

All Juris Doctor Courses

5103 – Civil Procedure I

First-Year Required Courses

(3 hours). Civil procedure in state and federal courts; introductory survey of procedures by which questions of substantive law commonly are raised and determined; procedural and remedial background; law governing controversies in federal courts; details of procedure in a lawsuit, including forum selection, pleading, joinder of claims and parties, discovery, the pretrial conference, disposition without trial, trial before a judge or jury, post-trial motions and appeals; issue and claim preclusion. (F)

5114 – Contracts

First-Year Required Courses

(4 hours). This first year survey course will explore the nature and enforceability of promises. Subjects include contract formation, performance, termination of contracts, material breach, remedies for breach of contract, mistake and excuse for nonperformance, statute of frauds, interpretation of contract language, conditions, assignment and delegation, and third-party beneficiaries.

5134 – Constitutional Law

First-Year Required Courses

(4 hours). Selected issues, including judicial review; the judicial process in construing and applying the United States Constitution; federal and state powers, federalism and separation of powers; an introduction to the concepts of equal protection and due process.

5144 – Torts

First-Year Required Courses

(4 hours). Introduction to basic principles of civil liability, with study of selected issues, which may include intentional wrongs, negligence, strict liability, vicarious liability, defenses and immunities, comparative fault, assessment of damages, nuisance, products liability, misrepresentation, injuries to reputation, and alternative compensation systems.

5201 – Introduction to Brief Writing

First-Year Required Courses

Course has prerequisites

(1 hour) Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of Legal Writing and Analysis. Introduction to the principles and practice of written advocacy. Students complete a trial-level motion brief and appellate brief. While building on the analytical, writing, and research skills learned in LRW I, this course focuses on the lawyer's need to become self-directed and reflective while engaging in increasingly complex research, legal analysis, writing, and editing for persuasion.

5203 – Civil Procedure II

First-Year Required Courses

(3 hours). Civil procedure in state and federal courts; introductory survey of procedures by which questions of substantive law commonly are raised and determined; procedural and remedial background; law governing controversies in federal courts; details of

procedure in a lawsuit, including forum selection, pleading, joinder or claims and parties, discovery, the pretrial conference, disposition without trial, trial before a judge or jury, post-trial motions and appeals; issue and claim preclusion. (F)

5223 – Criminal Law

First-Year Required Courses

(3 hours). This course examines the core doctrines of the criminal law, including its “general part” consisting of the justifications of punishment, the criminal act, mens rea, justification and excuse, attempt, complicity, and conspiracy; and a small portion of the criminal law’s “special part” consisting of criminal homicide and, as time allows, burglary, theft, and other crimes.

5234 – Property

First-Year Required Courses

(4 hours). Introduction to basic property concepts, including adverse possession; estates in land; landlord and tenant; concurrent estates; nonpossessory interests (including easements, licenses, covenants and equitable servitudes); and real estate transactions.

5301 – Oral Advocacy

First-Year Required Courses

Course has prerequisites

(1 hour). Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of Legal Writing and Analysis and Intro to Brief Writing. Using appellate briefs written in Introduction to Brief Writing, students will study principles of oral advocacy and learn to effectively organize and make affirmative oral arguments and respond to questions and concerns in a simulated courtroom setting. The course culminates in three mock appellate-level oral arguments before panels of student judges, professors, practitioners, and judges.

5303 – Criminal Procedure: Investigation

Menu

(3 hours). This course examines the constitutional criminal procedure of police investigations, including the Fourth Amendment’s protection against unreasonable search and seizure, the Fifth Amendment’s guarantee of due process and privilege against compulsory self-incrimination, and the Sixth Amendment’s right to counsel.

5314 – Evidence

Upper Division Required Courses

(4 hours). Presentation of evidence; judicial control and legal reasoning in the determination of issues of fact; the admissibility of evidence, including relevancy; testimonial and real evidence; and the exclusion of evidence, including hearsay and privileged communications.

5323 – Professional Responsibility

Upper Division Required Courses

(3 hours). The nature of law as a profession; problems facing the profession and the individual lawyer. Fundamentals of legal ethics and responsibilities, with emphasis on the Model Rules of Professional Conduct of the American Bar Association.

5433 – Corporations

Menu

(3 hours). This course provides an introduction to corporate law. Brief coverage is given to factors bearing on the choice of organization, the process of corporate formation, and corporate capital structure. Close examination is given to the governance structure of the corporation and the fiduciary obligations of directors and officers. The course also addresses forces that serve to discipline directors and officers, such as voting rights and the market for corporate control.

5443 – Family Law

Menu

(3 hours). The rights, obligations, and liabilities arising from marital and nonmarital relations; divorce; marital property, alimony; and child support.

5450 – The First Amendment

Menu

Course has prerequisites

(3 hours). Prerequisite: Constitutional Law. Individual rights of expression, assembly, association and religion; permissible government restrictions and regulations in relation to activities protected by the First Amendment. 1. This is a “menu” course. 2. This is a “bar” course. Approximately half of the MBE questions on constitutional law focus on “individual rights,” including the First Amendment topics below. • Freedom of religion and separation of church and state a. Free exercise b. Establishment • Freedom of expression a. Content-based regulation of protected expression b. Content-neutral regulation of protected expression c. Regulation of unprotected expression d. Regulation of commercial speech e. Regulation of, or impositions upon, public school students, public employment, licenses, or benefits based upon exercise of expressive or associational rights f. Regulation of expressive conduct g. Prior restraint, vagueness, and overbreadth • Freedom of the press • Freedom of association 3. Format of class – Primarily lecture; no student calls to rostrums.

5463 – Income Taxation of Individuals

Elective Courses

(3 hours). Structure of the federal income tax with emphasis on operation of the system through use of concepts such as income, basis, gains and losses, realization and recognition, exclusions and deductions.

5470 – Wills and Trusts

Menu

(3 hours). Intestate succession; execution, interpretation, amendment, revocation and contest of wills; rights of decedent's family; will substitutes and the avoidance of probate; creation, validity, funding, amendment and termination of trusts and the fiduciary obligation.

5520 – Alternative Dispute Resolution**Experiential**

(3 hours). Negotiation, mediation and arbitration: includes court-ordered arbitration, mini-trials, summary jury trials and other formal and informal means of resolving disputes short of formal court adjudication.

5530 – Civil Pretrial Litigation**Experiential**

(3 hours). The study of litigation tactics and techniques prior to trial. Included are discovery, motion practice, witness preparation, settlement, alternate dispute resolution, pretrial conferences, mini-trials, summary jury trials, and other related areas.

5553 – Remedies**Menu**

(3 hours). The basic purpose of this course is to develop an understanding of the "anatomy" of a lawsuit in law or in equity by focusing on the legal evaluation of facts, the characterization of causes of action, and determination of selection of the most efficacious remedial alternative available. The study of Remedies considers the common law, statutory, and constitutional sources of legal and equitable rights and the means by which rights are enforced and violations of rights are prevented, redressed, or compensated. The course involves analysis of the four principal remedies available at law and in equity: (a) injunctions and specific performance, (b) compensatory and punitive damages, (c) restitution, and (d) declaratory relief. The defenses, adjustments, and limitations on those remedies are also considered as well as the study of the right to jury trial and attorney's fees.

5610 – Federal Indian Law**Elective Courses**

(3 hours). The law governing the relationship between the Indian tribes, the states and the United States. Topics include the history of federal Indian law and policy; the federal-tribal relationship; tribal sovereignty, federal supremacy and states rights; the jurisdictional framework; criminal jurisdiction; civil jurisdiction; taxation and regulation of reservation economic development, including environmental regulation and regulation of Indian gaming; Indian religion and culture; water rights; fishing and hunting rights.

5673 – Indian Gaming Laws & Regulations**Seminar**

Prerequisite: admission to Masters of Legal Studies Program. Examines litigation, history of tribal gaming, critical rulings on tribal/state compacting, and scope of gaming conflicts. Explores tribal compacting experiences around country focusing on Oklahoma tribes and Oklahoma Model Gaming Compact of 2004. Distinguishes regulatory roles of tribes, states, and feds. Explores differences in Class II and III gaming, regulations and disputes. Explains financing and development of tribal gaming facilities. (F, Sp)

5713 – Transactional Law Practicum I: Business Combinations**Experiential**

Course has prerequisites

(3 hours). Prerequisite: Corporations, Business Associations, or Unincorporated Business Entities. This course offers the opportunity to learn about transactional law practice by completing a simulated public company corporate transaction. In the scenario a public oil and gas company has agreed to acquire a company in the renewable energy sector to diversify its operations. The students in the course will be divided into law firms representing various parties in the transaction. Students will have the opportunity to work with practicing lawyers and business leaders during the course. They will participate in a transaction from the formation of a working group through to the signing of a merger agreement between the two companies. Law firms will work as a team to assign particular tasks to members, draft client memoranda and documents, prepare board presentations, and will negotiate with the other firms involved. The course is designed for the students to acquire a working knowledge of aspects of law in the following areas typically encountered in transactional work: Corporations, Securities Regulation, Corporate Finance (Secured and Unsecured), Employment Law and Benefits, Environmental Law, Oil and Gas Law and Regulation, Corporate Taxation, Agricultural Law, and Contracts. The course will also help students develop practice skills such as organizing work teams and work schedules, conducting due diligence, negotiation, contract drafting, preparing securities laws disclosure, and workload management. Students will also learn how to coordinate individual legal work to synthesize with a team project. Corporations (or Business Associations) is a prerequisite but no prior classwork in other areas of substantive law will be assumed prior to taking the class. Students can express areas of preference for the type of assignments within the course. Both parts can be counted toward the requirements for the Law & Entrepreneurship, Energy, and Natural Resources Certificates. This course will fulfill the skills menu requirement.

5750 – Secured Transactions

Menu

(3 hours). This course will cover Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code. Topics covered include the establishment and perfection of security interests pursuant to credit sales contracts, problems focusing on the interface between Article 9 and federal bankruptcy law, priority disputes among collateral claimants, default, and rights after default. Emphasis will be placed on developing an understanding of and facility with the codes statutory scheme.

5830 – Criminal Procedure: Adjudication

Menu

Course has prerequisites

(3 hours). Prerequisites: Criminal Law. This course examines the adjudicatory phase of our criminal procedure, beginning after arrest and continuing through to post-conviction matters. We consider federal constitutional provisions and rules of procedure, the policies underlying those requirements, and their impact on the roles of prosecution and defense counsel. By studying pretrial release, case screening (including prosecutorial discretion), pretrial motions (including the disclosure of exculpatory material), the role of counsel, plea bargaining, the trial process (including the jury and confrontation rights),

sentencing, double jeopardy, and post-conviction appeals, we ask the ultimate question of whether we have a legitimate system of criminal justice, meaning a system that is accurate and fair, that respects notions of limited government, and that is reasonably efficient.

6060 – International Law Foundations

Elective Courses

(3 hours). Public International Law, sometimes also called the "Law of Nations," is concerned with the definition of legal rights and duties among nation states (including those individuals who act on their behalf) and international organizations. This course offers a survey of the norms, rules and institutions that make up the international legal system and which regulate interaction among states, and between states and individuals. An understanding of the basic principles of public international law is fundamental for anyone interested in taking further courses in international law.

6100 – Prosecution Practicum

Experiential

(2 hours). This course will introduce students to prosecutorial pre-trial processes, teach foundational knowledge, and provide opportunities for simulated practice of the following: (a) review police records and draft a charging document; (b) response to a bond motion; (c) conduct witness interviews; (d) draft a Jackson v. Denno motion and conduct a hearing; and (e) draft a motion to suppress. Skills will be taught through a combination of lecture, discussion, and simulated practice.

6100 – Wind Law

Elective Courses

(2 hours). The overview of the class is to provide the students with a collection of wind law resources on a federal and state level, with an emphasis for Oklahoma. The objective of this course is to help students accumulate advanced knowledge in specific wind law issues and the practical skills to be successful. Thus, the course has a wide coverage of topics including project development, land use, legislation, regulations, environmental, permitting, financing, property rights, and substantive documents.

6100 – International Trade Law

Elective Courses

(3 hours). **Currently only offered as part of the summer Oxford Study Abroad Program. This course is concerned with the law of International Trade. Broadly defined, it covers transactions in which goods are transported (by ship) from one country to another. In particular, three types of transactions will be covered: (1) the shipping transaction: this involves two relationships, namely between the seller and the carrier, and between the carrier and the buyer; (2) the sales transaction: this is concerned with the relationship between the seller and the buyer; (3) the financing transaction: again, two relationships are involved - buyer/bank and seller/bank. The course will be taught by way of lectures and interactive seminars.

6100 – Practical Lawyering & MPTs

Experiential

(2 hours) This course is designed to give you critical exposure to practical drafting—lawyering skills that will help you to pass the bar and transition effectively to practicing attorney. During this class, you will use simulated client facts and provided law to hone your writing skills in drafting the following: analytical sections of memos and motion briefs, client letters, written closing arguments, contract revisions, and other documents.

6100 – Entertainment Law

Experiential

(3 hours). This course provides an introduction to the roles, responsibilities, and practice considerations of legal counsel in the entertainment industry, focusing on key industry sectors--motion pictures, television, theater, and music. The course focuses on business practices and industry customs for the "business of entertainment" which is accomplished through the analysis and application of relevant cases and statutes, industry trade paper articles, and representative entertainment contracts. Students will engage on practice exercises, mock client interviews, mock contract negotiations and contract drafting, business analyses using real world numbers from current entertainment products, and analyses of hypothetical problems drawn from real world case studies and issues.

6100 – Equality of Rights in American Constitutional Law

Elective Courses

Course has prerequisites

(3 hours). Prerequisite: Constitutional Law. The study of individual rights in federal constitutional law emphasizing cases not generally covered in the introductory constitutional law course, with emphasis on the concepts of substantive due process, procedural due process, suspect and invidious governmental classifications in violation of the equal protection clause, and protection of other fundamental rights, as well as an examination of constitutional litigation under the primary civil rights enforcement statutes.

6100 – Sentencing and Habeas Corpus

Elective Courses

(3 hours). This course continues from Crim Pro: Adjudication. It focuses on key issues arising from proceedings after criminal conviction. One set of these issues concerns the sentencing phase of the criminal proceeding. Another set of issues from habeas corpus proceedings.

6100 – Motion Brief Drafting

Experiential

Course has prerequisites

(2 hours). Prerequisite: Intro to Brief Writing. This course aims to equip students with the brief-writing skills necessary to navigate a lawsuit through its initial pre-trial phases, with a focus on dispositive motions. Students will learn techniques for supporting and opposing dispositive motions and will have the opportunity to put these techniques into practice by drafting, editing, and receiving individualized feedback on two written

submissions: a brief in support of motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim, and a brief in support of motion for summary judgment.

6100 – AI & the Practice of Law

Elective Courses

(2 hours). This course will explore the history, ethics, and potential use of artificial intelligence in law practice, including exploring how this technology will affect law practice in the next decade. This course's main objectives are three-fold: (1) provide an understanding of AI technology, including how it works and how it could be applied in the practice of law; (2) investigate the ethical, practical, and regulatory aspects of AI in the practice of law; and (3) explore the future trajectory of legal services in the context of AI and emerging technologies.

6100 – Access to Civil Justice

Elective Courses

Course has prerequisites

(1 hours). Prerequisite: Professional Responsibility. This course will teach the principles of the lawyer as public citizen and the profession's obligations to facilitate access to justice through a combination of readings, discussions, practice simulations, drafting exercises, and guest speakers. Major topics to be covered include the history of the provision of legal aid to the poor including the development of case law, legal policy, and legislation. It will review the development of poverty law as a subject matter during the 1960s and 1970s, and the subsequent restrictions on legal resources for the poor, including federal legislative restrictions, challenges to law school clinical programs, and reduced opportunities to obtain attorney fees in civil rights cases. The course will include a review of current efforts to expand access to justice for poor communities, critically examine developments in the area of pro bono and professional responsibility, the development of court sanctioned pro se opportunities, community lawyering strategies, the civil Gideon movement, criminal indigent defense, and access to justice for special populations. S/U graded.

6100 – Legal Issues in the Sports Industry

Elective Courses

(2 hours) This course examines various areas of law and their application to recreational, collegiate, and professional sports. We will emphasize the legal problems and issues faced by professionals in the sport and recreation industry today. Students will utilize critical and analytical thinking to develop a basic understanding of areas of law that affect these industries.

6100 – Foundations of Performance Testing

Experiential

(1 hour) This course provides an introduction to bar exam performance testing with emphasis placed on the skills of critical reading and analysis of cases, statutes, regulations, and other legal resources located in the "Library" portion of the Multistate Performance Test (MPT) and Performance Task (PT) of the UBE and NextGen bar exams. Students will learn methods for critically reading performance test resources, including context and overview strategies, focused reading, and comprehension and

recall techniques needed to successfully analyze legal problems and authority for purposes of formulating performance test answers under time constraints. This course is recommended for 2L and 3L students who want to improve foundational skills related to MPT/PT testing. MPT/PT problems and exercises used in this course will not overlap with other bar-related courses offered at the College of Law.

6100 – Law & Public Relations

Experiential

In the Law & Public Relations course, students will examine real-world case studies showcasing the complex relationship between legal regulations and strategic communications. With a guest instructor from a global PR firm, students will learn first-hand about the interrelationship between navigating legal risks while maintaining public trust. By the end of the course, students will be equipped to critically assess legal considerations in public relations strategies.

6100 – Business Courts

Elective Courses

Specialization within trial courts is a growing trend, with most jurisdictions offering distinct family courts, probate courts, civil divisions, and criminal divisions. This course will look at the modern business court movement in the United States. “Business courts” means a specialized docket, division, program, or track within a state’s trial court civil division, with jurisdiction limited to business and commercial disputes. The Delaware Court of Chancery is the most famous state business court. Recently, Texas created the Texas Business Court and Oklahoma has completed its initial study phase regarding the creation of its own business court. The aim of this course is to provide you with an opportunity to consider the role of specialized courts in a state’s court system as well as the creation of business courts as an attempt to attract litigation business and keep in-state business. To that end, you will consider the varying attributes of state business courts and draft a proposal for the Oklahoma business court. This class does not satisfy the graduation writing requirement or qualify for experiential learning credit.

6100 – National Security Lawyering

Elective Courses

National security attorneys work on challenging and contested legal issues in a fast-paced, high-stakes environment in which both the facts and the law are often unclear. In this course, students will be introduced to international and domestic legal frameworks that govern a range of national security issues, from the collection of intelligence to the use of military force. The course will also introduce students to the considerations—legal, ethical, and practical—that national security lawyers weigh when advising their clients. While much of the course will follow a traditional lecture format, students will also have the opportunity to put their legal knowledge and skills to the test during simulations that will require them, individually and in groups, to address complex national security law problems.

6100 – Negotiation Theory & Practice

Experiential

Negotiation is the most commonly used form of legal dispute resolution in the United States and around the world. This course is designed to introduce students to the basics of negotiation through reading, discussion, and simulation exercises. The course focuses on negotiation skills, negotiation theory, lawyer (agent)/client (principal) dynamics, negotiating in teams, negotiation ethics, and multi-party negotiation issues.

6100 – Blockchain, Cryptocurrency, & Law

Elective Courses

(3 hours). This course provides a comprehensive exploration of blockchain technology, cryptocurrency, and the rapidly evolving legal frameworks that govern them. Students will examine the intersection of law, technology, and policy across areas including securities and commodities regulation, banking and payments, taxation, anti-money laundering, intellectual property, data privacy, bankruptcy, and governance. The course combines doctrinal coverage with experiential components. Students will brief cases, analyze recent enforcement actions, debate policy proposals, and participate in simulated client counseling and regulatory hearings. Guest speakers from industry and government will provide practical insights into current issues, and students will work on a capstone project addressing a real-world legal or regulatory challenge. By the end of the semester, students will be prepared to engage critically and practically with the legal and policy debates surrounding digital assets, decentralized finance, and the future of money.

6100 – Mediation

Experiential

(3 hours). Over the last ten (10) years the use of mediation to settle conflicts has increased drastically across the US and around the world. Many Judges require that parties involved in court related disputes attempt mediation prior to a trial; thus, creating an increased need for more mediators to handle the demand. This course is designed to give participants the skills necessary to mediate civil disputes using the facilitative model outlined in the Dispute Resolution Act, 12 O.S. Supp. 1991, sections 1801 et seq. The course focus will revolve around three major areas: 1. Theory & Application of Mediation: Facilitative 5-Stage Model 2. Assigned reading “The Dynamics of Conflict” & “Getting to Yes” with a required summary journal. 3. Demonstration of skills through role-plays/fishbowl mock mediations/actual mediation Throughout these discussions we will also be exploring the broader topic of the role of a mediator in a dispute.

6100 – E-Discovery

Elective Courses

(3 hours). “E-Discovery is pervasive. It’s like understanding civil procedure. You’re not going to be a civil litigator without understanding the rules of civil procedure. Similarly, you’re no longer going to be able to conduct litigation of any complexity without understanding E-Discovery.” —Judge James C. Francis (S.D.N.Y., ret.) Increasingly, attorneys are becoming “general contractors” when it comes to certain highly technical areas of the law. This is certainly true of the practice of eDiscovery. Throughout your career, you will most likely be charged with assembling – and then managing – the right team of attorney specialists, technologists, and allied professionals who will conduct the

eDiscovery components of cases on your behalf and under your direction. Any attorney serving in such a capacity will need to know enough about the law and technical aspects of eDiscovery to assemble the right team, keep costs under control, and ensure that legal and ethical obligations to clients, the court, and opponents are met and discharged. Using a real-to-life mock case file — together with the latest advancements in AI — this course endeavors to impart such “general contractor” knowledge and expertise.

6100 – The Compressed Brief: Legal Writing Under a Deadline

Elective Courses

(1 hour) This course immerses students in a simulated litigation setting that mirrors the pressures of real-world practice. Over the span of a compressed schedule, students will research, draft, and finalize a Response to a Motion to Dismiss. The course emphasizes not only the mechanics of drafting a substantive brief, but also the judgement and project management skills required to write effectively in a compressed timeframe.

6100 – State Constitutional Law

Elective Courses

(3 hours). This course will address state constitutions, and the role they play in the structure and functions of state governments and their subsidiary institutions. We will address the history and development of state constitutions, and their place in the federal system—including how they inform federal constitutional disputes, and how state constitutions are, in turn, influenced by federal constitutional doctrine. The course will delve into the nitty gritty of state constitutional requirements and obstacles to legislative and executive functions—revealing the myriad state constitutional provisions that constrain state actors. And it will address the numerous individual rights provisions in state constitutions and state courts’ varying approaches to interpreting these provisions in the context of identical or analogous federal rights provisions. While the course will address constitutions from all across the country, special attention will be devoted to Oklahoma and Texas, where feasible.

6100 – Sex Crimes

Elective Courses

(3 hours). This is three-credit course explores issues and debates at the forefront of criminal law's approach to sex crimes. We focus on concepts of autonomy and consent as we discuss the criminal law's historical and current treatment of the following: rape and its many forms, sexual liberty, child pornography, revenge pornography, sex work, sex trafficking, sex offender restrictions, and more.

6100 – Bankruptcy Litigation

Experiential

(1 hour). Prerequisite: Bankruptcy is recommended, but not required. In this practice-focused seminar, we will explore bankruptcy and restructuring practice by examining real cases and engaging in legal simulations. We will explore decisions surrounding filing for bankruptcy, the creation of the bankruptcy estate, creditor and estate litigation strategies, and plan confirmation. As we explore these issues, students will complete a

variety of exercises involving drafting, oral and written advocacy, client counseling, and negotiation. Students can take this class without having taken a basic bankruptcy class, but it will be challenging. I highly recommend that you purchase the optional textbook and read the optional assignments to gain some context on the subject matter.

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6100 – Legends in the Law

Elective Courses

(1 hour). Legends in the Law explores the lives, legacies, and jurisprudential contributions of some of the most influential figures in legal history. Through a series of biographical studies, case analyses, and guest lectures, students will examine how these legal legends such as judges, advocates, scholars, and reformers have shaped the practice of law and the broader course of justice in the United States and beyond. This course focuses on legal legends by analyzing landmark decisions, writings, or advocacy efforts, while also considering the historical and social context in which they operated. The course emphasizes critical thinking about the evolution of legal thought, professional ethics, and the enduring impact of leadership in the legal profession.

6100 – Business Associations

Menu

(3 hours). Introduction to the law of business organizations. The primary focus is a study of the modern corporation. Particular attention is directed to the organizational structuring of the corporation; the allocation of control among stockholders, directors, and officers; and mergers and acquisitions. Federal securities law is introduced, but not covered in a substantial manner. Limited attention will also be given to the basic principles of agency, partnerships, LPs, and LLCs. Note: • Students cannot take both Corporations and Business Associations. • Students can take both Business Associations and Unincorporated Business Entities. • Business Associations satisfies all prerequisite and graduation requirements in the same manner as Corporations.

6100 – Tribal Economic Development

Elective Courses

(3 hours). This course examines the historical and contemporary development of tribal economies in the United States, from traditional systems of trade and governance through the disruptive impact of colonization, federal policies, and into the modern era of tribal self-determination and enterprise. Framed around the 250th anniversary of the

United States, the course integrates legal and economic analysis to help students understand the evolution of tribal economies across different eras, including removal, allotment, reorganization, gaming, and beyond. Designed for all upper-level law students—whether or not they have taken Indian law courses—this course is particularly relevant for those planning to practice in Oklahoma or any state with federally recognized tribes. Given the breadth of tribal jurisdiction across economic sectors such as energy, infrastructure, finance, and hospitality, understanding tribal law and business operations is essential to effective legal practice in diverse fields such as commercial transactions, oil and gas, real estate, and tort litigation. Students will gain practical skills in drafting, valuation, negotiation, and policy analysis while learning to navigate intergovernmental legal regimes, tribal sovereignty, and culturally grounded economic development. The course culminates in a strategic economic development proposal tailored to a specific tribe, presented in a format that simulates professional legal and business advising. *This course will have an option to satisfy the GWR.

6100 – American Indian Estates

Elective Courses

(1 hour). The American Indian Estate is a short-term academic course that will provide time intensive instruction in American Indian estates. Although the Clinic is not required, students will be ready to address issues they may encounter in live practice. Specifically, this course will focus on the foundational substance of estate and Indian law. This course will also provide a forum for discussing ethical and practical issues that can arise with American Indian clients.

6100 – Art & Cultural Heritage Law

Elective Courses

(3 hours). This course will explore the legal issues relevant to art and cultural property, with a special emphasis on American Indian issues. Specific areas of coverage will include the legal definitions of “art” and “craft”; the legal rules that govern art galleries, auctions and museums; international rules relating to the movement of art during war; international preservation and appropriation of cultural property; and statutes enacted to protect the art and culture of American Indians, such as the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act; and the Indian Arts and Crafts Act. No prerequisites.

6100 – Crimmigration

Elective Courses

(3 hours). This course focuses on the intersection of criminal law and immigration law. The course should be particularly useful to future prosecutors, criminal defense attorneys, and immigration attorneys. We will examine the immigration consequences of criminal convictions, criminal procedure at the U.S. border and ports of entry, immigration detention, how noncitizens fare in the criminal justice system, and the role of states in immigration enforcement. Neither immigration law nor criminal procedure are prerequisites for this course, but the class will complement learning in both of those courses for students undertaking them separately.

6100 – Legal Foundations

Elective Courses

(1 hour). This course is an introduction to the study of law. Students will learn to interpret statutes and to analyze and synthesize judicial decisions. The course does not focus on the substantive or procedural law of a particular legal field. Instead, students are taught the methods of studying the law through the analysis of a broad array of legal materials. During the course students will begin to develop a vocabulary appropriate to the study of law, and will be introduced to foundational concepts of our legal system. S/U graded.

6100 – Mineral Title Examination

Elective Courses

(3 hours). Starting from the Treaty of Paris, this course will examine the development of land title within the United States while touching on various fields of law including: Oil and Gas, Riparian, Contracts, Administrative, Indian, and Wills and Trusts. From there, this course will take a practical approach to property law as we examine historical documents from various title repositories to determine the ownership of oil, gas, and other minerals beneath the land's surface. To end the course, we will then learn how to apply this knowledge to the creation of a Mineral Title Opinion.

6100 – Patents

Elective Courses

(2 hours). This course provides a comprehensive introduction to basic concepts of U.S. patent law and policy. Topics will include the structure of the patent system, the basic requirements for patent protection, the nature and scope of the rights granted by the Patent Act, the enforcement of those rights, and patent policy. This course will focus primarily on utility patents but will also include a substantial unit on design patents. You do not need a scientific or technical background to take this class or to do all types of work in this area.

6100 – Representing the Professional Athlete

Experiential

(3 Hours). In this course lectures and in-class groups will feature a significant amount of class discussion. Students will select a current professional athlete and prepare representation agreements, negotiate on behalf of their athlete, and prepare endorsement pitches. Topics covered will be 1. How to recognize and avoid conflicts of interest in athlete representation; 2. The rules & regulations governing recruiting and agent conduct; 3. The purposes and boundaries of agent-client agreements; 4. Collective bargaining and arbitration processes; 5. Negotiations with and for the athlete; 6. Salary caps and taxes; 7. Licensing and merchandising related to representation; 8. Protecting the athlete from exposure to tort claims; and 9. Advising the injured athlete.

6100 – Selected Issues in Trusts Law

Elective Courses

(2 hours). After briefly reviewing the basic history and foundation of trust law and its place within the larger Property context, this course will address some of the theoretical and practical dynamism found in its current practice, including digital assets and other tech/AI in administration, ongoing questions over asset protection, dynasty or “purpose” trusts (including dead hand control), and decanting.

6100 – Technology in Law Practice**Elective Courses**

(3 hours). Technology continues to influence the legal profession. Law students must develop the skills and acquire the knowledge that will make them the next generation of technologically competent lawyers. Using a hands-on, practice-oriented approach, students will be educated and trained on using technology in all aspects of law practice, including current front and back office applications and exploring emerging technology.

6110 – Bioethics and the Law**Seminar**

(2 hours). Bioethics is designed to introduce students to the intersecting and sometimes conflicting interests of law, science, medicine, economics, social policy, and individual autonomy. We will focus on the roles of individuals, courts, health-care providers, and the government in medical treatment, life and death decisions, reproduction, drug abuse, access to mental health care, the ethics of drug-testing on live animals, ethics of requiring vaccinations, privacy of health information in the workplace, ethical requirements for human research studies, and the ethical use of individual and macro-genetic information.

6223 – Trademarks & Unfair Competition**Elective Courses**

(3 hours). Trademark law is relevant to all businesses (who either have or want trademarks) and is an especially important topic for those who want to work in sports or entertainment law. This course provides an in-depth review of U.S. law related to the law, theory, and institutions governing trademarks and unfair competition. Specific areas of coverage will include trademark registration, the scope and nature of trademark rights, rights of publicity, and the law of false advertising. Note: You do not need a scientific/technical background to take this class or to work in this area.

6311 – American Indian Law Review**Co-Curriculars****Course has prerequisites**

(1 hour). Prerequisite: American Indian Law Review membership. Production of a written note or comment for the Review or other approved activities associated with production of the Review S/U graded.

6313 – Child Abuse Clinic**Elective Courses****Course has prerequisites**

(3 hours). Prerequisite: prior completion of, or concurrent enrollment in Family Law and Family Law II. Each student enrolls for an entire academic year for three hours each semester. Designed to provide advanced academic training in child abuse and neglect. The educational goals of the Interdisciplinary Training Program in Child Abuse and Neglect are to develop leaders in the treatment and prevention of child abuse and neglect: •Who are rigorously trained and understand the value of the prevention of child maltreatment; •Who are committed learners in all aspects; and •Who will, through professional advocacy, education, policy development, research, and service, contribute

substantially to the knowledge base for the prevention of child maltreatment at the state, national, and international levels.

6320 – Directed Legal Research

Co-Curriculars

(1 or 2 hours). Legal research, with or without a specific written component, under the supervision of a University of Oklahoma College of Law tenured, tenure-track, or contract professor. With the supervisor's and the Associate Dean's permission, a student may enroll, no later than the first week of the semester for which the credit will be earned, in one-or-two-credit hours of Directed Legal Research. If this course is being used to satisfy the Graduation Writing Requirement, those guidelines also apply. If a paper is generated as a result of the Directed Legal Research, it may be assigned a letter grade or be graded Satisfactory-Unsatisfactory (S-U). If a paper is not produced as a result of Directed Legal Research, the work will be graded Satisfactory-Unsatisfactory.

6321 – Competitions

Co-Curriculars

(1 hour). Students who participate on a trial or appellate advocacy competition team sponsored by the College of Law and directly supervised by the Competition Director may enroll in this course. S/U graded.

6323 – Criminal Defense Clinic

Experiential

Course has prerequisites

(3 hours). Prerequisites: Civil Procedure I and II, Evidence, and Professional Responsibility; or concurrent enrollment in Evidence and Professional Responsibility. Corequisite: Litigation Skills (first semester in Clinic). Clinical experience providing students opportunity to represent indigent defendants charged with municipal, misdemeanor and felony offenses in Cleveland and McClain Counties. Students handle every aspect of the defense of a criminal case, including interviewing, investigating, negotiating, litigating motions and conducting the trial.

6331 – Oil & Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Journal

Co-Curriculars

Course has prerequisites

(1 hour). Prerequisite: ONE J membership. Production of case summaries of recently released court decisions on matters relating to oil and gas, natural resources, and energy; student notes and comments on topics relating to oil and gas, natural resources, and energy; editorial work on submitted articles relating to oil and gas, natural resources, and energy; or other approved activities associated with production of the Review. S/U graded.

6360 – Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiation

Experiential

(3 hours). Theoretical and practical aspects of interviewing, counseling and negotiation, including simulation of situations calling for these skills. Taught in a lecture-workshop

format with a lecture and demonstration on a particular topic each week, followed by small workshops in which students take the lawyer's role.

6363 – Civil Clinic

Experiential

Course has prerequisites

(3 hours). Prerequisites: Civil Procedure I and II, Evidence, and Professional Responsibility; or concurrent enrollment in Evidence and Professional Responsibility. Corequisite: Litigation Skills (first semester in Clinic). Student interns, working from an office located in the Law Center, participate in the actual representation of low-income clients in civil matters. Experience is acquired through court appearances, jury and non-jury trials, interviewing, discovery, drafting of pleadings and appeals under the supervision of the clinical legal education staff. Students are required to maintain an active caseload and office hours.

6391 – Oklahoma Law Review

Co-Curriculars

Course has prerequisites

(1 hour). Prerequisite: Oklahoma Law Review membership. Production of a written note or comment for the Review or other approved activities associated with production of the Review. S/U graded.

6400 – American Indian Estates Clinic

Experiential

(3 hours). Corequisite: American Indian Estates (first semester in Clinic). The American Indian Estates Clinic will address the fractionation of Indian land. As advocates, students will learn how to execute wills for clients and administer/probate estates from cradle to grave, taking the estate from the passing of a decedent through the order excusing the personal representative. Ultimately, students will develop interviewing and counseling skills, network with judges and attorneys across the state, and put their academic knowledge of estates to practical use. The Clinic comprises three (3) primary components: 1. Clinic Hours – Time spent in the Clinic working on assigned estate cases under attorney supervision and advisement. 2. Wills Caravans – Tribal community events outside of the Clinic, where the attorneys and students will draft wills for tribal members. 3. Court Appearances – Travel to and from tribal and state courts to observe hearings and other judicial matters. Through completing these components, students will develop a holistic understanding of American Indian estates as well as learn how to execute wills and administer/probate estates. Students will not be permitted to hold themselves out as licensed legal practitioners as though they have completed the Oklahoma State Bar Exam. Rather, they will appear in state and tribal courts as permitted by those respective courts' bar associations and always under the supervision of an OILS attorney. However, students that are Licensed Legal Interns (LLI) under the Oklahoma State Bar Association, and those otherwise permitted by tribal court bars, will be allowed to make court appearances for their assigned cases.

6400 – Extern Placement**Experiential**

(3 hours). Corequisite: Issues in Professionalism (first semester in Externship). This course allows students the opportunity to observe and assist in various legal settings. Placement opportunities will include courts and governmental agencies. Mediation training and placements also offered. Students will be required to spend at least 10 hours a week at their placement; submit weekly journal entries; bi-monthly meetings with the clinical director; and submit a final paper. S/U graded.

6400 – Issues in Professionalism**Elective Courses**

(2 hours). This course will involve discussions drawn from contemporary readings about issues presented in the practice of law; ethical dilemmas; and the judicial system. A final paper will be required. This course is a required co-requisite for a student's first externship placement. S/U graded.

6400 – Litigation Skills**Experiential**

(3 hours). This skills course utilizes simulations and observations exposing students to aspects of criminal and civil representation of clients. Students will perform exercises including interviewing, negotiation, counseling, court hearings and other exercises.

6410 – Trial Techniques**Experiential****Course has prerequisites**

(3 hours). Prerequisite: Evidence. An introduction to basic trial techniques under simulated trial situations.

6422 – Bar Exam Preparation I: Strategies and Tactics for Success**Elective Courses**

(2 hours). For 3Ls only, unless permission granted by professor for an exception. Bar Exam Preparation is designed to help students get an early jump on preparations to pass the bar, but it IS NOT a substitute for commercial bar exam preparation courses. Students will review substantive law in at least three areas heavily tested on the bar exam as they learn and practice skills necessary to maximize scores on both the multiple choice and essay portions of the exam. S/U graded.

6540 – Oil and Gas**Elective Courses**

(3 hours). Nature of property interests in oil and gas; conveyancing of interests in oil and gas; legal interests created by oil and gas leases; validity of leases; habendum, drilling, and rental clauses; assignment of interests of lessor and lessee; rents and royalties; and conservation of oil and gas.

6682 – Law and Literature Seminar**Seminar**

(2 hours). The Seminar will involve reading and discussion of selected classical and contemporary literary works with a legal theme or influence. The grade will be based on a composite of class participation, short papers, and a group presentation on one of the

assigned readings. Illustrative readings may include: *A Jury of Her Peers* by Susan Glaspell, *The Boscombe Valley Mystery* and *The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller, *Chronicle of a Death Foretold* by Gabriel Marquez, and *Witness for the Prosecution* by Agatha Christie. In addition, the class will watch selected movies with legal themes, which may include: *12 Angry Men*, *The Lincoln Lawyer*, and *The Verdict*. Please note that because the Seminar will involve a series of shorter writing assignments, it will not generally satisfy the Graduation Writing Requirement; however, accommodations will be made for any students needing the GWR.

6700 – Commercial Law Seminar

Seminar

The course is a general survey studying how commercial law allocates economic risk. Throughout the semester, we'll examine the legal tools transactional attorneys use to identify, manage, and transfer risk in both individual transactions and the broader financial system. During the first half of the semester, we'll study the core building blocks of commercial transactions, (business entities, loans, collateral, due diligence, contractual risk-allocation mechanisms, and insurance) to understand how lawyers structure transactions to shift and manage risk between private parties. The second half of the semester expands that perspective to financial markets and institutions. We'll examine how the law allocates risk across entire systems through topics such as the banking system, capital markets, securitization, bankruptcy, and hedges and derivatives. The course grade will be based on two research papers: one due halfway through the semester and a second due at the end of the semester.

6700 – Education Law Seminar

Seminar

(2 hours). This course provides a legal perspective on the concept of equitable education in America. We will examine the laws and policies surrounding public education and consider how issues relating to race, ethnicity, immigration status, gender, poverty, and disability combine to shape our education system. Specific topics likely will include the role of student discipline, freedom of student expression, freedom of religion in school settings, education reforms, and a review of the major local, state, and national trends in Education Law.

6700 – Tribal Courts Seminar

Seminar

(2 hours). This course examines the relationship between Tribal Nations and the three main sovereigns: Federal government, state governments, and tribal governments. Students will understand, analyze and discuss the importance of tribal court to tribal sovereignty, the tribal people, and to specific tribal cultures. Each student will research and make a presentation on a Native American tribe, its court system, and the forum of judicial redress.

6700 – Jurisprudence Seminar

Seminar

(2 hours). Immigration Law and Policy raise global questions of what is national sovereignty, what rights and obligations does the sovereign have with respect to its citizens, what rights and obligations does the citizen have with respect to the sovereign, and what is the relationship between the sovereign and its people toward those existing outside the political community – referred to as “aliens” in U.S. law. Moving from the global to the particular, how are and should these questions be answered in the United States and under our Constitution? This seminar will explore these issues

6700 – Legislation Seminar

Seminar

(2 hours). This course will study the legislative process and the forces underlying that process including: where ideas for legislation originate, bill drafting, the committee process, amendments, internal and external lobbying, campaigning for office, and other relevant issues. The course will explore these topics through examples of major legislative reforms in Oklahoma and other states. The course will include a discussion of constitutional, statutory, and internal rules governing the Oklahoma Legislature. The course will also include a comparison of the Oklahoma legislative process to the processes of other state legislatures.

6700 – Legal Perspectives on Finance and Capitalism Seminar

Seminar

(2 hours). The format for the seminar will be reading, discussion and group presentation of selected books related to commercial law and finance (e.g., “Ponzi’s Scheme”, “The Smartest Guy in the Room”). In addition, there will be five movies we will watch related to the books and class discussion (e.g., “The Big Short”). The books will be divided among five groups of three students, and each group will prepare a presentation (for instance, Power Point slides) of its book. Those students not presenting will write a two-page paper on the book presented. In addition, there will be a final, five-page paper.* The final grade for the course will be based on a composite of the book presentation, two-page papers and final five-page paper. *Please note that the short writing assignments (the four two-page papers and five-page paper) will not satisfy the Graduate Writing Requirement. However, accommodations will be made for those students who wish to use the seminar to satisfy the GWR.

6732 – War Crimes Tribunals Seminar

Seminar

(2 hours). This seminar will examine judicial institutions that have been established outside the exclusive control of national legal systems for the prosecution of certain international atrocity crimes, including institutions such as the International Criminal Tribunals for Yugoslavia and Rwanda, the Extraordinary Chambers of the Cambodian Courts and the Special Court of Sierra Leone. The course will focus on the background, jurisdiction, procedures and substantive law of such institutions, as well as the practical day-to-day operations of these courts.