

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS SPRING 2022 COURSES

COURSE NUMBER	HRS.	COURSE TITLE	DESCRIPTION
FIRST YEAR REQUIRED COURSES:			
LAW 511	2	CIVIL PROCEDURE II	This course extends coverage of modern civil procedure in the United States under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The course content includes introduction to Erie, joinder of parties, joinder of claims, discovery, pre and post-trial motions and appeals.
LAW 505	3	CONTRACTS II	This course continues the coverage of 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 507	3	PROPERTY II	This introductory course unpacks 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 509	3	TORTS II	This course extends in depth examination the following topics: damages; wrongful death and survival; contributory negligence; comparative negligence defense; last clear chance; assumption of risk defense; statutes of limitations and repose; immunities; vicarious liability; strict liability; products liability; nuisance; defamation; invasion of privacy; misrepresentation; and misuse of legal procedure.

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LAW 530	3	CRIMINAL LAW II	This course that serves to introduce beginning students to a field in which statutes are the primary authority. Students are provided the opportunity to learn to critically read, interpret, and apply the important statutory provisions regulating the definition of crimes, defenses, and punishments found in modern penal codes. Students are also provided the opportunity to learn about the historical roots and evolution from the common law to modern codes of many of these doctrines. Finally, students are presented with multiple opportunities to hone their critical thinking skills implicated by the doctrines and authority studied in the course. These opportunities include taking and receiving feedback on assessments designed to demonstrate how these criminal law doctrines are tested on the national Multistate Bar Exam.
LAW 930	2	LAWYERING PROCESS II	In the continuation of the Lawyering Process course, students will learn persuasive writing techniques and practice writing court briefs, professional emails, and client letters. An integral aspect of this course is the faculty-student ratio which allows for extensive feedback. Additionally, this course embodies a recursive approach which permits students to practice and develop the conventions of legal analysis.

SECOND YEAR REQUIRED COURSES:			
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 601	3	CRIMINAL PROCEDURE	This course introduces students to criminal procedure. The primary focus is to understand the limitations imposed on police conduct by the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Topics include searches, seizures, doctrine of incorporation, interrogation, Miranda warnings, and the Exclusionary Rule. Skills emphasized include identifying the major pre-trial steps in the processing of a criminal case, drafting legal documents, and applying the constitutional guarantees stemming from the Bill of Rights and the Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Other topics that may be covered include: right to counsel, juries and jury selection, preliminary hearings, grand jury hearings, double jeopardy, sentencing, and post-conviction remedies.

COURSE NUMBER	HRS.	COURSE TITLE	DESCRIPTION
LAW 513	3	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II	Constitutional Law II is a required course in which students continue their study of the United States Constitution, and basic theories of constitutional law and public policy considerations. There will be an in-depth study of the following topics: (1) equal protection (if not covered in Constitutional Law I); (2) First Amendment concepts (freedom of expression and freedom of religion); and (3) state action. If substantive due process is not taught in Constitutional Law I, it will be covered in Constitutional Law II.
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.
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. The course is 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 650	4	WILLS AND 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 the drafting skills necessary 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.

SECOND YEAR/THIRD YEAR REQUIRED COURSE - FN 18

COURSE NUMBER	HRS.	COURSE TITLE	DESCRIPTION
LAW 610	4	COMMERCIAL LAW	<p>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.</p>

COURSE NUMBER	HRS.	COURSE TITLE	DESCRIPTION
SECOND YEAR REQUIRED TRIAL SIMULATION COURSE - FN 1 and FN 13			
LAW 514	2	TRIAL SIMULATION: PRACTICUM	Trial Simulation is a practical skills, experiential education course that teaches students effective and persuasive legal communication skills. Students learn how to operate under pressure, while performing all basic phases of a typical trial, including jury selection, opening statements, direct examination, cross examination, introducing evidence, closing arguments, etc. Emphasis will be on actual performance of mock problems in a true courtroom setting. This course offers 4 hours of experiential education course credit.
LAW 515	2	TRIAL SIMULATION: LECTURE	

THIRD YEAR COURSES:			
THIRD YEAR PARTIALLY REQUIRED COURSES, IF GPA < 3.0 -- FN3			
LAW 725	3	DOMESTIC RELATIONS	Domestic Relations is designed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of major family law issues. 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.

ELECTIVES:			
THIRD YEAR BAR ELECTIVES - FN5			
LAW 982	3	ADVANCED BAR REVIEW	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. 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%.

COURSE NUMBER	HRS.	COURSE TITLE	DESCRIPTION
LAW 990	2	MULTISTATE PERFORMANCE TEST (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 bar 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.

SECOND YEAR OR THIRD YEAR ELECTIVE COURSES:			
LAW 711	3	CONSUMER RIGHTS	The course is designed to introduce students to the law governing consumer transactions. Primary focus will be placed on the law and practice of the Deceptive Trade Practices Act (DTPA), with particular emphasis on the causes of action, remedies, and defenses available under the Act. The course will also cover the law dealing with wrongful debt collection. The course will conclude with an examination of the insurance claims and defenses obtainable under the DTPA.
LAW 721	3	OIL AND 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 602	3	FEDERAL JURISDICTION	Federal Jurisdiction is a course designed to explore the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The 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 immunity, abstention, equitable restraint, general limitations on the exercise of federal court jurisdiction, the Erie Doctrine, and federal common law.
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.

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LAW 985	3	MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT CONTRACTS	We will accomplish two goals, namely, presenting an overview of the dynamic field of music law, while at the same time providing an in-depth understanding of particular music contracts. Topics to be covered include, but are not limited to, an introduction to the music industry, publisher agreements, representation of artists, production agreements, artist recording agreements, accountability under recording contracts, record distribution agreements, performing rights societies and copyright enforcement, promotion of recording artists, merchandising and touring agreements, film & television rights, and music in cyberspace.
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 755	3	IMMIGRATION LAW	The course explores the fundamentals of immigration law and provides an in-depth look at the range of issues that arise in the field of immigration law. The course will explore relevant case law, the mechanics of immigration petitions/USCIS applications, removal proceedings, and forms of relief.
LAW 736	3	ENVIRONMENTAL LAW	This course examines the role of and interaction among the various participants in the environmental regulatory process: the legislature, administrative agencies, the judiciary and the public. The course focuses primarily on federal law, in particular the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Air Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Clean Air Act, and statutes regulating hazardous wastes.
LAW 706	3	REMEDIES	This course examines 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 covers the general principle of damages, specific performance, injunctions, recession, restriction and reformation.

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LAW 882	2	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 825	3	EMPLOYMENT LAW	This course will cover topics such as hiring, employee rights, employer rights, employment discrimination, safety and health issues, at-will employment, covenants not to compete, unemployment compensation, workers' compensation, wage and hour regulations, family and medical leave, social security, and ERISA.
LAW 769	3	COPYRIGHT	Students will examine both the fundamental and more advanced concepts and principles of this body of law, primarily through the study of federal statutes and appellate court opinions. Included in this study is a look at the underlying social policy considerations, as well as the doctrinal conflicts that have arisen between copyright law principles and principles in other areas, most notably, the freedom of expression. Students will be expected to gain fundamental knowledge of the substance and function of copyright law and to demonstrate proficiency in problem-solving in areas addressed in the course. In so doing, students will apply skills in statutory construction, analysis and synthesis. They will evaluate legislative intent and judicial reasoning, and be prompted to address and resolve issues of justice, policy, process and fact, utilizing principles of sound legal reasoning.
LAW 804	2	SEM: CHAPTER 11 BUSINESS REORGANIZATION	This seminar is about complex chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganizations. It will focus on a chapter 11 case from a company filing a bankruptcy petition through the confirmation of a chapter 11 plan. Students would learn through discussing case law and analyzing pleadings from lawsuits filed in the Southern District of Texas. Judges and experienced practitioners will join a few classes to provide insights from cases discussed in class.

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LAW 789	3	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.

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LAW 747	3	CIVIL RIGHTS	Civil and political rights are a class of rights that protect individuals' freedom from infringement by governments, social organizations, and private individuals. They ensure one's entitlement to participate in the civil and political life of society and the state without discrimination or repression.
LAW 845	2	SEM: JURISPRUDENCE	The course will examine a variety of historically influential responses to basic questions concerning the nature and legitimacy of law and the difference (if any) between law and morality. Readings will include works by legal positivist, natural lawyers, and legal realists.
LAW 805	3	SEM: CURRENT ISSUES IN TRADEMARK LAW	The course, which satisfies the law school's writing requirement, is designed to introduce students to contemporary issues in trademark law. Topics to be discussed include predatory trademark registration, social media and the enforceability of trademarks, compensation for publicity rights of college athletes, social justice implications of trademark law and policy, offensive marks in an era of hostile discourse, and the balancing of first amendment considerations. Students are expected to research these or other similar topics, from which to develop and submit a scholarly paper equivalent in quality and scope to a law review article.
LAW 804	2	SEM: ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND 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.

COURSE NUMBER	HRS.	COURSE TITLE	DESCRIPTION
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.
LAW 804	2	SEM: EMERGING ISSUES IN TECHNOLOGY AND LEGAL ETHICS	This seminar is 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 726	2	SEM: 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.
LAW 802	3	INDEPENDENT RESEARCH I	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.
LAW 803	3	INDEPENDENT RESEARCH II	

SECOND OR THIRD YEAR EXPERIMENTAL LEARNING COURSES:

COURSE NUMBER	HRS.	COURSE TITLE	DESCRIPTION
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 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 credits and a Basic Mediation Certification, equipping them to serve as independent, certified mediators in civil actions.
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 credits upon the successful completion of one semester of study.
LAW 771	3	MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS	This course is taught as a simulation course; it offers 3 hours of experiential education credits. M&A focuses on the design, analysis, and implementation of financial strategies aimed at repositioning and revitalizing companies faced with major competitive or environmental challenges. In addition, M&A explores the incentives for using mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, and alliances as vehicles to achieve corporate strategic objectives.

THIRD YEAR EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING COURSES:

COURSE NUMBER	HRS.	COURSE TITLE	DESCRIPTION
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 credits, in addition to 2 hours of experiential education credits for the mandatory classroom component that accompanies the practical skills component.
LAW 822	2	INNOCENCE TRIAL PRACTICE	
LAW 908	4	CIVIL EXTERNSHIP-GENERAL	Students enrolled this program will earn 4 hours of experiential education course credits 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 credits. 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.
	2	CIVIL EXTERNSHIP-CHILD WELFARE/CPS LITIGATION	
LAW 932	2	CIVIL EXTERNSHIP TRIAL PRACTICE	
		CIVIL EXTERNSHIP-PROPERTY PRESERVATION TRIAL PRACTICE	
	4	CIVIL EXTERNSHIP-CHILD WELFARE/CPS LITIGATION TRIAL PRACTICE	
LAW 909	4	JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP	Students enrolled in the Judicial Externship program will earn 4 hours of experiential education course credits 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 Civil Externship Classroom component (Law 932), which offers an additional 2 hours of experiential education course credits. 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.

COURSE NUMBER	HRS.	COURSE TITLE	DESCRIPTION
LAW 902	4	CRIMINAL EXTERNSHIP-JLWOP	Students enrolled in the JLWOP take an active role in researching and exploring issues and representing live-clients who were sentenced to life sentences for crimes they committed as juveniles. Students enrolled in this program may apply for their student-attorney bar cards from the State Bar of Texas. In addition, students may draft and submit motions and pleadings on behalf of live-clients to the Appellate Courts and the Supreme Court of Texas for criminal appeals, (Court of Criminal Appeals).
	2	CRIMINAL TRIAL PRACTICE-JLWOP	Students enrolled in the Criminal Law Externship program will earn 4 hours of experiential education course credits 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 credits.
	2	CRIMINAL TRIAL PRACTICE	
	2	CRIMINAL TRIAL PRACTICE-CRIMINAL SPECIALTY	
LAW 907	4	CRIMINAL EXTERNSHIP-GENERAL	
LAW 912	12	LEGISLATIVE EXTERNSHIP	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.

COURSE NUMBER	HRS.	COURSE TITLE	DESCRIPTION
THIRD YEAR CLINICS			
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).
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 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).

COURSE NUMBER	HRS.	COURSE TITLE	DESCRIPTION
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).

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES CREDIT			
LAW 901	2	MOOT COURT	With a balanced focus on legal research and writing, coupled with detailed oral advocacy skill development, this course helps students improve their research and writing skills while also preparing them for competitive Moot Court Competitions. As practice, students draft Amicus briefs for local non-profit organizations. Upon successful completion of this course, students will earn 2 hours of experiential education credits.
LAW 929	2	MOTION PICTURE (APPELLATE MOOT COUR)	This course offers students practical training in the preparation and presentation of pleadings, motions and various discovery documents to be considered prior to trial.

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LAW 828	2	MOCK TRIAL	Mock Trial incorporates best practices to train students in the use of critical legal reasoning, persuasive oral advocacy, and strategic storytelling. This course also covers the mechanics of interscholastic trial advocacy competitions. Topics in the course include development of case theory, effective advocacy skills, appropriate professional conduct, and trial preparation. Upon successful completion of this course students will earn 2 hours of experiential education credits.
LAW 796	2	LAW REVIEW	Third-year students who have participated in law review for at least three (3) semesters may enroll in and receive credit for this course. Students enrolled in the course are responsible for the entire production of the law journal. Their responsibilities include editing articles for publication, and writing and editing notes and comments.