

Fall 2019 Course List and Information

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First-Year Courses (J.D. Program)

CIVIL PROCEDURE I 503 (3 hours)

The basic course on the structure and power of American courts, focusing on personal jurisdiction, subject matter jurisdiction, and venue.

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 (4 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.

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.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW 605 (3 hours)

Powers and procedures of administrative agencies and reviewing courts at the federal and state levels, including federal and state administrative procedures acts.

ADVANCED LEGAL TOPIC I 771 – Law and Science Fiction I (1 hour)

Many of the great works of science fiction deal with law in its various guises, some directly, others indirectly. In particular, science fiction offers a unique perspective to address issues relating to contemporary problems in law and society. This mini-seminar will explore some of the major themes of science fiction as they relate to law and society, focusing on questions of diversity and autonomy. Course materials will include short stories, graphic novels, novels, episodes from science fiction TV shows and movies. The class will meet 6 times for 2 hours each over the course of the semester. (Z credit).

ADVANCED LEGAL TOPIC II 772 – Creative Writing for Lawyers (1 hour)

The construction of a powerful narrative from the relevant facts of the case is one of the most vibrant tools a lawyer can use in advocating for a client. Even transactional lawyers dealing mainly with contracts must be skilled in playing the imaginative game of what-if in deciding on contract language for future possible scenarios. This mini-seminar will use creative writing exercises to sharpen these story-telling skills. Students should be prepared to share such exercises during class meeting times and also to engage in supportive critiques of the works of others in the class. For those students with a love for creative writing, the course will conclude with discussions of publishing contracts and the intellectual property implications of many of the ways (including blogging and tweeting) in which lawyers write these days. The class will meet 6 times for 2 hours each on weekday evenings over the course of the semester. Enrollment is capped at 9, first come first served. Specific times, dates, and locations for meetings to be arranged once students are enrolled. (Z credit).

ADVANCED LEGAL TOPIC III 773 – Election Law: Voting Rights and the Role of Race in the Trump Supreme Court (1 hour)

Topics to include in one-hour Election Law course: Racial and partisan gerrymandering, ballot access, voter fraud, voter ID laws, vote dilution, campaign finance and corruption (focusing on U.S. v. Senator Bob Menendez), election contests and recount procedures

Sets of the three-editions of America Votes! Challenges to Modern Election Law & Voting Rights (ABA 2008, 2012, 2016) will be given to the top three law students in this class. (Z credit).

ADVANCED LEGAL TOPIC IV 774 – Trial Practice: Real Problems in Civil (3 hours - Skills)

The purpose of this course is to help the student prepare for civil practice in Mississippi. The course will focus on important Mississippi cases that are often cited and that routinely present problems for legal practitioners. We will start at the beginning of a case and walk through critical points in Mississippi civil practice.

This is a discussion class. Each student be asked to read a number of Mississippi cases. We will discuss and analyze why the case was decided the way it was (the strategy implemented) and consider alternative outcomes (what could have happened with a different legal strategy). The goal is to give the student knowledge and confidence in how to litigate cases in Mississippi.

ADVANCED LEGAL TOPIC IV 774 – The Constitution of Economic Liberty (1 hour)

This course will focus on the philosophical roots of economic liberty and explore how those roots should inform jurisprudence and political thought. It will delve into constitutional first principles and how the Supreme Court has applied them. It will challenge students to deepen their understanding of the relationship between economic liberty and legal rights, and to test personal beliefs against commitments to the rule of law. Students will write a response paper reacting to the readings for each session.

ADVANCED LEGAL TOPIC VI 776 – General Practice (3 hours – Skills)

Instruction and practice in the legal skills needed for pretrial practice in federal and state courts, including pretrial planning, investigation, pleading, discovery, motions, and settlement.

ADVANCED LEGAL TOPIC VI 777 – Leadership in Law (2 hours)

This course will prepare students for responsible leadership and service in the roles that they have in law school and as future lawyers. Students will be introduced to basic principles and methods of leadership and apply what they are learning to their current leadership role(s) within a student organization at the University of Mississippi School of Law. Students will assess their own leadership skills and abilities and critically examine the leadership traits, styles, and decision-making processes of leaders/lawyers. **Registration in this course requires concurrent service on the Executive Board of a Registered Student Organization.**

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.

BAR EXAM SKILLS 591 (2 hours)

This class is for students who will be taking the July bar exam. Unlike a commercial bar review class, which focuses on reviewing the substantive material the exam will cover, this class will prepare students for the entire process of studying for and taking the bar exam. Students will develop a game plan for studying and mastering the material and will then learn techniques to master each part of the exam: multiple-choice questions, essay questions, and the performance test.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT AND THE JUDICIAL PROCESS 721 (3 Hours)

A seminar course covering the philosophical and sociological debates over the death penalty, focusing on significant U.S. Supreme Court cases concerning the death penalty since 1972.

CHILDREN IN THE LEGAL SYSTEM 646 (3 hours)

Study of the law as it relates to minors in the public and private sectors.

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: 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.

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)

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: MACARTHUR JUSTICE CLINIC 733 (4 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](#)

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.

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW SEMINAR 569 (3 hours – Writing)

Problems in Constitutional law, such as church and state, freedom of expression, and other constitutional guarantees and provisions.

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 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 and Criminal Procedure I 635 or Criminal Procedure II 714. (Z credit).

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 TAXATION OF GRATUITOUS TRANSFERS 626 (3 hours)

Federal estate, gift and generation-skipping transfer taxes.

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](#)

INSURANCE 559 (2 Hours)

The nature, form, interpretation, and application of the various kinds of insurance contracts.

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 LAW 620 (3 hours)

The nature, scope, development, and jurisdiction of international law; treaties; state responsibility; dispute resolution; human rights.

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 SPACE LAW 680 (3 hours – Writing/Take Home Exam Option)

This course provides an overview of current international space law in U.N. resolutions and treaties and customary law. It identifies legal theory and principles used in the advancement of civil, military, and commercial space activities.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE 575 (3 hours – Writing)

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.

INT’L AVIATION FINANCING AND LEASING LAW 753 (3 hours – Writing – §2)

This course covers the primary legal and practical aspects of international aviation finance and leasing Law, and focuses on special international and national private air law (*lex specialis*) that applies to cross-border financing and leasing of aircraft objects. This course also addresses the relevant international disputes that currently arise in the international aviation finance practice.

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

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).

LABOR LAW 614 (3 hours)

The regulation of relations between employers and labor unions at common law and under federal legislation, with primary emphasis on employee rights to organize and bargain under the National Labor Relations Act.

LEGAL PROFESSION 603 (3 hours)

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

LEGAL TOPICS I 698 – Cybersecurity Law (3 hours)

This course provides students with an understanding of the development of law and policy related to cybersecurity. It will address U.S. and international laws related to cybersecurity, ICT security, data security, information security, law enforcement surveillance, cybercriminal combat, privacy and other related issues. Special consideration will be given to the application of these rules in respect to aviation and space systems.

MISSISSIPPI CIVIL PRACTICE 579 (3 hours)

Civil practice and procedure in the courts of Mississippi.

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).

NATURAL RESOURCES LAW 602 (2 hours)

Protection and multiple uses of natural resource system. Topics will include an overview of federal lands; the role of federal agencies; protected lands, such as the National Park System and the National Wildlife Refuge System; the public trust doctrine; and wildlife management.

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).

PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL AIR LAW 751 (3 hours – Writing/Take Home Exam Option)

Covers the unification of private international air law through the adoption of international conventions.

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.

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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 II 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.

SELECTED LEGAL TOPICS IV 701 – Business Law Network Writing Class (1 hour – Writing)**SELECTED LEGAL TOPICS IV 703 – Legal Topics Analysis (2 hour – Writing)**

The class will focus on honing the analytical skills needed to earn the top grades: Preparing for class, attending class and taking good notes, reviewing class materials, and self testing.

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 VI 706 – Securities Regulation (2 Hours)

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

SELECTED LEGAL TOPICS VIII 708 – Healthcare Law III (3 Hours)

This Course is a seminar focused on the fraud and abuse laws that have been set in place to govern the interactions between all healthcare providers and the federal payors – Medicare and Medicaid. These laws are detailed and complicated and impact the activities of healthcare providers in myriad ways on a daily basis – from recruiting and contracting with physicians, to leasing space, to purchasing equipment, to actual treatment of patients and billing of claims for reimbursement to Medicare and Medicaid. Every healthcare lawyer must, in short order, gain intimate familiarity with these laws, their exceptions and safe harbors, and the various implementing Government regulations and pronouncements. This Course will give students with an interest in a healthcare practice the foundational knowledge they will need to begin representing healthcare providers as clients. It will, more importantly, provide them with a base of knowledge that will make them an immediate asset to firms looking for associates to assist in this ever-growing area of the law.

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 I (INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORTS) 647 (3 hours)

This course examines legal issues impacting amateur and professional sports. Includes analysis of sports cases and materials that cover multiple disciplines, including contracts, torts, constitutional law, antitrust, labor and employment, intellectual property and criminal law.

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).

WILLS AND ESTATES 516 (3 hours)

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

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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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