

**TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW**

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS FALL 2021 COURSES

COURSE NUMBER	HRS.	COURSE TITLE	DESCRIPTION
1ST YR ALL FIRST YEAR COURSES ARE REQUIRED			
LAW 510	3	CIVIL PROCEDURE I	Part one of a required two-part course initiates coverage of modern civil procedure in the United States with emphasis on pre-trial procedure under various provisions of 28 USC and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The content includes constitutional and statutory aspects of personal and subject matter jurisdiction. Coverage also includes venue, service, notice and pleadings.
LAW 504	3	CONTRACTS I	This course is designed to introduce students to the law governing contractual obligations. Students will examine every aspect of a contract from its formation, terms, performance and breach thereof. It also deals with the defenses to contractual obligations and the remedies available for the breach of contracts. It further covers the promise-based and reliance-based alternatives to contractual liability.
LAW 508	3	TORTS I	Torts is a required first-year course that addresses the judicial treatment of claims based on personal injuries and property loss or damage where the complaining party utilizes one or more of the following three bases of liability: intentional torts, negligence, and strict liability. More specifically, Torts I examines in depth the following topics: battery; assault; false imprisonment; intentional infliction of mental distress; trespass to land; trespass to chattels; conversion; defenses to the intentional torts; negligence; joint tortfeasors; owners and occupiers of land; and damages (optional). Damages may be covered in Torts I or II, <u>or</u> both.
LAW 506	3	PROPERTY I	This two-part required introductory course covers the law governing real and personal property. Course topics include: what property rights consist of, how they are acquired, and the economic and philosophical basis of property rights; types of interests in land, including landlord and tenant, present and future estates, concurrent ownership, easements, and covenants running with the land; conveyancing of land, including contracts for sale, deeds, recording systems, title insurance, and mortgages; and the regulation of land use through nuisance law and zoning.
LAW 900	3	LAWYERING PROCESS I	Lawyering Process is a course designed to teach basic lawyering skills that are critical to being a practicing lawyer. The course focuses on critical reading, writing, legal analysis, research, citation, and professional communication skills. In the fall semester, students learn essential legal research, analysis, and writing skills and practice writing legal memoranda. In the spring semester, students learn persuasive writing techniques and practice writing court briefs, professional emails, and client letters. Small class sizes allow for extensive feedback, and a recursive approach permits students to practice and develop the conventions of legal analysis.
LAW 900	0	LAWYERING PROCESS/LEGAL RESEARCH	

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2ND YEAR REQUIRED MUST BE TAKEN THIS SEMESTER

LAW 512	3	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I	Constitutional Law I is a required course which introduces students to the United States Constitution and basic theories of constitutional law, including policy considerations. There will be an in-depth study of the following topics: (1) judicial review; (2) limitations on judicial review (standing, mootness, ripeness, political question); (3) national powers and federalism (commerce power, taxing power, spending power, civil rights); (4) state power (regulation of commerce, and interstate privileges and immunities); (5) executive and congressional relations; (6) procedural due process; and (7) substantive due process (economic and fundamental rights). Substantive due process and equal protection may be covered in Constitutional Law I or II or both.
LAW 600	3	EVIDENCE	This course involves learning the array of procedural rules that regulate how evidence must be introduced under the Federal Rules of Evidence and under common law. Skills emphasized include drafting documents, learning when to rely on the U.S. Constitution to provide oversight on the admissibility of evidence, and learning to define, develop and implement a lawyer litigation plan. Areas emphasized include relevance, hearsay, direct-examination and cross-examination, character evidence, impeachment of witnesses, expert testimony, and privileges.

2ND YEAR REQUIRED COURSES TO BE TAKEN ANYTIME DURING THE 2ND YEAR

LAW 920	2	APPELLATE LITIGATION	Appellate litigation is an advanced writing course that emphasizes the components of an appellate brief, the purpose of each component and what it takes to make each component, persuasive and effective. Taught through a combination of lectures, assigned readings, and collaborative and individual research and writing exercises students will learn how to strategically frame and express legal issues, in writing and orally, in a way that brings advantage to your client while neutralizing your opponent's best legal arguments.
LAW 640	3	BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS	This course involves a study of issues arising from the creation, organization, and operation of different business entities, notably general partnerships, limited partnerships, limited liability partnerships, limited liability companies and corporations, as well as the principles of agency that underlie them. Topics covered in detail include, but not limited to, piercing the corporate veil, shareholder rights, fiduciary duties and the basics of mergers and acquisitions.
LAW 620	2	PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY	This course is about the law of lawyering and aims to prepare students for the MPRE. It focuses on the ethics that regulate a lawyer's conduct in the practical setting, as well as the ethics that govern the conduct of judges. Among the topics covered are: professional identity, discipline, candor, clients, fees, fiduciary duty, advocacy, and advertising and solicitation. The course also aims to.

COURSE NUMBER	HRS.	COURSE TITLE	DESCRIPTION
LAW 650	4	WILLS & TRUSTS	An introductory course designed to expose law students to the fundamentals of succession planning by learning the laws governing the creation, execution, and administration of wills and trusts, modification and revocation of wills, challenges to admissibility of wills to probate, intestate succession and drafting skills to mitigate succession disputes. The trusts component of the course places emphasis on the characteristics, creation, modification of trusts, including, planning for incapacity, fiduciary, administration, and supervision issues.

REQUIRED COURSE TO BE TAKEN ANYTIME DURING THE 2ND YEAR OR FALL SEMESTER OF THE 3RD YEAR			
LAW 610	4	COMMERCIAL LAW	This course covers, but is not limited to, various provisions of Articles 2 and 9 of the UCC. The coverage of Article 2 of the UCC will focus on the four provisions of Article 2 that substantially differ from common law of contracts: (i) UCC § 2-207 (the "Battle of the Forms" provision); (ii) UCC § 2-205 (the "Merchants Firm Offer"); (iii) UCC § 2-209 (the "Good Faith Modification"); and (iv) UCC § 2-209 (the "Perfect Tender Rule"). Additionally, coverage of UCC Article 9 will focus on the following core areas of Article 9: (i) Scope of Article 9; (ii) Classification of Collateral; (iii) Attachment; (iv) Perfection; (v) Priority; and (vi) Default.

3RD YEAR PARTIALLY REQUIRED			
LAW 725	3	DOMESTIC RELATIONS	Domestic Relations is designed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of major family law issues from the perspectives of the law, practitioners, and observers. The course will provide students with a basic understanding of how family law has developed and the fundamental concepts of family law. The course will focus on the legal aspects of family relationships: marriage, divorce, division of marital property, adoption, custody, termination of parental rights, extended families, domestic violence, procreation and other issues relating to marriage and family, with emphasis on the Texas Family Code.

3RD YEAR BAR ELECTIVES			
LAW 982	3	ADVANCED BAR REVIEW	<p>The Advanced Bar Review (ABR) is a refresher course designed to provide third-year law students with an intensive substantive review of select topics that are frequently tested on the MBE portion of the Multistate Bar Examination. Currently, the scope of the course encompasses the seven subject areas tested on the MBE portion of the bar examination, namely: (1) Criminal Law, (2) Torts, (3) Evidence, (4) Real Property, (5) Constitutional Law, (6) Federal Civil Procedure, and (7) Contracts.</p> <p>At the conclusion of this course, all students are expected to have acquired a clear understanding of the specific subject matter modules taught, possess the requisite analytical skills for deconstructing MBE questions, and be able to answer medium to complex MBE questions at a minimum raw pass rate of 65%.</p>

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LAW 990	2	MULTISTATE PERFORM TESTING (MPT)	LAW 990 is a skills-based course, where students will learn the skills necessary to perform well on the Multistate Performance Test component of the bar exam. Students will get the chance to perform under timed, simulated test conditions. Other class sessions will be focused on skills instruction, analysis of previous MPTs, in class activities, group work, and other exercises designed to develop to skills to succeed on the MPT portion of the bar exam.
LAW 809	2	SEM: BAR ESSAY WRITING	This course will teach students how to master answering bar essay questions. Students will be familiarized with the rules frequently tested by the examiners and the essential components of a high scoring answer. Students will gain experience writing answers to actual bar essay questions and receive personalized feedback on essays, with instruction on how to improve their answers. This course is not intended as a substitute for a commercial bar review course, but it is designed to prepare students for the rigor of the bar. Students are encouraged to take this course during the semester immediately preceding graduation from law school.
LAW 700	3	CONFLICTS OF LAW	This course is an overview of the methodologies adopted by the courts in various state and federal jurisdictions for accommodating and applying legal principles from other jurisdictions. The course orients students to the doctrinal theories, analyzes hypotheticals to illustrate how a conflicts theory arises, and examines opinions in which courts introduce the nuances and complexities in applying conflicts doctrines. Among the conflicts approaches reviewed are the traditional, the First Restatement, the Second Restatement, lex fori, local law, foreign law, domiciliary, depeccage, characterization, public policy, and interest.
LAW 602	3	FEDERAL JURISDICTION	A study of the procedure practice and procedure under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. This course focuses on: 1) the relationship between the federal judiciary and the executive and legislative branches of the federal government; and 2) the relationship between the federal courts and the states. The topics covered include Congressional power to control federal court jurisdiction, constitutional and statutory limitations on subject-matter jurisdiction, sovereign and official inununity, abstention, equitable restraint, and other limitations on the exercise of federal court jurisdiction, the Erie Doctrine, and federal common law.

3RD YEAR ELECTIVE COURSES			
LAW 721	3	OIL & GAS	This course focuses on the basic legal rules and principles governing the ownership and development of oil and gas. Its central objective is a comprehensive presentation and understanding of the substantive law of oil and gas in Texas and beyond. A substantial portion of class time will be devoted to determining title to the resource, examining conveyancing issues, and exploring the interpretation, operation, and drafting of the basic development contract: the oil and gas lease. We will also consider secondary contracts used in the upstream sector of the oil and gas industry, including joint operating agreements, farmout agreements and drilling contracts, among others. Developments in the international oil and gas industry may also be examined.

COURSE NUMBER	HRS.	COURSE TITLE	DESCRIPTION
LAW 715	3	BANKRUPTCY	This course will provide a comprehensive survey of basic bankruptcy law with emphasis on the structure and the process of business reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. Discussion will focus on the basic elements of liquidations and reorganizations, as well as contemporary issues of interest and importance. Significant portions of this course will be devoted to examining the use of reorganization laws to solve a variety of corporate ills from product liability disasters to labor difficulties and over- leveraging. Consideration will also be given to some of the grand issues of bankruptcy including issues that arise as a result of the impact insolvent enterprises may have on competitors and the essential interplay between bankruptcy and other substantive bodies of law. In addition, some time will be devoted to discussion of the current debate over bankruptcy reform.
LAW 714	3	COMMUNICATIONS LAW	The course is designed to assist students in developing an understanding of the fundamental principles and rapidly evolving landscape of media law. Course coverage extends from the development of the First Amendment through contemporary legal issues posed by advancements in communications technologies. This course will entail the study and analysis of cases, statutes, regulations and other relevant materials used to resolve legal issues regarding the role and function of mass media in the United States.
LAW 706	3	REMEDIES	This course is a study of the nature and scope of judicial relief available after proper establishment of substantive right. It examines the bases for relief under theories of equity law and restitution. The course also covers the general principle of damages, specific performance, injunctions, recession, restriction and reformation.
LAW 730	3	ADVANCED CRIMINAL LAW/CRIM PRO	This Advanced Criminal Law/Criminal Procedure Course is about enhancing basic lawyering skills of persons preparing to practice law generally, but most particularly it is detailed guidance on entry level practice of criminal law. The course will provide you with the opportunity to refine the skills and knowledge you need to pass the multi-state bar examination section on criminal law and procedure, and will facilitate your passing the portion of the Texas and other state bar examination sections devoted to criminal procedure and evidence. The course will also provide you with the opportunity to acquire many of the foundation skills and knowledge required to competently practice criminal law.
LAW 743	3	14TH AMENDMENT	The first part of the course will explore the historical, doctrinal, and theoretical underpinnings of the 14th Amendment, including notable Supreme Court decisions interpreting the 14th Amendment and its various clauses. A considerable amount of class time will be spent exploring documentaries, interviews, speeches and other media that provide historical context for the various Supreme Court decisions under the 14th Amendment. The second part of the course will explore various federal statutes, such as section 1983, and doctrines, such as qualified immunity, involved in suing state and local governments. In the second part, you will also learn how to sue (and to a limited extent, defend) local governments for violations of the 14th Amendment

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LAW 882	2	SEM: ESTATE PLANNING	In this course, students will apply the principles learned in Law 822 by working through a variety of estate planning techniques. Students will plan an estate and prepare the documentation to implement that plan. Basic knowledge of taxation of income and estates can be very useful to an estate planner. The course covers aspects of both. Many clients are interested in lifetime planning beyond their estates. As such, the course surveys how to use effectively the following estate planning tools: insurance, income tax, and investments.
LAW 740	3	FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION	Federal income taxation of individuals is a basic tax course designed to introduce law students to, and provide law students with, a general understanding of the fundamental principles governing the federal income taxation of individuals. Topics covered in the course include, but are not limited to, (1) the scope of gross income, including income without receipt of cash; (2) the exclusion of gifts and inheritances; (3) the tax consequences of bequests, devises and inheritances; (4) the application of rules governing the taxation of employee benefits and the exclusion from gross income of certain fringe benefits; (5) application of the rules governing the exclusion of meals and lodging; (6) taxation of prizes and awards, including scholarships and fellowships; (7) tax consequences of gains from dealings in property; (8) computation of basis, amount realized, and gain realized; (9) the application of the principles of Crane v. Commissioner & Commissioner v. Tufts; (10) application of the tax rules governing property acquired between spouses incident to divorce; (11) tax consequences of property acquired from a decedent; (12) taxation of life insurance proceeds and annuities; (13) tax consequences of discharge of indebtedness; (14) taxation of recoveries from personal injuries; (15) taxation of separation and divorce payments, including alimony and separate maintenance payments; (16) tax consequences of gains from the sale of principal residence; (17) assignment of income doctrine.
LAW 760	3	INTERNATIONAL LAW	The course will include an overview of the basic building blocks of international law and theory, the creation of law in the international system, the enforcement of that law, and adjudication of legal problems between the various parties of the international legal system.
LAW 791	3	ENTERTAINMENT LAW	This is a topical course on entertainment law. The course will provide an overview of the dynamic field of entertainment law and afford an in-depth understanding of the negotiation, drafting and litigation issues that arise in entertainment law.
LAW 789	2	SPORTS LAW	This Course will explain the intricacies of the business of sports in the United States and internationally. It will cover topics both in amateur and professional sports, including antitrust, contracts, eligibility, torts, workers compensation, NCAA, constitutional implications, civil rights, women in sports, international law, and intellectual property.
LAW 726	3	JUVENILE LAW	This course is a seminar that explores various topics currently impacting our youth and the ways in which the law does or does not address them. Students will be able to explore relevant and timely topics that interest them. The primary goal of the course is to steward students through the process of research development and final thesis paper completion while also familiarizing them with fundamental juvenile law concepts. Class discussions and student presentations will aid in this process.

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LAW 854	3	INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY	This is an introductory survey course designed to cover the basic principles of copyright, patent and trademark law in the United States. The course entails critical reading, interpretation and discussion of federal statutes and relevant court cases. Expected outcomes include enhanced analytical and problem solving skills applicable not only to intellectual property but to statutory and decisional law in general. In addition, this course is designed to prepare students for more advanced courses in patent, copyright and trademark law.
LAW 757	3	LOCAL GOVERNMENT	An examination of the legal and policy issues relating to local government. A central theme of the course is the role of local government in a democratic society. Coverage includes the power and organization of local governments, the interrelationship among local governments and between local and higher levels of government, and the interrelationship between local governments and their own citizenry and outsiders.
LAW 755	3	IMMIGRATION LAW	This course provides a comprehensive treatment of immigration law related to the constitutional basis of federal immigration power and regulation of migration into the United States by the Immigration and Nationality Act. The substantive law is developed primarily on the basis of case law analysis. Topics to be considered include the source of the federal government's power to admit, exclude and deport aliens; the due process and substantive rights of aliens at exclusion and deportation proceedings, including analysis of the various relief of deportation provisions of the INA; the validity of efforts by state and federal governments to limit the access of aliens to economic and social benefits; the legal considerations involved in recent legislative proposals to curtail illegal immigration; and the acquisition of permanent resident status and United States citizenship, and the voluntary and involuntary loss of such status.
LAW 756	3	LABOR LAW	A study of the law of labor-management relations under the National Labor Relations Act. Topics include establishment of collective bargaining units, negotiation of collective bargaining agreements, unfair labor practices and remedies, concerted activities and rights of individual employees.
LAW 752	2	SECURITIES REGULATION	This is an introductory course to securities regulation, teaching the basic structure of securities regulation and providing an overview of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. This course will look at every stage of a startups' maturation under US securities regulations, issue-spotting how securities' caselaw and regulations molded these competitors' behaviors and business strategies. Using multimedia and actual SEC filings, we will explore how the securities regulatory ecosystem from the vantage points of the founders, investors, analysts, the press, day traders, stockholders, employees and the public. Students will also get to explore how securities regulations interestingly impact corporate behaviors during crisis, such as the current COVID-19 pandemic and Black Lives Matter social unrest. Prerequisites: Business Associations.

3RD YEAR SEMINARS/COURSES THAT SATISFY THE WRITING REQUIREMENT

LAW 832	2	SEM: ADV. LEGAL ANALYSIS	This course is designed to help students strengthen their skills of legal analysis and writing. Students will be exposed to synthesizing judicial decisions, distinguishing and analyzing statutory law, and identifying and framing legal issues. Students will strengthen their skills of scholarly legal writing by writing the drafts and final version of a research paper.
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LAW 852	2	SEM: CIVIL RIGHTS AT A CROSSROADS	This course will introduce you to changing faces of civil rights, as it relates to African Americans in the United States. It begins with a look at judicial opinions during slavery and ends with issues related to affirmative action. The course also uncovers the impact social and cultural climate has on judicial opinions and how social activism influences a change in public opinion which in turn produces a change in laws.
LAW 804	2	SEM: ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE & WORK PR	This course explores the nature and practical application of the attorney-client privilege and work product doctrine, which both are fundamental to the proper functioning of the adversary system, its truth seeking process, and the administration of justice. Class discussion will regularly touch on privilege questions in the context of patent law, which frequently involves privilege issues. No prior familiarity with patent law is required for taking this course.
LAW 804	2	SEM: INFORMATION AND PRIVACY LAWS	This course provides an in-depth look into privacy, privacy laws, privacy-related technologies, and regulatory efforts. Not only will we explore privacy from a legal perspective; we will examine privacy from a philosophical and historical perspective. This course is also intended to aid in the preparation of obtaining the Certified Information Privacy Professional ("CIPP") Certification. Privacy is a HOT legal topic and keen knowledge will be a marketable future asset.
LAW 804	2	SEM: EMERGING ISSUES IN TECHNOLOGY LAW & LEGAL ETHICS	Emerging Issues in Technology Law and Legal Ethics is two credit-hour seminar, designed to provide instruction in the areas of existing and developing technology and legal ethics. This seminar will be taught more broadly than its previous antecedent—which focused primarily on the use of technology in lawyering and accompanying ethical conundrums faced by today's lawyers. This class will incorporate discussion on the various aspects of existing and developing technology (biotechnology, bitcoin, social media, etc.), as well as gaps in the law and public policy. At the conclusion of the course, students are expected to draft a well-researched law review quality paper, twenty pages or more, discussing an issue of interest in the area of modern technology, its societal impacts, and potential legal and policy remedies.
LAW 802	3	INDEPENDENT RESEARCH I & II ⁴	Students may elect to take three hours of credit for independent research under the supervision of a faculty member. The scope and subject matter of the research project will be approved by the professor supervising the student. The course may only be taken one time. Registration is by application and permission only. Students must submit an approved application and outline at registration. Application forms are available in the Office of Student Services.

3RD YEAR EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION COURSES			
LAW 915	3	STREET LAW CLINIC	This course serves as a bridge between TMSL and local high school students, developing positive relations and critical partnerships. Upon successful completion of the "Street Law" curriculum, the law student is deployed as a member of a team of law students to go into local high schools and teach critical legal subjects important to the community, including but not limited to: Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Family Law, and other subjects. Law students enrolled in this course will receive 3 hours of Experiential Education course credit upon the successful completion of one semester of study.

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LAW 703	2	MEDIATION	This course offers best practices in how to resolve conflicts between parties without the divisive methods and expense associated with litigation. The class is taught as a simulation, giving students dedicated and repeated practice opportunities in the development of each skill. Each student is immersed in the mediation process from start to finish. Upon successful completion of the course, each student will receive 2 hours of Experiential Education course credit and their Basic Mediation Certification, equipping them to serve as independent, certified mediators in civil actions.
LAW 924	3	LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT	This course provides a practical view of how to start, operate, and manage a law practice. This is an experiential education course. Upon successful completion of the course, students will earn 3 hours of Experiential Education credits. Topics explored in the course include understanding practice fundamentals, law practice as a business, financial management, timekeeping, billing, trust accounts, marketing plans, client management, and common ethical issues.
LAW 927	3	ADVANCED TRIAL PRACTICE (APPELLATE)	
LAW 927	3	ADVANCED TRIAL PRACTICE (TRIAL SKILLS)	This course will address litigation techniques in much more depth, permitting students to hone skills learned in the basic Trial Simulation course, as well as to learn new ones. Topics will include pre-trial preparation techniques and pre-trial motions; witness interviewing and witness preparation skills; advanced voir dire techniques; use of litigation technology; identifying and making objections; examining expert witnesses; and ethical issues facing trial attorneys.
LAW 908	4	CIVIL EXTERNSHIP	Students enrolled this program will earn 4 hours of Experiential Education course credit upon successful completion of their legal placements. Students benefit from direct exposure to the practice of law as performed by attorneys and other legal professionals and paraprofessionals in legal environments. Students use focused application of legal doctrine to resolve real conflicts. Students represent live clients and may also have the opportunity to apply for their student-attorney bar cards. Each Civil Externship student is also required to enroll in the Civil Externship Civil Externship Classroom component (Law 932), which offers an additional 2 hours of Experiential Education course credit. This classroom component covers topics including ethical issues relating to externships; economic, social, and moral issues in the legal profession; workplace skills; and discussion of field experiences.
LAW 932	2	CIVIL EXTERNSHIP TRIAL PRACTICE	This course is designed to provide instruction to upper-level students in the substantive areas of trial practice and family law. This course will explore legal issues relating to the formation, maintenance, and dissolution of family relationships. These issues include marriage formations; legal and economic consequences of marriage and divorce; parentage, custody, and support of children; and the processes for resolving family disputes. Students will develop a working knowledge of the Texas Rules of Evidence, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, and relevant provisions of the Texas Family Law Code. This course must be taken concurrently with the Civil Law—Family Law Clinic (Law 935).

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LAW 909	4	JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP	Students enrolled in the Judicial Externship program will earn 4 hours of Experiential Education course credit upon successful completion of their placement with either a sitting Federal Justice, State Court Judge, or Administrative Law Judge. Students who participate in the Judicial Externship program will experience direct exposure to the skills and methods of judicial practice. Students will be given multiple opportunities to conduct legal research and provide drafts of legal writings that are used to serve as the basis of future legal opinions.
LAW 932	2	JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP TRIAL PRACTICE	Each Judicial Externship student is also required to enroll in the Civil Externship Classroom component (Law 932), which offers an additional 2 hours of Experiential Education course credit. This classroom component also covers topics including ethical issues relating to externships; economic, social, and moral issues in the legal profession; workplace skills; and discussion of field experiences.
LAW 907	4	CRIMINAL EXTERNSHIP (JLWOP)	Students enrolled in the Criminal Law Externship program will earn 4 hours of Experiential Education course credit upon successful completion of their placement with either the United States Attorney's Office; a State, County or Federal prosecutor's office; a State, County or Federal public defender's office; or a private criminal defense law firm. Students participate in criminal prosecution, criminal law litigation, conduct client interviews, participate in fact investigation inquiries, prepare pretrial motions, and engage in trial preparation and litigation. Students enrolled in this externship may have the opportunity to apply for their student-attorney bar cards from the State Bar of Texas. In addition to the field work provided by the externship placement for the fall and spring semesters, each Criminal Externship student is also required to enroll in the Criminal Externship Classroom component (Law 902), which offers an additional 2 hours of Experiential Education course credit.
		CRIMINAL EXTERNSHIP (GENERAL)	
LAW 902	2	CRIMINAL TRIAL PRACTICE (JLWOP)	This course is designed to provide instruction to upper-level students in the substantive areas of trial practice and criminal misdemeanor law. Students will develop competency in representing a client from arrest to resolution of his/her case, and all things in-between. Students will also develop a working knowledge of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Texas Rules of Evidence, and relevant provisions of the Texas Penal Code. This course must be taken concurrently with the Criminal Law--Criminal Misdemeanor Clinic (Law 960).
		CRIMINAL TRIAL PRACTICE (GENERAL)	
LAW 823	2	INNOCENCE CLINIC	The Innocence Project at TMLS is focused on securing the release of defendants who were wrongfully convicted; these are cases of "actual innocence". Students enrolled in this program perform critical factual investigations, conduct witness interviews, evaluate claims for post-conviction litigation, and assist with post-conviction litigation. Students enrolled in this course will receive 2 hours of Experiential Education Credit, in addition to 2 hours of Experiential Education Credit for the mandatory classroom component that accompanies the practical skills component.
LAW 822	2	INNOCENCE PRACTICE	

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LAW 912	12	LEGISLATIVE EXTERNSHIP (TLIP)	During the legislative session, students work in Austin, Texas, as legislative assistants in the offices of ranking members of the state legislature. Between legislative sessions, students enrolled in this program serve in the offices of elected and appointed state officials. Students are involved in all facets of the governmental process. Upon successful completion of the semester of their enrollment, students earn 12 hours of Experiential Education course credits.

CLINIC COURSES			
LAW 934	4	ADMINISTRATIVE LAW CLINIC	This course is a practicum designed to provide training and instruction to upper-level students in the substantive areas of trial practice and immigration law. Student attorneys in this course will be able to demonstrate competency in representing clients in administrative hearings before immigration administrative tribunals, and in handling applications for permanent residence, citizenship, asylum, and special immigrant juvenile status. Students will develop a working knowledge of various parts of the Immigration and Nationality Act, and any applicable evidentiary and procedural rules. This course must be taken concurrently with the Administrative Trial Practice course— (LAW 933)
LAW 933	2	ADMINISTRATIVE TRIAL PRACTICE	This course is designed to provide instruction to upper-level students in the substantive areas of trial practice and immigration law. Students will develop a working knowledge of immigration law by engaging in the following activities: drafting of immigration pleadings and forms, pre-trial motion practice, plea negotiations, and courtroom presentation. The course assists in developing skills in the areas of client interviewing, investigative techniques, oral and trial advocacy. Students may be presented with an opportunity to conduct a trial before an administrative tribunal. Through course readings, lectures and discussions, students will acquire the tools and insights necessary to represent their clients effectively and gain a working knowledge of various parts of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as well as various aspects of applicable evidentiary and procedural rules. This course must be taken concurrently with the Administrative Law Clinic--Immigration (LAW 934).
LAW 935	4	CIVIL LAW CLINIC	This course is a practicum designed to provide training and instruction to upper-level students in the legal representation of clients in the area of family law. Student attorneys completing this course will be able to demonstrate competency in assisting clients with divorce, spousal maintenance, division of assets and liabilities, child support, paternity, and name changes. Students will also develop a working knowledge of the Texas Rules of Evidence, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, and relevant provisions of the Texas Family Law Code. This clinic must be taken concurrently with the Civil Trial Practice—Family Law course (LAW 932).
LAW 932	2	CIVIL TRIAL PRACTICE	This course is designed to provide instruction to upper-level students in the substantive areas of trial practice, estate planning, probate, guardianship and estate administration. Students will develop a working knowledge of the Texas Rules of Evidence, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, and relevant provisions of the Texas Estate Code. This course must be taken concurrently with the Civil Law Clinic—Wills, Probate, & Guardianship Clinic (Law 935).

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LAW 935	4	CIVIL LAW CLINIC: WILLS AND PROBATE	This course is designed to provide instruction to upper-level students in the substantive areas of trial practice, estate planning, probate, guardianship and estate administration. Students will develop a working knowledge of the Texas Rules of Evidence, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, and relevant provisions of the Texas Estate Code. This course must be taken concurrently with the Civil Law Clinic—Wills, Probate, & Guardianship Clinic (Law 935).
LAW 960	4	CRIMINAL LAW CLINIC	This course is a practicum designed to provide training and instruction to upper-level students to handle all legal aspects of a misdemeanor case from arraignment to fact investigation to trial. Student attorneys completing this course will be able to demonstrate competency in representing clients in trial advocacy, crime scene investigation, witness interviewing, plea negotiations, working with experts, suppression motions, and other types of pleadings. Students will be exposed to a wide range of cases such as assaults, thefts, driving while intoxicated, and drug possession. Students will develop a working knowledge of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Texas Rules of Evidence, and relevant provisions of the Texas Penal Code. This course must be taken concurrently with the Criminal Trial Practice—Criminal Misdemeanor course (Law 902).
LAW 902	2	CRIMINAL TRIAL PRACTICE	This course is designed to provide instruction to upper-level students in the substantive areas of trial practice and criminal misdemeanor law. Students will develop competency in representing a client from arrest to resolution of his/her case, and all things in-between. Students will also develop a working knowledge of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Texas Rules of Evidence, and relevant provisions of the Texas Penal Code. This course must be taken concurrently with the Criminal Law---Criminal Misdemeanor Clinic (Law 960).

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES CREDIT			
LAW 901	2	MOOT COURT--BOARD OF ADVOCATES	The Board of Advocates is a student-lead organization that promotes the development of advocacy skills. The BOA offers regular training sessions, hosts annual intramural competitions at the law school, and provides support when the law school hosts external competitions, like the ABA Client Counseling Regional competition. BOA awards 2 hours of Experiential Education course credit in the spring of 3L year.