

Summer Semester 2026 – Course Descriptions

For Summer 2026, students may enroll in up to eight (8) hours of credit, with no student earning more than six (6) hours during the 8-week summer session and Study Abroad sessions.

**Note – per the law bulletin:*

(1) students must earn at least nine (9) hours of credit from any combination of *experiential courses*, and all courses marked with an **asterisk (*)** can be used towards the experiential requirement;

(2) students must earn at least two (2) hours of course credit in a course designated to satisfy the *Law and Poverty requirement*, and all courses marked with a **cross (†)** satisfy this requirement.

(3) upper-level students (not 1L's) must submit a piece of legal writing in which the student exhibits the ability to perform legal analysis, in addition to the writing done in the Lawyering I and Lawyering II classes. Courses marked with a **paper symbol (📄)** MAY be used to fulfill the minimum two- (2-) hour *Writing Requirement*, **if approved in advance by the instructor.**

For additional graduation requirement information please visit: <https://law.loyno.edu/self-audit-forms-degree-programs-jd-certificates-concentration>.

May 11 – May 22 (2 weeks condensed)

Note- the times listed for May courses include time allotted for breaks scheduled at the professor's discretion.

LAW-L841 Appellate Advocacy Seminar (*)

2 hrs.

FOR THE SUMMER SEMESTER ONLY, this course is open to all students.

This course will provide instruction to students competing on a Moot Court team during the academic year and will focus specifically on practical research, writing, and argument skills needed to succeed in competition and in appellate practice generally. In some semesters, this course is open to all-level students. Students completing the course earn two experiential credits.

** Students completing the course earn two hours of experiential learning credits.*

LAW-L843 Contract Drafting (*)

3 hrs.

This course teaches the principles of contemporary commercial drafting and introduces students to documents typically used in a variety of transactions. It is primarily experiential in nature. The skills taught will apply to any transactional practice and will even be useful to litigators. On finishing the course, students will know: the business purpose of each of the contract concepts; how to translate the business deal into contract concepts; how to draft each of a contract's parts; how to draft with clarity and without ambiguity; how to add value to a deal; how to work through the drafting process; and how to review and comment on a contract.

** Students completing the course earn three hours of experiential learning credits.*

LAW-L867 Business Planning (*)

3 hrs.

This course is primarily experiential in nature and combines advanced work in corporations, corporate financing, and federal taxation in the context of business planning and counseling. The course will be based on a series of simulations involving common business transactions, which

present corporate and tax issues for analysis and resolution. The simulations will cover such topics as the formation and financing of corporations, both closely held and publicly owned, stock redemption, the sale and purchase of businesses, mergers and other forms of acquisition and recapitalization, and division and dissolution of corporations.

Prerequisite: LAW-L746 – Business Organizations I

** Students completing the course earn three hours of experiential learning credits.*

LAW-L961 Trial Advocacy (*)

3 hrs.

This course uses experiential learning exercises to develop skills in ADR and trial advocacy, oral persuasion, and nonverbal communication. In a simulated trial setting, class participants perform opening statements, closing arguments, witness examinations, and lay evidentiary foundations. Faculty lectures and demonstrations supplement these exercises. *At the instructor's request, the course in Evidence is not a prerequisite for taking this course.*

** Students completing the course earn three hours of experiential learning credits.*

LAW-L896-OS1 Governing Biotechnology: Law, Risk & Responsibility

1 hr.

This course examines Health Law as it governs biotechnology and applied science to protect public health, safety, and the public interest. Biotechnology companies often operate upstream from patients and consumers, yet their products, data, and decisions—spanning diagnostics, agriculture, food safety, environmental testing, and biodefense—have significant implications for population health and societal well-being. The course focuses on how law structures the governance of biotechnology at scale, frequently through layered regulatory frameworks and private ordering rather than direct patient-facing regulation.

- There will be an in-person final exam for this course on Thursday, 05/21/26, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

May 11 – July 6 (8 weeks)

LAW-L900 Academic Externship (± *)

1 or 2 or 3 hrs.

This course allows students to learn by participating in legal work with an outside agency or court. Second and third-year law students in the upper three-quarters of their class may apply to participate in this program. The student must be in good academic standing and receive the permission of Professor Finger to register. This course cannot be used to satisfy the writing requirement. There is a weekly classroom component that will be synchronous by Zoom and placements are off-site. This is a pass/fail course. The weekly time commitment depends on the number of credit hours students enroll for.

- Class sessions are held synchronously by Zoom on Fridays 12:00-1:00 p.m., and placements are off-site. Interested students should contact Dean Davida Finger directly, dfinger@loyno.edu. The class sessions for this course begin the week of May 11 and end July 6. Please visit the externship FAQ for more information: <https://law.loyno.edu/externship-frequently-asked-questions>.

± This is a Pass/Fail graded course.

** Students completing the course earn experiential learning credits equivalent to the credit hours earned in the course.*

May 26 – July 15 (8 weeks), plus an exam period

LAW-L760 Evidence**3 hrs.**

This course involves treatment of the rules of evidence, the qualifications and impeachment of witnesses, the opinion rule, admissions and confessions, rules relating to writings, the hearsay rule and its exceptions, privileged relations, burden of proof, presumptions, and judicial notice.

- This course is being taught online as an asynchronous course, with an in-person final exam scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

LAW-L770 Lawyering III (Ethics)**3 hrs.**

This course concerns the professional and ethical activities and duties of the lawyer. The course includes a study of the history and traditions of the legal profession, including the concept of self-discipline and the model rules of professional responsibility. It also examines the impact of ethics and tradition on the practice of the lawyer.

- This course is being taught online as an asynchronous course.

LAW-L784 Diversity in the Legal Profession († ☞)**3 hrs.**

This course will explore the law and policy regarding diversity in the legal profession in the United States. The specific topics covered are women lawyers, and other minority groups such as African American, Asian-American, Latinx, LGBTQ+, as well as lawyers with disabilities and undocumented immigrant attorneys. The course will address the presence of these attorneys in the legal profession, starting with the history, the latest statistics, and first-person accounts of their experiences and will explore areas of improvement to achieve diversity, equity and inclusion in the U.S. legal system. International law instruments that touch upon these topics will also be discussed.

- This course is being taught online as an asynchronous course.

† This course satisfies the Law and Poverty Requirement.

☞ This course MAY satisfy the upper-level Writing Requirement; check with instructor.

LAW-L877 Con Law Seminar: Constitutional Protections of Corporations (☞) 2 hrs.

The protections afforded corporations by the Constitution have been an issue for the Supreme Court from the Marshall era forward. This course explores various approaches the United States Supreme Court has taken up to the Citizens United decision. This will include discussions comparing the Court's approach to African-Americans; the distinctions made between liberty rights and property rights in the Lochner era, and how Footnote 4 of Justice Stone's Carolene Products opinion may have led to Citizens United.

- Class sessions are held synchronously by Zoom on Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30-6:45 p.m., and will have additional hours of work to be done asynchronously to complete the requisite credit hours.

☞ This course MAY satisfy the upper-level Writing Requirement; check with instructor.

LAW-L937 Select Topics in Immigration (☞)**2 hrs.**

Students will explore problems posed by immigration and the regulation of noncitizens in the United States through selected readings, class discussion and class presentations. The exact subjects to be considered will be chosen by the instructor.

- This course is being taught online as an asynchronous course.

☞ This course MAY satisfy the upper-level Writing Requirement; check with instructor.

LAW-L896-WL1 Veterans Law (*)**1 hr.**

This experiential course introduces students to the legal framework governing federal benefits available to United States military veterans. The course equips students with foundational knowledge of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) claims and appeals process and the substantive law underlying the most common categories of veterans' benefits. Students will learn how claims are filed and adjudicated, recognize common grounds for appeal, and how to advocate for veteran clients in navigating the VA system.

- Class sessions are held synchronously by Zoom on Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 p.m., and will have additional hours of work to be done asynchronously to complete the requisite credit hours.

** Students completing the course earn one credit hour of experiential learning credits.*

LCIV-L935 Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure

3 hrs.

This course examines the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure: Book I—Courts, Actions, and Parties; Book II—Ordinary Proceedings; Book III—Proceedings in Appellate Courts; Book IV—Execution of Judgments; Book V—Summary and Executory Proceedings; Book VI—Probate Procedure; Book VII—Special Proceedings (e.g., Attachment, Sequestration, and Injunction); Book VIII—Trial Courts of Limited Jurisdiction; and Book IX—Miscellaneous Provision and Definitions.

- This course is being taught online as an asynchronous course.