

Fall 2022 Course Descriptions

Course Title	Professor	Course Description
Agriculture & the Environment	C. Kelley	Agriculture and the Environment examines the impact that agricultural production has on the environment. This policy-oriented course examines the tensions between the need to produce food and fiber efficiently and the concern for sustainability and the protection of our natural resources. A new unit on agricultural initiatives and climate change will be included in the course this year.
Alcohol & Beverage Law	B. Rucker	This class would primarily focus on Federal and Arkansas laws, regulations, and case law, however, there will also be a survey of all 50 states. There aren't prerequisites, although if students have had business organizations, that would be helpful because the course will also cover how one could go about starting a business that either creates and/or sells alcohol in Arkansas and common pitfalls that these startup brands face.
American Legal History	M. Killenbeck	An examination of major themes in American legal history, with an emphasis on the origins and meaning of the United States Constitution. Various topics will be explored in the light of the original understandings, developments over time, and current interpretations by the courts and the body politic.
Antitrust	Foster, S.	Federal anti-trust laws and their relationship to concentrations of economic power in the contexts of monopoly mergers, price fixing, economic boycotts and discrimination, re-sale price maintenance, dealer franchises, and exclusive dealing. Comparative analysis of free enterprise market and government regulated industries. Recommended for second- and third-year students interested in business practice or government service, as well as social welfare, or students with an interest in the subject.
Bankruptcy	R. Taylor	Study of insolvency law, with particular emphasis on federal bankruptcy law.
Board of Advocates	D. Weatherby/A. Hurst	Members of the Board of Advocates may receive ungraded academic credit, to be awarded in the spring semester of the member's third year in law school, upon completion of duties for the fall and spring semesters.

Bus Human Rights	U. Ewelukwa Ofodile	This course explores the business-human rights nexus within the food and agricultural sector using relevant case studies. The course introduces students to the linkages between business and human rights from a variety of legal, regulatory, and policy perspectives.
Business Organizations	C. Goforth	Course is constructed around different forms of business organizations, with emphasis on agency and partnership law, and corporation law.
Cannabis Law & Policy	T. Gray	Currently, the use, sale, and possession of cannabis is federally illegal due to its' Schedule 1 listing under the Controlled Substances Act. Yet, several states have chosen to decriminalize and even legalize cannabis use within their boundaries. This has led to a unique legal landscape where individuals may simultaneously be following state laws while being in open violation of federal law. The legal challenges and concerns presented by this terrain extend beyond cannabis users to cannabis growers, distributors, and sellers, who are all part of the emerging cannabis industry. This course will examine current and developing cannabis legislation, policy trends, as well as take a look at cannabis policy arguments regarding public health and social justice.
Civil Procedure	H. Brill & B. Bullock	Study of the process of civil litigation from preliminary matters such as court selection and jurisdiction, through joinder of parties and discovery techniques, to disposition of cases and finality of judgments. Some attempt is made to cover the antecedents of modern procedure; where appropriate, suggestions for reform are developed in class discussion. Emphasis is on the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
Clinic - Criminal Practice (Skills)	M. Bender	The Criminal Practice Clinic represents clients charged with misdemeanor and simple felony charges primarily in Washington County. Under close faculty supervision, students develop their ability to effectively and ethically practice law while providing much-needed legal assistance. In addition to client representation, and court appearances, students participate in a weekly seminar. Qualification for Rule XV practice. Prerequisite: LAWW 6093 Basic Evidence, LAWW 4173 Criminal Procedure, and LAWW 5013 Professional Responsibility.

Clinic - Federal Practice Clinic	Tarvin	Students receive clinical legal experiences in federal courts and before federal administrative agencies. Although the particular experiences vary, Chapter 7 (no asset) bankruptcies and farm foreclosures are often emphasized.
Cognitive Science & the Law	W. Woodington	Cognitive Science is an interdisciplinary field that explores how the brain processes information. This field can also help us develop a stronger understanding of our legal system and how to improve it. In this course, we will survey a wide range of topics from the main subareas of Cognitive Science: <i>Cognitive Psychology</i> , <i>Social Cognition</i> , and <i>Cognitive Neuroscience</i> . These subareas cover, respectively, our internal, mental processes; our interactions with other society members; and the neural systems that support these activities. We will also analyze how our weekly, course topics apply to the law, to public policy, and to the legal professional as a whole.
Criminal Law	TBD & L. Sacharoff	Deals with the questions of what conduct society punishes through a criminal code and of the appropriate punishment for the forbidden conduct. In this context the course includes an analysis of the theories of punishment, the definitions of various crimes, the defenses available to one charged with criminal conduct, and the limitations placed by the Constitution on governmental power in the criminal law area. Throughout the course, special emphasis is placed on the legislature's role in creating statutes alongside the judiciary's corresponding role in interpreting those statutes.

Criminal Procedure Investigations	W. Woodington	Concerned with the legal steps through which a criminal proceeding passes, commencing with the initial investigation of a crime and concluding with the release of the defendant. Does not deal exclusively with constitutional problems, although considerable time is spent on them. Recent Supreme Court decisions receive special emphasis. Criminal Procedure does not deal with criminal tactics or with many of the special problems relating to the introduction of evidence at the trial.
Data Privacy Law	C. Copeland	A review of relevant state, federal, and international law, policy, and issues regarding the collection, management, and use of certain forms of personally identifiable information, sensitive personal information, and other forms of protected data.
Debtor-Creditor	S. Foster	Study of Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code and of the remedies of unsecured creditors.
Employment Discrimination	B. Bullock	This course focuses on the study of the significant cases and statutes that protect employees from discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, and disability, with emphasis on Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Final exam will be a take-home exam.
Employment Law	C. Nance	An overview of the law governing various aspects of the employment relationship, both statutory and common law. Covers the establishment and parameters of employment, the security of the worker, employer's rights, and terminations.
Entertainment Law	D. Pieper	Examines the legal principles and relationships of the entertainment industry, with a primary emphasis on the music industry; provides an introduction to the practice of entertainment law and the negotiation of entertainment contracts; highlights a variety of legal and practical issues that arise when representing clients in the entertainment industry.
Environmental Law	S. Gosman	Devoted primarily to the legal problems related to the environment. Included is consideration of environmental impact in public and private decision making.

Estate Gift Taxation	R. Hurst	Focus on relationship between income, estate, and gift taxes; the gross estate, including inter vivos transfers included in the gross estate; jointly held property; appointed property; life insurance; valuation; estate tax deductions and credits; taxable gifts, gift tax exclusions. Also will cover post-death planning as well as some aspects of administration of estates of decedents. Covers both a general overview of the tools and skills necessary for planning estates.
Evidence	A. Nunn	Study of the rules of evidence under which trials are conducted; the methods by which items of evidence and admitted or excluded; relevancy, real evidence, testimonial proof, and hearsay and its exceptions.
Federal Courts	A. Nunn	Focus is on essential aspects of federal court procedure, the scope and limits of federal judicial power, and the underlying principles of federalism and separation of powers. Topics will include federal court jurisdiction, the power of Congress to limit that jurisdiction, Supreme Court review of state court judgments, and abstention and justiciability doctrines.
Food, Farming, & Sustainability	S. Schneider	This course provides a survey of agricultural law and the policy issues presented. This course is available as a regular face-to-face class or a distance class. Distance students participate by video conference. Open to JD candidates with permission
Immigration Law	D. Devenport	A study of the immigration, nationality, and naturalization laws of the United States; discussion of policy issues relating to migration, refugees, asylum, deportation, and citizenship issues. The Course will also explore pop culture references to immigration issues and examine the truths and fallacies of what is presented for entertainment purposes.
Independent Legal Research	TBD	Independent legal research conducted under the supervision of faculty members. Ordinarily a student may not accumulate more than two semester hours of credit for Independent Legal Research. This cumulative maximum may be exceeded only by special permission of the dean, who in exceptional circumstances may approve a cumulative maximum credit of three semester hours of credit for Independent Legal Research.

Indian Law	D. Rice	Study of the domestic federal law of the United States as it applies to Native Americans and their tribes. The general concept of tribal self-determination is the unifying theme of the course. Particular topics include tribal sovereignty and government; American Indian civil rights; administration of justice on and off the reservation; American Indian land claims; land, hunting, and fishing rights; water rights; American Indian health, education, and welfare; Bureau of Indian Affairs; state taxation; individual and tribal treaty rights; federal Indian policy; and zoning and environmental controls.
Interschool Competition	D. Weatherby/A. Hurst	Interschool Competition Team provides an avenue for outstanding student advocates to register their completion of a rigorous interschool competition for purposes of academic credit. Students may register for this credit after satisfying the standards for approval of non-graded credit for Interschool Competition Credit, as outlined in the University of Arkansas School of Law Board of Advocates Bylaws and relevant Bylaw and Academic Standards provisions, as promulgated by the Faculty.
Interviewing, Counseling & Negotiation	C. Circo & C. Kelley	This course provides instruction and practice in interviewing and counseling clients and in negotiating on behalf of clients in a wide variety of situations. In addition to teaching strategies and techniques, the course will provide extensive practice through the use of simulated exercises. When you complete this course, you should be familiar with the most common interviewing, counseling, and negotiating techniques and strategies, and you should be able to implement those techniques and strategies in many different situations that lawyers face.
Intro to Intellectual Property	U. Ewelukwa Ofodile	This course involves an introductory survey of topics in intellectual property, including copyright, trademark, patent, and unfair competition issues. If time permits, the course may also cover certain aspects of e-commerce.
Journal Food Law & Policy	S. Schneider	Students receive credit for completion of duties on the Law School's publication of The Journal of Food Law & Policy.

Land Use	S. Clowney	Covers public land use controls such as zoning, subdivision regulations, and eminent domain (including private property rights, takings, and inverse condemnation). Heavy emphasis is placed on planning at state and local levels.
Law Review	A.Nunn	Law review credit.
Legal Research & Writing I	A. Killenbeck, D. Weatherby, A. Hurst, & TBD	An introduction to the special problems posed by the legal analysis and the expression of the results of that process. The primary emphasis will be on basic legal analysis techniques, basic legal writing skills, and proper citation form. Students will complete a series of writing assignments.
Mediation in Practice	J. Taylor	This is a skills class and therefore includes a lot of interactive work, including mock mediations. All students are required to actively participate in the mock mediations. While lecture is part of the course, a significant portion is class discussion and all students are expected to have completed the readings and contribute to the discussion. Due to the condensed structure of the course, the reading for the weekend sessions is very heavy. It is expected that students will have completed the weekend reading assignment prior to class.
Oil & Gas Title	P. Norvell	Oil and Gas Title Examination is a course designed to teach students who have successfully completed Basic Title Examination how to use abstracts of title and other compilations of public real estate records to determine ownership and marketability of minerals, including oil and gas, and oil and gas leasehold, royalty, overriding royalty and other similar interests. The course utilizes the theoretical understanding gained from traditional real property and oil and gas law courses, but teach practical skills not currently taught in the usual classroom setting. Prerequisite: Basic Title Examination
Poverty Law	C. Nance	Considers the implications of statutory and constitutional provisions that relate to several substantive areas of poverty law practice including public benefits, employment, consumer, health and family law.

Professional Responsibility	H. Brill	Role of the lawyer as counselor, advocate, and public servant; obligation to society of the individual lawyer and the profession as a whole; ethical problems of the profession; representation of the unpopular cause and the desirable client, lawyers' obligation to law reform; lawyer and the press; the lawyer in public service; the aspects of law office management.
Public Corporations	C. Goforth	A survey of topics applicable to publicly owned corporations, including: corporate governance; shareholder communication and proxy regulation; introduction to corporate finance and dividend policies; mergers and acquisitions; tender offer regulation; aspects of securities regulation; and insider trading. Prerequisite: LAWW 4294.
Real Estate Transactions	C. Circo	Focuses on real estate transfer, real estate finance and real estate development. Issues relating to the sale of land and conveyances of real property, mortgages and the planning, financing, constructing and marketing of modern real estate developments are treated.
Right to Food	U. Ewelukwa Ofodile	Provides an overview of the historical development of the right to food; evaluates the rights, obligations and responsibilities of rights-holders and duty-bearers of the right to food; and examines the legal and non-legal mechanisms that are increasingly used to adjudicate the right to food.

Student Coordinating Attorney	Clinic	The School of Law recognizes the educational value of placements under the supervision of licensed, experienced attorneys, and offers students the possibility of public service learning opportunity serving as a student coordinating attorney for 2-3 credits of ungraded credit if approved by the designated Faculty Supervisor. This option shall be available only to a student with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 who has successfully completed 30 hours of Law School classes including Professional Responsibility, and who has obtained and submitted at least one recommendation from a faculty member who has had that student in at least one class in the past 12 months. A student coordinating attorney is a pro-bono position involving exposure to real world situations, involving some aspect of public service, where a lawyer's expertise and insights will be called for and can be observed. Placement is restricted to the courses offered in the all of the clinics offered at the law school. This position covers an entire semester (15 weeks during the spring and fall, and 10-12 weeks during the summer). For a two-credit student coordinating attorney position, the average work load must be no less than 8 hours per week in the fall and spring, or 10 hours per week in the summer. For a three-credit student coordinating attorney position, the average work load would be no less than 12 hours per week in the fall and spring, or 15 hours per week in the summer. Application
Torts	S. Gosman & J. Lens	An introduction to basic principles of liability for harm to persons and property. The course analyzes various categories of tortious conduct, defenses and immunities, damages, and underlying principles and policies justifying liability.
Trial Advocacy	T. Brooks & Staff	An introduction to actual trial work and trial techniques through simulated exercises and the conduct of a mock trial.
ULW: Civil Pretrial Docs	R. Smith	Students will develop the abilities necessary to function as an effective civil litigation attorney. The course focuses on pre-trial preparation and practice. Students will learn and then apply rules, procedures, and skills necessary for a broad spectrum of pretrial activities.
ULW: Federal Appellate Litigation I	A. Hosley	The Course will focus on brief writing and oral advocacy for students who would appear before state or federal courts of appeal or supreme courts.

<p>ULW: Food & Law Policy</p>	<p>M. McCabe</p>	<p>Food Law & Policy introduces students to the complex system of law and regulation that governs the food system. Emphasis is on fundamental concepts of food law administered and enforced principally by the Food & Drug Administration and the US Department of Agriculture with other agencies such as the EPA and FTC included as necessary for students to fully understand food law. Current topics in food regulation and policy formulation are also discussed. Recommended for Staff Editors on the Journal of Food Law & Policy?</p>
<p>ULW: Journal Writing</p>	<p>A. Hurst</p>	<p>This is a 10-week advanced research and writing course for journal candidates built around the process of drafting a note or comment. Students learn how to (1) find and develop claims and (2) structure research and analysis into a cohesive piece. The course includes several research and writing assignments that generally coincide with each journal's staff-editor requirements.</p>
<p>ULW: Policing and Law Policy</p>	<p>M. Bender</p>	<p>This course will analyze the role of police discretion in the criminal justice system particularly in the context of traffic stops, interrogations, and suppression hearings. Although there are no prerequisites, students have ideally already taken Criminal Procedure and Criminal Procedure II.</p>
<p>ULW: Supreme Court Seminar</p>	<p>M. Killenbeck</p>	<p>An examination of the unique role and responsibilities of the Supreme Court of the United States, with a special emphasis on separating myth from reality. This will include jurisdiction and procedures, theories of judicial review, and the political and social role and impact of the Court.</p>
<p>ULW: Women & The Law</p>	<p>J. Lens</p>	<p>This course examines the treatment and status of women in the U.S. legal system. Students will consider women's historical treatment as outsiders in the legal system, constitutional issues that affect women, and jurisprudential perspectives relating to women and the law. Students will examine critical perspectives on a variety of issues that may include women in law school, in legal practice, in employment, in the family, in their reproductive role, and as targets of violence.</p>

White Collar Crime	A. Williams	<p>This course covers selected substantive and procedural areas of importance in "white-collar" criminal practice. A portion of the class will be devoted to the study of certain statutes and their applications, including examinations of mail and wire fraud, conspiracy, false statements and money laundering prosecutions. We will also cover subjects of particular concern to prosecutors and defense counsel in "white-collar" or business crime cases, including investigative and grand jury practices, privileges applicable in a corporate setting, immunity, plea bargaining, cooperation agreements, and the interplay between civil and criminal proceedings.</p>
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