and criminal prosecutions alleging child abuse or neglect; foster care; termination of parental rights; juvenile protective legislation; and delinquency. Emphasis is placed on juvenile justice doctrine, policy and practice issues and the historical and contemporary operation of juvenile and family courts.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5415: Constitutional and Civil Rights Litigation
The course provides advanced analysis of the protection of civil liberties that derive from the United States Constitution and federal statutes. The statutes which will be covered most extensively include the Reconstruction Era laws now codified at 42 U.S.C. Sections 1981, 1983 and 1985; the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Title IX of the Educational Amends. of 1972; and, Titles II and VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964.
LAW 5420: Client Interviewing and Counseling
The course covers the nature and conduct of the counseling process including basic interviewing techniques, psychological factors affecting the interview process, facilitating and structuring the interview, clarification of statements and ascertaining legal issues, and dealing with client resistance and hostility. Graded on S/U basis only.

Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5425: Clinical Skills
The course provides the skills training for students enrolled in the Criminal Clinic. Lectures and simulations are designed to facilitate student skills in case preparation and presentation and client representation. The course provides students with experience in addressing ethical concerns, conducting fact investigation, client interviewing and counseling, drafting legal documents, direct and cross examination, and, making and responding to objections. (Not available to students on probation).

Credit Hour: 1-4
Prerequisites: LAW 5260 Evidence and LAW 5280 Professional Responsibility
Corequisites: LAW 5470 Criminal Clinic and LAW 5475 Criminal Clinic Writing Project

LAW 5430: Commercial Real Estate Leasing
The course is a seminar focusing on the study of selected topics involved in the negotiation, drafting, and interpretation of commercial real estate leases. Topics will include but are not limited to: rental provisions, defining the premises, use of the premises, condition of the premises, assignments and subleases, maintenance and repairs, casualty insurance, default/remedies, and collateral lease documentation. The course looks at the various parties involved in the process of commercial real estate leasing, their respective interests, and the dynamics of the negotiation and drafting process in which these parties memorialize their respective interests in the lease document. There is a heavy focus upon the careful reading, review, negotiation and revision of the lease document. Grading is based upon a series of exercises involving document review, negotiation, and drafting, and includes both individual and group work.

Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: LAW 5856 Real Estate Finance, or LAW 5858 Real Estate Transactions, or LAW 5697 Landlord/Tenant Law and Practice

LAW 5435: Comparative Law
The course examines the differences and similarities between the major legal systems of the world, focusing on distant areas of substantive and procedural law to demonstrate diverse methods of addressing similar legal issues. The course includes a discussion of the historical distinctions between the common and civil law traditions but also moves the analysis forward to address more recent legal innovations and the recognition of new groupings of legal systems. Students will leave the class with a solid understanding of (1) how U.S. legal principles compare to approaches used elsewhere and (2) the uses and benefits of the comparative approach. Principles taught in this course will be equally applicable to those who anticipate practicing domestic U.S. law as well as those who expect to develop an international practice. No foreign language skills are necessary for this course.

Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5440: Complex Litigation
The course will examine principles and practical techniques relevant to complex civil cases. Building on civil procedure, the course will focus on litigation involving multiple parties and/or multiple jurisdictions. Each student will be required to complete several drafting assignments.

Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5441: Complex Litigation: Mass Torts
This course will explore aspects of complex civil litigation through the lens of mass torts lawsuits. It will specifically examine issues such as discovery and scientific evidence, alternative liability issues, class action and multi-district litigation, and alternatives to litigation. This course will involve a final exam.

Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5450: Conflict and Conflict Management
The course is designed to give lawyers a better understanding of the meaning and dynamics of conflict, so that they may better understand their client's situations, as well as the mechanisms that may be most appropriate to the resolution of any particular dispute. The course draws its theoretical teachings from a variety of disciplines beyond law: psychology, sociology, anthropology and economics.

Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5454: Contract Drafting
The course teaches students the principles of drafting commercial agreements. Although the course will be of particular interest to students pursuing a corporate or commercial law career, the concepts are applicable to any transactional practice. Students will learn how transactional lawyers translate business deals into contract provisions, as well as techniques for minimizing ambiguity and drafting with clarity. Through a combination of lecture, hands-on drafting exercises and extensive homework assignments, students will learn about different types of contracts, other documents used in commercial transactions, and the drafting problems that contracts and other documents present. Course will also focus on how a drafter can add value to a deal by finding, analyzing and resolving business issues. Grades will be based on the graded assignments, good faith completion of the ungraded assignments, and class participation.

Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5455: Copyright Law
The course examines the nature of copyright law; common law misappropriation; scope of common law copyrights; the Copyright Revision Act of 1976 as amended; formalities of registration (fixation, copyright notice); copyrightable subject matter; originality; exclusive rights of copyright owner; scope of copyright protection; substantial similarity and infringement; fair use; joint and composite works; duration, renewal, termination, transfer; remedies; artists moral rights; federal preemption; international protection; copyrightability of computer software; and, copyright issues on the internet.

Credit Hour: 1-3
LAW 5465: Corporate Taxation
The course provides an in-depth study of the federal income taxation of corporations and their shareholders, including the tax aspects of forming and capitalizing a corporation, corporate distributions, redemptions, and taxable and tax-free corporate liquidations. This course will be taught using the problem method of instruction.
Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites or Corequisites: Must have taken or be currently enrolled in LAW 5375 Basic Federal Income Taxation
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LAW 5470: Criminal Clinic
The Criminal Clinic is available during both the Fall and Winter semesters. It can only be taken once. Enrollment is limited to 8 students per semester. Students must also enroll in Clinical Skills and Criminal Clinic Writing Project and have completed, or be enrolled in, LAW 5280 Professional Responsibility and LAW 5260 Evidence. (Not available to students on probation).
Credit Hour: 1-5
Prerequisites: LAW 5280 Professional Responsibility, LAW 5260 Evidence. Students must have prior permission of professor

LAW 5475: Criminal Clinic Writing Project
This is the Writing Section accompanying course LAW 5470.
Credit Hour: 1-2

LAW 5477: Criminal Justice Administration
The course examines the justice system's processing of formal criminal cases from the point at which a defendant is formally charged and going forward. The course reviews the processing and adjudication of criminal cases. Topics include the defendant's rights under the Sixth Amendment (e.g. jury trial, speedy trial, confrontation clause, and compulsory process rights); Eighth Amendment issues (e.g. bail and cruel and unusual punishment); criminal discovery (e.g. the prosecutor's Brady obligation to provide exculpatory evidence to defendants); expert witnesses; pretrial and trial publicity; plea bargaining; sentencing (e.g. use of discretionary guidelines and minimum mandatory systems); and appeals. This will be both an advanced criminal procedure course (similar to "bail to jail" courses at other law schools) and an advanced criminal law course.
Credit Hour: 1-3
Recommended: successful completion both LAW 5035 Criminal Law and LAW 5240 Criminal Procedure before taking this course

LAW 5485: Cross-Cultural Dispute Resolution
The course will focus on the impact culture can have on the private ordering of disputes. Culture affects communication, perceptions regarding conflict and methods for resolution. As the world becomes more interrelated and Missouri and the U.S. more diverse, lawyers need to be prepared to resolve problems across cultural lines. 20-25% of the grade will come from timely attendance and class participation.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5496: Deal Skills Class
The course introduces students to business and legal issues common to commercial transactions. Class will emphasize the thought process involved in, and required by, the practice of transactional law, skills such as interviewing, counseling and communicating with your client, understanding business issues and drafting contract provisions to reflect those issues, negotiation deals and managing a transaction closing. Simulation exercise, in-class role-play and lectures, out-of-class due diligence, negotiation and other exercises.
Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites or Corequisites: Either LAW 5395 - Business Organization or LAW 5454 - Contracting Drafting. Students cannot enroll concurrently in Corporate Finance and Deal Skills. Students who have completed Deal Skills are precluded from enrolling in Corporate Finance. However, students are allowed to enroll in Deal Skills even if they have already taken Corporate Finance

LAW 5497: Death Penalty Law
The course will focus primarily on the U.S. Supreme Court's capital punishment jurisprudence over the past 35 years or more, with particular attention to how it has shaped state statutory schemes and legal argumentation in capital sentencing trials.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5516: Dispute Resolution in the Digital Age
The course will explore 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. ODR has its drawbacks, but it can be especially effective and satisfying for low dollar claims such as those in most consumer contexts because of its efficiencies. ODR also has potential to ease power imbalances that have hindered market regulation. Accordingly, this course will look at the various systems currently used by major companies such as eBay, as well as the rules and treaty developments in global markets. We also will do ODR simulation exercises, led by Colin Rule, who has been a leader in creating ODR systems. The class also will include deep consideration of both the potential and drawbacks of ODR systems. All ODR processes are not beneficial, and thus we will also discuss development of best practices and question policy directions.
Credit Hour: 1-4

LAW 5520: Drafting of Legal Instruments
The course examines problems frequently encountered in general office practice (land transfers, mortgages, leases, contracts, wills, business organizations, etc.), with drafting of the related instruments. Use and adaptation of legal forms. Graded on S/U basis only.
Credit Hour: 1-2

LAW 5525: Education Law
This course examines the application of discrete doctrines from criminal law, constitutional law, juvenile law, employment law, and disability law to the legal problems facing American schools. Students will explore the ways in which the objectives of these discrete legal doctrines either promote or interfere with our educational policies. Substantive areas of concentration include state regulation of education; freedom of speech, association and religion; equal educational opportunity; employment of teachers; and discipline of students.
Credit Hour: 1-3
LAW 5530: Elder Law
This course addresses legal issues impacting older individuals, including discussion of government benefits (Social Security, Medicaid, Medicare, Supplemental Security Income), long-term care (types, contract issues, civil rights, and financial planning), guardianship and conservatorship, planning for incapacity, and health care decisions at the end of life. The course emphasizes planning techniques for the average client. Grade will be based on a short paper and take-home exam. The course may be taken for writing credit.

Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5532: Election Law
Election Law has become more important in recent years. This course will introduce students to the many theoretical and practical constitutional, statutory, common law, and policy issues that accompany the franchise, including: legislative districting, voting rights, campaign finance, political parties, interest groups, direct democracy, and alternative democratic structures. The course will emphasize federal law, but will also address Missouri state law as appropriate.

Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5534: Electronic Discovery
This course provides an in-depth treatment of the legal, technical, and cost management issues involving electronically stored information ("ESI") in civil litigation. Covers the 2006 FRCP ESI amendments (Rules 26 meet and confer, 34, production, and 37 sanctions), FRE 502 (privilege review and production), state e-discovery rules, the rapidly developing ESI case law, and emerging best practices from the Sedona Conference Cooperation Proclamation, the Electronic Discovery Reference Model, and other E-discovery authorities. Practice drafting litigation holds, preservation orders, and related e-discovery documents regularly used in civil litigation. Grading is based on student projects and a final examination.

Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5537: Emotional Intelligence in Law
Success in law requires more than substantive legal knowledge. It also requires self-awareness, or "emotional intelligence," by the lawyer in order to be able to operate effectively in a complex and nuanced legal environment. This course is designed to help students develop their emotional intelligence by cultivating such personal and social competencies as personal and social awareness, understanding of motivation, empathy and social skills.

Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5540: Employment Discrimination
This course examines the laws which prohibit discriminatory practices in employment. Title VII is the primary focus, but coverage is also given to the Equal Pay Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act. Additionally, the course addresses the administrative process available for dealing with employment discrimination complaints, the prima facie case requirement and burden shifting analysis used in civil rights cases, and affirmative action requirements.

Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5543: Employment Law
Employment Law focuses on the legal relationship between employers and employees in the non-unionized workplace. The course will survey a variety of issues regarding the establishment, maintenance and termination of the employment relationship. For example, the course will cover the common law aspects of that relationship, particularly contracts and torts. It will examine statutory modifications of the common law in areas such as wage and hours, pensions, whistle-blower protection, unemployment insurance, workers compensation, and health and safety.

Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5544: Entrepreneurship Legal Clinic
The Entrepreneurship Legal Clinic (the "ELC") combines business law issues, intellectual property, and transactional experiential learning. The ELC explores the lawyer's role as counsel to entrepreneurs engaged in early-stage ventures. Students will survey the legal and business issues encountered by entrepreneurs and develop the practical skills necessary to effectively represent them, including client interviewing and counseling, entity formation and planning, governance issues, employee issues, intellectual property analysis (except patents [presently]), and contract drafting. Students will work on actual client matters approved by the ELC's Supervising Attorney. Students must have the Supervising Attorney's permission to enroll, and they must satisfy the Requisites listed below. The Clinic is graded and enrollment is limited.

Credit Hour: 1-4
Corequisites: LAW 5280 - Professional Responsibility
Recommended: LAW 5395 - Business Organizations

LAW 5545: Environmental Law
Federal and state regulation of the environment, including the economic and philosophical foundations of environmental regulation, the common law roots of environmental regulation, and substantive coverage of a number of environmental statutes, such as the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, National Environmental Policy Act, and Endangered Species Act.

Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5555: Estate Planning
Applies substantive law learned in Estates and Trusts and Basic Income Tax to the drafting of estate planning documents and related documents typical of those used in law practice. Grade based entirely on student projects.

Credit Hour: 1-4
Prerequisites: LAW 5560 and LAW 5375

LAW 5560: Estates and Trusts
Wills: probate process and will contests, intestate succession; restrictions on testament; execution, revival of wills; integration, incorporation by reference, events of independent significance; will substitutes; will construction; family protection. Trusts: elements and creations; modification and termination; beneficial interests; charitable trusts; trust construction; powers of appointment; trust administration and fiduciary duties.

Credit Hour: 1-4
LAW 5570: Externship
The Externship offers students an opportunity to develop the skills necessary to bridge the gap between law school and law practice. Through the Externship, students prepare for "effective and responsible participation in the legal profession" (ABA Std. 301) by applying the core concepts learned in law school courses to the challenges presented in the actual, in-office practice of law. Details concerning the requirements and structure of the course are available at the Externship webpage. Students cannot take more than 6 hours of Externship credits, except in the Semester-in-Practice program and subject to the additional limitations of that program. Credits earned in Landlord/Tenant Practicum count toward that 6-hour Externship limit. Graded on S/U basis only.

Credit Hour: 1-9

LAW 5575: Family Law
After surveying the variety of family arrangements in contemporary America and central issues concerning the practice of domestic relations law, this course covers marriage; dissolution; distribution of marital property; alimony; child custody' visitation and support; post-dissolution disputes over custody and child-rearing; non-marital families and non-marital children; private agreements in family law; and alternative dispute resolution in collaboration with other professions in client representations, and ethical and policy issues.

Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5580: Family Violence Clinic: Individual and Social Justice
Rule 13 certified law students represent needy abused women and children in 13 rural Missouri counties. Students obtain orders of protection in adult abuse courts, and appear in protective custody cases in juvenile courts. Weekly debriefings may include interprofessional graduate students. Law students must complete LAW 5330 Advocacy, Family Violence and Public Policy before or during their clinical experience. (Not available to students on probation).

Credit Hour: 1-4
Prerequisites: LAW 5280 Professional Responsibility
Corequisites: LAW 5330 Advocacy, Family Violence and Public Policy
Recommended: LAW 5260 Evidence

LAW 5584: Fiduciary Administration
This course will cover key issues that arise in the administration of decedent's estates and trusts, including the necessity for probate, rights of creditors, the fiduciary obligations of trustees and personal representatives, investments, and accounting and distribution. Depending on class size, grading will be based either on an exam, a practice-oriented project, or both.

Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: LAW 5560 Estates and Trusts

LAW 5585: Federal Courts
The course will examine the role of federal courts and their relationship to state courts. Topics covered: justiciability; federal question and diversity jurisdiction; sovereign immunity; abstention; and habeas corpus.

Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: LAW 5220 Constitutional Law

LAW 5590: Freedom of Speech and Association
A study of the rights of speech and association under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. Major Supreme Court decisions regarding freedom of speech, including content-based and content-neutral restrictions of speech, regulation of commercial speech, regulation of obscenity and pornography, regulation of speech in public and private fora, libel and privacy law, forced association with persons or ideas, and subsidization of speech.

Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5591: Food Law and Policy
This course examines the laws that govern food safety and food labeling, and considers how well this network works to protect American consumers. It also considers current issues affecting the global food system. Representative topics include recent food safety problems such as tainted meat and salmonella contamination of eggs; food labeling issues such as the use of the term "grass fed" in meat labeling and the use of GMO seed; organic standards; government efforts to address the obesity problem; urban food deserts; animal welfare concerns; the regulation of pet food, and the like. Specific topics addressed each semester will depend on current events and recent legal developments. Students will be graded on the basis of research paper and class participation. The course will often include a writing section designed to meet the upper-level writing requirement. The course may be offered from time to time as a paper-only course, designed to meet the upper-level writing requirement.

Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5592: Firearms Law
This class will examine the historical development and modern context of the regulation of firearms. Although emphasizing domestic law, some international and comparative perspectives will be examined. The class may be taken for writing credit.

Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: LAW 5220 Constitutional Law

LAW 5595: Gender, Race, Sexuality and the Law
A study of the treatment of gender by the legal system. Topics will include a survey of writings by influential feminist legal scholars, historians and social scientists; a comparison of different theoretical frameworks; and an overview of substantive law and the latest legal developments involving gender. The primary aim of the course is to study various feminist theories to discern how gender is viewed by today's lawmakers and courts.

Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5615: Health Law: The Regulation of Providers
An examination of the law governing the interactions between patients and their health care providers. The course will focus on rules governing the duty to treat, confidentiality, informed consent, medical malpractice liability, institutional vicarious liability, managed care liability, conditions of participation in federal programs like Medicare and Medicaid, fraud and abuse, and ERISA preemption. The course will cover antitrust and self-policing aspects of professional associations. The class also covers selected elements of public health law.

Credit Hour: 1-3
LAW 5620: Immigration Law
A study of the development of U.S. immigration and refugee law and policy, with emphasis on current immigration problems and issues. Recent changes in the immigration laws, and future trends in dealing with increasing immigrant pressure.
Credit Hour: 2-3

LAW 5632: Innocence Project Clinic
This is a joint clinic among the MU and UMKC law schools, and The Midwest Innocence Project, a non-profit organization. Law students will work under the supervision of the Clinic Director, a practicing lawyer, on cases of possible actual innocence from six states. Graded on S/U basis only.
Credit Hour: 1-4
Prerequisites: LAW 5946 Wrongful Convictions

LAW 5635: Insurance Law
A basic course in the fundamentals of insurance law. Topics covered include defining insurance; risk and the nature of the insurance relationship; insurable interest; indemnity; fortuity; subrogation; coordination of benefits; interpretation; rights at variance with policy provisions; contract formation; warranties, misrepresentation and concealment; condition; agents and brokers; introduction to regulation; introduction to insurance coverage.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5637: Insurance Claims Processing and Dispute Resolution
This course provides an in-depth examination of claims processing and dispute resolution in the insurance business in both first-party (property, life, etc.) and third-party (liability) insurance. Topics covered include notice of loss, proof of loss, duty to cooperate; negotiation of insurance claims; appraisal; mediation and arbitration of insurance claims; remedies for noncompliance with claims processing obligations; and, bad faith. The topics will be covered from a national perspective, but special emphasis will also be given to Missouri law. This course is approved to count as an elective toward the Dispute Resolution Certificate.
Credit Hour: 1-4

LAW 5640: Intellectual Property
This course is an introduction to the four broad areas of intellectual property. Students will learn about intellectual property, contract, and tort knowledge gained from the first year curriculum. The course will cover trademarks, trade secrets, patent law, and copyright law. Thus, the course will cover how one obtains the special property rights called the copyright, patent, trademark contract. Further, the course will cover how these intellectual property rights are protected from the tortious act of infringement, as well as any defense to infringement it is important to note that this introductory class cannot be used to satisfy any of the requirements for the Intellectual Property certificate; nor is this introductory course substitute for the more in-depth coverage offered by Patent Law and Policy, Copyright Law or Trademark Law. Rather, it is designed to allow students to explore basic intellectual property issues and to meet any prerequisites for Cyberspace Law, Software Law and International Intellectual Property. Students may find that taking this introductory course complements the rest of the intellectual property curriculum. Class participation and preparations is required, as is class attendance. An exam and several small written projects will be required.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5652: International Commercial Arbitration
This course offers a study of arbitration as a dispute resolution process for international trade and business disputes. The course reviews ad hoc and institutional arbitration, the authority of arbitral panels, enforcement of agreement to arbitrate, challenging arbitrators, procedure and choice of law in arbitral proceedings, the enforcement of international arbitral awards. Special attention will be given to the international convention on the recognition and enforcement of international arbitral agreements and awards (New York Convention) and the UNCITRAL (U.N. Commission of International Trade Law) arbitral rules and model law. The course focuses on commercial arbitration as an international practice and not on arbitration under any particular national system. Students will participate in a hypothetical arbitration matter, beginning from the development of the claim to preliminary proceedings, the arbitration hearing, and ending with the arbitrators' award.
Credit Hour: 2-3

LAW 5660: International Human Rights
The purpose of this course is to enable students to develop a basic understanding of the concept of international human rights law and the role played by international and regional organizations, states and private actors in defining and enforcing human rights. Beginning with the historical origins of human rights, the course will examine the international regional human rights instruments and institutions that form the sources of human rights law (the UN system, including the Charter and treaties, European, African and Inter-American human rights regimes). It will also examine the role of non-governmental organization, the International Criminal Court and International humanitarian law (the law of war), and the interaction between US civil rights law and International human rights. Throughout the course, students will be introduced to important critical themes of human rights, including: the distinctions between public and private acts, evolving theories of statehood, sovereignty immunity, cultural relativism, and the western tradition of individual rights, and the relationship between rights and duties. Issues examined will include: political participation and democratization, religious freedom, the use of torture, corporate liability, woman's rights, the right and status of refugees, genocide and war crimes.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5665: International Law
Introduction to the international legal system, with emphasis on relations between nation-states or international entities. Topics include statehood and recognition, legislative and judicial jurisdiction, human rights and the status of the individual, treaties and international organizations.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5675: International Taxation
This course examines the federal income tax treatment of international transactions. It will focus on the principles and policies underlying the United States tax system as it relates to income earned by U.S. citizens and residents doing business and investing outside the country, as well as income derived from foreign persons doing business and investing in
LAW 5677: Internet Law and Practice
This course will focus on preparing to advise business clients dealing with
electronic commerce and internet law issues. There is no technological
background requirement or prerequisite to take the class. We will
explore a variety of themes including the control over the internet by
both government and private actors; how online activities differ from
their off-line counterparts; and how the laws should react to new forms
of interaction and social structures found online. Specific doctrinal topics
include problems of digital authorship and publication including rights of
anonymity, copyrights, trademarks, defamation and other torts; sales and
licensing of products; marketing, advertising and data-mining, including
privacy issues; jurisdiction over online actors; and cyber-squatting.
Grades will be based on the final exam and an optional short paper.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5680: Journal of Dispute Resolution
Credit for work as prescribed by the faculty for members of the Journal of
Dispute Resolution. Graded on S/U basis only.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5691: Jury Instructions
Theoretical and practical aspects of jury instructions (including general
and special verdicts) at trial are presented from the perspectives of the
judge, counsel, the jury, and the court of appeals. The course will involve
the students in researching and drafting instructions, using pattern
instructions, observing or participating in a simulated jury instruction
conference, and writing an appellate court opinion that describes what
the student has learned during the course.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5695: Labor Law
The regulation of relations between employers and labor unions at
common law and under federal and state legislation; primary emphasis
on the National Labor Relations Act, as amended.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5697: Landlord Tenant Law and Practice
This course focuses primarily on litigation under the Missouri Landlord
Tenant statute and under federal administrative regulations governing
public entities which provide housing and housing subsidies to low-
income people including the processes for litigating against such entities.
The course will address proper pleading, relevant evidentiary issues, and
requisite settlement skills/strategies. This course is available to all 2L’s
and 3L’s and requires Rule 13 certification. The course is required for all
students enrolled in the Landlord/Tenant Practicum.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5698: Landlord/Tenant Practicum
The Landlord-Tenant Practicum serves indigent individuals in Mid-
Missouri. A Mid-Missouri Legal Services Corporation staff attorney
supervises Rule 13 certified law students representing tenants including
but not limited to those who are being evicted and/or who wish to sue
their landlords for habitability or security deposit non-return. Students
may also represent tenants who reside in public or subsidized housing
in administrative actions brought by or against a Housing Authority.
The practicum is graded and enrollment is limited. Credits earned in the
Landlord/Tenant Practicum count toward the 6-hour Externship limit.
Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites or Corequisites: LAW 5697 Landlord/Tenant Law and
Practice
Corequisites: LAW 5280 Professional Responsibility

LAW 5700: Land Use Controls
This course focuses on laws governing the use and development of
land. The course examines legal rules and policy considerations
related to zoning, subdivision controls, building codes, historic
preservation, aesthetic regulation, growth management, eminent domain,
nuisance law, regional land use conflicts, development exactions, and
environmental land use restrictions.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5715: Law and Economics
Study of the use of microeconomic analysis and methods in influencing
the law. Topics: economic analysis of tort, contract and property law,
the use and misuse of economics in the common law judging tradition,
limitations on the use of economic analysis in law and links between
economic analysis and constitutional law/public choice theory.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5717: The Law of Habeas Corpus and Post-Conviction Relief
Course will cover principles and practices of post-conviction remedies
available to collaterally attack a criminal conviction in state and federal
courts. Students will prepare post-conviction motions and petitions for a
writ of habeas corpus under state and federal rules.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5721: Law Practice Management and Technology
Managing a successful law practice requires time and project
management skills, as well as knowledge about the business of practicing
law. This course explores the practical and ethical challenges that
confront the solo or small firm lawyer. Students will be introduced to a
range of resources for the solo and small firm lawyer, and gain practical
experience in preparing a business plan, client welcome package, and
policies and procedure manual. Material presented is relevant to both the
litigation and the transactional lawyer.
Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: LAW 5280 Professional Responsibility

LAW 5723: The Law and Practice of Criminal Sentencing
This simulation-based course examines the substantive law and practical
operation of state and federal criminal sentencing systems and seeks to
provide students with entry-level competence as advocates in the
sentencing phase of criminal cases. Students will participate in a series
of simulated sentencing proceedings in state and federal court, acting as counsel for the government or the defendant, or as the sentencing judge. Criminal Procedure and Criminal Justice Administration are recommended, but not required.

Credit Hour: 1-4

**LAW 5724: Law and Public Policy**
This course provides students with a framework for making decisions about the policies that governments should adopt to respond to important public problems. It takes an interdisciplinary perspective and argues that decision-makers manage four kinds of risk: litigation risk, political risk, policy risk and implementation risk. Students are introduced to techniques for identifying and minimizing such risks, and apply these techniques to real-world policy problems. Guest speakers also provide a perspective on the challenges of policy choice.

Credit Hour: 1-3

**LAW 5730: Law Review**
Credit for work as prescribed by the faculty for members of the Missouri Law Review. Graded on S/U basis only.

Credit Hour: 1-3

**LAW 5746: Legislative Practicum**
This course provides students with the opportunity to work with individual lawyer legislators, or lawyer staff, at the Missouri General Assembly. The students will assist members of the General Assembly with drafting legislation, preparing materials for hearings, conducting research and analysis to respond to broad public policy issues as well as constituent concerns. On occasion students may be assigned to legislative committees, legislative staff support services, or to groups lobbying for legislation. Students will be expected to meet periodically with the professor and to maintain a journal of their activities. Graded on S/U basis only.

Credit Hour: 1-3

**LAW 5748: Life Skills for Lawyers**
Readings and discussions will focus on how members of the class want to live their lives as a lawyer. Students will be asked to examine their law school experience and visualize their place in the legal profession. Various problems faced by lawyers (e.g. the pressure to produce billable hours and dealing with clients) will be discussed. Some of the positive aspects of being a lawyer will be identified. The emphasis will be on what the problems and opportunities mean to you personally and the importance of taking responsibility for your own personal and professional life. (not available to students on probation, except for students classified as 3L students).

Credit Hour: 1-3

**LAW 5765: Mediation**
A study of the process in which a neutral third party assists others in resolving a dispute or planning a transaction. The course addresses the mediation movement as regards public policy, politics, professional responsibility, malpractice, and negotiation. Students develop mediation and negotiation skills through readings, demonstrations, experimental exercises, and preparation of a case study.

Credit Hour: 1-3

**LAW 5770: Mediation Clinic**
(same as LAW 6970). Students develop and refine mediation skills by observing and participating in simulated and real mediation cases. Graded on S/U basis only.

Credit Hour: 1-2

**Prerequisites:** LAW 5765 Mediation (or concurrent enrollment), or completion of an approved training. Limited to J.D. or LL.M. students in designated semesters

**LAW 5800: Moot Court I**
Required only for those students participating in the New York City Bar National Moot Court and the National Black Law Student Association Moot Court Competitions. Graded on S/U basis only.

Credit Hour: 1-3

**LAW 5805: Moot Court II**
Required only for those students participating in the New York City Bar National Moot Court and the National Black Law Student Association Moot Court Competitions. Graded on S/U basis only.

Credit Hour: 1-2

**LAW 5808: Natural Resources Law**
This course is a foundational survey course in the law and policy related to management of natural resources. Resources covered may include public lands, waters, submerged lands and wetlands, forests, minerals and energy, wildlife and biodiversity and ecosystems. Topics also may include organic statutes establishing certain resource management standards and procedures, generally applicable statutes governing agency behavior, judicial review of agency decisions, integrated management of multiple resources, the use of ecosystem management and conservation methods, and takings.

Credit Hour: 1-3

**LAW 5810: Negotiation**
Negotiation is an essential skill for most lawyers, regardless of practice area. Lawyers must negotiate with their counterparts, clients, partners, staff, courts, and many others in the course of representing a client. This course provides an in-depth understanding of the different models of negotiation, and practical skill development for meeting the many challenges that negotiation presents.

Credit Hour: 1-3

**LAW 5815: Partnership Taxation**
This course will study the federal income tax treatment of partnerships and other entities treated as partnerships, including limited liability companies. The course will examine partnership formations, contributions to and distributions from partnerships, partnership operations, including special allocations of income and losses among partners, transfers of partnership interests, and partnership dissolution. This course will be taught using the problem method of instruction.

Credit Hour: 1-3

**Prerequisites:** LAW 5375 Basic Federal Income Taxation
LAW 5820: Patent Law and Policy
This course will provide comprehensive coverage of the U.S. Patent Laws for those interested in obtaining general information about patents, as well as for those interested in practicing before the Patent and Trademark Office. The course will trace an invention through the application, examination, reconsideration, re-examination and litigation processes. If time permits, there may also be coverage of international treaties that affect U.S. Patent Laws as well as some comparison of U.S. Patent Laws and the Patent Laws of select countries. There are no course prerequisites and a technical background is not required because the course primarily focuses on the Patent Act, its requirements and its jurisprudence. Thus, students need only be familiar with applying statutes and cases to a fact pattern. In lieu of an examination or a paper, up to six written projects, between 3-10 pages each (approx. 40 pages overall), will be due at the end of the semester, giving students an intensive writing experience. The professor will review drafts of some of these projects during the semester and all of the projects will be discussed in class. These projects will allow students to help solve a clients hypothetical patent problem as we work through the Patent Act and its jurisprudence. Students may also have the opportunity to engage in client interviewing and counseling in order to complete the projects. There are no prerequisites and a technical background is not required.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5830: Pretrial Litigation
Focus on the study of the legal principles, techniques, strategies and skills which pertain to civil pretrial practice, including: Professional and Ethical Considerations, Case Selection Case Investigation, Development of a case theory, Pleading, Discovery, Pretrial Conference, Motion Practice, Settlement Processes and Alternative Dispute Resolution.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5835: Products Liability
A study of civil liability for personal injury, property damage, and economic loss caused by defective products. The study includes actions for negligence, strict liability, misrepresentation and the effect of state and federal legislation on those actions.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5837: Property, Life, Disability and Health Insurance Law
This course will explore the legal issues that arise in connection with the purchase and ownership of "first-party" insurance policies, which includes the categories of personal and commercial property insurance, life insurance, accidental death insurance, disability insurance, and health insurance. The course will examine the law from a national perspective but will give special attention to Missouri law when appropriate. The emphasis will be on the legal issues that typically arise when the consumer comes into contact with the insurance industry with respect to these products. The coverage of health insurance will focus on the provision and regulation of private insurance, as distinct from government programs providing access to the health care system through insurance or insurance-like benefits.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5845: Publicly Held Corporation
This course focuses on legal issues most relevant to large public corporations. Recommended for students interested in pursuing a career in corporate law or for students desiring study in corporate law beyond the Business Organizations course.
Credit Hours: 3

LAW 5856: Real Estate Finance
This course examines legal and transactional issues relating to the financing of real estate. The course covers mortgage documentation; the use of mortgagee prior to foreclosure; transfers of mortgaged property; transfers of mortgages and securitization; payment and discharge of mortgages; default and impact of bankruptcy on real estate transactions. The grade will be based upon a final examination.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5858: Real Estate Transactions
This course examines issues relating to the transfer of real estate and the practice of transactional real estate law. The course covers conveyance documentation, the recording system, title and survey review, title insurance, purchase and sale transactions, basis entity structure and tax considerations, environmental review, commercial leasing, valuation of real estate, and project cash flow. The grade will be based on a final examination.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5859: Real Estate Transaction Skills Project
Students will participate in a weekly seminar class focused on contract drafting, negotiation, due diligence, and client management in the context of a transactional real estate law practice. The grade for the course will be based upon student performance on drafting and practice skills assignments. Projects may include the negotiation and drafting of a purchase contract; the negotiation and modification of a commitment for title insurance; survey review; review and evaluation of lease; and, lease drafting and negotiation. Student projects will include both individual and group work.
Credit Hour: 1
Corequisites: Concurrent registration in LAW 5858 Real Estate Transaction is required

LAW 5861: Regulation of Drugs and Medical Devices
This course examines the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) interpretation and implementation of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) and the Public Health Service Act (PHSA). FDA regulates food, drugs, animal drugs and feed, cosmetics, medical devices, tobacco products, and biological products (broadly speaking "food and drugs"). The course considers not only the substantive regulations and policies applicable to food and drugs, but also issues of administrative law (agency practice and procedure, as well as judicial review), enforcement authority (powers and priorities), the agency's place within our federal system, and the place of food and drug law in the larger legal environment. The scope of the class will vary from semester to semester, usually covering at least drugs and devices.
Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5862: The Regulation of Medical Marijuana Businesses
More than half of the states now authorize designated businesses to produce and sell marijuana commercially. However, these businesses remain subject to extensive state regulation. In 2018, Missouri adopted
a constitutional amendment, Art. XIV, § 1, with a purpose to authorize medical marijuana. State regulations raise a host of legal questions: How do states award commercial licenses to grow and sell marijuana? Are any state licensing regulations preempted by federal law? Do state advertising restrictions violate the First Amendment? How are marijuana licensees disciplined for regulatory violations? Marijuana businesses also face numerous regulatory hurdles erected by the federal government, adding to the questions surrounding the marijuana industry: Do marijuana businesses have any viable legal defense against federal criminal prosecution? Can marijuana businesses register their trademarks? Can they deduct their expenses when they pay their federal taxes? Will courts enforce contracts with the marijuana industry? Can the industry obtain banking or legal services? The resolution of these issues is in a state of flux throughout the nation and, in particular, in Missouri, in light of Missouri’s 2018 constitutional amendment. This class will address these and related questions surrounding the nascent marijuana industry.

**Credit Hour: 1-3**

**LAW 5870: Remedies**
Survey of damages, history of equity; coverage of various equitable remedies and their adequacy, practicability, defenses, procedural problems, enforcement of decrees, merger of law and equity, contempt.

**Credit Hour: 1-3**

**LAW 5875: Research in Law**
Independent Research with a faculty member is available during the Summer, Fall and Spring Semesters. Any student enrolling for Research credit must designate at the time of enrollment the professor who will supervise the research project. Credit is earned at the rate of 20 pages per credit hour. No more than three hours of Research may be taken or counted toward the law degree. Enrollment in LAW 5875 may, but need not, be structured so as to satisfy the upper-level writing requirement. Enrollment in LAW 5875 Research satisfies the Law School’s writing requirement only if the project culminates in an individually authored paper of at least 20 pages, based on independent research, through a process that involves an initial draft, critique by the supervising faculty members, and rewrite.

**Credit Hour: 1-3**

**LAW 5885: Secured Transactions**
The course focuses on the rights of secured creditors and debtors under Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code, and includes coverage of creditors with special rights (such as taxing authorities and artisans), documentary exchanges under Article 7, and bulk sales under Article 6.

**Credit Hour: 1-3**

**LAW 5890: Securities Regulation**
Financing of business through the sale of securities. Emphasis on federal securities acts, with some consideration of state statutes. Consideration of the registration process; exemptions from registration; the special antifraud rules; liabilities and criminal penalties; reporting; insider trading; and, proxy solicitation problems.

**Credit Hour: 1-3**
**Prerequisites:** LAW 5395 Business Organizations

**LAW 5897: Sex, Reproduction and the Law**
This course surveys the legal and social history of state and federal regulation of sexual and reproductive behavior. It will explore constitutional rights vis a vis a number of specific legal and social issues including the demographics of conception, parenting, and domestic violence; forced sterilization; access to contraception and abortion; adoption; assisted reproductive technologies; left over pre-implantation frozen embryos; gestational surrogacy; rape; same sex marriage and family building; and stem cell research.

**Credit Hour: 1-3**

**LAW 5905: Sports Law**
Substantive areas of concentration include sports litigation, labor law, NCAA regulations, legal relationships in professional sports, anti-trust aspects of sports activities, and collective bargaining.

**Credit Hour: 1-3**

**LAW 5910: State Constitutional Law**
Since the departure of Chief Justice Warren, the U.S. Supreme Court and other federal courts have taken a less expansive view of the rights granted by the U.S. Constitution. Congress has also taken steps to turn over both funds and authority to states. Both developments have increased the importance of state constitutional law. The course would be taught in three parts: (1) History of state constitutions; their relationship to the U.S. Constitution and the major differences among them; (2) Individual rights; instances in which state constitutional provisions that are facially similar or identical to the Bill of Rights in the U.S. Constitution, have been interpreted by state courts to extend beyond the federal rights, and instances where state constitutions guarantee individual rights that are different from or in addition to those in the U.S. Constitution; and (3) Governmental obligations and authority; Constitutional provisions allocating governmental authority, such as limitations on legislative authority, the authority of the people to act through referendum or initiative and the relative authority of independent constitutional and officers.

**Credit Hour: 1-2**

**LAW 5914: Tax Planning**
This course will examine the application of corporate and partnership tax planning principles to accomplish common business objectives. Students will interview hypothetical clients, prepare written planning documents, present their tax plans to the class, and analyze associated substantive tax and business issues in a seminar format. The grade in this course will be based on written planning documents, a class presentation, and class participation. There will be no final exam.

**Credit Hour: 1-3**
**Prerequisites:** LAW 5375 Basic Federal Income Taxation
**Recommended:** Students are strongly encouraged to have taken or be concurrently enrolled in LAW 5465 Corporate Taxation or LAW 5815 Partnership Taxation

**LAW 5915: Tax Research**
This course provides students with an in-depth exploration of methods and sources for researching tax issues. The course provides students an opportunity to gain experience in using tax research tools. While primarily applicable to tax research, the knowledge gained by students will be helpful in future practice, regardless of practice area. Grades will be
LAW 5916: Taxation of Property Transactions
This course will examine tax laws and policies fundamental to real estate investment. Topics include depreciation and recapture, cash and accrual methods of accounting, installment sales, non-recognition transactions, including like-kind exchanges and bad involuntary conversions, and discharge of indebtedness issues arising out of real estate transactions. This course is designed to provide a detailed analysis of complex tax provisions necessary for advanced tax planning and will be taught using the problem method of instruction.

Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: LAW 5375 Basic Federal Income Taxation

LAW 5917: Topics in Law
Various topics in law are explored in depth. Topics change each semester.

Credit Hour: 1-5

LAW 5920: Trademark Law
Nature of trademark law; common law and statutory trademarks and trade-names; Lanham Act of 1946; distinctiveness; types of marks; qualification of marks for registration (use in commerce, intent-to-use certification, secondary meaning, abandonment); registration procedures; exclusive rights of trademark owner; scope of protection; concurrent use; infringement (including “gray market” use); international protection; remedies; state trademark acts; related common law doctrines; trademark usage on the Internet; and, domain name issues.

Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5923: Transnational Litigation
This course addresses common areas of concern in private transnational litigation and provides students with an understanding of litigation tactics in this growing area of law. Topics include jurisdictional issues, forum selection, international service of process, international discovery, international choice of law, proving foreign law in U.S. courts, multiple proceedings (including parallel proceedings and interim/interlocutory assistance) and enforcement of foreign judgments. Although international in nature, the course covers many of the same sorts of concerns that arise in other sorts of complex civil litigation and emphasizes practical strategy points and transactional considerations.

Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5925: Trial Practice
Skills based course that focuses on the techniques of pleading, discovery, jury selection, opening statements, direct/cross examination of witnesses, preparing jury instructions, and closing arguments. Each student participates in classroom problems selected from various phases of litigation, and in one complete trial. Some sections of this course may be offered as a graded section or graded on S/U basis only.

Credit Hour: 1-4
Prerequisites: LAW 5260 Evidence

LAW 5926: Evidence
Prepares students for actual drafting of documents typical of those used in law practice.

Credit Hour: 1-2

LAW 5927: Veterans Clinic
In this clinical program, students will help veterans in need and/or their dependents secure disability related benefits after an initial denial from the Regional VA office. This work will be done at the Board of Veterans’ Appeals (BVA) level or before the Court of Appeals for Veterans’ Claims (CAVC), both located in Washington D.C. The BVA and CAVC are federal tribunals, specially created to handle veterans’ claims. Students will have the opportunity to work with the client, in a law firm type atmosphere, and prepare and argue appeals relating to the denial of benefits.

Credit Hour: 1-4
Prerequisites or Corequisites: LAW 5280 Professional Responsibility

LAW 5940: White Collar Crime
Study of what are generally considered to be business or organizational crimes. General topics to be explored may include: mail and wire fraud, conspiracy, securities fraud, tax fraud, government contracting fraud (with particular emphasis on the False Claims Act), the Hobbs Act and the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Acts.

Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5945: Will and Trust Drafting
Building on Estates and Trusts, applies substantive law of wills and trusts to actual drafting of documents typical of those used in law practice. Grade based entirely on student projects.

Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: LAW 5560 Estates and Trust

LAW 5946: Wrongful Convictions
This course offers students an insider’s look into the operation of the criminal justice system. It should be of particular interest to any student interested in working in a prosecutor’s office, public defender’s office or for a firm doing defense work. It is a prerequisite for any student wishing to enroll in the Innocence Project clinic. The course is designed to help students gain insight into features of the criminal justice system that have a tendency to produce wrongful convictions. In addition to examining the causes of wrongful convictions, the course will consider systemic reforms that might minimize convicting the innocent. We will also work with the Midwest Innocence Project on cases of possible actual innocence. Finally, the class will also focus on recurring ethical issues that confront prosecutors and criminal defense lawyers.

Credit Hour: 1-4

LAW 5947: Workers’ Compensation Law and Practice
This course will cover the law and practice of Workers’ Compensation Law both in general and in Missouri. About two-thirds of the class time will be spent studying and discussing the doctrinal basis of workers’ compensation. In the balance of the time students will work on a simulation in which they will have the opportunity to work through different steps of a workers’ compensation claim.

Credit Hour: 1-3

LAW 5948: Veterans’ Benefits
Students will have the opportunity to work with the client, in a law firm type atmosphere, and prepare and argue appeals relating to the denial of benefits.

Credit Hour: 1-4
Prerequisites or Corequisites: LAW 5280 Professional Responsibility

LAW 5949: Criminal Law
This course will cover the law and practice of criminal law. This course is designed to help students gain insight into features of the criminal justice system that have a tendency to produce wrongful convictions. In addition to examining the causes of wrongful convictions, the course will consider systemic reforms that might minimize convicting the innocent. We will also work with the Midwest Innocence Project on cases of possible actual innocence. Finally, the class will also focus on recurring ethical issues that confront prosecutors and criminal defense lawyers.

Credit Hour: 1-4
Prerequisites: LAW 5280 Professional Responsibility

LAW 5950: London Program
Students enrolled in classes in London. Credit will count toward graduation requirements. Zero billing hours.

Credit Hour: 1-16
LAW 6710: Comparative Dispute Resolution  
South Africa Program  
Credit Hour: 1-2

LAW 6720: Comparative Constitutional Law  
South Africa Program  
Credit Hour: 1-2

LAW 6730: Comparative Criminal Justice  
South Africa Program  
Credit Hour: 1-2

LAW 6905: LLM Arbitration Seminar  
(same as LAW 6805). This course covers law, policy, and practices relating to the arbitration in the U.S. under modern arbitration statutes as well as arbitration of international commercial disputes under international conventions and arbitral rules.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: instructor's consent

LAW 6920: LL.M. Externship  
Student will be placed (or secure placement) with attorney, professional mediator or arbitrator, or dispute resolution agency (government-based or private) for an externship ranging from three to nine weeks. Students will observe and, to the extent possible, participate in dispute resolution activities of mentor. Journal entries form basis for credit. Externship placements will be local, national or international. Graded on a S/U basis only.  
Credit Hour: 1-99  
Prerequisites: LL.M. students only

LAW 6925: LL.M. Independent Study  
Substantial research project on selected topic of choice.  
Credit Hour: 1-3  
Prerequisites: LL.M. students only

LAW 6930: LL.M. Major Research Project  
(same as LAW 6830). Development and presentation of substantial research paper on current topic in dispute resolution. Supervision of this work by appropriate faculty will be determined according to the topic selected.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: instructor's consent

LAW 6935: Dispute System Design  
(same as LAW 6835). Analysis of system design principles and the management of multi-party complex disputes. Course will include overview of statutes, regulations, court rules and general policy considerations for the development of systematic approaches to the resolution of disputes as well as the consultation process inherent in system design work. An underlying theme for this course will be issues of program quality. Students will review scholarly work evaluating the ADR field and study basic research/evaluation methodologies.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: instructor's consent

LAW 6945: Non-Binding Methods of Dispute Resolution  
(same as LAW 6845). Negotiation and mediation of disputes, focusing on the theory, strategy, and skills, and public policy issues involved in using non-binding methods of dispute resolution. The course addresses the role of attorneys in unassisted and mediated negotiation as well as the role of mediators. The course considers the professional responsibility of advocates negotiating for clients and of mediators.  
Credit Hour: 3-4  
Prerequisites: instructor's consent

LAW 6950: Practicum on Dispute Resolution Training and Education  
Structured training experience through participation in the first-year curriculum project; service as judges in J.D. student competitions, such as negotiation and client counseling; and assignments to appropriate upper division courses to assist with development of dispute resolution modules. Credit is earned for work over the entire academic year. Graded on a S/U basis only.  
Credit Hour: 1-2  
Prerequisites: LL.M. students only

LAW 6955: Topics  
Special and emerging topics in dispute resolution. Subject, content and credit varies, depending on available faculty and student interest.  
Credit Hour: 1-99  
Prerequisites: instructor's consent

LAW 6965: Mediation Clinic  
(same as LAW 5770). Students develop and refine mediation skills by observing and participating in simulated and real mediation cases. Limited to J.D. or LL.M. students in designated semesters. Graded on S/U basis only.  
Credit Hour: 1-2  
Prerequisites or Corequisites: LAW 5765 (or concurrent enrollment), or completion of an approved training

LAW 6970: Overview of the US Legal System  
This course will introduce fundamentals of the U.S. legal system. Topics include the basic structure and function of U.S. legal institutions, the adversarial system and judicial process, the interaction of state and federal law in the American system of federalism, sources of law including statutory, common and administrative law, selected topics in constitutional law and civil and criminal procedure, and brief overviews in selected areas of substantive law such as contracts, property, family, tax, or torts. Graded on A-F basis only.  
Credit Hour: 1-4