

Summer 2015 Course Descriptions

308 Community Property (2 Credits)

This course studies the classification of separate and community property, management and control of community property, including liability for debts, and problems arising from the dissolution of the community or death of a spouse.

Prerequisite: Property I

423 Contract Drafting (1 Credits)

This course instructs the student, through written exercises and drafting assignments, in applying the principles of contract law to planning, organizing and preparing a written agreement that effectuates a client's intentions. It also provides instruction on issues of legal ethics related to transactions.

Prerequisite: Contracts II

112 Contracts II (3 Credits)

This course introduces students to the law governing private agreements. Topics include contract formation and defenses to contract formation, contract interpretation, liability for breach of contract, including the law of conditions and discharge, third-party contractual relationships, assignment of rights and delegation of duties, and contract remedies. Students are also introduced to Uniform Commercial Code provisions and related remedies.

Prerequisite: Contracts I

448 Employment Law (3 Credits)

This course serves as an introduction to the law of work, and surveys topics such as at-will employment and wrongful termination; legal protection of individual employee interests in dignity, privacy and fair treatment at work; fair labor standards; employment security and discrimination in employment.

Prerequisite: Legal Writing and Research II

497 Estates (3 Credits)

This course surveys the law relating to the donative transfers of property through creation of trusts and wills. Students examine the formalities of will and trust drafting, analyze the powers and fiduciary duties of the trustee and executor, and study court enforcement and interpretation of estate planning documents.

Prerequisite: Property I

521 Externship Seminar (2 Credits)

Civil Practice, Prosecutor/Defender, Judicial Appellate and Judicial Trial Externships Your work at an externship can be a heady experience. Much happens quickly, and you will feel there are not enough hours in the day to do everything you

must do to adequately represent a client or assist a judge. Sometimes you just need to step back and reflect on what you are doing. That is the function of the Classroom Component of each Externship. Taught by the Externship Faculty Director, the classroom component allows you to reflect on your placement experiences, to enhance your awareness of the professional responsibility issues you will encounter in the Placements, and to take advantage of additional opportunities to improve specific professional skills. A key component of this reflection is the journal each student is required to keep during the course of the semester. You must satisfactorily complete the Classroom Component of an Externship to receive any credit for the Placement.

Prerequisite: concurrent enrollment in Externship

602 International Human Rights (3 Credits)

This course examines historical and modern theories of human rights; evaluation of effectiveness of national, regional, and international systems that interpret and protect rights; evaluation of identified rights through case studies.

Prerequisite: Legal Writing and Research II

488 Interviewing and Counseling (2 Credits)

This course provides students an opportunity to develop skills in interviewing, counseling, fact finding, and problem solving in a variety of litigation and transactional settings. Students will engage in simulated client counseling sessions in which they will be required to provide the "client" meaningful expertise that incorporates legal analysis with economic and ethical considerations that will shape the legal strategy developed for the client. Emphasis will be placed on the values of professionalism and the ability to integrate non-legal concerns into client representation; counseling (including active listening, questioning, and information gathering) and problem solving.

Prerequisite: Legal Writing and Research II

463 Negotiations (2 Credits)

This course introduces students to the theory, practice, science, and art of negotiations. After completing the course, students will have both a knowledge of negotiation skills and also some experience in how those skills should be effectively used. Students are given problems throughout the semester and are assigned to negotiate settlements with other class members.

Prerequisite: Legal Writing and Research II

240 Professional Responsibility (3 Credits)

This course examines the lawyer's role within the legal system, including roles as counselor and advocate for the client, and as an officer of the legal system. It explores the lawyer's duties to clients, the profession and society, with an emphasis on the lawyer's duties of confidentiality, loyalty and competence. Specific topics include the regulation of the legal profession and the delivery of legal services, conflicts of

interest, litigation ethics and judicial ethics. Students also study the major differences between the California rules and statutes governing lawyers and the American Bar Association's Model Rules.

Prerequisite: Civil Procedure II

227 Solving Legal Problems (3 Credits)

This course is designed to improve students' ability to do well on the California Bar Examination Performance Test. Using the Performance Tests from the California Bar Examination and a broad range of practice-related documents, this course introduces students to the variety of documents lawyers commonly prepare in practice. Students learn to identify the relevant facts from the client file, synthesize the authorities provided, and format and organize the documents. To give students an understanding of the time constraints under which attorneys may work, some of the documents will be prepared in class under timed conditions. Students will also gain a better understanding of the multiple roles an attorney assumes in practice.

Prerequisite: Legal Writing and Research II