



# College of Law

## Course Descriptions



Instruction is through class meetings, small group meetings and individual conferences.

LAWD 9410 PROPERTY – FUNDAMENTALS OF OWNERSHIP [3 hours] An introduction to the law of personal property and comprehensive coverage of the law of real property as it relates to estates and interests in land, landlord-tenant relationships, real estate transactions, private agreements respecting the use of land and public controls upon property use.

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and limits of duties to the client, the legal system and third parties. Prerequisite: Completion of basic first-year courses.

### **LAWG – Bar-Tested Subjects<sup>1</sup> (LAW)**

LAWG 9010 BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS [4 hours] Business Associations focuses on the legal entities commonly used to operate business enterprises, with an emphasis on closely held businesses. The course explores the major issues involved in formation and operation of agency relationships, corporations and limited liability companies. These include creation of business entities; financing for the small business; sharing in earnings; the roles of corporate officers, directors and shareholders; roles of LLC managers and members; doctrines of limited liability; fiduciary duties; and special statutory treatment of closely held corporations.

LAWG 9170 CONFLICT OF LAWS [2-3 hours] This course will study the problems encountered when a transaction or occurrence has a significant relationship to two or more states or countries. The jurisdiction of courts, the effect to be given to out-of-state judgments and the rules of decision in multi-state cases are studied. Both traditional rules and theories and modern developments are analyzed.

LAWG 9210 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE-INVESTIGATIONS [3 hours] A study of the constitutional and statutory limitations on the conduct of criminal investigations and related matters. Includes a discussion of the Fourth Amendment prohibition against unreasonable searches and seizures, the Fifth Amendment o-3.7 (e)-. A s s29ICgnre0.7 (9 (A)-3.

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criminal processes from arrest through sentencing and appeal. Topics covered include bail, preliminary hearing, grand jury, plea bargaining and guilty pleas, discovery, fair trial, free press, jury trial, sentencing and double jeopardy.

LAWI 9090 DISABILITY LAW [2-3 hours] This course examines the growing area of disability law. Topics to be covered include discrimination based on disability in employment and public accommodations, as well as the requirement for educational institutions to provide special education services to disabled students. Relevant federal statutes will be examined, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (with special emphasis on the ADA Amendments Act of 2009), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act.

LAWI 9300 EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION [3 hours] This course focuses on the main federal statutes prohibiting employment discrimination and the policies underlying these laws, with the majority of time spent on Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Additional topics and subtopics include sexual harassment, discrimination based on sexual orientation, defenses and reasonable accommodation of religion.

LAWI 9310 EMPLOYMENT LAW [2-3 hours] This course focuses on the major state

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defining income. A detailed treatment of the more significant personal and business deductions, exemptions and credits follows. Statutory methodology and policy considerations (including the tax expenditure concept) are developed integrally with substantive topics. In addition, the course considers the tax treatment of gains and losses from the disposition of property, including the capital gains preference and deferral of taxation. Tax shelters and attempts by Congress and the Internal Revenue Service to limit their utilization may be explored as well.

LAWI 9630 HEALTH LAW [3 hours] This course provides an overview of the legal issues that arise in the health care field. Topics surveyed will include individual and

attorneys, police and social services historically, and in modern practice, will be examined as to the impact on families and individuals brought before the juvenile court. Special emphasis will be given to the theory of the juvenile justice system; the various court alternatives to adjudication; dispositional considerations and the attorney's role in representing the child, parents or serving as a guardian ad litem.

LAWI 9510 LABOR LAW [3 hours] This course focuses on the law governing and policy issues surrounding the major facets of union-management relations in the private sector under the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA). These include union organizing, collective bargaining, contract enforcement, picketing and the economic weapons of both sides, including strikes. The course also covers the procedural mechanisms by which rights under the NLRA are enforced and remedies for NLRA violations.

LAWI 9390 NATURAL RESOURCES LAW [2-3 hours] This course provides an introduction to natural resources law and policy affecting both public lands and private



LAWI 9260 RACE AND AMERICAN LAW [2-3 hours] This class addresses the racial and legal history of the major racial groups in the U.S., including African Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, Latinos and Whites. In addition to these histories, the class includes the following topics: Competing definitions of race and racism; race, voting, and participation in democracy; developing notions of equality; segregation and education; and responses to racism, including resistance, coalitions, and healing.

LAWI 9060 SALES AND LEASES OF GOODS [2-3 hours] A detailed study of sales of goods under Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code and a survey of both Article 2A of the Uniform Commercial Code (leases of goods) and the U.N. Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of goods. Topics include contract formation and interpretation, warranties, express and implied terms, risk of loss, performance obligations and breach, and remedies for breach. Consideration may also be given to other state and federal laws affecting sales and leases of goods. Prerequisite: Contracts I and II.

LAWI 9800 SECURITIES REGULATION [2-3 hours] This course focuses on the disclosure requirements of the federal securities laws which apply when businesses raise capital and when their shares are publicly traded. It examines the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, selected provisions of the Securities Exchange Act and state blue sky laws. It covers extensively the structuring of exempt transactions for small businesses. The course is taught primarily from a transactional, rather than a litigation, focus. Prerequisite: Business Associations.

LAWI 9900 TRADEMARKS [2-3 hours]. An introduction to the fundamentals of federal trademark law and practice with some discussion of common law trademarks and state trademark registration. This course will cover how trademarks are acquired, trademark registration and practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and trademark infringement. False advertising and other forms of unfair competition actionable under the Lanham Act also will be studied.

LAWI 9940 WHITE COLLAR CRIME [3 hours] White Collar Crime is variously understood to refer to economic and political crimes, crimes predicated on deceit or concealment, and crimes in corporate or other professional contexts. While the definition is imprecise, the legal profession routinely treats white collar crime as distinct from other crime; prosecutors and defense counsel often specialize in white collar matters. This course is divided into two parts. First, the class surveys some of the key substantive laws involved in white collar cases. Second, it examines the distinctive procedural issues in white collar cases, including sentencing. Prerequisite: Criminal Law.

### **LAWL – Law Review/Moot Court (LAW)**

LAWL 9110 LAW REVIEW I [1-2 hours] Course is graded on a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis. Course requires the successful completion of a publishable manuscript as determined by the editor-in-chief and faculty adviser of the Law Review.

LAWL 9120 LAW REVIEW II [1-2 hours] Only students who have successfully completed Law Review I and who are serving as editors of the Law Review will be permitted to register for Law Review II. Enrollment is selective. Prerequisite: Law Review I.

LAWL 9150 MOOT COURT I [1-2 hours] Students participate in interscholastic Moot Court competitions, each of which deals with a particular area of law, such as: international law, labor and employment law, corporate law, sports law, tax, intellectual property, criminal law and constitutional law. Students will prepare a brief and present an appellate argument at a regional or national competition. Prerequisite: Enrollment is based on try-outs held in the spring, and each team requires enrollment in other courses based on the subject matter of the competition. All students are also required to take Appellate Procedure Seminar and Advanced Research and Writing.

LAWL 9160 MOOT COURT II [1-2 hours] Students participate in or coach Moot Court or Trial Advocacy teams. Students are also required to judge rounds of the annual Fornoff Moot Court competition. Prerequisite: Moot Court I.

### **LAWN – Law Clinics & Skills (LAW)**

bibliography in both print and electronic formats. Detailed attention given to encyclopedias, treatises, and various general and topical indexes, digests, and citators as well as web based compilations of legal materials.

LAWN 9910 CIVIL ADVOCACY CLINIC [4 hours] The Civil Advocacy Clinic focuses on development of skills such as interviewing, counseling, negotiation, problem-solving, fact investigation, strategy formation law, landlord and tenant, consumer and civil rights cases. In addition, students may work on law reform and policy projects. Students in the clinic are the primary contact for clients, and are given responsibility for work on all aspects of the case under the close supervision of clinic faculty. Classroom meetings focus on practical, substantive, procedural and ethical issues, especially as they relate to the clients and cases handled by the clinic. It is recommended, but not required, that students complete at least 59 credit hours and apply for certification as legal interns under Rule II of the Ohio Supreme Court Rules for the Governance of the Bar. Admission is by the permission of the instructor.

LAWN 9130 CRIMINAL LAW SIMULATION [2-3 hours] In this simulation course, students will prepare a case for trial/plea and end the semester with a sentencing hearing. The course will feature written assignments and in-class exercises and will cover hearings on arraignment, detention, suppression, plea and sentencing. Students will work together and hone their skills as members of prosecution and defense teams.

LAWN 9410 MEDIATION EXTERNSHIP [2/4 hours] In the Mediation Externship, second and third year students have the unique opportunity to learn mediation skills and apply those skills mediating in the Lucas County Juvenile Court and Toledo Municipal Court. This fieldwork experience provides hands-on training in the area of alternative dispute resolution. Skills such as listening, communication and negotiation are stressed in both the fieldwork and weekly classroom component. Students are taught theoretical technique and are exposed to a variety of topics and speakers in the Alternative Dispute Resolution field. This program is designed to teach practical skills and give the students an opportunity to interact in the legal community in a new and emerging area of law. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor.

LAWN 9100 NEGOTIATION THEORY AND STRATEGY [3 hours] This practical, skills course develops a series of conceptual structures for understanding negotiation as a coherent process and for understanding the strategic dynamics of all negotiating situations. The goal of the course is to encourage students to become skilled, versatile, and effective negotiators by applying the relevant structures, theories, and strategies to legal negotiations that will be scheduled each week of the course.

LAWN 9610 PUBLIC SERVICE EXTERNSHIP [1-6 hours] The Public Service

Externship is a field placement program in which students are placed in structured legal settings with public service attorneys and programs. There is a required classroom component in which issues relating to learning from experience are explored. The program is available year round with out-of-town placements available in the summer session. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor.

LAWN 9000 TRIAL PRACTICE [3 hours] Simulated exercises and trials, including such matters as pretrial motions, jury selection, opening statement, presentation of evidence, cross-examination, witness impeachment, closing argument and jury instructions. Emphasis is given to developing and proving a theory of the case. Prerequisite: Evidence.

### **LAWP – Law Writing courses/Independent Research (LAW)**

LAWP 9010 HONORS RESEARCH I [2 hours] A student who has completed 30 semester hours in the College of Law and who has a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher may apply to undertake honors research. The student must submit a topic and detailed research proposal four weeks prior to enrollment to a faculty member who agrees to take primary responsibility to supervise the student's work. Two other faculty members are appointed by the Dean to serve on the student's advisory committee. The research and writing take place over two semesters and culminate in a written thesis intended for publication. The student must orally defend his or her thesis before the advisory committee and interested members of the University community. The purpose of the program is to provide an opportunity for students to make a contribution to the professional literature through concentrated study in an area of interest. The advisory committee decides on the grade that will be awarded to the project.

LAWP 9020 HONORS RESEARCH II [2 hours] A student who has completed 30 semester hours in the College of Law and who has a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher may apply to undertake honors research. The student must submit a topic and detailed research proposal four weeks prior to enrollment to a faculty member who agrees to take primary responsibility to supervise the student's work. Two other faculty members are appointed by the Dean to serve on the student's advisory committee. The research and writing take place over two semesters and culminate in a written thesis intended for publication. The student must orally defend his or her thesis before the advisory committee and interested members of the University community. The purpose of the program is to provide an opportunity for students to make a contribution to the professional literature through concentrated study in an area of interest. The advisory committee decides on the grade that will be awarded to the project.

LAWP 9050 INDEPENDENT RESEARCH [2 hours] A student who has completed at

least 30 semester hours in the College of Law and who has a grade point average of 2.0 or higher may undertake and complete individual research and writing for credit under an Independent Research Program. To enroll in the program, a student must submit a written proposal to the faculty member agreeing to take primary responsibility for that student. If the faculty member and the Dean approve the proposal, the student may then enroll for two hours of credit for one semester. The supervising faculty member decides on the grade that will be awarded to the project.

LAWP 9200 SEMINAR: JURISPRUDENCE AND MODERN LEGAL THOUGHT [3 hours]. How do we know what the law is? What are the proper purposes and sources of law? What is the relationship between law and justice? What is the source of the duty to obey? The course investigates these and other questions through the lens of the major currents in modern legal thought. We will consider, among other topics, natural law, formalism, positivism, realism, law and economics, dissent and the critical turn in legal thought (i.e., critical legal studies, feminism, gender and sexual orientation, and critical race theory), and the conservative legal movement. We will apply the various thinkers and schools of thoughts to concrete issues with judicial decision-making and the practice of law. Students will write two 12-13 page papers and participate in class debates and discussions.

### **LAWT – Law Experimental Courses (LAW)**

LAWT 9600 3L EXTENDED BAR PREP [2-3 hours]. This course gives students a head start on bar exam preparation by focusing on contextualized substantive review of the most heavily tested topics on the bar. It overlays intensive skill instruction on reading comprehension, issue identification, rule mastery, critical thinking, legal analysis and recognition of distractors skills. Students gain a strong conceptual understanding and in-depth knowledge of highly tested doctrines across three MBE subjects including Essays, Multiple Choice, and the MPT. They will be taught how to develop, use, and apply a flexible but strong analytical framework to solve bar exam problems. Graded on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis. Enrollment limited to 3Ls.

LAWT 9600 ADVANCED LEGAL ANALYSIS [2-3 hours] This course is designed to strengthen study skills, legal reasoning skills and exam taking skills in at-risk students. Class will include short lectures, class exercises, and practice exams under timed conditions. Individual conferences will be held, and feedback on the exams will be given. Students will be encouraged to evaluate their own work and learn from past performance. A discussion of the student's self-evaluation and goals will also be discussed during individual conferences.



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matters. Students will work in teams of 2-3 for each exercise.

LAWT 9600 SEMINAR: LEGISLATION AND STATUTORY INTERPRETATION [2-3 hours] This course covers

century to the present in an attempt to understand how courts have determined the constitutional limits of police conduct while questioning suspects. During the course of the semester we will see how law enforcement and the courts have evolved in this area in light of changing social norms and shifting popular attitudes towards crime and criminals.

**LAWP9000 SEMINAR: SOCIAL JUSTICE LAW [2 hours]** This course will discuss lawyering skills and tools to remedy systemic injustice. Students will explore a variety of substantive areas related to poverty law, public interest law, and social justice advocacy. Additionally, students will be introduced to concepts such as race equity, implicit bias, and community lawyering.

**LAWP 9000 SEMINAR: TRUCK AND AUTO COLLISIONS [3 hours]** This course introduces students to laws and regulations governing trucks and automobile collisions, including the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, and imparts practical written and oral communication skills. Personal injury and wrongful death claims are explored from the plaintiffs' and defendants' points of view. Students will complete two 8-10 page papers, receive feedback from the instructor and their peers and have the opportunity to submit revised papers and participate during class in discussions and debates.

**LAWT 9600 SPECIAL TOPICS [1-6 hours]** Courses covering special topics and current events.

**LAWT 9600 TAX CONTROVERSY CLINIC [4 hours]** In order to give law students valuable experience in handling actual tax cases, the Tax Controversy Clinic will offer free representation to taxpayers who are involved with IRS audits, appeals, and collection matters. In certain cases the Tax Clinic will represent taxpayers before the United States Tax Court. The Tax Clinic will negotiate and resolve contested matter with the IRS.

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