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The University of Iowa College of Law is the oldest law school west of the Mississippi River. Founded in 1865 as the Iowa Law School, the college is a charter member of the American Association of Law Schools and an American Bar Association-approved law school.

One of 11 colleges at the University of Iowa, the College of Law is part of Iowa City's unique cultural community. Students, faculty, and staff work together in a friendly, relaxed, and productive environment that puts students' needs first.

A longstanding commitment to inclusion and diversity is a source of pride for the College of Law, which was one of the first schools in the nation to grant a law degree to a woman (1873) and to an African American (1879). Diversity is central to the college's educational philosophy and to its core mission of preparing culturally proficient graduates who are capable of intellectual inquiry, critical and reflective thinking, and engagement.

Iowa's challenging law school curriculum carefully balances substantive courses, perspective offerings, examination of ethical values and professionalism, and experiential programs, including a highly active in-house legal clinic. The college's low student-faculty ratio and the faculty's open-door policy ensure that students have opportunities for interaction and collaboration with their law professors.

The college's writing program—one of the strongest among law schools nationwide—is integral to all students' academic experience. During both semesters of their first year, students take a small-section course in legal analysis, writing, and research. During the second and third years, they complete four additional writing units. Among opportunities for completing the writing requirement is work on one of the law school's four student-run scholarly journals: Iowa Law Review; Journal of Corporation Law; Journal of Gender, Race & Justice; and Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems.

Programs

Undergraduate Program of Study
  • Certificate in Human Rights (under University of Iowa Center for Human Rights)

Professional Programs of Study
  • Juris Doctor
  • Master of Laws
  • Master of Studies in Law
  • Doctor of Juridical Science

Facilities

Facilities and Resources

Boyd Law Building

The Willard L. Boyd Law Building, completed in 1986, exemplifies Iowa's continuing commitment to legal education and the legal profession. The building's large, circular structure reflects the special character of the Iowa law school and allows the college to operate in a physical environment in which every square foot of space is designed to promote the college's academic and professional programs.

Among the building's facilities are classrooms, the Levitt Auditorium, the Law Library, faculty and administrative offices, offices for the college's cocurricular programs, meeting rooms, and a bookstore. The first floor features the new Lauridsen Family Law Commons, a renovation project completed in 2016. This space provides ample areas for studying, including two conference rooms, two seminar rooms, and the Court Café. The third floor of the Boyd Law Building is where the college's clinical law programs are located. This suite functions as a teaching law firm, offering ease of access, usability, and visibility.

Law Library

The centerpiece of the Boyd Law Building is the University of Iowa Law Library. The Law Library has one of the most comprehensive collections of legal materials in the country, containing more than 1.3 million separately cataloged titles. A particular strength of the library is its collection of U.S. legal materials. The Law Library also holds an exceptionally strong collection of materials in foreign, comparative, and international law, including a print collection comprising more than 280,000 volumes and over 1,500 serials and subscriptions.

Research Centers and Programs

Participation in research centers and outreach programs is an important part of the College of Law's service to professional and civic communities.

Iowa Innovation, Business & Law Center

The Iowa Innovation, Business & Law Center is an interdisciplinary teaching and research venture that brings together faculty members who teach and study problems of business, technology, innovation, regulation, and legal policy from diverse perspectives. The center's purpose is twofold: first, it offers an innovative curriculum and outstanding legal training in areas pertaining to government regulation of entrepreneurship, innovation, and management of resources; second, it encourages creative individual and collaborative interdisciplinary research in these areas.

Institute of Public Affairs

The Institute of Public Affairs provides services and information to help maintain and strengthen the effectiveness
of Iowa’s local governments. The institute facilitates goal setting and strategic planning, educational programs and information, professional development, and public management assistance, and offers information and publications, outreach, and linkage with other University programs and activities. The Institute provides training for newly elected mayors and council members through a municipal leadership academy and publishes the Iowa Municipal Policy Leader’s Handbook for city officials. It also holds the annual Iowa Municipal Management Institute, a professional development conference for city and county managers and administrators in Iowa.

**Labor Center**

The University of Iowa Labor Center provides educational programs and research support to Iowa’s working people and their organizations. Since 1951, the Labor Center has acted as a bridge between the University and Iowa’s labor community.

**Larned A. Waterman Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center**

The Larned A. Waterman Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center offers information and assistance from across the University of Iowa to help Iowa’s charitable nonprofit organizations become more effective in building their communities.

**Law, Health Policy & Disability Center**

The Law, Health Policy & Disability Center is a leader in law, technology, education, and research focused on improving the quality of life for persons living with disabilities. Based at the University of Iowa College of Law, the center concentrates on public policy and its impact on persons with disabilities, emphasizing employment, self-determination, and self-sufficiency.

**National Health Law and Policy Resource Center**

The National Health Law and Policy Resource Center, founded in 1981, promotes laws and public policies that foster and facilitate accessible, affordable, and quality health services and related services for all Americans, particularly members of vulnerable and disadvantaged populations. The center provides a nonpartisan forum for informed dialogue between academics, practitioners, and public policy makers based on the best available data and information about important health law and policy issues.

**University of Iowa Center for Human Rights**

The University of Iowa Center for Human Rights was founded in 1999 as an outgrowth of the University’s year-long commemoration celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Based in the College of Law, the center engages in human rights teaching, scholarship, and public engagement.

### Courses

The following courses are those offered by the College of Law during the past four academic years and those scheduled to be offered during the coming academic year. See the Guide to Courses under Courses and Curriculum on the College of Law website for a list of College of Law courses defined by Interpretation 509-1 of the American Bar Association Standards for the Approval of Law Schools.

**Law Courses**

**LAW:8006 Civil Procedure** 4 s.h.

Procedure before trial; commencement of a suit; subject matter jurisdiction; jurisdiction over the person and venue; pleadings, motion practice, including summary judgment, simple joinder of parties and claims in determining scope and size of the lawsuit; pretrial discovery procedures, the trial, claim and issue preclusion.

**LAW:8010 Constitutional Law I** 3 s.h.

Constitutional allocation of governmental powers; doctrine of judicial review and nature of judicial function in constitutional cases; relationships among several branches of national government; the federal system, including powers delegated to national government, powers reserved to states, and intergovernmental immunities; role of judicial process in structuring limits within which society operates; institutional development of legal system, relationship among institutions within the system.

**LAW:8017 Contracts** 4 s.h.

Law that governs the otherwise unregulated sector of the economy and concerns the making and enforcement of promises, usually as part of a bargain; basics-formation of agreements, consideration, invalidating causes, parole evidence and interpretation, conditions, remedies; roles of promises and promissory exchanges in a modern economy; limitations the law places on freedom of contract.

**LAW:8022 Criminal Law** 3 s.h.

Basic understanding of substantive criminal law; underlying premises of and justifications for criminal law; emphasis on general doctrines that dictate the minimum elements necessary to impose criminal liability, essential requirements of culpable conduct (an *actus reus*, or guilty act), blameworthy mental state (a *mens rea* or guilty mind); rape, homicide, causation, attempt, conspiracy, accomplice liability; various defenses to criminality, such as self-defense, duress, intoxication, insanity, diminished capacity.

**LAW:8026 Introduction to Law and Legal Reasoning** 1 s.h.

Basic concepts and intellectual skills necessary for understanding the first-year curriculum.

**LAW:8032 Legal Analysis Writing and Research I** 2 s.h.

Structured development of effective skills in legal analysis, research, writing, and research; first of a two-semester sequence.

**LAW:8033 Legal Analysis Writing and Research II** 2 s.h.

Structured development of effective skills in legal analysis, writing, and research; second of a two-semester sequence. Prerequisites: LAW:8032.

**LAW:8034 Extended Legal Analysis Writing and Research II** 5 s.h.

Legal analysis, research, writing, and law-practice skills for non-native English speakers; recognition and analysis of legal issues, effective oral and written communication with clients and the court; persuasive writing; negotiation; oral argument; sentence-level effectiveness; interpreting statutes; emphasis on effective teamwork. Prerequisites: LAW:8032.
LAW:8037 Property
4 s.h.
Concept of private property as one of the legal system’s
basic foundations; historical development of Anglo-American
property law examined in conjunction with changing currents
of economic, social, and political thought; emphasis on
understanding decision making by courts in the common-
law tradition, and its interplay with legislative enactments
intended to change the common law; fundamental notions
relating to the origins of property rights; relationship of
possession and ownership, with emphasis on capacity
of property law to recognize a wide range of interest
configurations; impetus for promoting ease and reliability
in conveyance of property interests, commercially and
gratuitously; function of public recording in providing stability
to transfers of interest in land; role of adverse possession and
prescriptive use in recognizing expectations based on long-
standing property relationships; responsiveness of property
law to social change as illustrated by modern reforms in
landlord-tenant act.

LAW:8046 Torts
4 s.h.
Development of tort principles; civil responsibility for harms to
tangible personal and property interests; roles of legislatures,
judges, juries; intentional harms, negligence, and strict
liability considered from perspectives of jurisprudence,
economics, and moral philosophy.

LAW:8105 Administrative Law
3 s.h.
Formal and informal procedures, processes, and functions of
state and federal administrative agencies; legislative,
executive, and judicial control of their actions; nature and
definition of administrative agencies; permissible delegation
duty to administrative agencies; scope of agency
authority; agencies’ right to obtain information from members of
the public; citizens’ right to obtain information in agencies’
possession; definition and types of administrative rules;
rule-making procedure; agency discretion to make law by
rule or adjudication; right to a trial-type hearing before an
agency; parties’ specific rights in an administrative hearing,
including notice, open or closed hearing, right to counsel,
evidence, nature and exclusivity of the record; agency
decision-making process, including role of hearing officers,
separation of functions and bias of decision makers, nature of
opinion required; judicial review of administrative action,
including reviewability of agency action, primary jurisdiction
of agencies, exhaustion of administrative remedies, standing,
scope of judicial review, mechanics of judicial review.

LAW:8112 Advanced Civil Procedure
arr.
Complex civil litigation; advanced civil procedure topics not
taught in first year; essential aspects of civil procedure (e.g.,
personal and subject matter jurisdiction); joinder devices
(intervention, necessary parties, interpleader, consolidation),
discovery and confidentiality orders, appellate jurisdiction,
mechanisms to structure the trial (e.g., bifurcation of issues);
class. Prerequisites: LAW:8006.

LAW:8121 Advanced Legal Research Methods in
Specialized Subjects
1 s.h.
Legal research methods in specific legal practice and research
areas; specific topic rotates each year (litigation and ADR
legal research, business and tax legal research, federal
legislative history legal research, legal history research);
students work with real-world examples to improve research
skills related to a particular legal subject.

LAW:8123 Advanced Legal Research
2 s.h.
Builds on LAW:8032 and LAW:8033; in-depth exploration
of American legal resources; current print and electronic
resources that help students develop better, more efficient
search techniques and select the most effective formats
for their research; opportunity to review the basic sources
of legal information, use varied techniques to access legal
information, develop personal strategies for managing
information; advanced training in LEXIS, WESTLAW, the
Internet; nonlegal information sources important to the legal
community.

LAW:8125 State Legal Research
1 s.h.
Legal resources available for a particular state; exploration of
current print and electronic resources, particularly low-cost
electronic resources such as FastCase and the Internet are
explored for purposes of developing better, more efficient
search techniques; selection of the most effective formats
for research; sources of legal information; techniques for
accessing legal information.

LAW:8133 American Governance: Theory and
Practice
2-3 s.h.
Tracing the evolution of our constitutional system by
examining specific events in American history; particular
emphasis will be given to the role of Congress and its
relationship with the Executive Branch and court system.
Requirements: open only to students educated outside the
United States.

LAW:8146 Antitrust Law
3 s.h.
Laws dealing with restraints of trade, monopolization and
mergers; history of these laws and their development in the
courts; current doctrine and its underlying legal and economic
theories; analytical tools of trade: sufficiency of economic
efficiency as the measure of justice.

LAW:8153 Applied Evidence
2 s.h.
Opportunities to apply the rules of evidence; use of mock
case problems presenting evidentiary issues that attorneys
in real practice would address by filing motions in limine;
students are enabled to more fully comprehend the reasoning
and rationale behind the rules, and appreciate the intricacies
of applying the rules to a set of facts; focus on pretrial
evidentiary litigation and specific rules of evidence.

LAW:8158 Arbitration Principles and Practice
3 s.h.
Introduction to law of arbitration and essential skills and
procedures involved in its practice; role of arbitration in
modern conflict resolution in various settings in which it is
used; conceptual framework and explanatory theories for
analysis of issues frequently encountered in arbitration;
statutory and contractual grounds for arbitration (e.g.,
labor relations, employment, consumer and commercial
transactions); development of skills and understanding of
procedure through use of problems and exercises simulating
common arbitration scenarios in which students participate as
lawyers, arbitrators, and parties.

LAW:8159 Arbitration: Law and Theory
2-3 s.h.
The law of arbitration and its role in modern conflict
resolution, conceptual framework and explanatory theories for
the analysis of issues frequently encountered; statutory and
contractual grounds for arbitration, such as labor relations,
employment, consumer, and commercial transactions;
the decision to use arbitration; the role of lawyers; judicial
enforcement of arbitration agreements and arbitration
awards; contractual issues and defenses; federal preemption;
arbitrability and separability; remedies; the relationship
between arbitration and litigation and mediation and other
non-adversary forms of dispute resolution.
LAW:8160 Arbitration: Practice and Advocacy 1-2 s.h.
Skill development to effectively participate in arbitration and related court proceedings; advise clients on various aspects of arbitration; opportunity to draft an arbitration agreement, a petition to compel arbitration, a prehearing arbitration booklet with legal authorities and supporting exhibits, and pleadings necessary for judicial review; examination of all aspects of the arbitration process; procedures for post-award remedies and judicial review; hybrid methods of arbitration, applicable rules, and ethics concepts.

LAW:8161 Arbitration Advocacy Competition 1-2 s.h.
Development and application of arbitration advocacy skills in preparation for the Iowa intramural and regional competitions; addresses arbitration presentation methodology, procedure, prehearing preparation, and advocacy skills; students who advance in the intramural Iowa Arbitration Tournament are selected to represent Iowa in the ABA Arbitration Competition the following fall.

LAW:8163 Art, Law, and Ethics 3 s.h.
How law and ethics apply to individuals and institutions concerned with the visual arts. Same as ARTH:4040.

LAW:8167 The American Legal Experience 3-4 s.h.
Historical role of law in American society and its engagement with politics, social and biological science, economics. Same as HIST:4287.

LAW:8169 The American Legal Experience 3 s.h.
Historical role of law in American social, political, and economic life from the 17th century through 1980s; legal issues involving religion and state, early national period and the Constitution, law of slavery, common law and economic development, changing legal status of women, law’s engagement with the social sciences, race discrimination, crime, legal realism, and development of modern welfare and business policy.

LAW:8186 Bankruptcy 3-4 s.h.
Rights of individuals and entities under the federal bankruptcy laws, from perspectives of debtors and creditors; foundational topics from liquidation bankruptcy (chapter 7) to reorganization bankruptcy (chapters 11 and 13); consumer and business bankruptcies; advanced bankruptcy topics such as small business reorganizations, farm bankruptcies, ethical issues in bankruptcy law, international insolvencies. Prerequisites: LAW:8374.

LAW:8194 Basic Federal Income Taxation 3-4 s.h.
Operation, policies, principles of federal income tax, including gross income, deductions, property dispositions, tax accounting, assignment of income among family members, time value of money, leveraging.

LAW:8198 Building the State 2 s.h.
Examination of state building and deconstruction; taxing, spending, fiscal citizenship, theories about state building; topics may include statelessness, legibility and state building, utopian tax regimes, revolutionary tax systems (French, U.S.A., Confederate States of America, potential Scottish state), voluntary taxation and non-state “tax” regimes (ISIS, organized crime).

LAW:8218 Civil Rights Law 3 s.h.
Civil rights law; constitutional litigation brought under Section 1983 to enforce the 4th, 8th, and 14th Amendments, specifically exploring prisoners’ rights, police abuse, and substantive Due Process claims; examination of Reconstruction Era civil rights statutes (Sections 1891 and 1892) and modern federal statutes prohibiting discrimination such as Title VII and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); cutting-edge civil rights issues such as affirmative action, sexual harassment, and racial identity; interpretive and strategic challenges that arise in civil rights litigation.

LAW:8245 Comparative Equality 2-3 s.h.
Affirmative action or “positive discrimination” for examining/comparing inequality and inclusion in the countries of France, Brazil, Canada, India, South Africa, and the United States; historical context in which affirmative action or positive discrimination programs have been implemented for certain groups within Brazil, Canada, India, South Africa, and the United States as arguments in favor of and against such programs in those countries; lessons learned from these countries applied to France to answer the question, “is France in need of affirmative action?”

LAW:8263 Comparative Law 2-3 s.h.
Comparative study of origins, development, and principal features of the world’s main legal systems; common and civil law traditions; historical development of the main legal systems, their sources, ideologies, techniques; subjects important to international legal practice (e.g., international judicial assistance, application of foreign law in American courts; in-depth study of modern legal systems of the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Japan, Russia; introduction to other legal traditions, including preliterate tribal law, traditional Chinese and Islamic law.

LAW:8272 Conflict of Laws 2-3 s.h.
Problems created when a transaction or relationship has associations with more than one jurisdiction; emphasis on selection of appropriate rules where there are differences in laws of various jurisdiction and on recognition of judgments of other states; current evolution in theoretical approaches to these problems; limitations on American state courts by the federal constitution.

LAW:8280 Constitutional Law II 3 s.h.
Limits on governmental power imposed by the national constitution for protection of individuals; protection of life, liberty, and property by due process and equal protection; freedom of expression and association; religious freedom and the guarantee against establishment of religion; 1st and 14th Amendments.

LAW:8301 Copyrights 3-4 s.h.
Federal law of copyrights, primarily the Copyright Act of 1976; emphasis on copyright protections affecting new technologies, such as videotape, computer hardware and software, electronic data transfer, cable television rebroadcast; ability of legal concepts to keep pace with technological developments. Recommendations: LAW:8643.
LAW:8303 Corporate Compliance Overview 2-3 s.h.
Areas of corporate and regulatory law that impose requirements on corporations including financial services institutions and health care provider organizations; importance of corporate compliance for these organizations and an overview of relevant regulatory authorities and their underlying theories and rationales; pertinent government regulations, guidance documents, and enforcement initiatives forming the framework for corporate compliance; focus on the process of compliance which should be established internally, regardless of the relevant regulatory authority involved; evolving role of compliance and the chief compliance officer. Corequisites: LAW:8331.

LAW:8307 Corporate Finance 1-3 s.h.
Introduction to fundamental principles of corporate finance, including financial statement analysis, valuation of corporate securities and of businesses, capital structure decisions, portfolio theory, and efficient capital markets hypothesis; focus on financial and accounting aspects of corporate decisions than with any particular body of law. Prerequisites: LAW:8331.

LAW:8318 Corporate Governance and Control 1-3 s.h.
Principal issues in creation of appropriate governance and control systems for large publicly-held corporations; questions of corporate structure, shareholder voting rights, duties of directors, derivative suits, indemnification and transfers of control viewed from perspective of Delaware's statutory and common law. Recommendations: LAW:8331.

LAW:8322 Corporate Taxation 3 s.h.
Influence of tax considerations on the structure of corporate transaction, from a merger to a restructuring to a securities offering; examination of primary Internal Revenue Code provisions that affect corporations and their shareholders; corporate formations, dividends, redemptions, liquidations, taxable asset and stock acquisitions, tax-free reorganizations; analysis of statutory and regulatory materials; tax reform proposals. Prerequisites: LAW:8194. Corequisites: LAW:8331.

LAW:8329 Comparative Criminal Procedure 2 s.h.
Study abroad program.

LAW:8331 Business Associations 3-4 s.h.
Structure, characteristics of both large publicly and closely held corporations; distribution of powers among management, directors, shareholders; fiduciary duties that limit those powers; enforcement of such duties by shareholder suits; may include basic principles of agency, partnership, and limited partnership law.

LAW:8342 Topics in Criminal Law Practice 1-3 s.h.
Substantive and procedural aspects of criminal law not covered in regular College of Law criminal law and criminal procedure courses; students divided into teams (prosecutors and defense attorneys); hands-on exercises designed to reflect substantive criminal law and procedure discussion; jury selection, jury instructions, pretrial motions, client and witness interviews, depositions, investigation; ethical considerations for prosecutors and defense attorneys, including prosecutorial discretion in charging decisions and conflicts of interest. Prerequisites: LAW:8022.

LAW:8348 Criminal Procedure: Adjudication 3-4 s.h.
Adjudicatory phases of the criminal justice system: indictments and the charging process, preliminary hearings, applications for release on bail and pretrial detention, processes of discovery, guilty pleas, jury selection, conduct of criminal trials, sentencing proceedings and post-trial motions, appellate review, collateral remedies; focus on constitutional rights, specifically the Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendments; statutory provisions, rules of criminal procedure.

LAW:8350 Criminal Procedure: Investigation 3-4 s.h.
Guarantees and rights of the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution against police and prosecutorial practices designed to investigate and prove criminal cases; protection against unreasonable searches and seizures, guarantee against extraction of involuntary confessions, privilege against self-incrimination constraints upon securing confessions (i.e., Miranda doctrine), due process protection against unreliable suggestive identification procedures, right to counsel, protection against inculpatory admissions and identification practices; exclusionary rules and remedies that enforce constitutional guarantees.

LAW:8362 Critical Race Theory 3-4 s.h.
Race relations and racial discrimination in America from perspectives of the Critical Race Theory movement (CRT); affirmative action, hate speech, queer theory, voting rights, postmodernism, liberalism, Asian-critical theory, Latin-critical theory, federal Indian law, critical white studies; critical race feminism—essentialism, motherhood, lawbreaking, employment law, sexual harassment, global issues.

LAW:8374 Debt Transactions 4 s.h.
Laws and practices of modern lending; procedures for collection of unsecured debts, including enforcement of judgments, exemptions, prejudgment remedies, fraudulent conveyances, statutory liens; secured transactions that involve real property (mortgages) and personal property (security interests governed by Uniform Commercial Code, Article 9); consumer and commercial transactions, counseling hypothetical creditor or debtor clients, understanding realities that shape enforcement of credit agreements.

LAW:8384 Law of Disability Discrimination 1-3 s.h.
Survey of various laws that govern the field of disability discrimination; particular attention to Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and Fair Housing Act Amendments; emphasis on field of education law, including higher education; how to conduct an accessibility audit.

LAW:8399 Election Law 3 s.h.
The Supreme Court has long declared that the right to vote is fundamental, because it is preservative of all other rights; the right to vote in theory and practice, with focus on its relationship to racial and economic justice; what has been done and what should be done to move us closer to the ideal of political equality; proper role of unelected judges in our democracy; history of the right to vote, "one person, one vote" principle, Voting Rights Act, partisan gerrymandering, voter identification, voter registration, political parties, and campaign finance.
LAW:8407 Topics in Employee Benefits Law  
Survey of major topics in employee benefits law; overview of the plans that are subject to the Internal Revenue Code, ERISA, or both; tax-qualification rules for retirement plans focusing on 401(k) plans; disclosure owed and relief available to plan participants under ERISA; fiduciary responsibility for investment decisions under 401(k) plans; and whether ERISA preempts state and local initiatives to expand health care coverage.

LAW:8415 Employment Discrimination 2-3 s.h.  
Legal prohibitions against discrimination in employment on the basis of race, sex, national origin, age; focus on Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; procedural and remedial problems, elementary issues of proof.

LAW:8421 Employment Law 2-3 s.h.  
Rights of employers, employees in unorganized workplaces; legal issues that arise between employers and employees in nonunionized settings; hiring, discipline, termination, minimum wage, covenants not to compete, employment-related intellectual property issues, occupational safety and health, unemployment.

LAW:8428 British Legal System  
Taught in London Law Consortium.

LAW:8433 Environmental Law 2-3 s.h.  
Role of the legal system in addressing problems of environmental disruption, with special emphasis on air, water, hazardous waste pollution.

LAW:8452 European Union Law 2-3 s.h.  
Law of the European Union; EU legal and institutional structure; role of the European Court of Justice in elaborating constitutional and administrative law for the EU on the basis of treaties and legislation; principle of free movement; progress of European integration.

LAW:8460 Evidence 3 s.h.  
Rules of evidence developed in common-law courts and under statutes; judicial notice; examination of witnesses; privilege and competence; remote and prejudicial evidence; hearsay; burden of proof and presumptions; roles of judge and jury.

LAW:8467 Family Law 3-4 s.h.  
Creation, dissolution of marriage and parent-child relationships; lawyer's practical approach to family law problems combined with a broader view of how the law might treat those problems in light of findings from social and behavioral sciences.

LAW:8481 Federal Courts 3-4 s.h.  
Role of the federal courts in our federal system of government; the federal courts' original and appellate jurisdiction; Supreme Court review of state courts' judgments; Congress' power to strip the federal courts of jurisdiction; development of federal common law; federal writ of habeas corpus; abstention doctrines; state sovereign immunity; federal remedies against state and local action; and Congress' power to create non-Article III adjudicative tribunals. Prerequisites: LAW:8006 and LAW:8010.

LAW:8497 Federal Criminal Practice 2 s.h.  
Introduction to each step in the criminal process together with instruction in advocacy skills required for the effective practice of law; complete chronology of a typical federal criminal case, from grand jury investigation through post-trial motions; importance of strategic thinking. Prerequisites: LAW:8350.

LAW:8504 Corporate Crimes 1-3 s.h.  
Introduction to corporate criminal law; black letter doctrines of corporate liability and sentencing; Department of Justice policies and practices that shape the course of corporate prosecutions; criminal statutes that are of frequent concern for corporations, including those that address false claims, securities fraud, bribery, and mail and wire fraud; developments occurring in this evolving area of law.

LAW:8513 Foreign Comparative and International Legal Research 1-2 s.h.  
Treaty research, locating and identifying documents from international organizations and tribunals, legal research in selected jurisdictions outside the United States; variety of print and electronic sources; research methods in foreign and international law.

LAW:8527 The Constitution and U.S. Foreign Relations  
Introduction to law of foreign relations in the United States; impact of constitutional distribution of powers on conduct of U.S. foreign relations; influence of separation of powers doctrines on conduct of foreign relations, status of international law in U.S. legal system, role of courts in adjudicating issues affecting foreign relations, and controversy over distribution of war powers between President and Congress.

LAW:8558 Genetics and the Law 3 s.h.  
Introduction to legal issues raised by genetic and genomic technologies; genetic privacy, uses and abuses of genetic testing, prenatal diagnosis, mandatory screening, genetic discrimination, regulation of genetic research, DNA banking, research on stored tissue samples, ownership of genetic material and information, and provision of genetic services including informed consent, disclosure, and duties to family members at risk for genetic disease.

LAW:8562 Health Law 2-3 s.h.  
Major areas of concern in health law; tension between quality, access, costs; may include malpractice, quality control, health care financing, access (insurance, Medicare, and Medicaid), licensing, bioethics (end-of-life decisions, informed consent, surrogacy, organ transplantation).

LAW:8570 Human Rights in the World Community 1-3 s.h.  
Introduction to established and developing legal rules, procedures, and enforcement mechanisms that govern protection of international human rights; liberal western and developing world notions of human rights, recent examples of human rights controversies worldwide; international human rights of women.

LAW:8577 Immigration Law and Policy 1-3 s.h.  
Legal, historical, social, philosophical, and policy foundations of immigration control; modern debate over immigration; criteria and procedures that govern admission of non-U.S. citizens to the United States for permanent residence and temporary visits; deportation criteria and processes; national security and civil liberties implications of immigration policy; refugees and political asylum; undocumented migrants; acquisition, loss, and significance of U.S. citizenship; focus on U.S. law with introduction to perspectives from comparative and international law; experience analyzing varied fact problems that require strategic decision making and interpretation of complex statutory provisions.
LAW:8584 Insurance Law 1-3 s.h. State regulation of insurance, adverse selection and moral hazard, risk classification and rate regulation, and insurance contracts; emphasis on life, long-term care, and disability insurance; may include health insurance, reinsurance, and other types of insurance; focus on social and economic underpinnings of insurance; practical experience conducting research regarding insurer use of genetic information in risk classification; students contribute to and conduct research for the professor’s NIH grant examining life, long-term care, and disability insurer use of genetic information.

LAW:8593 Federal Indian Law arr. Specialized body of law allocating power and authority in Indian country that has grown up around native American peoples and their reservations; sovereignty, jurisdiction, federal Indian policy, tribal self-government.

LAW:8594 Interest-Based Negotiation for Lawyers 2-3 s.h. Theory and practice of an approach to negotiation, known as interest-based or problem-solving negotiation; focus of this negotiation model is not on positions of disputants, but interests that underlie these positions; interest-based negotiators attempts to generate options that satisfy, at least minimally, interest of all parties and can lead agreements from which all parties realize some gains; emphasis on acquisition and enhancement of skills necessary to apply this negotiation approach; in-class exercises.

LAW:8599 International and Comparative Inequality Law 3 s.h.

LAW:8600 International Business Transactions 1-3 s.h. Legal and practical issues in international trade and investment; typical private transactions, such as the sale of goods (documentary sales transaction, INCOTERMS, letters of credit, agency, distribution), transfer of technology (franchising, licensing), and direct investment across national borders; how private international sales, investment, and licensing transactions are structured to permit private businesses to minimize and plan for the risks associated with conducting business on a global scale.

LAW:8615 International Commercial Arbitration arr. Formation and enforcement of agreements to enter arbitration in order to settle international business disputes; recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards, process of arbitrating an international business dispute; role-playing exercises to hone advocacy and decision-making skills.


LAW:8620 International Intellectual Property Law 1 s.h. Overview of international intellectual property law; comparison of U.S. and foreign law relating to patents, copyrights, trademarks; principal multinational agreements relating to intellectual property, including Paris Convention, Berne Convention, TRIPs Agreement; implementation of these agreements within domestic law of United States and other countries. Recommendations: at least one other intellectual property course.

LAW:8622 International Environmental Law 3 s.h. Laws and institutions developed by the international community to deal with international environmental problems, including those of the atmosphere (acid rain, ozone depletion, radioactive fallout, climate change), hydrosphere (land-based sea pollution, sea-based vessel pollution, transboundary groundwater diversion), lithosphere (hazardous waste disposal, toxic pollutants, decertification), biosphere (driftnet fishing, endangered elephants, loss of tropical rainforests).

LAW:8629 Taxation of International Business Transactions 3 s.h. Introduction to U.S. aspects of international taxation and international tax policy issues; how the United States taxes foreign persons on income they derive from U.S. sources; taxation of U.S. persons on their worldwide income; United States bilateral tax treaty network, under which many of the statutory rules regarding the taxation of foreigners are modified or supplanted; solving problems that illustrate the operation of the Code and regulations. Prerequisites: LAW:8194. Corequisites: LAW:8331.

LAW:8631 International Trade Law: Basic Norms and Regulations 3 s.h. Basic norms and legal framework of international trade as expressed in the GATT/WTO regime and U.S. trade laws; issues raised by regional trade blocs such as NAFTA; controversies such as the economic and philosophical justifications for, and objections to, free trade from a variety of perspectives.

LAW:8643 Introduction to Intellectual Property 3-4 s.h. Introduction to some of the most important intellectual property rules; goals and theories underlying these rules; common ways in which ideas may be protected—from basic form of protection (secrecy and trace secrecy) to exclusive rights granted over inventions (patents) and creative works (copyright), and concluding with rights related to market-based identities (trade and service marks); brief exploration of ways in which debates over intellectual property rights have permeated modern culture.

LAW:8649 Foundations of International Law 1-3 s.h. Introduction to fundamentals of international law; focus on aspects of international law that concern interests in the United States; survey of sources, methodology, and major doctrines of international law within framework of understanding diverse jurisprudential approaches; international law’s relationship to U.S. domestic law and institutions; procedural aspects of international law involving international institutions, including the International Court of Justice; foundation course for students interested in international trade, business, family law, human rights, environmental law, and an interest in European Union law.

LAW:8658 Jurisprudence 2-3 s.h. Exploration of questions central to jurisprudence by looking at positions that have been adopted by legal positivist, natural law theory, and sociological models of jurisprudence (i.e., is there more to legal argument than the strategic battle for a favorable judicial ruling? How would one have to conceive of legal reasoning if one were a judge? Are there right answers to legal questions? Do they presuppose a necessary connection between law and morality? Is any exchange of pros and cons merely a spectacle created in order to hide from the dumbfounded public that legal reasoning does not really matter?); comparative dimension provided in readings with background in civil law.
LAW:8666 Law and Development 2-3 s.h.
Origin of development law and institutions that were created in order to advance it, including the World Bank and International Monetary Fund.

LAW:8670 Labor Law 3-4 s.h.
How national labor law regulates labor relations in the private sector; law relating to unionized employees and firms; right of employees to organize into unions; limits of concerted activities by employees; scope and provisions of collective bargaining; enforcement of the collective bargaining agreement; rights of individual employees in collective units and in labor organizations; lawyer's role in dealing with judicial, administrative, and arbitral tribunals involved in enforcing labor law; lawyer's role in complex interrelationships between policy, statute, judicial, and administrative decisions.

LAW:8677 Accounting for Lawyers 1-3 s.h.
Accounting, tax, and business considerations for lawyers and why these are important considerations for lawyers; changes occurring in today's business models; discussions on choosing a legal structure for a business; financial statements basics, detailed example of a financial statement, and discussion on accounting basics expanded; advanced topics in accounting to allow some background on these topics.

LAW:8680 Law and Economics arr.
Introduction to economics analysis of law; how economic reasoning is used to explain and predict the effects of legal rules; fundamental areas of American law (e.g., property, contracts, torts, criminal law); use of economic efficiency as a normative criterion for evaluating legal rules; efficiency compared to various moral concepts to evaluate such rules.

LAW:8698 Law in the Muslim World 2-3 s.h.
International and comparative law issues relevant to countries in the Muslim world; legal cultures, institutions, rules, actors, processes of several jurisdictions including Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Algeria, Nigeria, Palestine, Pakistan; Islamic sharia law as practiced in Sunni and Shiite countries; the role of church versus state, fundamentalism versus secularism, as manifested in the legal system; tension between communitarianism and individualism in modern constitutionalism; intertwining of customary and religious legal practices; first, second, and third generations of human rights; international law on issues such as terrorism, self-determination; women's rights, including polygamy, divorce, child custody, inheritance. Requirements: junior or senior standing.

LAW:8709 Introduction to French Law 2-3 s.h.
Introduction to laws of France, characteristic features, and role of main institutions; civil law, contacts, tort, family law, commercial law, criminal law, labor law; visits to a French law school, Paris Court, and Ecole of Magistrature National (ENM), the National Judge School in Bordeaux. Summer abroad program.

LAW:8711 The Legal Profession 1-3 s.h.
Exploration of various aspects of history, structure, organization and function of legal profession; effective practice strategies; ethical and practical challenges of legal practice in different settings (i.e., working for judges, small and big firms, solo practice, corporations, non-profit organizations, public sector, internationally); readings, interviews, and discussion sessions with practicing attorneys; development of professional portfolios; practice of professional skills including effective communication, professional legal writing, and interviewing.

LAW:8712 Legislation 2-3 s.h.
Issues related to legislation and legislative process at state and federal level; introduction to legislation, legislative process, legislative advocacy, statutory drafting, statutory interpretation, and constitutional issues; role of lawyers in legislative process and formation of public policy.

LAW:8720 Mediation: Theory and Practice 3-4 s.h.
Essential characteristics; comparison of mediation with litigation and other alternative dispute resolution processes; stages of mediation; confidentiality; enforceability of agreement; ethical problems, particularly lawyer-mediator; student role playing; short writing assignments.

LAW:8726 Mergers and Acquisitions 3 s.h.
Significant legal and financial aspects of business combination transactions; transaction documents (e.g., stock purchase agreements, asset purchase agreements, merger agreements); valuation of companies and pricing of deals; legal and financial considerations affecting the structuring of deals; tender offers and their regulation under the Williams Act, tender offer rules; fiduciary duties of target board, including Revlon duties and the Unocal standard; anti-takeover devices (e.g., poison pills and staggered boards, deal protection devices, freezeout transactions); state anti-takeover statutes. Prerequisites: LAW:8331.

LAW:8733 Narrative Strategies for Lawyers 1-3 s.h.
Fiction writing; narrative nonfiction writing techniques; use of narrative in the legal context; workshop format to read and critique stories, published works, and works students have written.

LAW:8736 Natural Resource Law 2-3 s.h.
Survey of federal natural resources law; emphasis on current legal issues and focus on judicial resolution of disputes; history of public land law, constitutional issues in federal control of natural resources, environmental planning, wildlife protection, public land management, fisheries and marine resources, onshore and offshore minerals; history and politics of natural resources law, aspects of practicing in this area; various resources that pose different sorts of problems, regulatory responses to these problems used to build a toolkit of regulatory models that can be helpful in solving any resource problem.

LAW:8742 Negotiations 1-3 s.h.
Nature and theory of negotiations, diverse rhetorics (including the rhetoric of legal argument) relevant to conduct of negotiations, conflict between ethics and effectiveness; readings from game theory, social psychology, anthropology, rhetoric and ethics.

LAW:8751 Nonprofit Organizational Effectiveness I 3 s.h.
Operational and financing aspects of nonprofit management; mission and governance of organization; strategic planning for effective management, including finance, budget, income generation, fund-raising. Same as HMP:6360, MGMT:9150, RELS:6070, SPST:6010, SSW:6247, URP:6278.

LAW:8752 Nonprofit Organizational Effectiveness II 3 s.h.
LAW:8763 Patent Law  2-4 s.h.
All aspects of U.S. patent law; patent claims, adequacy of disclosure, statutory subject matter, validity, inequitable conduct, infringement, remedies, varied specialized doctrines; focus on recent pronouncements from the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Recommendations: LAW:8615.

LAW:8770 Payment Law  1-3 s.h.
Law that governs methods by which businesses and consumers typically pay for goods and services in modern economy; legal rules applicable to traditional paper-based payment system, including negotiable instruments (checks and notes) and bank collection of checks; modern payment methods (credit cards, debit cards, wire transfers); focus on Articles 3, 4, and 4A of the Uniform Commercial Code and related federal law and regulations.

LAW:8787 International Finance  3 s.h.
International banking and securities transactions; major national markets of the United States, Europe, and Japan, and offshore markets; major areas of international regulation and policy, such as capital adequacy, clearance, and settlement.

LAW:8789 Unincorporated Business Associations  3 s.h.
Successful business lawyers are expected to advise clients about the business entity most suitable for their needs and then customize it to fit specific requirements of their business strategy; the basic business associations course generally focuses on one entity—the corporation—also while briefly introducing students to agency law and general partnerships; a wide number of business entities receive little to no coverage, that gap is filled by introducing future practitioners to the structure and substance of entities including limited partnership, limited liability partnership (LLP), and limited liability company (LLC). Prerequisites: LAW:8331.

LAW:8791 Professional Responsibility  2-3 s.h.
Public and private professional responsibility of lawyers; organization of the profession; its economics, ethics, and sociology.

LAW:8796 Property II  3 s.h.
Continuation of LAW:8037; limits on landowner's use of property by private agreements, judicial actions, public regulations; problem areas (servitudes, nuisance, eminent domain); constitutional limits on government activities adversely affecting private property, community planning, zoning, other forms of local land use control; discrimination related to land development, housing; effectiveness of private ordering, judicial decisions, legislative enactments, administrative processes for resolving conflicts over use of land resources; relationships between law and other disciplines in forging solutions to land use issues; law as instrument for achieving societal objectives regarding land use.

LAW:8819 Judicial Remedies  3 s.h.
The law of remedies is the working tool kit for civil litigators, offering various ways to redress a given wrong; remedies to be examined include compensatory damages, injunctive orders, restitution, declaratory judgment, contempt, garnishment, asset tracing, punitive damages, and methods to preserve assets before judgment; cases are drawn from diverse substantive fields, including tort, contract, intellectual property, civil rights, administrative, antitrust, attorneys' fees, and constitutional law.

LAW:8825 Roman Law, Order, and Crime  3 s.h.
Case-based introduction to Roman law; principles of Roman law ranging from standards of evidence to trial procedures to various topics in civil and criminal law, including family law and the law of delict. Recommendations: some background in Roman history. Same as CLSA:5151.

LAW:8856 Securities Regulation  arr.
Regulation and sale of securities to the public under the Securities Act of 1933 and state blue-sky laws; remedies provided through the Securities Act; regulation and litigation under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which focuses on companies with publicly-traded securities. Prerequisites: LAW:8331.

LAW:8877 Sex-Based Discrimination  2-3 s.h.
Survey of sex-based discrimination and legal responses in the United States and worldwide; American context—constitutional guarantees and various statutory guarantees, including Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; global context—examination of various regions of the world, emphasis on France, South Africa, and countries with majority Muslim populations; issues involving customary law, affirmative action/quotas, and constitutional reform.

LAW:8887 State and Local Government  1-3 s.h.
Allocation of decision-making authority in society; allocation between public and private decision makers; allocation among governmental units, and among public institutions; principles and policies that underlie legal doctrines and the relationship of those principles and policies.

LAW:8891 State and Local Taxation  3 s.h.
Limitations on state taxing powers under the United States Constitution, including Commerce, Due Process, and Privileges and Immunities Clauses; subnational jurisdictions, particularly states with an emphasis on sales tax and corporate income taxes, gross receipts taxes, and excise taxes; issues relating to eCommerce.

LAW:8917 Substitute Decision Making for Incapacitated Individuals  1-2 s.h.
Types and forms of substitute decision making for individuals whose decision making capacity is impaired due to conditions such as dementia, mental disabilities, or mental illnesses and who need a surrogate (or substitute decision maker) to make decisions about matters such as finances; health care, personal care, living arrangements; financial powers of attorney; guardianships; conservatorships; advance directives including living wills, health care powers of attorney, out-of-hospital do-not-resuscitate orders (OOH-DNR); representative payees; introduction to probate court procedures and processes.

LAW:8919 Survey of Work Law  2-3 s.h.
Introductory survey of four types of legal regulation of the workplace: labor law, employment discrimination, law of private employment, and law of public employment.
**LAW:8929 Taxation of Partnerships** 2-3 s.h.
Introduction to federal tax treatment of partnerships and limited liability companies, the most common business entities in use in the United States today; classification of entities as partnerships for federal tax purposes; formation of partnership and subsequent contributions to partnership capital; flow-through tax treatment of partnership operations; tax-sensitive allocations of items of partnership income, deduction, credit and loss; partnership distributions and related tax-sheltering strategies; liquidation or sale of partnership interests; death or retirement of partners; tax treatment of partnerships compared with S corporations. Prerequisites: LAW:8194.

**LAW:8933 Tax Practice and Procedure** 3 s.h.
Issues relating to proper tax liability of a taxpayer, not necessarily how IRS collects taxes and administers tax laws; judicial deference to agency guidance; procedural issues related to examination and filing of returns and payment of taxes; attorney-client and other privilege matters; ethical issues related to tax practice; IRS investigatory powers; IRS assessment and collection procedures; assigned problems and discussion of current issues in tax policy. Corequisites: LAW:8194.

**LAW:8936 Estate and Gift Tax** 1-3 s.h.
Justification for wealth taxation, effectiveness of current law, and alternative methods of wealth taxation; two key wealth transfer taxes—estate tax and gift tax; emphasis on identification of tax base and taxpaying unit; may include income tax effects which flow from an individual’s death, income taxation of grantor trusts, and related income tax issues. Corequisites: LAW:8194.

**LAW:8939 Title Examination and Selected Real Estate Transactions** 2 s.h.
Examination of abstracts of title to real property and preparation of resulting title opinions; drafting and interpretation of legal descriptions; subdivision of real property; negotiating and drafting basic contractual and transfer documents in real estate transactions.

**LAW:8954 Trademarks and Unfair Competition Law** 2-4 s.h.
Law of unfair competition with primary emphasis on trademarks; policies underlying unfair competition law, creation and establishment of trademark and trademark-like rights, enforcement of those rights, non-trademark concepts of false advertising, rights in one’s persona; traditional doctrinal components and skill-based exercises; for students interested in trademark and unfair competition law, specifically and as part of a broader business law practice. Prerequisites: LAW:8643.

**LAW:8979 Trusts and Estates II** arr.
Substantive provisions of wills and trust instruments; recurring construction problems and pitfalls in drafting; powers of appointment; future interests and how they operate in complex trusts; impact of rules of policy restricting the disposition of property, including the rule against perpetuities. Corequisites: LAW:8981.

**LAW:8981 Trusts and Estates I** 1-4 s.h.
Law of succession and trusts; topics include policy basis of inheritance and the changing character of intergenerational wealth transfer; intestate succession; the requirements for executing and revoking wills; the rise of will substitutes; spousal protection against disinheritance; the creation, modification, and termination of trusts; the particular rules applicable to charitable trusts; the fiduciary duties of trustees; the nature of a beneficiary’s interest in trust, the range of the trustee’s discretion, and the rights of a beneficiary’s creditors; recurring construction problems and pitfalls in drafting.

**LAW:8987 Veterans Benefits Law** 2-3 s.h.
Theory of veterans’ benefits law and introduction to skills necessary to represent veteran clients at every stage of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs’ adjudication process; how many veterans struggle to navigate the complex VA benefits system without assistance of counsel; law that governs administration and adjudication of these benefits; fundamental law of the VA’s claims adjudication process; dispute resolution and federal agency litigation practice; what is required to effectively represent veterans in their appeals for much needed benefits. Recommendations: completion of administrative law.

**LAW:8992 Water Law** arr.
Legal schemes for securing and using water rights in surface water and groundwater for private and public uses in the United States; riparian and prior appropriation doctrines of water allocation, groundwater management regimes, federal water management and regulation, and interstate and transboundary allocation devices; evolving role of science, economics, and policy in water allocation law; does not address issues of water quality, which are covered in environmental law.

**LAW:9010 Appellate Advocacy I** 1 s.h.
Experience based on an assigned fictitious case: writing an appellate brief asserting the client’s position, and arguing the case before a panel of students, faculty, or community attorneys. Prerequisites: LAW:8032 and LAW:8033.

**LAW:9021 Van Oosterhout Baskerville Moot Court Competition** 1 s.h.
Single-elimination tournament culminating in the final four advocates arguing before a panel of judges; advocates write a portion of the brief, argue for and against the issue they briefed. Prerequisites: LAW:9010.

**LAW:9028 Jessup Moot Court Competition Team** 1-2 s.h.
Participation as team member in Jessup International Moot Court Competition; preparation of memorials in fall, travel to February regional rounds; travel to international competition in Washington, D.C., for top two teams. Prerequisites: LAW:9010.

**LAW:9033 National Moot Court Competition** 1 s.h.
Participation by third-year students as law school’s representatives in the regional Moot Court competition (fall semester), and in judging intramural Moot Court competitions (spring semester). Requirements: placement as one of four finalists in LAW:9021.

**LAW:9034 National Moot Court Tutorial** 2 s.h.
For students participating in the National Moot Court competition; provides a problem and a substantial record, which provide basis for appellate brief and oral argument competition; integrates teaching of substantive law with development of oral and written advocacy skills in preparation and application for the national competition.
LAW:9037 Advanced Moot Court Competition Team 1 s.h.
Advanced Moot court team; members are top advocates from previous year's Van Oosterhout/Baskerville competition. Fall of third year.

LAW:9038 Jessup International Moot Court Competition 1 s.h.
Participation by second-year students in intramural regional- and national-level moot court competition in international law; intensive criticism in appellate brief writing and oral argument. Prerequisites: LAW:9010.

LAW:9046 Moot Court Board 1-3 s.h.
Experience as member of the Moot Court Board administering the Appellate Advocacy Program, researching appellate cases used in the program, judging appellate arguments. Requirements: membership based on performance in LAW:9010.

LAW:9051 National Arbitration Competition Team 1-2 s.h.
Students represent the College of Law at the ABA Regional/ National Arbitration Competitions held in fall of second or third year; team members prepare to argue both sides of a dispute in front of a panel of arbitrators at the competition; topics include a review of basic presentation skills, essential elements of arbitrating a dispute, and proper decorum in front of the panel as well as in-depth practice and analysis of the national case problem assigned; students spend time crafting legal arguments, practicing the effective use of exhibits and arbitration booklets, engaging in opening statements, direct examination of witnesses, cross examination, and closing arguments.

LAW:9060 Trial Advocacy 2 s.h.
Opportunities to develop and refine skills used in preparation and trial of civil and criminal cases; students are "on their feet" during most class sessions, practicing the arts of voir dire, opening statement, direct and cross examination, introduction of exhibits, use of expert testimony, and closing argument; the course culminates with a full-scale trial, from filing of pretrial motions to rendering of a jury verdict conducted by student co-counsel; students receive extensive criticism on the effectiveness of their classroom and final performances, and all class sessions are frequently recorded for review and critiqued by instructors and fellow students. Prerequisites: LAW:8460.

LAW:9061 Advanced Trial Advocacy - Stephenson Competition 1-2 s.h.
Review and expansion of topics presented in the initial trial advocacy course; preparation and application of these principles in the Stephenson trials; introduction to additional advanced problems such as the evidentiary issues raised in the trial problem. Corequisites: LAW:9060.

LAW:9062 Trial Advocacy Board 1-2 s.h.
Administration of Trial Advocacy Program and Stephenson Competition; research and writing in connection with trial problems and readings used in program; critique of performances of trial problems. Prerequisites: LAW:8460 and LAW:9060.

LAW:9066 Stephenson Trial Advocacy Team arr.
Student participation as College of Law representatives in Stephenson Trial Advocacy Competition. Prerequisites: LAW:9061.

LAW:9115 Law Review 1-2 s.h.
Performance of substantive tasks to produce a first-rate scholarly journal; writing a substantial note; comprehensive legal research experience; analysis of complex legal issues with enhanced critical-reasoning skills and command of the legal standard, The Bluebook citation system; selection of students that transfer to UI College of Law after their first year and rising second-year students is based on the Write-On Competition.

Experience on the Iowa Law Review editorial staff: managing production, overseeing business operations, administering student writing program, selecting and editing articles for publication, supervising student research and writing. Eligibility based on previous writing for the journal. Prerequisites: LAW:9115.

LAW:9124 Journal of Corporation Law 1-2 s.h.
Experience editing articles and writing commentaries for The Journal of Corporate Law, a student-operated scholarly publication that examines subjects of current importance to businesses and the bar.

LAW:9127 Student Journal Editor - Journal of Corporate Law arr.
Experience on The Journal of Corporation Law editorial staff: managing production, overseeing business operations, administering student writing program, selecting and editing articles for publication, supervising student research and writing. Eligibility based on previous writing for the journal. Prerequisites: LAW:9124.

LAW:9142 Transnational Law and Contemporary Problems Journal 1-2 s.h.
Experience researching and writing on issues in international and comparative law for the journal Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems. Requirements: second- or third-year law standing.

LAW:9145 Student Journal Editor - TLCP Journal arr.
Experience researching, writing, and editing on issues in international and comparative law for the journal Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems. Requirements: second- or third-year law standing.

LAW:9163 Journal of Gender, Race and Justice 1-2 s.h.
Academic year experience on The Journal of Gender, Race & Justice: writing two journal pieces, including a recent development and a note or a comment, and performing office duties. Requirements: second- or third-year law standing.

LAW:9166 Student Journal Editor - Gender, Race and Justice arr.
Experience on The Journal of Gender, Race & Justice editorial staff: managing student writing program, overseeing business operations and production, selecting symposium topic and participants, selecting and editing all publications pieces; eligibility based on writing and editing experience.

LAW:9251 Legal Practice Capstone 3-7 s.h.
Preparation for professional settings in which junior attorneys are expected to manage assignments from several different supervisors at once and execute projects in areas of law not formally studied in law school; variety of legal projects covering an array of doctrinal areas; identities of participating faculty members and nature of assigned projects revealed when course commences (e.g., junior attorneys in large and mid-sized law firms often discover day-to-day who their next supervisors are and what their next projects will be). Requirements: J.D. standing and in final year of study.
LAW:9302 Clinical Law Program - Internship  
Experience working directly with faculty members on cases and in-house program; full participation in interviewing, fact investigation, negotiation, courtroom proceedings.

LAW:9307 Clinical Law Program - Externship  
Experience representing clients through legal assistance offices in eastern Iowa, under supervision of faculty members and staff attorneys.

LAW:9322 Field Placement: Judicial  
Close work with a federal district court judge or state appellate judge conducting research and drafting a wide variety of legal memoranda, orders, and opinions; assist in hearings and perform other duties generally associated with a judicial clerkship; weekly meetings with a faculty supervisor to discuss student’s work in chambers; participation in biweekly classroom discussions.

LAW:9331 Field Placement: General  
Students earn credit working closely with attorneys in a wide range of placements; field placements designed so that students are directly involved in activities characteristically performed by attorneys in a real-world setting; some placements routinely offered and arranged by the law school, others by students and approved by faculty; some placements are local and students take them along with their other classes; other placements are full-time, located across the country and around the world; in addition to field work, students are enrolled in a seminar with other externs.

LAW:9335 Summer Legal Placement  
1-3 s.h. 
Externship opportunities for direct involvement in activities characteristically performed by attorneys (e.g., research and writing, document drafting, client interviewing and counseling, fact investigation, negotiations, court appearances); in-depth exposure to as many facets of the actual practice of law as practicable in each externship.

LAW:9346 British Legal Methods Clinical Program  
3 s.h. 
British Law externship; placement in London law office under guidance of barrister or solicitor; seminar and enrollment in course on English legal system taught by faculty of King's College, University of London.

LAW:9380 Courts Colloquium  
1 s.h. 
Opportunity to learn about inner workings of American judicial system through the lens of many judges; each semester centered on a theme (i.e., Iowa Courts, State Supreme Courts); sessions led by judges who, based on their positions, fit within selected theme.

LAW:9404 Field Placement: Corporate Law  
arr. 
One-semester placement at a Delaware court; students typically assigned to many of the same tasks required of judicial clerks, may include corporate law issues. Prerequisites: LAW:8331.

LAW:9413 Health and Elder Law Practicum  
1-6 s.h. 
Opportunity to participate in research involving current health and elder law and policy issues, in collaboration with public health agencies, legislators, professional organizations, and advocacy organizations.

LAW:9423 Tutorial  
arr. 
Different types of pedagogical techniques.

LAW:9424 Tutorial  
1-4 s.h. 
Work under faculty supervision; may involve substantive area of the law of jurisprudential ideas as they appear in various intellectual spheres; tutorials.

LAW:9429 Intellectual Property Advocacy  
1-4 s.h. 
Integrates teaching of substantive intellectual property law with development of oral and written advocacy skills in intellectual property field; builds on earlier learning in preparation for practice of law.

LAW:9442 Legal Analysis Writing and Research for Foreign Trained Lawyers  
1-2 s.h. 
Development of legal analysis, writing, and research skills in connection with a variety of assignments for foreign trained lawyers.

LAW:9444 Tutorial for Foreign-Trained Lawyers  
1 s.h. 
Introduction to the legal system and legal educational system of the United States; particular emphasis on those aspects of the U.S. system that present a strong contrast with other countries' legal systems, whether from civil or common law traditions; for foreign-trained law students (LL.M., J.D., or S.J.D.) who have not earned a U.S.-based J.D. or U.S.-based LL.M. degree that includes an introduction to U.S. law and legal system.

LAW:9445 Foreign-Trained Lawyer Orientation  
1-2 s.h. 
Orientation for foreign-trained student to U.S. legal system; introduction to U.S. patterns of legal argumentation, main institutional structures of U.S. legal system, and other distinctive aspects and/or fundamental principles of U.S. law; material drawn from basic areas of law (e.g., constitutional law, civil and criminal procedure, contracts, torts, property).

LAW:9450 Patent Law Tutorial  
arr. 
Examination of recent patent-related en banc Federal Circuit and Supreme Court decisions. Prerequisites: LAW:8643 or LAW:8763.

LAW:9455 Medical Tutorial for Law Students  
arr. 
Participation on medical and/or surgical rounds under supervision of attending physician; didactic sessions on legal, medical, and ethical issues arising from the clinical experience, and issues such as peer review, credentialing, quality assurance, cost containment, AIDS, reproductive technology; recent developments in medical technologies. Cosponsored by Carver College of Medicine. Prerequisites: LAW:8562.

LAW:9460 SJD Tutorial  
5 s.h. 
Thesis work under supervision of Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) committees; dissertation committee chairs conduct an irregular series of meetings to learn about and discuss issues common to research and writing of each thesis involved; students develop full thesis proposals and draft individual chapters; forum provided for workshop student work and development of students' abilities to discuss and critique legal scholarship; for all S.J.D. students during their two semesters of residency at the College of Law.

LAW:9473 Writing Tutorial  
arr. 
Writing project on a subject or topical area specified by the supervising faculty member; group meetings; writing tutorial.

LAW:9481 Supplementary Writing  
arr. 
Supplemental writing project that is related to a student's course, but goes beyond the requirements for the course, and is supervised by the faculty member who teaches the course.

LAW:9486 Directed Research and Writing  
arr. 
Research and writing project unrelated to any substantive course, supervised by a faculty member.

LAW:9490 Independent Research Project  
arr. 
Work under faculty supervision; research.
LAW:9491 Independent Research and Writing arr.
Independent research and writing under thesis adviser/committee chair. Requirements: S.J.D. enrollment.

Examination of issues arising out of contemporary problems of immigration law and policy; topics vary, may include critical analysis of initiatives for national, state, and local immigration reform; traditional class-based component, experiential component, advanced legal research component, and rigorous writing requirement. Requirements: LAW:8577 or legal clinic experience.

LAW:9509 Advanced Problems in International Environmental Law arr.
Research and writing seminar exploring selected topics that may be encountered in practice; topics vary.

LAW:9511 Advanced Problems in International Law and Policy arr.
Relationships between international law and several political visions of a world order; the United Nations Charter; other visions that have historically characterized United States, Western European, Russian, Chinese, Islamic, and other perspectives; how several of these historical perspectives appear to be at work in current conflicts involving U.N. Security Council, ISIS and other terrorist organizations, Ukraine, South China Sea, European Union, Eurozone; conflicts and potential for international law to aid in their resolution.

LAW:9518 Advanced Topics in Corporate Law arr.
Wide range of topics; theory of the firm, fiduciary duties, corporate counseling issues, history of corporate law, and so forth. Requirements: one law or business course in corporate law.

LAW:9528 Advanced Topics in International Law arr.
Contemporary problems of public international law and policy; issues arising from armed conflict, use of force, pacific settlement of disputes; human rights law and policy (individual civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights; group rights such as self-determination, development, environment, peace); trade and development; environmental law and policy (e.g., climate change, species extinction, pollution).

LAW:9537 Appellate Adjudication Seminar 3-4 s.h.
Introduction to skill and art of writing appellate judicial opinions; brief, preliminary study of appellate jurisdiction and procedure; group responsibility for deciding a number of cases pending before regional appellate courts (e.g., the Iowa Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit); students study briefs and conduct additional research as appropriate, conference cases sitting as a mock appellate court, assign and prepare opinions, solicit votes, and write one or two opinions.

LAW:9549 Capital Punishment arr.
Overview of the death penalty as presently applied in America; moral issues; long-term trends limiting the use of the death penalty in the United States and abroad; legal issues and Eighth Amendment jurisprudence that has developed since the 1960s regarding limits on the exercise of juror discretion, jury selection, proportionality, the execution of minors, racial discrimination, mens rea requirements, capital appeals and collateral attacks, and death penalty lawyering; critique of death penalty bills proposed in recent years for Iowa.

LAW:9550 Capitalism arr.
Economic and moral aspects of capitalism as a system for organizing a society's economic activity; major topics including the beginnings of capitalist theory in Smith, Marxist critiques of capitalism in 19th century, capitalism and its critics in the Gilded Age and Progressive Era, the Great Depression and Keynesianism, modern defenses and criticisms of capitalism in Hayek, Habermas, Friedman, Rawls, and others.

LAW:9557 Constitutional Interpretation Seminar arr.
How the United States Supreme Court interprets the Constitution; particular emphasis on substantive due process and equal protection doctrine. Corequisites: LAW:8280.

LAW:9559 Corporate Ethics arr.
Examination of ethical issues that businesses and their attorneys confront in multiple contexts; particular emphasis on analyzing the meaning of ethical behavior, approaches to ethical decision making, issues of sustainability, development of social enterprise business models, and attorney's role in counseling corporate clients on ethical issues. Prerequisites: LAW:8331.

LAW:9563 Topics in Criminal Procedure arr.
In-depth look at criminal procedure topics not addressed or discussed briefly in basic criminal procedure courses, including jury selection, trial strategies, bond hearings, litigating suppression motions, sentencing advocacy, inner workings of courtrooms, and mass incarceration.

LAW:9573 Cultural Property/Heritage arr.
Concept of cultural property, measures for its protection, impact of these measures on the transfer of cultural items; traditional art and architecture, biological and fossil material, human remains; contexts in which issues have arisen, such as stolen cultural property, property acquired during armed conflict and in colonial settings, and property collected in the field or excavated; international, national, and state law, including UNESCO convention on illicit transfer of cultural property, U.S. Archaeological Resources Protection Act, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act; how developing professional ethics codes affect the concept of cultural property.

Introduction to the practice of law in and for a complex academic institution; selected current legal issues confronting attorneys in such an environment; doctrinal issues prevalent in a university setting; focus in a substantial measure on real or hypothetical problems considered in light of background reading rather than on doctrinal analysis.

LAW:9582 Deals arr.
Economic structure of complex commercial transactions as memorialized in agreements including bank credit facilities, indentures, underwriting agreements, other documents governing equity financings and financings involving convertible or preferred securities, venture capital agreements, securitization documents, business combination agreements, joint venture and shareholders agreements, limited liability company operating agreements, project finance documents; commercial agreements and how sophisticated parties order their private relationships to achieve efficient results. Prerequisites: LAW:8331.
LAW:9591 Family Law in the World Community arr.
Family law from an international and comparative law perspective; treatment of family law problems in varied legal systems; application of international treaties and conventions to issues such as child custody, adoption, and reproductive freedom, domestic violence. Prerequisites: 091:195 (LAW:8649) or 091:268 (LAW:8467).

Introduction to the most pressing legal issues facing colleges and universities today: free speech on campus; academic freedom and tenure; diversity; student discipline; student privacy, safety, and well-being; Title IX; and intercollegiate athletics; a major goal is to consider the policy questions associated with institutional responses to these legal issues.

LAW:9639 History of Regulation of Smoking and Tobacco arr.
Regulation of smoking and tobacco use; history, beginning with 19th and early-20th centuries; state statutes and case law; OSHA, EPA, and FDA regulations; class action litigation, involvement of law firms in formulating tobacco company strategies, use of medical studies, economic history of the tobacco industry.

LAW:9656 Topics in 19th-Century American Legal History arr.
Exploration of selected focus topics, may include developments in the law of the home and the law of the workplace (free labor, worker immigration, apprenticeship, indentured labor, slavery); women’s legal history; land issues and various Homestead Acts; Blackstone in America; Reconstruction of the Constitution after the Civil War; The National Archives—which houses American legal historical documents—displays the phrase, “What is past is prologue;” legal history that explains how we got to the legal present and to understand what is the law, you have to know how something got to be the law. Same as HIST:7256.

LAW:9681 Elder Law arr.
Qualification for Medicaid, elder abuse and neglect, discrimination in employment and elsewhere, retirement pension planning and taxation, elderly patients’ rights in nursing homes; conservatorships and guardianships.

LAW:9692 Innovation, Business, and Law Colloquium arr.
Varied topics; antitrust, intellectual property, corporate and securities law, and the interfaces between those disciplines; readings, discussion.

LAW:9701 Terrorism, ISIS, and International Criminal Law arr.
Available legal responses to ISIS; topics include the law of genocide, war crimes (including gender crimes), crimes against humanity, terrorism, human trafficking, money laundering, the International Criminal Court, and alternatives to prosecution including national truth commissions; strengths and weaknesses of international criminal law as a response to mass atrocity; practical considerations that limit and permit the effective functioning of this burgeoning legal experiment.

LAW:9708 International and Comparative Labor and Employment Law 2-3 s.h.
Survey of labor and employment laws and norms developed and promulgated by the International Labor Organization (ILO), the European Union, free trade agreements, and corporate codes; comparative focus on laws of the United States, Germany, and China—three leading world economies with vastly different labor and employment law systems; how to make informed questions, including to local counsel, when cross-border, employment-related legal issues are encountered; why countries have different systems of labor and employment protection despite the fact that they all try to solve similar problems; how the United States is, or is not, unique.

LAW:9717 Iowa Medical Innovation Group Seminar arr.
Interdisciplinary seminar intended to simulate the experience of product development, including potential business and legal issues; over the course of a year a team of students, with at least one law student on each team, will originate an idea for a medical device, design it and produce figures or a prototype, design a business model for marketing it, and evaluate legal issues and prepare draft legal documents; law students will analyze and counsel team members on intellectual property and business law issues and prepare draft contracts, licensing agreements, and materials for procuring intellectual property rights.

LAW:9720 UI Center for International Finance & Development arr.
Study of problems and issues in the complex world of international finance and development; focus on the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank; research and writing a new issue for the UICIFD website.

LAW:9723 Seminar on Islamic Law and Government 3 s.h.
Islamic legal and political legacy from formative period until modern time; critical analysis of logic and context of development; development of jurisprudential, legal, and political literature; overview of theories and practices of governance in Islam beginning with Caliphate system and ending with modern nation-state models. Same as RELS:6723.

LAW:9739 Topics in Jurisprudence Seminar arr.
Opportunity to explore certain questions of jurisprudence at greater depth; topics may vary, ranging from foundational questions to issues with strong practical implications for public policy, remarkable career of conventionalism in contemporary American legal theory, debate over whether there is one and only one right answer to legal questions, foundation of legal system concerns, or questions of great practical importance (e.g., nature and limits of public shaming or issues of criminal punishment). Recommendations: LAW:8577.

LAW:9758 Law and Lawyers in Literature arr.
Fundamental societal issues and ethical questions examined through discussion of literary works, including novels and plays by writers such as Camus, Coetzee, Dostoyevsky, Durrenmatt, Faulkner, Ibsen, Kafka, Melville, Schaffer, Thucydides.

LAW:9803 Law and Social Science arr.
Fundamental legal concepts and theories built on empirically testable assumptions about human behavior and decision making; testing common sense assumptions against relevant psychological and social neuroscience research; focus on domains of criminal law and criminal procedure.
LAW:9811 Law of War, Peace, and Military Affairs \arr
How does the law seek to restrain use of force in armed conflict? When may sovereign states lawfully take up arms? Once war begins, what methods may states and soldiers employ? How does and should the law of war deal with non-state actors, notably terrorists and private military contractors? Must the world reassess its answers to these questions in light of geostrategic developments since 9/11? When and why is a soldier’s obedience to illegal orders an acceptable excuse? Is the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty a success or failure?

LAW:9826 LL.M. Seminar \arr
Basic research and analytical methodologies for the international and comparative law fields; workshop approach to project proposals, drafts.

LAW:9838 Selected Topics in Comparative Law \arr
Selected focus topics in different offerings.

LAW:9841 Notable American Trials: Trial Skills \arr
Trial skills and strategy; real trial transcripts, contemporary accounts of the selected trials, secondary literature evaluating what actually happened in the courtroom and relevant history; skills of opening and closing argument, voir dire, direct and cross examination, witness selection, use of exhibits.

LAW:9849 Nonprofit and Philanthropic Organizations \arr
Issues in law and policy relating to philanthropic and nonprofit institutions; creation, role, nature, and history of nonprofit entities; tax exemption, tax treatment (including property and donor tax issues); political and legislative activities; roles of members, directors, officers; problems of external regulation, accreditation, ethics; special issues for religious organizations, community foundations, private foundations, universities, development of philanthropic and nonprofit activity in foreign jurisdictions.

LAW:9855 Policy Lab Seminar \arr
Application of legal skills to real world policy problems; work in teams to investigate a live issue, conduct necessary research, talk to stakeholders, prepare a legal work product (proposed legislation, regulation, doctrinal changes) and a policy justification for that proposal; focused instruction on a specific policy space, general instruction in tools and methods used to analyze policy and design solutions; independent research on particular issues within that space; presentations; working through challenges that arise during process.

LAW:9863 Patent Prosecution Seminar 3-4 s.h.
Drafting seminar on patent application preparation and prosecution; student drafting exercises and presentations on advanced patent law topics; administrative rules and procedures governing practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; for students who plan to practice patent law. Prerequisites: LAW:8643.

LAW:9870 History of Poverty and the Law \arr
History of how poverty has informed 20th-century American law and vice versa; changes in the population of poor, economic organization of cities and rural areas, and general distribution of wealth; analysis of ideas of poverty and how they have been gendered and racialized; how explanations for poverty have changed over time and how those reasons have influenced many different areas of law; historical changes in treatment of poor; from the charity model to modern welfare programs and, increasingly, the criminal justice system.

LAW:9882 Public Health Law \arr
Introduction to scope, function, and history of governmental activities and programs encompassed by public health regimes (primarily in the United States); legal and constitutional powers and duties of states to create prerequisites for health of population as a whole; limitations on exercise of that power to restrict individuals interests (inter alia) in liberty, autonomy, privacy, and property; tensions and conflicts that arise when collective action on behalf of public/common good constrains what the state deems to be acceptable risks triggered by actions of private individuals.

LAW:9912 Selected Issues in Family Law \arr
In-depth look at an issue or set of issues in family law; relevant cases, statutes, scholarship; class visits or on-the-job observations with community members who play roles in the family law process being examined.

LAW:9920 Federal Criminal Sentencing \arr
Sentencing as a key stage of the criminal justice system; purposes of sentences, guilty pleas, and plea bargaining; procedural rights during the sentencing process; types of sentencing statutes, federal guidelines, and the federal death penalty; supervised release, probation, and revocation of supervised release and collateral; consequences and sanctions.

LAW:9941 State Constitutional Law \arr
Power of state courts to independently interpret state constitutional provisions that are identical or similar to the federal counterparts; various approaches taken by state courts with respect to this issue; in-depth analysis of cases where a state court has departed from the federal interpretation. Prerequisites: LAW:8280.

LAW:9950 S.J.D. Continuous Enrollment 1 s.h.
Intended for S.J.D. students working on their dissertation with no mandatory classes left to take; continuous registration is a College of Law policy and students should register for continuous registration only if they are not going to register for any other tuition and fee-assessing courses. Requirements: S.J.D. enrollment, completion of required course work, and promotion to candidacy.

LAW:9959 Supreme Court Seminar \arr
Supreme Court practice, procedure, jurisdiction; the art of opinion writing; in-depth analysis of cases on the court’s pending docket; writing briefs, conducting research, conferencing cases sitting as a mock Supreme Court, assigning and preparing opinions, soliciting votes of colleagues; preparation of two opinions.

LAW:9990 Wrongful Convictions and the American Criminal Justice System \arr
Over 300 innocent persons in the United States have been exonerated through DNA evidence after being convicted of crimes they did not commit since 1989; how wrongful convictions occur, how they are remedied, how future injustices can be prevented; introduction to criminal appeals and postconviction proceedings; examination of cases of wrongful convictions; common factors that contribute to conviction of innocent; challenges of proving innocence under statutory and constitutional law; how the system can be reformed to prevent wrongful convictions.

Law Study Abroad Courses
LWAB:8230 Program in Comparative Law in Bordeaux, France \arr
Intensive course work in France taught by professors from Iowa and France. Five-week courses in May and June.
Study abroad program for students from seven law schools
(Iowa, Georgia, Utah, Kansas, Missouri-Columbia, Indiana-
Bloomington, Chicago-Kent); American and British law
taught by faculty drawn from the seven schools and British
universities; clinical law program, work with British barristers
and solicitors.

LWAB:8250 Law Study Abroad at Peking University
School of Transnational Law arr.
Exchange study program at Peking University of Transnational
Law in China.

LWAB:8825 International and Comparative Study
Abroad arr.

LWAB:9223 Law Study Abroad at Catolica University arr.
Exchange student study at the University of Católica in Lisbon,
Portugal.

LWAB:9226 Law Study Abroad at Radoud University
Nijmegen arr.
Exchange student study at Radbound University in Nijmegen,
Netherlands.