

Fall 2015 Course List and Information

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First-Year Courses (J.D. Program)

CONTRACTS 501 (4 hours)

The law of enforceable promises, including contract formation, interpretation, conditions, breach, performance and remedies, as well as promissory estoppel and restitution.

LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING I 514 (3 hours)

Continued study and practice of refined and expanded legal research and writing skills, applying them to more complex legal problems, primarily using federal law materials and focusing on persuasive legal writing.

PROPERTY 504 (4 hours)

Ownership and transfer of interests in land, including present and future estates, tenancies, easements, and covenants; real estate law and practice, with emphasis on mortgages, deeds of trust, and secured interests in real property.

TORTS 502 (4 hours)

Civil liability for harm to persons, property, and other interests, including negligence, intentional torts, and strict liability actions and related doctrine of causation, damages, privileges, and defenses.

Second- and Third-Year Courses (J.D. Program)

ACADEMIC LEGAL WRITING 745 (3 hours - Writing)

Academic Legal Writing is a seminar course on academic legal research, writing, and argument designed to help students prepare scholarly articles for publication.

Enrollment in this class requires the instructor's approval.

ADVANCED LEGAL ETHICS 749 (2 hours - Writing)

Study of selected problems in legal ethics. Topics covered may include lawyering in the digital age, access to justice, current issues in legal ethics, and in-depth case studies.

This **Lawyering in the Digital Age** seminar will explore the numerous ways in which law practice is changing in the 21st century with particular emphasis on the professional responsibility issues raised by these changes. Topics will include: outsourcing, virtual law practice, the use of technology in marketing (e.g. Groupon and Twitter), the use of technology in investigations (e.g. Facebook), electronic discovery, and the use of technology to improve access to justice.

Prerequisite: Legal Profession

ADVANCED LEGAL WRITING 712 (3 hours - Writing)

A lecture/lab course to expand skills acquired in first-year legal research and writing courses.

ADVOCACY COMPETITION 761 (1 hour)

Participation in an external skills competition or similar program (including appellate advocacy, mock trial, negotiation, and other advocacy or skills activities). (Z credit).

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION 651 (3 hours - Skills)

Introduction to nonadjudicative dispute resolution processes that utilize problem-solving approaches to resolve disputes, including client interviewing and counseling, negotiation, mediation, arbitration, summary jury trials, special masters, mini-trials and mediation-arbitration. Practical experience gained through role-playing exercises..

BANKING LAW 607 (3 hours)

Survey of federal and state banking statutes and legal problems in the field of banking.

BANKRUPTCY 558 (3 hours)

Exploration of the legal, practical, and theoretical aspects of financial insolvency of both individuals and business entities under the Bankruptcy Code. Emphasis on topics that apply both to liquidations and reorganizations under the Bankruptcy Code, including involuntary bankruptcy, claims resolution, scope of bankruptcy discharge, executory contracts, trustee's avoidance powers and distribution. In addition, the individual's right to a "fresh start" will be examined.

BANKRUPTCY REORGANIZATION SEMINAR 622 (3 hours)

Examination of the legal, practical, and theoretical aspects of reorganizing the financial affairs of business entities and individuals under Chapters 11, 12, and 13 of the Bankruptcy Code. Prerequisite: Bankruptcy 558.

CIVIL PROCEDURE II 577 (3 hours)

The rules of pleading, procedure, and practice in the federal courts. Prerequisite: Civil Procedure I 503.

CLINICS:

The University of Mississippi Clinical Programs teach essential practice skills and professional responsibility through a reflective clinical practice that provides high-quality representation to underserved clients. To accomplish the dual goals of educating students and increasing access to justice, the programs offer a wide range of clinical practice areas, each focused on an area of demonstrated legal need and each offering unique skills training experiences. The programs aim to graduate students with real-world experience, an understanding of ethical obligations, and a commitment to furthering broad access to the legal system.

For additional information see: [Clinics Program Information](#)

CLINICS: ADVANCED 765 (3-5 hours - Skills)

Students perform advanced work in a clinic during an additional semester.

CLINICS: CHILD ADVOCACY 690 (5 hours - Skills)

Students are appointed by the Court to investigate allegations of neglect and abuse and to make written recommendations to the Court regarding the best interests of the child. Students in the Child Advocacy Clinic conduct in-depth investigations by performing home visits, reviewing medical and school records, and interviewing fact witnesses. This section is offered for 5 hours of graded credit and is supervised by attorney David Calder.

For additional information see: [Child Advocacy Clinic](#)

CLINICS: CRIMINAL APPEALS 697 (4 hours – Skills or Writing)

A clinical program in which third-year students will directly participate in pro bono representation of indigents, through litigation of criminal appeals before the Mississippi Supreme Court, under the supervision of the clinic director.

For additional information see: [Criminal Appeals Clinic](#)

CLINICS: ELDER LAW 766 (4 hours - Skills)

Students write wills, prepare health care directives and Powers of Attorney, advise clients on nursing home and Medicaid regulations, and provide advice at meal centers and nursing homes. This section is supervised by Catherine V. Kilgore, Director of the Elder Law Project at North Mississippi Rural Legal Services.

For additional information see: [Elder Law Clinic](#)

CLINICS: EXTERNSHIP 654 (3-12 hours - Skills)

Work as legal assistants with prosecutors, defenders, judges, or attorneys in public service agencies with established internship programs. Prerequisites: Evidence 600. (Z credit).

For additional information see: [Externship](#)

CLINICS: HOUSING 691 (5 hours - Skills)

§5 - Low-Income Housing Clinic (5 hours). Students bring and defend cases, negotiate, and give advice in order to assist individuals and families facing conflicts with their landlord, eviction, foreclosure, or housing discrimination. Students take responsibility for the management of their own cases, meet with clients, interview witnesses, draft motions and pleadings, and appear in court. This section is offered for 5 hours of graded credit and is supervised by Clinic Director Desiree Hensley.

For additional information see: [Housing Clinic](#)

CLINICS: INNOCENCE PROJECT 692 (4 hours - Skills)

Civil Clinic is an in-house clinical program with a general classroom component and separate clinical units. Students may enroll only once unless they receive special permission from the clinical director.

For additional information see: [Mississippi Innocence Project](#)

CLINICS: LEGISLATION AND POLICY 693 (3 hours - Skills)

Students draft legislation and develop policy initiatives.

CLINICS: MACARTHUR JUSTICE CLINIC 733 (3 hours - Skills)

Students serve on a legal team pursuing impact litigation addressing criminal justice and civil rights issues in Mississippi. Students also assist with policy and legislative initiatives.

For additional information see: [MacArthur Justice Clinic](#)

CLINICS: PRO BONO INITIATIVE 713 (1 hour)

Credit for 50 or more hours of pro bono work, such as working for approved pro bono organization or project. (Z credit).

For additional information see: [Pro Bono Initiative Clinic](#)

CLINICS: STREET LAW 767 (3 hours - Skills)

Students conduct client interviews at the Oxford Food Pantry storeroom, where they gain invaluable experience in interviewing and counseling clients of the Food Pantry regarding public benefits, housing, family law, consumer law, property, wills and other civil issues. This section is offered for 3 hours of graded credit and is supervised by Minnie Howard, Managing Attorney at North Mississippi Rural Legal Services.

For additional information see: [Street Law Clinic](#)

CLINICS: TRANSACTIONAL 725 (3 hours - Skills)

Students offer services to low-income entrepreneurs and non-profit organizations to foster economic development, increase access to capital, promote job growth, and enable sustainable home ownership, particularly in the Mississippi Delta. The types of work involved in the clinic may include: entity formation and choice of entity counseling, contract negotiation and preparation, corporate and commercial financing, shareholder agreements, business acquisitions and sales, commercial leasing, licensing, permitting, and zoning advice, trademark and copyright advice, registration and intellectual property licensing, corporate governance and compliance, tax exempt applications and various other kinds of business-related transactional legal work. The clinic is supervised by Marie Cope and Cameron Abel, an attorney at the Tollison Law Firm in Oxford, MS.

For additional information see: [Transactional Law Clinic](#)

COASTAL AND OCEAN LAW 675 (3 hours)

The legal framework associated with the coastal zone and ocean environment. Public access to coastal lands and waters, public trust, wetlands regulation, international law of the sea, fisheries law, and marine pollution.

CONFLICT MANAGEMENT PRACTICUM 764 (3 hours – No regular scheduled class meetings)

The Student Conflict & Conduct Management Practicum will allow selected law students to work within the Dean of Students Office as a mediator/advisor in undergraduate pre-hearing and administrative hearing processes. Law students will assist that office in handling the 500+ caseload per semester by learning the requisite legal and educational foundation and receiving proper training to meet with undergraduate students with student conduct issues. (Z credit **\$1**; Graded credit for Advanced Practicum **\$2**).

For additional information and application see: [Conflict Management Practicum](#)

CONFLICT OF LAWS 608 (3 hours)

Enforcement of foreign country and foreign state judgments and problems arising in cases where the conflicting rules of different jurisdictions may apply.

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II 508 (3 hours)

The second semester of a coordinated two-semester coverage of intergovernmental relations in the federal system, powers of Congress and the limitations imposed upon the powers of both federal and state governments for the protection of individual rights.

CORPORATE FINANCE LAW 606 (3 hours)

The law governing corporate finance and acquisitions, including enterprise valuation, capital structure, dividend policy, mergers, takeovers, and takeover defenses.

CORPORATIONS 601 (3 hours)

A survey of the law of business associations, focusing on corporations and their formation, structure, finance and governance; close corporation problems; regulation of corporate disclosures and proxy solicitations under federal securities law; securities fraud and insider trading.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE I: INVESTIGATION 635 (3 hours)

A study of constitutional restrictions on criminal investigative practice, which typically precede institution of formal judicial proceedings, with special emphasis upon search and seizure, interrogation, right to counsel at the pretrial stage, and operation of the exclusionary rule.

CRIMINAL TRIAL EVIDENCE SKILLS 748 (2 hours - Skills)

Uses role-playing and demonstrations to teach the practical application of the Rules of Evidence: skills will include objections; foundations; responses to various objections; motions; and other common evidentiary situations at trial. Students will not present a complete trial. Prerequisite: Evidence 600. Criminal Procedure I 635, and Criminal Procedure II 714. (Z credit).

CRIMINAL TRIAL PRACTICE 686 (3 hours - Skills)

State and federal practice and procedure in criminal cases involving written and oral exercises, including mock trial, the use of discovery procedures, pretrial proceedings, motions, and other aspects of criminal trial practice. Prerequisites: Evidence 600, Criminal Procedure I 635 or Criminal Procedure II 714 desirable. (Z credit).

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW 581 (3 hours)

The role of legal institutions in the protection of environmental quality, with emphasis on pollution and sound.

EVIDENCE 600 (3 hours)

The function of the court and jury; the competency, privilege and examination of witnesses; the exclusionary rules of evidence and exceptions.

FEDERAL TRIAL PRACTICE 678 (3 hours - Skills)

Use of federal discovery procedures, pretrial proceedings, and motions. Trial of mock cases, civil and criminal, under federal rules. Pre- or corequisites: Evidence 600. (Z credit).

HEALTH CARE LAW 726 (3 hours)

A survey of legal issues related to the health care industry, including such topics as licensing, patient rights, antitrust issues and federal health care industry laws.

INCOME TAXATION OF INDIVIDUALS 613 (3 hours)

Introductory income tax concepts, including gross income; deductions; identification of taxpayers; problems incident to the sale, exchange and other disposition of property; recognition; and characterization concepts.

INDIVIDUAL STUDY I 615 (1-3 hours)

Research and writing on an assigned topic under supervision of a faculty member, or participation on moot court or mock trial teams at regional or national competitions under supervision of a faculty member. (Z credit).

For additional information see: [Individual Study Application and Policy](#)

INDIVIDUAL STUDY II 715 (1-3 hours)

Legal research and analysis on a particular topic assigned by the faculty, and the preparation of a written article. Prerequisite: permission of the supervising faculty member and the Curriculum Committee of the law faculty. Note: Student must apply 6 weeks prior to the semester start date.

For additional information see: [Individual Study Application and Policy](#)

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY 580 (3 hours)

A survey of the field of intellectual property law, including federal copyright, patent and trademark law, as well as state law doctrine relating to trade secrets, unfair competition, dilution, the right of publicity, and misappropriation.

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY LAW AND POLICY 658 (3 hours - Writing)

Legal issues relating to war and armed conflict, separation of constitutional powers, emergency powers, the security role of the United Nations, and the strengthening of the enforcement of international humanitarian law; related political, military, and diplomatic ramifications.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE 575 (3 hours – Writing or Take Home Final)

This course examines the legal framework, policy and jurisprudence of the international trading system, focusing primarily on the substantive legal rules of the World Trade Organization. Topics include the relationship between domestic and international law, the WTO dispute resolution system, non-discrimination obligations in international trade, regional trade agreements, subsidies, anti-dumping, trade in services, trade and the environment, and trade and intellectual property.

JOURNAL OF SPACE LAW 583 (1 hour)

The Journal of Space Law is an academic review of national and international scope, focusing on the many aspects of space, remote sensing, and aerospace law. Research, writing, and editing assignments, and other duties necessary to the operation of the Journal of Space Law. One hour credited for each term of participation to maximum of 4 hours. Limitation: maximum of one Z credit per semester and four Z credits total for co-curricular activities (including law journals, advocacy programs, and similar activities). (Z credit).

LAND PLANNING 632 (2 hours)

People, government, and land use; policy goals and governmental methods; zoning, subdivision regulations, urban renewal, housing for low-income families and industrial development.

LEGAL PROFESSION 603 (3 hours)

Historical background of the legal profession, its proper functions in society, and ethical conduct in the practice of law.

MISSISSIPPI LAW JOURNAL 610 (1 hour)

Research, writing, and editing assignments and other duties necessary to the operation of the *Mississippi Law Journal*. One hour credited for each term of participation to maximum of 4 hours, except editor-in-chief only may earn one additional (fifth) hour for service in summer term. Limitation: maximum of one Z credit per semester and four Z credits total for co-curricular activities (including law journals, advocacy programs, and similar activities). (Z credit).

MOOT COURT BOARD 666 (1 hour)

Administration and supervision of the moot court system. Limitation: maximum of one Z credit per semester and four Z credits total for co-curricular activities (including law journals, advocacy programs, and similar activities). (Z credit).

NEGOTIATION BOARD 763 (1 hour)

Participation in and administration of the Negotiation Board. Limitation: maximum of one Z credit per semester and four Z credits total for co-curricular activities (including law journals, advocacy programs, and similar activities). (Z credit).

PARTNERSHIP TAXATION 634 (3 hours)

Tax meaning of "partnership"; formation transactions between partner and partnership; determination and treatment of partnership income; sales or exchanges of partnership interests; distributions, retirement, death of a partner; drafting the partnership agreement. Prerequisite: Income Taxation of Individuals 613.

POLITICAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS 662 (3 hours - Writing)

Studies in the field of personal liberties (freedom of speech, religion, association), political rights (apportionment), and civil rights (personal violence, education, voting, and employment).

PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL AIR LAW 750 (3 hours - Writing)

Examines the relevant principles of public international law that apply to the use of air space by examining the sources of international air law and the law-making processes affecting the regime of air space and international air transport.

Note: Course prerequisite requires students to be enrolled in the LL.M. program. If you are interested in this course, please send request to Law Registrar, Eddie Upton to add you to this class.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT I 760 (1 – 4 Hours)

Research assistance for a faculty member. Requires completion of application form by student and supervising instructor. Please see Law Registrar for details. (Z credit). See Law Registrar for details.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT I 762 (1 – 4 Hours)

Research assistance for a faculty member. Requires completion of application form by student and supervising instructor. Application due significantly in advance of enrollment. See Law Registrar for details.

SECURED TRANSACTIONS 571 (3 hours)

Theoretical and practical justifications for the creation of security interests in personal property. Emphasis is on Articles 1, 2A and 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code and bankruptcy law.

SECURITIES REGULATION 650 (3 hours)

An examination of federal and state securities laws and how they regulate securities offerings, issuers, markets, and market participants.

SELECTED LEGAL TOPICS I 698 – Depositions and Negotiations (3 hours - Skills)

In this course, you will develop the basic skills necessary to taking and defending depositions in a variety of contexts and engaging in negotiations for purposes of the settlement of litigation and “deal-making” in the non-litigation context through a combination of lectures, in-class demonstrations and team exercises. Students will be introduced to and expected to demonstrate deposition questioning techniques and strategies, deposition planning and organization as well as the skills and strategies which form the basis of effective negotiations. (Z credit).

SELECTED LEGAL TOPICS III 703 –Natural Resources Law (2 hours)

This course will look at the protection and multiple uses of natural resource systems by the states and the federal government. Topics will include: the regulation of federal public lands for agriculture, grazing, and other uses, including conservation and preservation; public and private forests; wildlife management; and water rights.

SELECTED LEGAL TOPICS IV 704 – Emerging Issues in Intellectual Property (2 hours - Writing)

With the continued emergence of global economies and digital technologies, the area of intellectual property has received much attention in the last 20 years. In this class we will explore recent challenges to intellectual property and the legal reactions to those challenges from P2P file sharing to the Digital Millennium Copyright Act and the America Invents Act (which goes into effect during the class). The format of the class will include lectures, discussions, student presentations, and student papers.

SELECTED LEGAL TOPICS V 705 – International Legal Research (2 hours - Skills)

Strategies and resources, including materials in electronic and print formats, for researching issues in foreign, comparative, and international law.

SELECTED LEGAL TOPICS VI 706 – Research for Legal Scholarship (1 hour - Skills)

Research for Legal Scholarship is intended to serve as a companion course to upper-level courses with a significant writing component. The course will survey the resources and techniques used to conduct scholarly research, both online and in print. In-class and homework exercises will be designed to help each student conduct the research needed for his or her particular project. For more information, please contact Professor Gilliland at gillilan@olemiss.edu or 662/915-6836.

SELECTED LEGAL TOPICS VII 707 – Tax Policy and Estate Planning (2 hours - Writing)

Students will research and write on a topic involving current issues of tax policy, and wealth transmission. The class explores how the estate planner navigates the federal transfer tax and property law rules with sensitivity to a client's personal circumstances and concerns in order to achieve the client's objectives. We will also discuss tax reform proposals in both estate and individual taxation. Pre-requisite is Trusts and Estates (may be taken concurrently).

SPACE SECURITY LAW 736 (3 hours - Writing)

Addresses a wide variety of legal issues dealing with both the security of the space environment and national security derived from reliance on space assets, such as telecommunications satellites, remote sensing satellites and launch technologies.

SPORTS LAW REVIEW 611 (1 hour)

Research, writing, and editing assignments and other duties necessary to the operation of the Sports Law Review. Limitation: maximum of one Z credit per semester and four Z credits total (five for EIC) for co-curricular activities (including law journals, advocacy programs, and similar activities). (Z credit).

TRIAL ADVOCACY BOARD 664 (1 hour)

Participation in the administration of the Trial Advocacy Board. Limitation: maximum of one Z credit per semester and four Z credits total for co-curricular activities (including law journals, advocacy programs, and similar activities). (Z credit).

U.S. NATIONAL AVIATION LAW 723 (3 hours - Writing)

This course covers domestic aviation laws, regulations, and policy, and explores all major aspects of aviation law, including, but not limited to, government regulation, liability, aircraft financing, economic regulation of domestic air routes and rates, aviation security, and environmental law.

UNITED STATES DOMESTIC SPACE LAW 679 (3 hours - Writing)

This course covers the most developed body of domestic space law in the world: that of the United States. It addresses the nation's civil and military programs and offers a wide variety of commercial activities: launches, remote sensing, and satellite communications, among others.

WILLS AND ESTATES 516 (3 hours)

The execution, revocation, construction, and probate of wills and the administration of trusts and estates.

LL.M. Program Courses (*Available to J.D. students working on Remote Sensing, Air and Space Law Certificate*)

MASTER'S THESIS I 797 (1 hour)

Preparation of thesis proposal.

MASTER'S THESIS II 798 (1 hour)

Literature review.

MASTER'S THESIS III 799 (6 hours)

Drafting and completion of Thesis.

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