

Fall 2021 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.

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 V 775 – 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 – Pretrial 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 WRITING 712 (3 hours - Writing)

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

ADVANCED LEGAL RESEARCH 720 (2 hours)

Legal research strategies and resources (including electronic resources, CD-ROM, the Internet, and online services) for specialized topics, such as municipal law, legislative history, federal administrative law, and international law.

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).

AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY, SECURITY, AND PRIVACY 655 (3 hours)

Remote sensing is a valuable technology in science, foreign policy, national security, and commerce. This course provides an overview of international and domestic remote sensing law and identifies issues in the United States and the international community

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 mediationarbitration. Practical experience gained through role-playing exercises.

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.

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: 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: INNOCENCE PROJECT 692 (3 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: 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: 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](#)

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.

COPYRIGHT LAW 657 (3 hours)

Survey of copyright law, including copyrightable subject matter, the requirements for protection, the bundle of rights encompassed by copyright, infringement, defenses (such as fair use and the First Amendment), preemption issues, and some aspects of foreign protection. Resale royalties, moral rights, the right of publicity and other related doctrines also will be discussed.

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.

FEDERAL JURISDICTION 696 (3 hours)

Emphasis on litigation against the state and federal government. Includes general grants of jurisdiction and current utilization in damage suits against the state or federal treasury, provisions of the United States Code that waive sovereign immunity for specific types of litigation, code provisions that authorize discrete causes of action and make provisions for attorney's fees, and development of litigation that generates maximum economic impact.

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 TAXATION OF GRATUITOUS TRANSFERS 626 (3 hours) Federal estate, gift and generation-skipping transfer taxes.

GAMING LAW 661 (3 hours - Writing)

This course will focus on laws that regulate, prohibit, or permit gambling in various forms.

HEALTH CARE LAW 726 (3 hours)

A survey of legal issues related to the health care industry.

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 SPACE LAW 680 (3 hour)

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.

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 specialist) 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.

ACCOUNTING FOR LAWYERS 573 (3 hours)-

Accounting for Lawyers is a 1-credit class that covers the basics of financial accounting, including the structure and source of the balance sheet, income statement and statement of cash flows. The class addresses fundamental accounting concepts, including double-entry bookkeeping, matching principle, accrual basis accounting, and cash basis accounting. A working knowledge of accounting is a must for every business lawyer, which is why Accounting for Lawyers is so often cited by graduates as the most important class that they took or the class they most wish they had taken. The learning objective is for students to understand the essential structure and use of financial statements and the nature of common accounting frauds.

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 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).

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.

SELECTED 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.

SELECTED LEGAL TOPICS I 701 – PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS LAW WRITING (1 hour)

Professional Business Law Writing (“PBLW”) is a 1-credit class open only to 2L Business Law Fellows. In PBLW, students draft a client newsletter based on a recent business law development. Students are typically expected to incorporate detailed comments on 6 to 8 drafts for as a minimum condition of completing the course and to meet with the professor 5 or 6 times to discuss their newsletter. Your grade will be based on your newsletter and completion of quizzes and assignments related to assigned readings and video lectures.

SELECTED LEGAL TOPICS III 703 – Advanced Legal Analysis (2 hour)

Advanced Legal Analysis provides students with the foundational skills necessary to be successful in law school and on the bar exam. The focus of the course will be on essay writing and analytical skills. The course will also introduce skills related to multiple choice questions, practical tests, learning and studying, and test-taking.

SELECTED LEGAL TOPICS IV 704 – The School to Prison Pipeline (1 hour)

The school to prison pipeline is a national trend that is channeling children out of school and into the juvenile and/or criminal justice system, usually for innocuous behaviors. This trend disproportionately affects children of color, children with disabilities, and children from families with low socioeconomic status. This course will examine what started the school to prison pipeline, how it is continually perpetuated today, and what steps are needed to dismantle it.

SELECTED LEGAL TOPICS V 705 – Contemporary Problems in Law and Politics (1 hour)

This course will provide an intensive, one-week look into some of the hottest topics in law and politics. Topics will include the regulation of candidates and political parties after the McCain-Feingold Act, corporations and their rights after *Citizens United* and what that has meant for political campaigns, and Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act and its effect on political speech. The course is intended as a practical introduction to working on these timely issues, and will draw on the contrasting experiences of Prof. Eliason, a recent Democratic candidate for Congress, and Allen Dickerson, the Republican Vice Chair of the Federal Election Commission.

SELECTED LEGAL TOPICS VI 706 – International Criminal Law (3 hours)-Writing

This course offers an intensive overview of the rapidly expanding field of international criminal law. The objective of the class is to examine (i) the fundamental concepts, principles, and institutions of the developing international criminal justice system and (ii) a number of current problems involving the application of domestic criminal law to international activities and across national boundaries.

SELECTED LEGAL TOPICS VIII 707 – Trial Skills (3 hours)

This course focuses on preparing and executing the key components of a jury trial: opening, direct exam, cross exam, and closing. Students perform these components repeatedly and receive critiques. Students then undertake a full trial. The course advances a story-telling approach to trial advocacy. Students will improve their ability to read a case file, craft a theory of the case, and convert that theory into both a story for the jury and a rhetorical theme.

SELECTED LEGAL TOPICS VIII 708 – Mergers and Acquisitions (1 hour)

Mergers & Acquisitions (“M&A”) covers: (1) structures used to accomplish corporate mergers and acquisitions, (2) tax effects of different structures, (3) federal securities law issues in mergers and acquisitions, and (4) key due diligence issues in mergers and acquisitions. The course is not open to students who have taken Corporations taught by Professor Bullard.

Students will learn to identify options for structuring mergers and acquisitions and some of their key differences and to apply basic tax concepts to evaluate whether a deal will be tax free (no prior tax knowledge is needed). They will be able to determine where a target's liabilities will reside after a deal, identify the primary securities law issues that deals implicate, recognize the effect of standard antiassignment clauses and loan agreements on deals, evaluate shareholder approval requirements triggered by various deal structures, and solve problems arising from the exercise of appraisal rights by minority shareholders.

SPORTS LAW I (INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORTS) 647 (3 hours – Writing option)

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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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.