

First Year Courses

LAW 550 S - Torts

This course examines the general theories of civil liability for injuries to persons or property. Topics include liability for intentional misconduct, an introduction to the law of negligence, and a strict liability as well as defenses to claims of tort liability.

Credits: 4.00

LAW 552 S - Contracts

This course examines the enforcement of promises and bargains. Topics include contract formation, the doctrine of consideration, formalities including the Statute of Frauds and the parol evidence rule, performance and breach, defenses, remedies.

Credits: 4.00

LAW 554 S - Civil Procedure

This course examines the civil litigation process with an emphasis on the federal courts. Topics include remedies, pleadings, pre-trial motion practice, discovery, motions for summary judgment, trial procedure, appellate review, and issue and claim preclusion.

Credits: 4.00

LAW 565 S - Legal Methods I

This course provides instruction in the fundamentals of predictive writing and legal research, including LEXIS and Westlaw training.

Credits: 3.00

Upper-Level Courses

LAW 600 S - Constitutional Law II

This course covers the U.S. Constitution's protection of individual rights. The course first establishes the basic framework of how the Constitution protects individual rights and then spends the rest of the time on the Equal Protection and Due Process Clauses. In doing so, the course covers some of the most contentious issues in American law and politics, including abortion, affirmative action, sexual orientation, and the right to die.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 608 S - Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Seminar

This is the required companion course for students participating in the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project. It is designed to prepare law students to teach constitutional law in local high schools and to supervise these high school students as they compete in regional and national constitutional moot court competitions. Grading is Credit/No Credit.

Credits: 2.00

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LAW 619 S - Special Topics: Originalism in Constitutional Interpretation [W1] [WUL]

Originalism is an interpretive strategy that gives dispositive weight to the original meaning of the Constitution as it was understood at the time of ratification. This seminar explores the strengths and weaknesses of originalism, focusing on legal scholarship and court opinions in which that interpretive strategy is articulated and deployed.

Credits: 2.00

LAW 620 S - Administrative Law [S]

This course studies the law governing administrative agencies in the task of carrying out governmental programs; interrelations of legislative, executive and judicial agencies in development of public policy; decision-making processes and internal procedures of administrative agencies, and legislative, executive, and judicial controls on them.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 628 S - Civil Litigation Remedies

This course will help students gain an understanding of the law and policies relating to equitable remedies (specific performance and injunctions), damages at common law (compensatory and punitive damages), and restitution.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 634 S - Evidence

This course studies the law governing proof of disputed factual matters in criminal and civil trials, including issues of relevancy, competency, hearsay, and other exclusionary rules, and the privilege of witnesses.

Credits: 4.00

LAW 646 S - Mediation and Arbitration [Sk]

This course explores the theory, practice and law of mediation and arbitration, with an emphasis on the roles lawyers play in these processes. The course will include simulated mediations and arbitrations to foster a deeper understanding of the material and to develop lawyering skills in resolving disputes without litigation.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 654 S - Lawyering Practice Seminar

This seminar focuses on learning from experiences, both in the Co-op and in later professional practice. Students will study the roles being played by lawyers and the institutions where lawyers work. They will discuss their fieldwork experiences, make formal class presentations, and listen to practicing attorneys. Enrollment is by permission only.

Credits: 2.00

Co-Requisites: LAW 931 S or 933 S or 934 S

LAW 656 S - Justice Lawyering [W1 option] [WUL option]

This course, which is a co-requisite of the field clinics, is a critical look at law and social justice. In that context, students will develop individual research and writing projects inspired by their

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clinical experience. Students opting to use Justice Lawyering for their Writing requirement will be registered for 1 additional credit in the Spring semester.

Credits: 2.00

Co-Requisites: LAW 941 S or 943 S or 945 S or 947 S

LAW 669 S - Special Topics: Advanced Evidence

This course will provide in-depth investigation of evidentiary issues relevant to trial lawyers.

Credits: 2.00

Pre-Requisites: LAW 634 S

LAW 669 S - Special Topics: Children and the State

This course examines the relationship between children, family and the state.

Credits: 2.00

LAW 670 S - Criminal Procedure: Investigations

This course considers the Fourth Amendment's protection against unreasonable search and seizure, the Fifth Amendment's right to Due Process and against compulsory self-incriminations, and the Sixth Amendment's right to counsel, all with particular emphasis on the application of these constitutional provisions within the context of criminal investigation.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 674 S - Health Care Fraud & Abuse [S]

This course examines the major federal and state legislation for providers who seek reimbursement under governmentally funded health care programs including the Medicare and Medicaid Anti-Kickback statute, the False Claims Act, and the Stark I and Stark II legislation and regulations.

Credits: 2.00

LAW 699 S - Special Topics: Crime and Community [W1] [WUL]

In this course, students will study how various communities are affected by crime and criminal justice policies. Issues that may be considered include the war on drugs, large-scale incarceration, and sexual offender regulations.

Credits: 2.00

LAW 700 S - Business Organizations [S]

This class studies the legal attributes of corporations, partnerships, and the limited liability of companies. It examines the rights, duties and liabilities of managers, owners, and agents. It also focuses on formation issues, operational powers and fundamental changes in business forms such as dissolution, merger, or acquisition.

Credits: 4.00

LAW 701 S - Federal Income Tax [S]

This course is intended to give students an understanding of the fundamental legal and policy concepts underlying the federal individual income tax. The course will focus on the statutory framework of U.S. tax laws, particular judicial authorities, and selected Treasury Department

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regulations and rulings.

Credits: 4.00

LAW 706 S - Secured Transactions [S]

This course provides an introduction to the law governing contractually created interest on personal property used to secure payment or performance of obligations. Students will study the creation, perfection, priority, and enforcement of security interests in personal property under Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 714 S - Securities Regulation [S]

This course examines securities market regulation, including registration, exemption, and remedies under the Securities Act of 1933; reporting and accounting standards under the 1934 Act; the proxy system; and the regulation of broker-dealers, specialists, and self-regulatory organizations.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 716 S - Antitrust

This course focuses on antitrust law, with emphasis on how modern technology might challenge traditional antitrust principles. Topics include Rules of Reason vs. per se analysis, monopolies, mergers, joint ventures, tying arrangements, exclusive dealing, predatory pricing, and other business behaviors that have arisen in a variety of industries and markets.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 724 S - Nonprofit Organizations

This course will provide an overview of the legal environment of nonprofit organizations. Emphasis will be upon examining the law as it affects various aspects of nonprofits including incorporation, governance, fundraising and solicitation, employment, political activities, and tax status. Students will learn how the law regulates and structures nonprofit entities.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 726 S - Sports Law

This course will involve application of various legal doctrines (including contracts, labor, antitrust, tax, torts, remedies, arbitration and constitutional law) to a broad range of sports-related activities.

Credits: 2.00

LAW 739 S (Section 001) - Private Equity and Venture Capital Law

This course examines the legal and financial aspects of venture capital and private equity transactions. Subjects include venture capital financing, leveraged buyout transactions, management equity incentive structures, and related tax topics. Students will also be introduced to the venture capital and private equity fund industry.

Credits: 2.00

Pre-Requisites: LAW 700 S

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LAW 739 S (Section 002) – Special Topics: Executive Compensation Law

This course examines the current trends in executive compensation including issues related to corporate governance, taxation and securities laws. Topics include executive employment agreements, non-qualified deferred compensation, equity compensation and securities laws requirements.

Credits: 2.00

LAW 760 S - Copyright [S]

This course surveys the law of copyright. Topics to be discussed include the subject matter of copyright; ownership and transfer of copyrights; the rights afforded to copyright owners; duration of copyright rights; infringement; and remedies. Related areas of law such as author's moral rights, unfair competition, and contractual protection of ideas may also be addressed.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 761 S - Patents [S]

This course provides an introduction to patent law, focusing upon the requirements of patentability (patentable subject matter, utility, novelty and non-obviousness), infringement, and defenses to infringement. Other topics include the economics of information and innovation competition, claims drafting, licensing, patent misuse and antitrust violations.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 768 S - Internet Law

This course addresses a variety of legal issues that relate to the Internet. Areas covered include intellectual property, electronic privacy, constitutional rights, and commercial law issues.

Credits: 2.00

LAW 780 S - Health Law I: Regulating Quality and Access

This course examines all aspects of medical errors and quality in health care, including malpractice suits, licensing, staff privileging of doctors, and current regulatory approaches. It will also look at issues of patient rights and autonomy, including informed consent, medical information, clinical research, and issues in death and dying.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 783 S - Bioethics [W1] [WUL]

This class explores the legal and ethical issues surrounding the development of new biological technologies. Topics may include the research bioethics, assisted reproductive technology, genetics, issues surrounding death and dying, and organ transplantation.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 790 S - Toxic Torts [W2] [WUL] [Sk]

This course will consist of an in-depth study of mass tort litigation of all kinds, at both the state and federal level, focusing primarily on the manufacture and distribution of defective and toxic products and pharmaceuticals. Class actions will be studied as a remedial tool.

Credits: 2.00

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LAW 791 S - Regulating Patient Safety [W1] [WUL]

This seminar will look at the problem of medical errors in American health care, the emerging Patient Safety movement, and regulatory strategies for reducing errors and improving quality in hospitals, drug delivery systems, and physician office practices.

Credits: 2.00

LAW 793 S - Mental Health Law

This course will focus on providing students with an understanding of some of the most important issues for which the mental health professions and behavioral science research can provide information that is relevant to courts and attorneys.

Credits: 2.00

LAW 796 S - Insurance Law [S]

This course will survey the basic types of individual and corporate insurance policies, legal principles of insurance law, and the role insurance plays in society. Topics may include insurance industry regulation, policy structure, risk management and interpretation, insurance marketing, insurance intermediaries, claims, and potential insurer defenses.

Credits: 2.00

LAW 800 S – Health Reform Seminar¹ [W1] [WUL]

This seminar will delve deeply into issues involved in reforming the American health care system. Primary consideration will be given to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), but broader issues related to reform of American health care will also be considered. Sessions will be led by faculty of Drexel Public Health and Law Schools, by outside experts, and by students. The goal is for students to achieve a deeper understanding of PPACA, the issues that it raises, and the ways it is likely to affect health and health care in the United States.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 824 S - Public International Law

This course will examine the nature and sources of international law; international organizations, including the United Nations and the International Court of Justice; and the developing law of human rights. Other topics include the role of international law in the United States courts; the law relating to the use of military force; and international trade law.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 826 S - Refugee and Asylum Law

This course explores the treatment of foreign refugees and political asylees, with particular emphasis on relevant statutes, regulations and treaties.

Credits: 2.00

¹ Offered under Independent Study; meets on Public Health quarter calendar (Sep 23 – Dec 2)

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LAW 830 S - Professional Responsibility

This course will examine the ethical duties of lawyers toward clients, courts, and society. The course emphasizes the Model Rules of Professional Conduct, the Model Code of Professional Responsibility, and relevant case law. Topics covered include confidentiality, conflicts of interest, competence, fee arrangements, and the unauthorized practice of law.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 834 S - Jurisprudence

This course addresses essential questions about the nature of law, and its role in society. What is law? What is its source of legitimacy? How does it function? Readings will consider major texts in Western jurisprudential philosophy.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 844 S - Law and Social Movements [W1] [WUL]

This course studies the various ways in which law succeeds – or fails – to bring about changes in the allocation of rights to groups and individuals. The class will focus on particular legal and social change movements, considering the effectiveness of strategies such as litigation and law reform.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 849 S – Special Topics: Critical Race Theory

This course addresses a broad constellation of historical and contemporary approaches that have actively engaged the prevailing racial theories of particular times and/or social contexts. This course seeks to develop an ongoing dialogue about the meaning of contemporary racism and the contributions and limitations of various racial theories in grappling with its challenges.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 880 S - Advanced Legal Research [Sk]

This course provides students a thorough grounding in the research skills needed by today's lawyers. Students will learn how to use advanced electronic and print resources and techniques to research case law, statutes, legislative histories, administrative law, and specialized law-related topics such as business and social science research.

Credits: 2.00

LAW 882 S - Litigation Drafting [W2] [WUL] [Sk]

This course explores technical and strategic issues in the drafting of litigation documents such as complaints, answers, written discovery, motions, affidavits, discovery schedules, pretrial orders, jury instructions, releases and correspondence. Students will complete a number of drafting assignments in and out of class.

Credits: 2.00

LAW 884 S - Contract Drafting [W2] [WUL] [Sk]

This course focuses on the issues and principles of drafting transactional (non-litigation) documents, such as contracts, wills and legislation. Students will complete a number of drafting assignments in and out of class. This course will include the use of form books with particular

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emphasis on customization of documents to a particular client's needs.

Credits: 2.00

LAW 890 S - Improvisation for Lawyers

In this intensive course, students will hone their legal performance skills by studying improvisational theater techniques. The course will involve extensive hands-on performance. This course will meet for only seven weeks of the term.

Credits: 1.00

LAW 894 S - Moot Court Board

Students will be selected by the faculty supervisors to serve on the moot court board. Students will develop an intra-scholastic moot court competition and will be eligible to compete in interscholastic competitions. Students must take Appellate Advocacy before or during the semester of their external competition. Enrollment by permission of the faculty supervisor(s) only. Grading is Credit/No Credit.

Credits: 1.00 to 2.00

LAW 899 S - Special Topics: Foundations of Legal Analysis

The course will focus on legal analysis and writing, and fundamental principles of the law, including the state and federal court systems, statutory law and interpretation, agency determinations, common law, case synthesis, policy concerns, and primary and secondary legal sources. The course will be taught using a hands-on, experiential approach largely driven by written classroom exercises and written assignments submitted for evaluation and feedback by faculty.

Credits: 3.00

LAW 900 S - Pretrial Advocacy [Sk]

This course is designed for students with an interest in litigation and is a prerequisite to Introduction to Trial Advocacy. Students will learn the major steps in the pretrial litigation process including theory development, client interviewing, informal fact investigation, pleading, discovery, depositions, pretrial motions, jury selection, and the settlement process.

Credits: 2.00

LAW 902 S - Introduction to Trial Advocacy [Sk]

This course will teach students to perform trial skills based on strategic themes and theories. The students will conduct direct and cross-examination of lay, party and expert witnesses, opening and closing statements, make objections and introduce exhibits. The course will culminate with each student performing in a mock trial. Grading is Credit/No Credit.

Credits: 3.00

Pre- or Co-Requisites: LAW 634 S; LAW 900 S or LAW 882 S

LAW 908 S - Advanced Trial Advocacy: Trials of the Century [Sk]

This course will teach students to understand, develop and perform advanced trial skills based on strategic themes and theories used throughout the trial process. Students will analyze actual trial transcripts and exhibits, and movie vignettes of advocates from famous "Trials of the

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Credits: 2.00

Pre-Requisites: LAW 902 S

LAW 910 S - Appellate Advocacy [W2] [WUL] [Sk]

This course provides students with advanced training in appellate advocacy, including the study of the rhetoric of persuasion, the preparation of appellate briefs and effective oral advocacy, and will include an introduction to appellate procedure. This course is required for students serving on the moot court board.

Credits: 2.00

LAW 918 S - Trial Team

Enrollment by permission of the faculty supervisor(s) only. Grading is Credit/No Credit.

Credits: 1.00 to 2.00

Pre-Requisites: LAW 634 S & LAW 900 S & LAW 902 S

LAW 920 S - Law Review Staff

Students must enter the law review writing competition and be selected as a member of the law review staff. Students will receive credit for their work in preparing each issue of the Drexel University Law Review. Enrollment by permission of the faculty supervisor(s) only. Grading is Credit/No Credit.

Credits: 1.00 to 2.00

LAW 931 S - Co-op [Sk]

The Co-op is a field placement in a corporation, law firm, judicial office, public interest organization, or government agency. Students must attend a pre-placement orientation and will work 20-25 hours per week and satisfy or exceed the supervisor's expectations. Enrollment is by permission only. Grading is Credit/No Credit.

Credits: 7.00

Co-Requisites: LAW 654 S

LAW 933 S - Co-op Intensive [Sk]

The Co-op is a field placement in a corporation, law firm, judicial office, public interest organization, or government agency. Students must attend a pre-placement orientation and will work 35-40 hours per week and satisfy the supervisor's expectations. Grading is Credit/No Credit.

Credits: 10.00

Co-Requisites: LAW 654 S

LAW 937 S - Advanced Co-op [Sk]

This course is for students who have already taken a co-op and want to extend that placement by one semester. Students must apply to their co-op professor with a written proposal for a specific project developed with, and approved by, their field supervisor. Grading is Credit/No Credit.

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Credits: 2.00

Pre-Requisites: LAW 654 S; LAW 931 S or 933 S or 934 S

LAW 941 S - Criminal Litigation Field Clinic I [Sk]

This clinical program places students in a criminal practice setting. Students will represent criminal defendants in all phases of pre-trial and trial activity. Students must enroll in both semesters of the clinic. A grade will be assigned at the end of the Spring semester.

Credits: 6.00

Co-Requisites: LAW 656 S

LAW 943 S - Civil Litigation Field Clinic I [Sk]

This clinical program places students in a civil practice setting. Students will learn varied litigation skills in the context of direct representation of clients. Students must enroll in both semesters of the clinic. A grade will be assigned at the end of the Spring semester.

Credits: 6.00

Co-Requisites: LAW 656 S

LAW 945 S - Public Health and Environmental Law Field Clinic I [Sk]

This clinical program places students in a public interest practice setting. Students will be trained in varied advocacy, legal and technical skills working directly with clients. Students will learn to evaluate potential cases and work with community members to understand their desired outcome. Students must enroll in both semesters of the clinic. A grade will be assigned at the end of the Spring semester.

Credits: 6.00

Co-Requisites: LAW 656 S

LAW 947 S - Appellate Litigation Clinic I [W2] [WUL] [Sk]

This clinic provides intensive training in appellate advocacy by involving students in cases before the state appellate and federal courts. Students provide research; draft briefs; engage in oral arguments; and assist in case selection, the development of substantive legal positions, and the creation of appellate strategy. Students must enroll in both semesters of the clinic. A grade will be assigned at the end of the Spring semester.

Credits: 6.00

Co-Requisites: LAW 656 S