COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

8243 Administrative Law
3 hours
The administrative law process, concentrating upon the functions and procedures of federal and state administrative agencies and upon judicial review of agency actions. Specific topics include the constitutional position of administrative agencies, the availability and scope of judicial review, legislative and executive control of administrative discretion, the administrative power to investigate, the process of decision within the agency, and the constitutional right to an administrative hearing. The federal Administrative Procedure Act is analyzed in detail. Some familiarity with Constitutional Law is helpful, but Constitutional Law is not a prerequisite.

8362 or 8653 Advanced American Indian Wills Clinic
2 or 3 hours
A continuation course, through which students engage in client representation on advanced issues in the clinical subject matter area. Advanced clinic students must have completed the first semester satisfactorily and must obtain the permission of the faculty clinician to enroll in the advanced option. Students will use skills developed in the initial clinical offering as a foundation upon which to build an advanced practical experience in representation of actual clients under the supervision of the clinician. The class is two or three credits as determined by the clinical professor, all of which will count toward the limit on hours that can be earned toward the J.D. degree through externships and clinical courses. The clinical professor has the discretion to decide whether to accept a student into the advanced clinic. Successful completion of the Advanced American Indian Wills Clinic will satisfy the upper class writing requirement.

6752 and 6781 Advanced Bar Studies I and II
2 hours in the Fall and 1 hour in the Spring
An introduction to elements of bar examination preparation and substantive review of the major topics on the Multistate Bar Exam (MBE). In the fall, emphasis is placed on test taking skills and essay writing proficiency. In addition, the fall class hours focus on exam format, section approach, and reverse planning. The spring instruction reviews the structure and highly tested substantive rules for each MBE subject. Students will complete numerous practice questions and exams throughout both semesters. Students enrolled in this course are obligated to attend both semesters to receive credit. This course is not a substitute for commercial bar courses, but is designed to supplement commercial bar review courses. The School of Law encourages all students to enroll in commercial bar review courses after graduation.

9032 Advanced Indian Law
2 hours
A study of advanced topics and federal laws applicable in Indian country. The course focuses on the federal government’s trust responsibility to American Indian populations, and how that trust responsibility has translated throughout the jurisprudence of modern Federal Indian Law. It studies federal statutes specifically applicable to American Indian
people, including the Indian Self Determination and Educational Assistance Act, the Tribal Self Governance Act, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, The Indian Arts and Crafts Act, the Indian Child Welfare Act, and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, and other federal statutes on Indian health, education and housing. Issues of federal administrative policy are addressed throughout the course. 

Prerequisite: American Indian Law.

6072 Advanced Legal Research: United States Law
2 hours
The use of specialized and advanced research materials not covered in first-year Legal Research and Writing. The first half of the course reviews and strengthens basic research materials covered in the first year and explores state and federal administrative law, legislative history, secondary sources, and court rules. The second half of the course develops a student’s research abilities in one or more of the following areas: Intellectual Property/E-Commerce, Criminal Law, Health Law, Environmental Law, Tax, Securities, Immigration, Legal History, Native American Legal Research, Business and Financial Research, Social Science Research, and other topics to be developed. The area(s) to be focused upon will be announced prior to the course being offered.

8652 or 8653 Advanced Oklahoma Innocence Clinic
2 or 3 hours
A continuation course, through which students will implement the investigative and legal strategies recommended in their cases at the end of the initial Innocence Clinic. Students will be expected to take a supervisory role in their respective cases through the completion of investigation, forensic testing, and litigation of their cases of actual innocence. Advanced clinic students must have completed the first semester satisfactorily and must obtain the permission of the faculty clinician to enroll in the advanced option. The class is two or three credits as determined by the clinical professor, all of which will count toward the limit on hours that can be earned toward the J.D. degree through externships and clinical courses. The clinical professor has the discretion to decide whether to accept a student into the advanced clinic. Successful completion of the Advanced Oklahoma Innocence Clinic will satisfy the upper class writing requirement.

6512 or 6513 Advanced Torts
2 or 3 hours
Selected subjects in tort law, including defamation, privacy, misrepresentation, and business torts, including inducement of breach of contract, interference with contractual advantage, and unfair competition. Depending on whether the course is offered for 2 or 3 credit hours, it may also include family relation torts, judicial process and civil rights torts, and intangible asset torts such as those related to trade secrets and literary, artistic, and commercial creations. Prerequisite: Torts. Note: Advanced Torts and Media Law may not both be taken for credit, given the overlap in coverage of the two courses. Students must choose between the two courses.

8473 Advanced Trust Law
3 hours
Advanced topics in trust law beyond those covered in Wills, Trusts, and Estates, including trust creation, administration, and enforcement in greater depth. There is also a drafting component for each topic covered, in which students learn how to draft various types of trusts, clauses addressing the particular aspect of trust law under discussion, specifications of trustee powers, powers of appointment, and specifications for distributions. *Prerequisite:* Wills, Trusts, and Estates.

**7013 Agency and Unincorporated Business Associations**
3 hours
An introduction to the law governing agency relationships and business associations other than corporations. The course will examine fundamental principles of agency law, such as fiduciary duties and the liability of the principal for the acts of the agent, as well as the law governing limited liability companies and the various forms of partnership.

**5061 American Criminal Law and Restorative Justice**
1 hour
The course examines the development of the present retributive criminal justice system. It begins with a historical-critical analysis of Old Testament law followed by New Testament critique. Historically, the development of today’s system is traced by looking at ancient, medieval and modern cultures. Various theories regarding the causes of criminal behavior are included. The alternative paradigm of restorative justice is presented in theoretical and practical terms.

**9042 or 9043 American Indian Law**
2 or 3 hours
The bases of tribal, federal, and state jurisdiction over Indian people and Indian country. The course includes a brief overview of Indian history in North America, the legal responses of different cultures to native and aboriginal populations, and a description of the various eras in United States Indian law. It studies in detail the sources of federal, tribal, and state authority, and concludes by focusing on specific applications of the resulting principles to hunting, fishing, and water rights. Problems of civil and criminal jurisdiction are addressed throughout the course, with heavy emphasis on both traditional tribal sovereignty and the federal statutory scheme. *Prerequisite:* Constitutional Law I.

**8364 American Indian Wills Clinic**
4 hours
A clinical experience in which students, under the supervision of a faculty clinician, will provide wills and estate planning services to American Indians owning trust or restricted property in Oklahoma. Clinic students are primarily responsible for all case-related work, including fact gathering, development of legal theory, and initial document drafting. Additionally, students are expected to work an average of 6 to 10 hours per week providing legal services during the semester, exclusive of class time and preparation for class. The classroom component complements students’ field work with a practice-oriented examination of advocacy and substantive law in the context of American Indian Wills Services. Students who satisfactorily complete the course will
receive four hours of graded credit, with two of those hours counting toward the limit on credit hours that can be earned toward the J.D. degree through externships and clinical courses. **Note:** This course will be offered only when grant funding is available.

**Prerequisites:** Legal Profession and Wills, Trusts, and Estates. Either American Indian Law or Tribal Law is recommended, but neither is a prerequisite.

A separate application is required. Students must have a minimum cumulative law school GPA of C (2.0 on the 4-point grading scale or 5.0 on the 12-point scale) to apply and to enroll. Students must have completed 43 credit hours by the time of the first class. Preference in enrollment will be given to students having completed 57 credit hours by the time of the first class. Students may not enroll simultaneously in the Clinic and in an Externship. Students may not repeat this course. A student’s legal intern license is not required. Students may not petition for either a work overload or a course overload for the semester in which they are enrolled in the clinic.

**Enrollment Limitation and Conditions.** Enrollment in the clinic is limited to 8 students per semester. If the clinician determines that there are more qualified applicants than spaces available, students will be chosen by a lottery, and a waiting list of additional qualified applicants will be maintained in the Student Services Office. The application process will subject the student’s participation in the clinic to an employment conflict check, both for hours actually worked and for substantive conflicts of interest. This will be reviewed at the time of application and also at the start of the semester.

Students chosen for enrollment in the clinic are prohibited from dropping the clinic after the first week of class in the absence of extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances (such as serious medical problems or a call-up to military service). A student may not add the clinic after the first week of classes but after the first class has occurred, the faculty clinician and the adding student will engage in a one-on-one tutorial to cover the material missed.

**8512 or 8513 American Legal History**
**2 or 3 hours**
Selected topics central to the development of American law (from the 17th to the 20th century), including the reception of English law, the course of legal education, the evolution of the legal profession, schools of historical scholarship, and the origins of selected legal doctrines.

**7903 American Legal Research and Writing for LLM Candidates**
**3 hours**
Enrollment limited to candidates for the LLM in American Law degree.

**8343 Antitrust Law I**
**3 hours**
An introduction to the law of federal and state antitrust laws approached on the basis of conduct. Specific areas will include acts in unreasonable restraint of trade, exclusive
dealing and tying contracts, price fixing, horizontal agreements between competitors, and vertical agreements. (This course has been approved as a distance-learning course; it is taught via videoconferencing from the University of Oklahoma College of Law.) Antitrust Law I and Antitrust Law II may be taken in any order.

**8353 Antitrust Law II**

3 hours

An introduction to the study of the Robinson-Patman Act regarding price discrimination, mergers and acquisitions, public and private enforcement of the antitrust laws, how one prepares an antitrust case for trial, how it is tried and what happens after the trial is completed. The course is a mixture of academic and practical matters. (This course has been approved as a distance-learning course; it is taught via videoconferencing from the University of Oklahoma College of Law.) Antitrust Law I and Antitrust Law II may be taken in any order.

**7313 Applied Criminal Procedure**

3 hours

The adjudicatory aspects of criminal procedure. Subjects covered include pretrial release, prosecutorial discretion, preliminary hearing, grand jury review, venue, joinder and severance, speedy trials, discovery and disclosure, guilty pleas, jury trials, newspaper and television coverage, double jeopardy, and certain phases of the criminal trial. 

**Prerequisites:** Criminal Procedure and Evidence.

**2023 Art and Cultural Heritage Law**

3 hours

The domestic and international law related to art, artists, and works of cultural heritage. Coverage includes: artists’ rights to expression, international trade in art and artifacts, looting of archaeological sites, authentication and protection of works (including museum practices), treatment of art and artifacts during and after war (including restitution of art taken by the Nazis during World War II), laws affecting the heritage of indigenous cultures, and issues surrounding protection of cultural heritage generally.

**5152 or 5153 Aviation Law: A Transactional Approach**

2 or 3 hours

An introduction to the law governing aircraft ownership, financing, and regulation, with an emphasis on the transactional aspects of aviation law. In addition, we will explore the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment (Convention), which was adopted by the United States in 2006. The Convention creates new laws on the perfection of rights and enforcement of remedies with regard to aircraft, has been adopted by over 50 countries, and is considered a model for the drafting and implementation of international commercial treaties.

**8832 Bioethics**

2 or 3 hours

A study of the intersection of medicine, law, and philosophy concerned with the ethical issues arising from medical practice and technology. Topics include personal autonomy
and consent, privacy, reproduction, human experimentation, conflicts of interest, access to health care, public health, and proprietary issues regarding the human body and genome. The course does not directly cover bioethical issues regarding death or physician-assisted suicide.

**8012 Business Planning**

**2 hours**

A consideration of the legal and business issues involved in advising a business from start-up through maturity, including formation, financing, structuring equity investments, restructuring, and engaging in acquisitions or dispositions. Corporate, securities, accounting, and tax law are considered. *Prerequisite:* Corporations. Income Tax Law is recommended but not required.

**7042 or 7053 Capital Punishment**

**2 or 3 hours**

The development of capital litigation under the eighth and fourteenth amendments to the United States Constitution. Additionally, the course examines juror selection in capital punishment cases and touches on federal habeas law dealing mainly with capital cases. *Prerequisite:* Criminal Procedure.

**7354 Child Abuse And Neglect I: Defining the Problem**

**4 hours**

An introduction to child abuse and neglect as an interdisciplinary problem, including segments on (1) differential professional approaches from law, medicine/nursing, social work, psychology, public health, and education, and (2) definition of the primary types of abuse (physical, sexual, emotional, and neglect) from multidisciplinary points of view. The course will also consider the legal implications of recent developments in the field of child abuse and neglect. This is a two-semester course; both semesters must be completed for academic credit. Three hours of class each week are held at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC); additional field placements are required. Oklahoma City University law students will meet for a fourth hour each week with the Oklahoma City University law faculty member for additional skills training, guided reflection, and professional ethics. Those students must also complete a minimum of 91 hours of work in their field placement, together with the program’s minimum number of hours of cross-disciplinary observation. Students work under the supervision of the Oklahoma City University law faculty member and their supervising attorney at the placement site. This course qualifies as an externship. Two credit hours each semester count toward the limit on credit hours that can be earned toward the JD degree through externships and clinical courses. *Prerequisites:* Completion of 45 hours, permission of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and admission into the program by OUHSC. Completion of or concurrent enrollment in Family Law and Children and the Law is recommended. Class rank in the top half of the class is strongly recommended.

**7364 Child Abuse And Neglect II: Interventions for the Problem**

**4 hours**

An interdisciplinary approach to investigating, litigating, treating, and preventing child abuse and neglect, including segments on: cultural variation, Indian Child Welfare, substance abuse, reporting laws, treatment approach, foster care, prosecution and defense,
advocacy, and prevention. Student presentations (mock trial, multidisciplinary group discussions, and project reports) will illustrate interdisciplinary leadership roles in child abuse and neglect. This is a two-semester course; both semesters must be completed for academic credit. Three hours of class each week are held at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center; additional field placements are required. Oklahoma City University law students will meet for a fourth hour each week with the Oklahoma City University law faculty member for additional skills training, guided reflection, and professional ethics. Those students must also complete a minimum of 91 hours of work in their field placement, together with the program’s minimum number of hours of cross-disciplinary observation. Students work under the supervision of the Oklahoma City University law faculty member and their supervising attorney at the placement site. This course qualifies as an externship. Two credit hours each semester count toward the limit on credit hours that can be earned toward the JD degree through externships and clinical courses. 

Prerequisite: Child Abuse And Neglect I: Defining the Problem.

8613 Children and the Law (formerly Juvenile Law)
3 hours

The legal recognition of juvenile status and the treatment of minors in contract and criminal law. Rights and regulation of juveniles in schools and hospitals and the rights and obligations of parents in the upbringing and support of their children are studied.

8303 and 8403 Civil Procedure I and II
6 hours

An introduction to procedural concepts in civil actions, with emphasis upon jurisdiction, service of process, venue, parties, pleading and discovery, the right to trial by jury, the Erie doctrine, and common law preclusion doctrines. In addition, the course touches upon the trial process and appellate review.

6262 Client Representation in Arbitration
2 hours

The representation of clients in arbitration proceedings. The course includes a comparison with mediation, medical arbitration, the modified rules and style for procedure, discovery, and evidence used in arbitration, and a consideration of ethical issues under the Model Rules of Professional Conduct and the Oklahoma Supreme Court’s Code of Conduct for Arbitrators in the Early Settlement Program. Students will learn how to counsel with the client to identify whether arbitration would be suitable and how to make an opening statement, question witnesses, and present a closing. Prerequisites: None.

6272 Client Representation in Mediation
2 hours

The representation of clients in mediation. The course considers the differences between mediation and negotiation, how to counsel with the client to identify whether mediation is appropriate, the different roles in which an advocate serves in a mediation, and ethical issues under the Model Rules of Professional Conduct and the Oklahoma Supreme Court’s Code of Conduct for Mediators in the Early Settlement Program. Prerequisites: None.
8662 Client Representation in Negotiation
2 hours
The representation of clients in negotiation, using the skills most required for effective lawyering. Students develop these skills primarily through role playing, both in and out of class, in accordance with problems and profiles designed by the professor. Prerequisites: None.

8103 Commercial Paper
3 hours
The use of checks and promissory notes in the context of various business transactions and the passage of checks through the bank collection process. Articles 3 and 4 of the Uniform Commercial Code are studied extensively. The course emphasizes the development of techniques for the analysis of commercial transactions and the development of techniques for the interpretation and construction of the Uniform Commercial Code with respect to the commercial transactions being analyzed. Contemporary business terminology, practice, and documents are considered.

7622 Comparative Approaches to Terrorism and Mass Violence
2 hours
An examination of the comparative responses to terrorism by various states and the tension between the war on terrorism and preserving civil liberties. Topics include definitions of terrorism, the Patriot Act, Presidential Power, the War Powers Act, the treatment of detainees, the use of torture, the efficacy of military tribunals, and emerging international law standards.

7552 Comparative Criminal Law
2 hours
A comparison of select criminal law issues in various legal systems around the world. The course will address the purpose and benefits of studying comparative law generally while covering specific topics including, among others, police powers and investigations, the role of the judiciary, role of the jury, due process concerns, and the objectives of punishment. The course will also develop research and analytical skills applicable to other areas of legal study and practice.

7532 or 7533 Complex Litigation
2 or 3 hours
The nature of complex litigation and the development of specialized procedural devices to deal with its unique features. Subjects emphasized include joinder of multiple parties, the class action, conflicts between two or more courts in which related actions have been brought, judicial control of the litigation, and the effect of a judgment on subsequent litigation. Prerequisites: Civil Procedure I and II.

6542 or 6543 Computer Law
2 or 3 hours
An examination of legal issues relating to computers, software, and the Internet. Course coverage includes intellectual property rights in software and other computer information,
digital rights management technologies, contractual agreements concerning software and other computer information, antitrust issues, Internet governance, domain name disputes, jurisdiction over cyber actors, regulation of online speech, privacy online, and computer crime.

9343  Conflict of Laws  
3 hours  
Domicile and jurisdiction; treatment of foreign judgments; and detailed consideration of choice-of-law theories and their application to the substantive fields of torts, contracts, property, and family law.

7123 and 7233  Constitutional Law I and II  
6 hours  
The design, structure, and the Supreme Court’s interpretation of the Constitution of the United States. This year-long course examines how the Constitution employs structural mechanisms to protect individual rights and liberties. Topics here include federalism, the separation of powers, the role of judicial review, and the enumerated powers of Congress, with a special emphasis on the commerce power. The course also examines the direct protection of individual rights by the judiciary. Relevant topics include the rights to free speech and religious liberty protected by the First Amendment. Both parts of this year-long course stress the necessity of learning to use historical, theoretical, as well as doctrinal materials to craft constitutional arguments.

9263  Consumer Bankruptcy  
3 hours  
A study of the consumer bankruptcy system including basic bankruptcy doctrine involving Chapters 1 and 3, portions of Chapter 5, and thorough consideration of Chapter 7 (liquidation) and Chapter 13 (wage earner rehabilitation) of the Bankruptcy Code. 
Prerequisites: Civil Procedure I and II and Contracts I and II.

9243  Consumer Law  
3 hours  
Various consumer problems and rights raised by warranties, misrepresentation, the federal Consumer Credit Protection Act (including “Truth in Lending”), and other state and federal legislative enactments with particular emphasis upon the Oklahoma Consumer Credit Code.

7103 and 7223  Contracts I and II  
6 hours  
The basis, nature, and limits of contractual liability in Anglo-American common and statutory law.

7142 and 7143  Copyright Law  
2 or 3 hours
An in-depth examination of the basic principles of copyright law. The course covers copyrightable subject matter, prerequisites for and duration of copyright protection, exclusive rights and limitations thereon, ownership, transfers and renewals, infringement, remedies, and federal preemption. Particular attention is paid to fair use, the adaptation of copyright to new technologies, and international dimensions of copyright.

2032 Corporate Counsel Externship

2 hours
An integration of skills training with substantive law training. Students receive academic credit while working under the guidance of field supervisors selected from the bar and participating in a classroom component designed to maximize the educational value of the field experience. Each student selects a placement site from a list maintained by the Director of Externships and must meet the specific requirements of that placement site as well as the general course requirements. Students work under the supervision of a faculty member and their supervising attorney at the placement site. Placement site work includes a variety of tasks assigned to the student by the supervising attorney. Each student is required to work a minimum of 91 hours per semester at the placement site. In addition to the site work, students are required to attend class sessions covering skills training topics, including goal setting, learning from supervision, management skills, workplace skills, and ethical issues in externships. Placement sites are in-house legal departments in business organizations and nonprofit organizations. Prerequisite: None, except for specific courses required by a placement site.

8433 Corporations

3 hours
The legal framework for the operation of business corporations, including statutory and common law provisions. Topics include the manner in which corporations make decisions; the distribution of power among shareholders, officers, and directors; the special problems of close corporations; the duty owed by officers, directors, and controlling shareholders to the corporation and its shareholders in exercising their powers; the liability of officers and directors; shareholders' derivative suits; and mergers and transactions involving control of the corporation.

7023 Criminal Law

3 hours
Substantive criminal law, including selected crimes, defenses, and doctrines. The course also examines the historical, moral, and social forces at work in the criminal law.

7323 Criminal Procedure

3 hours
Constitutional criminal procedure, with special emphasis on the fourth, fifth, and sixth amendments to the United States Constitution (search and seizure, self-incrimination, and the right to counsel).

8202 Criminal Sentencing Law and Policy

2 hours
An explanation of the legal, historical, and social policy aspects of criminal sentencing. Topics include analyses of the purposes and limits of various types of criminal sanctions and sentencing systems, and examinations of the roles of various institutional actors (legislatures, sentencing commissions, judges, prosecutors and defense attorneys) in contemporary sentencing schemes.

**7242 Current Topics in Constitutional Law**  
*2 hours*
An advanced review and analysis of the major Constitutional law cases currently pending before the United States Supreme Court or decided by the Court during the prior term of the Court. This course is usually offered during the summer term. For pending cases, students will review the briefs of the parties in the cases and then make oral arguments. After the mock oral argument, the class will discuss the case. The students who made the oral arguments will then draft proposed opinions for the class to consider. During the term, each student will be required to draft two opinions and argue two cases. The last two weeks of the course, which are in July after the end of the Court’s term, we will compare the Court’s actual opinions with those discussed by the class and proposed by the students. **Prerequisites:** Constitutional Law I and II and Criminal Procedure.

**9092 Directed Research**  
*2 hours*
Permits students to perform in-depth research, beyond that required by Course No. 9091, Supervised Paper, in a specialized field under the direction of a member of a full-time law faculty member. This course may be taken only by students who have completed at least 43 hours during residence at the law school. A student may not enroll in this course in the summer term. A student may not enroll in this course more than once per semester. A student may not enroll in this course and in Course No. 9091, Supervised Paper, during the same semester. This course is graded with letter grades. In order to successfully complete this course, a student must prepare a written paper corresponding in scope and publishable quality to a law review Note. A student enrolled in this course must work closely with a full-time faculty member who has agreed to act in that capacity. As the standard for satisfactory completion of this course is high, it should be attempted only by students having a substantial commitment to pursuing in-depth research in a specialized area of law. Satisfactory completion of this course fulfills the upper class writing requirement, if the instructor so certifies.

**5602 Domestic Violence and the Lawyer**  
*2 hours*
The social and legal history of domestic violence leading to its recognition as a crime; criminal vs. civil actions; state, federal and common law; enforcement issues; procedural protections (Victim Protective Orders and Temporary Restraining Orders).

**7512 or 7513 Elder Law**  
*2 or 3 hours*
The legal and policy questions relating to aging individuals and an older society including entitlements, long-term care, incapacity, health-care decision-making, guardianship, age discrimination, abuse and neglect, and particular ethical issues involved in representing the elderly.

**7202 or 7203 Electronic Commerce and Banking**

2 or 3 hours
The explosive growth in electronic commerce has created a new area of substantive law, which consists of a wide spectrum of existing and emerging commercial and consumer laws. For example, electronic commerce is affected, in ways unique to electronic transactions, by almost every article of the Uniform Commercial Code and a number of consumer protection laws. Other laws apply primarily to electronic transactions, such as UCC Article 4A, the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act, the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, and new laws governing digital and digitized signatures. Yet another category of related laws is the subset of banking laws that regulates electronic payment systems. Review of all of these laws and their interface with each other in the electronic commerce arena, to provide an overall perspective on the law governing electronic transactions.

**8282 or 8283 Employee Benefit Plans**

2 or 3 hours
Employee benefit plans and their federal regulation. Subjects covered include the historical and policy background of ERISA, reporting and disclosure, vesting, anti-discrimination rules, benefit distribution, fiduciary requirements, prohibited transactions, qualification of plans, employee stock ownership plans, plan termination, and civil enforcement.

**9253 Employment Discrimination**

3 hours
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.

**9413 Employment Law**

3 hours
Areas of federal and state labor law that regulate the employment relationship and provide minimum protection outside of collective bargaining. Major topics include employee welfare and retirement benefits (ERISA), employee privacy, medical and drug screening, wage and hour protection, occupational safety and health, disabling illness or injury, and wrongful discharge.

**6362 Entertainment Law**

2 hours
An introduction to the roles, responsibilities, and practice considerations of legal counsel in the entertainment industry, through study of fundamental transactions in key industry sectors: motion pictures, television, music, theatre, and book publishing. Students will
familiarize themselves with the relevance of case law, statutes, regulations, collective bargaining agreements, and industry customs through the analysis of text materials, representative contracts, and additional print and online resources.

8523 Environmental Law
3 hours
Statutory, administrative, and case law concerning the protection of environmental quality in the United States. Basic principles, policies, and procedures as embodied in federal and state regulatory programs are scrutinized. Consideration is also given to the role of public administrative agencies and courts in resolving environmental issues. Some of the specific problem areas examined are water and air pollution, surface mining and reclamation, and hazardous waste management and disposal. Although not a prerequisite, some familiarity with constitutional and administrative law is helpful.

8013 Estate and Gift Tax Law
3 hours
The federal excise tax imposed on the transfer of wealth, whether in the form of a lifetime gift or transfer at death.

9362 or 9363 Estate Planning
2 or 3 hours
Lifetime and post-mortem planning for the orderly disposition of a client's assets. Advanced consideration is given to will and trust drafting, with special attention to problems of estate liquidity, life insurance, retirement benefits, disposition of business interests, and lifetime gifts (including charitable gifts). Prerequisites: Estate and Gift Tax Law and Wills, Trusts, and Estates. Income Tax Law is recommended but not required.

8133 Evidence
3 hours
The system of rules and standards regulating the admission of evidence at trial, with emphasis on the Federal Rules of Evidence. Topics included are competency, qualification, examination, cross-examination and impeachment of witnesses; objections, waivers, and offers of proof; relevancy; the hearsay rule and its exceptions; the opinion rule and expert testimony; privileges; the best evidence rule; judicial notice; and demonstrative evidence.

7213 or 7214 Family Law
3 or 4 hours
The law of marriage, marital property, marital rights and duties, divorce, separation, annulment, law of parent and child, law of guardian and ward, contract and tort rights and liabilities of infants and married women, domicile and jurisdiction for divorce, and constitutional limitations and requirements.

6133 Federal Criminal Law
3 hours
Substantive federal criminal law. Subjects covered include sources of authority and jurisdictional limitations on the scope of federal criminal law; such substantive federal
crimes as mail/wire fraud, drug trafficking, firearms offenses, and extortion and bribery; conspiracy and RICO; United States Sentencing Guidelines and mandatory minimum sentencing; and asset forfeiture. Prerequisites: Criminal Law and Constitutional Law I.

8813 Federal Jurisdiction
3 hours
The constitutional law of federal courts: how federalism and separation of powers affect the authority of federal courts and influence litigation strategy. Topics include justiciability, standing, ripeness, sources of and limitations on judicial power, judicial authority to develop law and remedies, judicial discretion to abstain from deciding constitutional issues, state sovereign immunity, legislative courts and administrative law judges, civil rights (42 U.S.C. Section 1983) actions, Supreme Court review, and habeas corpus.

8462 Firearms Law and the Second Amendment
2 hours
A critical examination of current legal and policy debates about the role of privately possessed firearms in American society. Topics include the right to keep and bear arms under the Second and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution; federal and state firearms regulation; state constitutional arms rights provisions; the history of gun rights and regulation; gun crime; the philosophical basis of self-defense; the intersection of individual identity (including race, gender, region, and class) with gun policy; tort litigation involving the firearms industry; and other issues. Each student will prepare a short paper and a longer paper that deal with the course topics. This course satisfies the Upper-Class Writing Requirement. Enrollment is limited to 20 students. Prerequisites: Constitutional Law I and II, which may be taken concurrently.

8809 Forensic Evidence in the Courtroom
3 hours
The issues related to scientific evidence and the use of experts in civil and criminal litigation. The first part of the course covers the admissibility of scientific evidence and expert testimony in both state and federal court. Next, students will receive in depth training on various aspects of forensic science including DNA, Ballistics, Serology, and Pathology. Working with students at the University of Central Oklahoma’s Forensic Science Institute, students will work on a mock case, preparing and presenting expert testimony in a graded Daubert hearing.

6054 Government Practice Externship
4 hours
An integration of skills training with substantive law training. Students earn academic credit while working in the field under the guidance of supervisors selected from the practicing bar. A classroom component enhances the educational value of the field experience. Working under the supervision of a faculty member and a supervising attorney, students must meet the specific requirements of their placement site in addition to the general course requirements. Work in the field includes a variety of tasks assigned to the student by the supervising attorney. Each student is required to work a minimum of
91 hours per semester at the placement site. The classroom component meets three hours per week and covers state administrative law and topics in skills training including goal setting, learning from supervision, management skills, workplace skills, and ethical issues in externships. A final examination covering the state administrative law materials will be given. Students receive a letter grade in this externship, with supervising attorney evaluations factored into the final letter grade. Any student failing to complete the placement site hours will receive an incomplete until the hours are completed. Because of the overlap in material, a student may not take both State Administrative Law and the Government Practice Externship for credit. Prerequisite: None, except for specific courses required by a placement site.

8382 or 8383 Healthcare Law (formerly known as Law and Medicine and as Health Law)
2 or 3 hours
Medical malpractice and problems of consent, informed consent, staff privileges, licensing, hospital liability, and managed care organizations. Emphasis is also placed on current bioethical issues dealing with death and dying, directives, physician-assisted suicide, fetal-maternal conflict, surrogacy, and genetics. Students who have received credit for either Law and Medicine or Health Law may not enroll in Healthcare Law.

7082 Healthcare Regulatory Law
2 hours
A study of the organization and operation of the health care delivery system. The course addresses not only the fundamental legal issues a health lawyer may face, but also the structural and operational issues affecting healthcare providers and payors, including federal and state fraud and abuse law, self-referral laws, false claims issues, antitrust issues, patient access to care and privacy, tax and tax-exempt issues, healthcare technology, and Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement issues.

8333 Immigration Law
3 hours
Begins with an examination of the sources for and usage of the immigration power, and the role of federal agencies in its implementation. Grounds for admission, exclusion, and deportation are explored. The consequences and limitations of judicial and other relief are recurrent themes of the course. The course also includes a discussion of refugees and political asylum.

8844 Income Tax Law
4 hours
Special attention to problems of individual taxpayers. Basic concepts of gross income, adjusted gross income, deductions, exemptions, basis, credits, assignment-of-income principles, disposition of property, capital gains and losses, non-recognition exchanges, methods of accounting, and installment sales are explored.

8575 Innocence Clinic
5 hours
A clinic in which students are organized into teams to develop theories of innocence and investigative strategies for individuals who may have been wrongfully convicted of crimes they did not commit. Students conduct investigations and make recommendations regarding litigation. Students travel around the state of Oklahoma to conduct investigations and for training. Students may draft pleadings, motions, and briefs and appear in court in connection with proceedings to obtain post-conviction relief for innocent persons who have been wrongfully convicted of crimes. The clinic includes weekly meetings devoted to training and to the discussion of the status of ongoing case assessment and investigation. The clinic is a continuation of the course, Wrongful Convictions. Students who satisfactorily complete the course will receive five hours of graded credit, with three of those hours counting toward the limit on hours that can be earned toward the J.D. degree through externships and clinical courses. **Note:** This course will be offered only when outside funding is available.

A separate application is required. Students must have a minimum cumulative law school GPA of C (2.0 on the 4-point grading scale or 5.0 on the 12-point scale) to apply and to enroll. Students must have completed 43 credit hours by the time of the first class. Preference in enrollment will be given to students having completed 57 credit hours by the time of the first class. Students may not enroll simultaneously in the clinic and in an externship. Students may not repeat this course. Students may not petition for either a work overload or a course overload for the semester in which they are enrolled in the clinic.

**Enrollment Limitation and Conditions.** Enrollment in the clinic is limited to 8 students per semester. If the clinician determines that there are more qualified applicants than spaces available, students will be chosen by a lottery, and a waiting list of additional qualified applicants will be maintained in the Student Services Office. The application process will subject the student’s participation in the clinic to an employment conflict check, both for hours actually worked and for substantive conflicts of interest. This will be reviewed at the time of application and also at the start of the semester.

Students chosen for enrollment in the clinic are prohibited from dropping the clinic after the first week of class in the absence of extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances (such as serious medical problems or a call-up to military service). A student may not add the clinic after the first week of classes. If a student adds the clinic during the first week of classes but after the first class has occurred, the faculty clinician and the adding student will engage in a one-on-one tutorial to cover the material missed.

**Prerequisites:** Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Evidence, and Wrongful Convictions.

**9163 Intellectual Property Law**

**3 hours**

An integrated approach to the federal regimes governing patents, copyrights, and trademarks, as well as related state laws governing trade secrets, misappropriation, and publicity rights. The course covers subject matter protected under each regime, prerequisites for and duration of protection, exclusive rights and limitations thereon,
ownership, infringement, remedies, and international treaties. Particular attention is paid to the adaptation of these regimes to recent technological developments.

**8213 International Business Transactions**  
*3 hours*  
The legal aspects of international business and finance, including the extraterritorial application of national statutes and the regulation of international trade.

**8782 (The) International Criminal Court**  
*2 hours*  
An examination of the International Criminal Court (ICC), the first permanent institution to prosecute atrocity crimes, including war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide. Starting with the creation of the ICC, the course will address various situations and cases before the court, the ICC’s jurisdiction, substantive crimes, trial, appeal, and punishment, among other topics. Discussions will also include the future of the ICC, its emerging jurisprudence, and the United States’ evolving perspective and involvement with the court.

**9192 or 9193 International Intellectual Property**  
*(9142 when offered as a seminar)*  
*2-3 hours*  
An examination of the international treatment of intellectual property rights including copyrights and neighboring rights, patents, and trademarks and unfair competition. Coverage will include principles of territoriality and national treatment, major conventions and treaties, key international institutions, enforcement and dispute resolution, and policy issues including harmonization, piracy, database protection, traditional knowledge, and moral rights. *Prerequisite:* None, but students are strongly urged to complete one or more of the following courses before enrolling in this course: Intellectual Property Law, Copyright Law, Patent Law, or Trademark Law.

**8742 or 8743 International Law**  
*2 or 3 hours*  
The legal obligations of nations with respect to each other. Also covered is the role of international law within the American legal system.

**7923 Introduction to the American Legal System for LLM Candidates**  
*3 hours*  
Enrollment limited to candidates for the LLM in American Law degree.

**6302 Introduction to Legal Practice: Skills for a Successful Legal Career**  
*2 hours*  
An introduction to law practice management, including start-up, marketing, office and personnel management, business skills, and career development. The course addresses the skills needed to make career transitions and focuses on methods of obtaining optimum satisfaction from a legal career.

**6662 Judicial Externship**
Course Descriptions

2 hours
Externship program for students serving as externs for judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Supreme Court, or the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals. Enrollment is by selection of judge and permission of faculty supervisor. The course is graded on a credit, no credit, or credit with honors basis. Prerequisites: It is recommended that students be in the top half of their class. Bankruptcy externs must have completed Consumer Bankruptcy, and Secured Transactions is highly recommended for bankruptcy externs.

8632 Juvenile Process
2 hours
_Parens patriae_ doctrine and development of the specialized juvenile justice system, juvenile courts, impact of federal due process decisions, adjudication proceedings, disposition proceedings, and consequences of juvenile adjudications and dispositions. Prerequisite: Criminal Procedure.

8642 Jurisprudence
2 hours
The meaning of law and legal order, attending to legal philosophy from the early Greeks to contemporary theorists.

9233 Land Use
3 hours
The allocation and development of land resources by private legal arrangements, by reliance on the courts, and by governmental planning. Zoning, subdivision regulation, government incentives, urban renewal, and eminent domain are examined. Some familiarity with Constitutional law is recommended.

8372 Law and Genetics
2 hours
This course will examine legal, ethical, and policy issues in selected topics in genetics. Such topics may include eugenics, sterilization, the Human Genome Diversity Project, human embryo research, the commercialization of genetics research, gene patents, cloning, forensic evidence, DNA banks, behavioral genetics, and genetic privacy.

9480, 9481, or 9482 Law Review
0, 1, or 2 hours
For members of the Law Review other than editors, a zero credit course graded "Satisfactory" or "Unsatisfactory." A member may instead earn one hour of graded credit for an accepted Case Comment or two hours of graded credit for an accepted Note. Members of the Board of Editors earn one hour of graded credit each semester. The Editor-in-Chief and the Managing Editor earn four mandatory credits, to be distributed over the course of two semesters at the discretion of the Editor-in-Chief and the Managing Editor.

7072 Legal Analysis
1 hour
The nature and process of legal reasoning, including common law analysis and statutory interpretation.

9470 Legal Internship
0 hour
Zero credit course in which all students employed as licensed legal interns must enroll for each semester of employment.

8143 Legal Profession
3 hours
The many roles played by lawyers in society and the responsibilities—ethical, legal, and practical—which must be reconciled in performing these various roles. Discussion focuses on the appropriate functioning of the individual attorney within the legal system and on the role of the organized bar in regulating the profession and contributing to the resolution of social problems. The American Bar Association’s Model Code of Professional Responsibility and Model Rules of Professional Conduct are analyzed in detail.

5223 and 5232 Legal Research and Writing I and II
5 hours
Developing legal research and writing abilities. The first semester course concentrates on teaching students basic research skills and objective legal memoranda. Students learn on-line and book research. The second semester covers appellate advocacy, and concentrates on civil appellate procedures, persuasive appellate brief writing, and oral advocacy.

8112 or 8113 Legislation
2 or 3 hours
The structure and operation of legislatures and the process of interpreting statutes. First, the course examines different models of the legislative process and the philosophical assumptions and legal structures that underlie each of these models. Topics include campaign finance, term limitations, and the tension between direct and representative democracy. Second, the course examines various approaches to statutory interpretation and the reasons for the use of these approaches. Topics include the canons of construction, the use of legislative history, and the role of administrative agencies in statutory interpretation.

6061 or 6062 Litigation Practice Externship
1 or 2 hours
An opportunity to experience litigation practice in a structured setting. Students are required to select a placement site and meet the specific requirements of that placement site as well as the general course requirements. Students will be under the supervision of a faculty member and their supervising attorney at the placement site. Placement site work will include a variety of tasks assigned to the student by the supervising attorney. Each student is required to work a minimum of 91 hours at the placement site. In addition to the site work, students will be required to attend class sessions covering skills training topics. Students are required to submit weekly time records, as well as a journal. The course is
graded on a credit (Cr), no-credit (NC), or credit with honors (CrH) basis. Each student will receive an Interim and a Final Evaluation from his or her supervising attorney. **Prerequisite:** None, except for specific courses required by a placement site.

A limited number of students will be eligible to continue at the placement for a second semester with supervising faculty approval. The academic requirements for the second semester are the following: the student earns one credit hour (instead of two); the student continues to work at the placement for 91 hours the second semester; and writes a paper on an issue relating to the work encountered at the placement. The paper will satisfy the upper-class writing requirement. The student will be required to present the paper in class. **The proposed paper topic and outline must be submitted prior to course registration for the second semester.**

**6282 Media Law**
2 hours
An introduction to the Constitutional law, statutory law, and common law pertaining to defamation, privacy, other publication torts, newsgathering, access to government information and the courts, the reporter’s privilege, prior restraint, cameras in the courtroom, and the impact of new technologies and social media. **Prerequisite:** None. Some familiarity with Constitutional law is helpful, but Constitutional Law I and II are not prerequisites. **Note:** Media Law and Advanced Torts may not both be taken for credit, given the overlap in coverage of the two courses. Students must choose between the two courses.

**8452 Military and Veterans Law**
2 hours
An exploration of the nature and function of military justice today. Topics examined include the constitutional rights of military personnel; court-martial jurisdiction and offenses; trial and appellate structure and procedure; collateral review; the roles of commanders, Congress, the Supreme Court, and the President; command influence; the role of custom; punishment; and the correctional system. Current issues, such as those involving military commissions (Guantanamo Bay), command accountability, military justice on the battlefield, judicial independence, sexuality, adultery, and fraternization, will be addressed. Throughout the course, students will consider whether and how the military justice system can be improved. Using comparative law materials, they also will consider what can be learned from the experiences of other countries. In addition, there will be a discussion of other federal laws that specifically address the military culture (Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, Stolen Valor Act, USERRA, etc.).

**6332 or 6333 National Security Law**
2 or 3 hours
A survey of both old principles and new developments as they relate to contemporary national security concerns, including federal separation-of-powers questions, the various types (and degrees) of “war,” intelligence operations, countervailing security-classification and freedom-of-information concerns, profiling, preventive detention, and the USA PATRIOT Act. National Security Law deals with a subject the roots of which trace to
eighteenth-century separation-of-powers (and related national security) issues; the field of study, however, has generated new awareness in light of the events of September 11, 2001.

**8211 or 8212 Native American Externship**

**1 or 2 hours**

An externship program using field work, classroom, and simulation methods to provide legal assistance to Native Americans in central Oklahoma. In addition to a weekly two-hour classroom session, students are required to work 91 hours for two credits at a placement site such as Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, the U.S. Attorney’s Office, a Tribal Court or a Tribal Prosecutor’s office. In addition to the site work, students are required to attend class sessions covering skills training topics. Students are required to submit weekly time records as well as a journal. The course is graded on a credit (CR), no-credit (NC), or credit with honors (CrH) basis. Each student will receive an Interim and a Final Evaluation from his/her supervising attorney. *Prerequisites*: American Indian Law; placement sites may have additional course requirements. Concurrent enrollment in American Indian Law and this course is permitted.

A limited number of students will be eligible to continue at the placement for a second semester with supervising faculty approval. The academic requirements for the second semester are the following: the student earns one credit hour (instead of two); the student continues to work at the placement for 91 hours the second semester; and writes a paper on an issue relating to the work the student has encountered at the placement. The paper will satisfy the upper-class writing requirement. The student will be required to present the paper in class. *The proposed paper topic and outline must be submitted prior to course registration for the second semester.*

**7542 or 7543 Nonprofit Organizations**

**2 or 3 hours**

This course covers the legal requirements and policy implications for nonprofit organizations. Course topics include the formation and dissolution, operations, governance, regulation, charitable solicitation, and antitrust. Students will read and discuss statutes, regulations and cases. The course also considers non-charitable nonprofit organizations.

**9382 Oil and Gas Contracts**

**2 hours**

A study of the kinds of contracts used principally in oil and gas drilling, production, and marketing operations, including tax and environmental aspects.

**8154 Oil and Gas Law**

**4 hours**

The nature and protection of various interests in the oil and gas mineral estate; legal principles concerning the rights and remedies of the mineral owner, owner-lesser, and lessee; major clauses of the oil and gas lease; implied covenants; and problems incident to conveyances of interests in the mineral estate.
8162 Oil and Gas Regulation
2 hours
A study of oil and gas exploration and production regulations. The course will primarily cover many of the key oil and gas regulations of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission and the Railroad Commission of Texas. In addition, it will also review selected statutes giving rise to regulations as well as significant cases that construe those regulations.
Prerequisite: Oil and Gas Law.

8482 Oil and Gas Title Examination
2 hours
A study of oil and gas title examination, including the drilling title opinion, the division order title opinion, and various mineral-related conveying instruments as interpreted by case law.

7332 or 7333 Oklahoma Land Titles
2 or 3 hours
Oklahoma law relating to real estate titles, study of common title defects, title curative legislation, and the mechanics and purposes of title examination.

7251 Oklahoma Legal Research for Practice
1 hour
This course is intended to build upon the research skills acquired in first year Legal Research and Writing, to develop legal information literacy, and to deepen a student’s knowledge in the area of practice related to Oklahoma legal research. During each week of the course you will review and strengthen your knowledge of basic Oklahoma research materials and explore important legal research skills that are essential to practicing law in Oklahoma. This practice-focused legal research course will also explore databases and materials available to an Oklahoma attorney through either their bar membership or the technology available in the courtrooms in Oklahoma, and the databases and materials to which new Oklahoma attorneys can expect to have access in their first job in the private or public sector.

6012 or 6013 Patent Law
2 or 3 hours
A detailed examination of the process of obtaining patent rights (including the threshold issues of eligibility, utility, novelty and nonobviousness), disclosure and enablement, the format for filing a patent claim, licensing, the definition of patent infringement, and the enforcement of patent rights where infringement has occurred. Special attention will also be paid to the patentability of software, federal preemption issues, and the interrelationship between patent law and trade secret law, copyright law, and antitrust law.

6402 or 6403 Pretrial Litigation
2 or 3 hours
Pre-trial procedures used in civil litigation under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and corresponding state rules. The emphasis is on the identification of the best means to
conduct pleading and discovery in different types of cases, the tactics commonly employed, and, to a lesser extent, the means by which the fruits of this process are used at trial. The course will combine, as enrollment permits, the study of the relevant rules in this context with the drafting of and responses to discovery requests, and the taking and defending of depositions, together with relevant pleading and motion practice. Enrollment is limited to sixteen. A student may not take both Pretrial Litigation and Litigation Practice Sequence I. Prerequisites: Civil Procedure I and II.

9852 or 9853 Products Liability
2 or 3 hours
The causes of action available for accidents caused by defective products and the defenses available for each cause of action. Also included is the study of the various tests for defectiveness, the proper plaintiffs and defendants in a product liability action, proof problems, and issues in remedies that relate specifically to products liability. Particular emphasis is placed upon national trends, both judicial and legislative, in the area.

7404 Property
4 hours
An introduction to the law of property, including methods of acquiring and holding real and personal property; the rights, powers and obligations of owners and possessors; an introduction to private and public regulation of the use of land; and an introduction to real estate transactions. Topics covered will usually include gifts, adverse possession, present and future interests, concurrent and marital estates, leaseholds, easements and servitudes, deeds, and recording acts.

Public Health Law
2 or 3 hours
A study of the constitutional source and limitations of the state’s authority to regulate issues of public health and of specific areas of potential state regulation, including contagious diseases, public health surveillance, healthy lifestyles, firearm control, bioterrorism, and global health issues.

8733 Real Estate Development
3 hours
An introduction to the practice and principles of real estate planning, development, and finance. Among the topics addressed are the role of brokers and lawyers, contemporary mortgage instruments, recording and lien priority, government regulations and incentives, condominiums and cooperatives, and real estate syndications.

7423 Religion and the Constitution
3 hours
The function of the religion clauses of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States in our system of government and the interpretation of these clauses by the Supreme Court of the United States. In addition to a close examination of the Court’s religion clause doctrine, the course explores various approaches to understanding the Establishment and Free Exercise clauses and the reasons for the use of these approaches.
8622 or 8623 Remedies
2 or 3 hours
Equitable, restitutionary, and damage remedies, including injunctions and specific performance, contempt, restitution, contract damages other than those covered by the Uniform Commercial Code, tort damages, punitive damages, calculations of present value, and the equity-law distinction concerning jury trials.

7043 Sales and Leases
3 hours
The selling and leasing of goods in domestic and international transactions. The primary emphasis is on Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code, with secondary attention paid to Article 2A and to the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods. Topics include contract formation and interpretation, performance, breach, remedies, and warranties. In addition to this substantive law, the course pays special attention to developing an effective understanding of and the ability to use Article 2's statutory scheme. Prerequisites: Contracts I and II.

8203 Secured Transactions
3 hours
The law governing secured transactions in personal property covered by Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code. Topics covered include the establishment and perfection of security interests pursuant to credit sales contracts, problems focusing on the interface between Article 9 and federal bankruptcy law, priority disputes among collateral claimants, default, and rights after default. In addition to establishing a base of substantive information concerning Article 9's treatment of the foregoing topics, emphasis is placed on developing an understanding of and facility with the Code's statutory scheme.

9143 Securities Regulation
3 hours
The federal regulation of securities, including the registration and distribution of securities under the Securities Act of 1933, the distribution of securities in transactions exempt from registration, the scope of coverage of the 1933 Act, the purpose and nature of the disclosure required under the 1933 Act, the purpose and scope of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, insider trading, proxy and tender offer regulation, and liability for violations of the 1933 Act and 1934 Act. Prerequisite: Corporations.

Seminars
2 hours
A seminar involves a professor and a small number of students, engaged in creative research that is of an original nature or that adds clarity to existing theories. The subject matter of a seminar is determined by the faculty member and approved by the Curriculum Committee. A seminar shall result in a substantial written product or products as defined by the professor, which shall be a part of the basis for evaluation. Ordinarily, no examination will be given. Seminars may meet as scheduled at the professor’s discretion, in accordance with the attendance standards of the American Bar Association. Subject to
the approval of the Dean’s Office, enrollment in a seminar shall not exceed seventeen students. A student using the seminar to satisfy the upper-class writing requirement must declare to the professor in writing his or her intention to do so within ten days of the beginning of a semester. A student may enroll in no more than two seminars during his or her law school career without permission from the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Additional rules and regulations promulgated by individual professors should be anticipated.

**8023 State and Local Government**

*3 hours*

The institutional setting, organization power, and legal doctrines of state and local government. This course explores government; intergovernmental relations; the impact of federal policy upon local activities; the interplay of state and local policies; the enforcement of regulatory measures; labor management relations in public service; financing the local government; public expenditures and contracts; governmental control of land development; and governmental tort immunity and liability.

**7052 State Constitutional Law**

*2 hours*

State constitutions have become important and frequently litigated sources of law. This course begins by examining the history and characteristics of state constitutions and their role in a federal system. It then turns to a series of topic studies of specific issues treated by state constitutions, including religious liberties, the right to arms, school finance, and limitations on the taxing power, among others. The course will examine the Oklahoma Constitution at several points, but it is intended as an introduction to state constitutional law across the 50 states.

**9091 Supervised Paper**

*1 hour*

Permits students to perform research in a specialized field under the supervision of a full-time law faculty member. This course may be taken only by students who have completed at least 43 hours during residence at OCU. A student may not enroll in this course in the summer term. A student may not enroll in this course more than once per semester. A student may not enroll in this course and Course No. 9092, Directed Research, during the same semester. This course is graded on a credit (Cr), no-credit (NC), or credit with honors (CrH) basis. In order to successfully complete this course, a student must write a substantial paper that (1) seeks to make a significant contribution to the understanding of a topic which is sufficiently novel, important or interesting to be suitable for scholarly analysis in a law journal, (2) reflects research of sufficient substance to provide a reader familiar with the issue or field with valuable knowledge and insights, (3) reveals substantial analysis of the material and issues presented, (4) is presented in a clear and finished manner, (5) consists of not less than twenty-five typewritten, double-spaced pages of text using 12-point Times New Roman font (with standard margins, exclusive of footnotes), and (6) presents footnotes that conform to the most recent edition of *A Uniform System of Citation*. Satisfactory completion of this course fulfills the upper-class writing requirement, if the instructor so certifies.
9433 or 9334  Taxation of Business Entities
3 or 4 hours
The income tax consequences of doing business in corporate, partnership, or limited liability company form. Emphasis is given to the tax consequences of formation of the entity, transfers of property between an entity and owners of the entity, and dissolution of the entity. Advantages and disadvantages of each form of doing business are considered. Prerequisite: Income Tax Law.

6672 Taxation of Charities and Non-Profits
2 hours
This course introduces the regulation of nonprofit organizations from both the federal tax and state fiduciary regulatory standpoints. Students consider the major aspects of nonprofit regulation, including substantive law and the major public controversies over the proper role of tax-exempt nonprofit organizations emerging today.

9423 Tax Procedure
3 hours
An examination of federal tax procedure at the administrative level and in litigation, organization of the Internal Revenue Service, legal and practical aspects of Treasury regulations, administrative rulings, closing and compromise agreements, deficiency and jeopardy assessments, waivers, refund claims, mitigation of statute of limitations, tax collections, civil penalties, and the rights and privileges of the taxpayer. Students in this course will meet together with the students in Accounting 5323. A student may not take both this course and Accounting 5323. Prerequisite: Income Tax Law or a general tax course at either the undergraduate or graduate level.

6452 or 6453 Texas Civil Procedure
2 or 3 hours
Texas civil practice with emphasis on those areas where it differs most significantly from Federal civil procedure, especially pleading, interim relief, Texas trial court jurisdiction and venue, joinder, discovery, summary judgment, right to a jury trial, trial procedure and verdicts, instructed verdicts, and post-trial motions. Prerequisites: Civil Procedure I and II or permission of the course instructor.

6443 Texas Criminal Procedure
3 hours
A study of Texas criminal procedure and the rules of evidence that govern criminal trials. Coverage includes all of the major stages of a criminal prosecution from arrest to the appeal.

6481 Texas Legal Research for Practice
1 hour
This course is intended to build upon the research skills acquired in first year Legal Research and Writing, to develop legal information literacy, and to deepen a student’s knowledge in the area of practice-related Texas legal research. During each week of the
course, you will review and strengthen your knowledge of basic Texas research materials and explore important legal research skills that are essential for practicing law in Texas. This practice-focused legal research course will also explore databases and materials available to a Texas attorney through either Texas bar membership or the technology available in the courtrooms in Texas.

6472 Texas Marital Property Law
2 hours
The law governing the property of married persons in Texas, including matters of characterization (as community property or separate property), claims between spouses, management and liability of property during the marriage, devolution of property upon death of one spouse, and division of property upon divorce.

7504 Torts
4 hours
Analysis of the legal principles underlying civil liability for injuries to persons and property. Topics covered include negligence, traditional strict liability, and selected topics in intentional torts.

6702 and 6703 Trademark Law
2 or 3 hours
An examination of the common law and statutory (Lanham Act) protections of trademarks and trade names, with primary focus on the nature and types of protectable trademarks, and their acquisition, registration, use, and abandonment. Special attention is paid to the secondary-meaning doctrine, remedies for trademark infringements, and related jurisdictional issues. A variety of non-trademark “unfair competition” issues (including trade secret issues and deceptive advertising) is also addressed, including the role of the Federal Trade Commission with respect to such matters.

9074 Trial Practice
4 hours
Practical application of the rules of civil and criminal procedure and the law of evidence in the trial setting. Pleading, preparation, proof, and persuasion are stressed. A student may not take both Trial Practice and Litigation Practice Sequence II. Prerequisites: Evidence and Civil Procedure I.

7212 Tribal Law
2 hours
A study of the laws of tribal governments throughout Oklahoma and the United States. The course will focus on issues of self-government among federally-recognized tribal governments, including government structures, tribal constitutions, tribal codes and tribal court jurisprudence. The course will also examine how tribal laws interplay with Federal Indian Law and State exercises of authority in Indian Country.

7612 War Crimes Tribunals
2 hours
An examination of various judicial institutions that have been established outside the exclusive control of national legal systems for the prosecution of atrocity crimes. While discussing jurisdiction, procedures, substantive law, and practical day-to-day operations, the course provides students with a broad flavor of select international and hybrid war crimes tribunals. The course also provides an overview of the events giving rise to recent mass atrocities, the international responses to the events, including the creation of the tribunals, comparisons of the various formative documents and resulting jurisdictional limitations, and examples of the cases and legal questions before the courts. This course serves as a frame of reference for future courses in substantive international criminal law, or, for students having already completed such courses, an opportunity to see the theoretical in practice.

8722 and 8723  Water Law
2 or 3 hours
The legal control of water resources. The course identifies the types of surface and ground water rights; their acquisition, retention and loss; and the administration of public and private interests in water. The course is designed to ground the student in the fundamentals of American water law. It examines in detail how surface water rights are acquired, exercised, and administered under the separate doctrines of prior appropriation and riparian rights. Special emphasis is placed on Oklahoma's hybrid dual-doctrine system. The impact of federal constitutional powers and statutory programs, including the navigation servitude, agency regulations, reserved rights, and Indian rights are studied. The course also examines the rules of absolute ownership, reasonable use, and correlative rights in ground water. Oklahoma's unique system of ground water allocation under its private ownership and reasonable use rules is explored in detail.

2044  Wills, Trusts, and Estates
4 hours
An introduction to wills, trusts, and estates. The course covers such topics as formation and execution of wills, competency, will contests, intestacy, protection for spouse and children, nonprobate transfers, construction of wills, trusts, and charitable trusts. The course includes interviewing clients and drafting wills and trusts. This course was formerly known as Wills, Trusts, and Estates Survey and replaces Wills, Trusts, and Estates I and Wills, Trusts, and Estates II, which have been discontinued.

8772  Wind Power Law
2 hours
An introduction to the law governing wind-generated power, including property easements, leasing, land use conflicts, environmental law, and power transmission. The course also considers technological advances and policy initiatives and regulation at the local, state, and federal levels.

8883  Wrongful Convictions
3 hours
A study of the substantive causes of wrongful convictions, the procedural mechanisms for the litigation of actual innocence claims, state and federal post-conviction remedies,
the methodology used to investigate and develop claims of actual innocence, and the ethical issues confronting prosecutors and criminal defense lawyers. During the course of the semester, students will review actual cases of wrongful convictions and the processes necessary for exoneration. Each student prepares a Case Assessment. Enrollment limited to 16. *Prerequisite:* Criminal Procedure. Evidence is desirable but is not a prerequisite.