

# Fall 2020 - Course Descriptions

## General Law

### **LAW L705 Torts I**

**(LAW L705 & L710 Torts I/Torts II)**

**3 hrs.**

These courses together cover intentional torts and privileges, negligence and theories of causation in fact and proximate cause, contributory negligence and assumption of risk, owners and occupiers of land, vicarious liability, automobile accident reparation systems, nuisance, misrepresentation, products liability (survey), damages, and immunities.

### **LAW L715 Lawyering I**

**3 hrs.**

Students receive instruction in legal research, legal analysis, and legal writing. Throughout the semester, students research the law relevant to hypothetical client cases, apply that law to those cases, and draft memoranda setting forth law, analysis, and predictions as to the outcome of the cases. Students are exposed to both library research and computer research.

### **LAW L725 Civil Procedure I**

**(LAW L725 & L730 Civil Procedure I/Civil Procedure II)**

**3hrs. each**

These courses treat problems related to civil litigation ranging from considerations about the choice of the proper forum through the pretrial, trial, and appellate stages. Specifically the material will include: personal jurisdiction, subject matter jurisdiction, choice of applicable law (exclusive of conflict problems), pleading, joinder of claims and parties, discovery, pretrial conference, adjudication without trial (judgment on the pleadings, summary judgment, and alternative dispute resolution), functions of the judge and jury including judgments as a matter of law, appellate review (principle of finality, timeliness, scope of review, review of factual determination), the binding effect of judgments (res judicata, collateral estoppel, law of the case), and extraordinary devices (interpleader, class actions, intervention).

### **LAW L735 Criminal Law**

**3 hrs.**

This course deals with the principles underlying the administration of criminal justice as embodied in a modern code including the aims of criminal law, the theory of criminal conduct, and elements of some specific crimes and offenses. The model is the Louisiana Criminal Code or the A.L.I.'s Model Penal Code.

### **LAW L740 Constitutional Criminal Procedure**

**3 hrs.**

A detailed exploration of criminal practice and procedure including constitutional limitations of law enforcement and the rights of individuals in areas such as search and seizure, arrest, electronic surveillance, self-incrimination, exclusionary rules, right to counsel, and custodial interrogation as contained in the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.

**LAW L750 Constitutional Law****4 hrs.**

This course is an introduction to problems arising under the Constitution of the United States, including the distribution of powers among the federal branches of government, the distribution of powers between federal and state governments, and the protection of individual rights.

**LAW L760 Evidence****3 hrs.**

This course involves a 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.

**LAW L770 Lawyering III****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. Prerequisite: None

\*This course can be taken out of the Lawyering I, II, III sequence.

**LAW L781 Law and Poverty****2 hrs.**

This course provides an introduction to the detrimental effects of poverty on society and poor people. It includes a treatment of the history of institutional response to the needs of the economically disadvantaged in the western world. It involves a critical examination of the legal system's response to the economic, social, and human problems of poverty, particularly in the fields of social security, welfare, unemployment, and worker's compensation. Special treatment is given to legislative and judicial initiatives in alleviating poverty as it burdens the family, women, and minorities.

**General Law Electives (LAW)****LAW L801 Intellectual Property Law****3 hrs.**

The objective of this course is to provide a comprehensive survey and overview of the principal areas of federal and state law governing intellectual property rights, including trademarks, patents, copyrights, unfair competition, trade secrets, idea protection and the right of publicity.

**LAW L802 Law and Education Seminar****2 hrs.**

This course will examine the law governing education in the United States, with emphasis on elementary and secondary schooling, including the impact of federal and state constitutions and statutes on finance and curriculum, and on the relationship between private and public institutions. Each student will prepare and present a paper to the seminar.

**LAW L803 Western Legal Tradition****3 hrs.**

This course treats significant aspects and institutions of the Roman law, canon law, common law, and civil law. It also considers the interaction of these traditions in the context of our American legal heritage. Some emphasis is placed upon codification movements in Europe and the United States and particularly in Louisiana.

**LAW L805 Law of the European Union I****3 hrs.**

This course introduces the basic principles of the European Community Law and the institutional structure of the communities with particular reference to the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Community.

**LAW L807 Introduction to Health Law I****3 hrs.**

This course introduces and explores areas of law dealing with the creation and maintenance of "health." It covers the major mechanisms for ensuring quality in health care and the ethical dilemmas that may result from medical treatment or other scientific interventions. Three main topics are covered: 1) the treatment relationship, 2) public health and access to care, and 3) issues of bioethics generally.

**LAW L808 Securities Regulation****2 or 3 hrs.**

This course covers federal regulation of selling, trading, and dealing in securities in accordance with the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Subject matter includes public offerings, secondary distributions, insider trading, applications of Rule 10 (b) 5, sale of corporate control, market manipulation, broker-dealer regulation, state "blue sky" laws, and attendant civil liabilities under federal and state laws.

**LAW L817 Mediation and Arbitration****3 hrs.**

This course is a survey of the various dispute resolution processes including mediation, arbitration, the mini-trial, and the summary jury trial. The overall objectives are to give students familiarity with these processes, basic skills in using them, and experience in how to help a client choose the most appropriate dispute resolution process. The class will include lectures, demonstrations, discussions, and simulations. In some years, the course may be taught as a seminar, where written work satisfying the writing requirement will replace a final examination. Students completing the course earn 3 experiential learning credits.

*Please note – this course will have priority evening student registration. Registration to all students will open on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>*

**LAW L819 Construction Industry and Sustainability****3hrs.**

This is a seminar on construction law that intertwines the growing area of sustainable construction (or "Green Building") with the standard overview of construction law. Areas that will be covered include (1) legal issues surrounding the Owner/Contract/Designer relationship; (2) project delivery systems and standard contracts; (3) construction defects and design defects (4) project defaults; (5) the role of a surety in construction; (6) claims in litigation; (7) and damages. Included in the course will be an overview of the history, goals and development of sustainable construction, the certification and rating systems, a review of standard green building contract documents, and an overview of green building litigation issues.

**LAW L821 Computer Law****2 hrs.**

This course focuses primarily on intellectual property issues relating to the creation, sale, use, and misappropriation of computer hardware and software. Patent law, copyright law, trademark

law, and related state-law doctrines affecting computer technology will be considered. The course will also address selected criminal law, antitrust, and personal privacy issues. No knowledge of computers, programming, or intellectual property law is required.

**LAW L822 Bioethics and the Law**

**3hrs.**

This course provides an overview of law in relation to ethical issues in medicine and health care. Combining aspects of tort, constitutional, administrative and criminal law, the course begins with a philosophical examination of ethical theories followed by an examination of legal arising from the patient-provider relationship, including issues of consent, confidentiality, and privacy. Subject areas to be examined include questions regarding assisted human reproduction, end-of-life and life-sustaining procedures, organ transplantation and regulation of research.

**LAW L828 Trademark, Trade Name, and Unfair Competition Law**

**3 hrs.**

This course deals with unfair competition in the marketplace and considers the remedies competitors may have against one another. Topics include trademarks, trade names, trade identity, unfair competition doctrines of passing off false advertising, misrepresentation, trade libel or disparagement and misappropriation, protection of trade secrets, the right to publicize, and interference with contractual and business relations. Emphasis is placed upon the interrelationship of federal and state regulation with some necessary reference to copyright and patent laws.

**LAW L829 Financial Institutions Law**

**3 hrs.**

The course covers principally the areas of bank formation and bank regulation. Additional topics include antitrust aspects of banking, the role of the F.D.I.C. and the Federal Reserve, and international banking.

**LAW L834 Environmental Justice**

**3 hrs.**

This course examines the distribution of benefits and burdens in environmental protection, particularly as related to race and income. We will examine facility permitting, risk assessment, administrative processes, anti-discrimination law, constitutional guarantees of civil rights and civil liberties, and community lawyering. Readings will include judicial opinions, law review articles, interdisciplinary materials, and situational case studies. Because southern Louisiana is a hotbed of environmental justice activity, the course will integrate important local issues and disputes.

**LAW L836 Real Estate Transactions**

**3 hrs.**

In this course, we will examine fundamental issues in real estate transactions, including financing, contracting, and conveyancing, with a primary focus on commercial transactions. Topics to be covered include: the structure of mortgage markets and the regulation of loan transactions; the law governing mortgages and related financing structures (such as installment land contracts and

ground leases), including foreclosure and borrower protections; construction finance; suretyship (guaranties and related contracts); recording and lien priorities; contracts for the purchase and sale of real estate; conveyancing issues; and title insurance.

**LAW L837 Land Use**

**2 hrs.**

This course explores the variety of ways in which the law attempts to resolve conflicts among land uses, as well as plan and regulate the impacts of different land use patterns. Topics include common law; state, regional, and local planning; zoning; environmental controls; growth management; historic preservation; restrictions relating to residential development; and constitutional limits on land use regulation. Throughout the course, we will explore how land-use decisions affect environmental quality and how land-use decision making addresses environmental concerns.

**LAW L840 Employment Law**

**3 hrs.**

This course examines the laws and doctrines (federal and state) that regulate and impact the employer-employee relationship. Among the topics typically explored in this course are: employment at will; employment contracts (express and implied); whistleblower and mass layoff protections; restrictive covenants and trade secrets; an introduction to federal labor law and anti-discrimination law, wage and hour laws; the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA); and applicable claim procedures, defenses, remedies, and litigation strategies.

**LAW L849 Patent Law**

**2 hrs.**

This course focuses on the means for obtaining legal protection for patentable and unpatentable inventions and for technical knowledge. Licensing and aspects of litigation affecting these rights also will be discussed.

**LAW L850 Copyright Law**

**3 hrs.**

This course consists of a detailed exploration of the protection of creative expression—literature, music, visual art, and motion pictures. While focusing primarily on the copyright act, the course also will consider those areas of patent and trademark law that overlap with copyright or form the boundaries. The challenges created by new technology, such as computers, home video recorders, and cable television will receive particular attention. Additionally, some attention will be given to related doctrines in other countries.

**LAW L858 Environmental Law**

**3 hrs.**

This is a survey course in environmental law and regulatory policy. The course considers the special character of environmental disputes and the problems that arise in developing legal rules for their resolution. The course covers several different federal environmental statutes, including laws relating to hazardous wastes, toxic substances, and air pollution. Our goal in studying these issues will be to gain a better understanding not only of particular

environmental laws and policies, but also of the processes by which the government can regulate potentially harmful activities. We will look not only at traditional regulatory mechanisms, but also at the opportunities for market and consensus solutions. The course will make frequent use of situational case studies, which will require you to think strategically about how you would solve real world problems that have confronted lawyers and policymakers.

**LAW L862 Criminal Law Seminar**

**2 hrs.**

This seminar is designed for students with a strong interest in pursuing a career in criminal law. Each week we will examine an area of criminal law through readings, class discussions, and guest speakers. The overall goal of the course is to educate future criminal law attorneys on the various aspects of the criminal justice system, including but not limited to the players involved. The course is also designed to encourage students to think critically about systematic issues in the system that can be solved by creative litigation and/or zealous representation.

**LAW L862 Criminal Law Seminar: Death Penalty**

**2 hrs.**

The American death penalty continues to be a controversial subject in our criminal justice system. In this course, students will learn how the constitution mandates that capital cases be litigated differently than any other criminal case, using Supreme Court jurisprudence, coupled with the application of these holdings in Louisiana cases. Students will also learn the practical implications of our capital system - from innocence, to cost, to the moral values to grapple with, there is much more to our capital system than just the black letter law. Finally, students will gain an understanding of how a capital case moves through the criminal justice system, giving context to the often decades long appellate process. Taught by a currently practicing capital appellate attorney. *Please note: Pending approval for fulfilling the law and poverty requirement to be considered for fall.*

**LAW L862 Criminal Law Seminar: Court Watch**

**2 hrs.**

Students will develop their practical and doctrinal understanding of how criminal trial courts operate and the purposes criminal trials serve in the community. Through direct trial observation, conversations with leading criminal justice figures in Louisiana, case and law review readings, students will also confront the key challenges in New Orleans criminal courts and brainstorm and assess possible reforms. This is a hybrid course, containing traditional law school class methods with trial court monitoring in conjunction with CourtWatch NOLA. This course requires watching court proceedings in addition to the slated class time.

**LAW L864 Admiralty I**

**3 hrs.**

This course reviews the principles of admiralty and maritime law, including statutory modifications, in the following areas: jurisdiction, the nature of in rem and in personam jurisdiction, maritime liens, the contract of affreightment and COGSA, limitation of liability, general average, the law of collision, the tug and tow relationship, and salvage.

**LAW L867 Business Planning****2 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 upon 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, division and dissolution of corporations. Students completing the course earn two experiential learning credits. *Prerequisites: LAW L746*

**LAW L868 Workers' Compensation****2 hrs.**

This course considers the Louisiana law relative to tort liability of master and servant and the Louisiana workers' compensation law.

**LAW L872 Federal Income Taxation of Corporations****2 hrs.**

This course deals with the tax problems of corporations and shareholders faced in practice with discussion and analysis of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations, cases, and rulings.

*Prerequisite: LAW L980*

**LAW L874 Federal Tax Procedure****2 hrs.**

This course deals with numerous aspects of federal tax procedure. Specifically, the course will cover administrative procedures before the Internal Revenue Service, an analysis of the statutory notice procedures, the entire spectrum of litigating a case before the United States Tax Court and the District Court, extended periods of limitations, and additions to tax and other problems that a practitioner might encounter while handling a tax case. *Prerequisite: LAW L980*

**LAW L877 Constitutional Law Seminar: Incarceration****2hrs.**

This seminar is devoted to in-depth treatment of one or more topics of current controversy in constitutional law. The exact subjects to be considered will be chosen by the instructor. Seminar members will submit term papers in completion of course requirements.

**LAW L879 Admiralty Seminar: Marine Pollution****3 hrs.**

This seminar will explore jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act, the various permits required under the CWA, an in depth study of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, damages for pollution under General Maritime Law and OPA 90, In addition, the course will cover the Marine Pollution Convention and London Protocol and the ratification of that Convention by the Act to Prevent Pollution by Ships, the enforcement of the Act and Convention by the U.S. The seminar will also explore the Refuse Act and other statutes enacted by Congress for marine pollution.

**LAW L896 Professional Seminar: Health Care Privacy****3 hrs.**

This course presents the history and framework of the health care privacy and security laws and regulations including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), HITECH and a discussion of relevant state statutes. Students will develop an in-depth understanding of the core

federal principles governing the privacy of health care information and a practical understanding of how a privacy/security program works in a health system.

**LAW L896 Professional Seminar: Protest & Civil Disobedience**

**1 hr.**

This seminar will explore how the strategies of protest and civil disobedience contribute to social movements, and the role that law plays in facilitating or disabling their use. These themes will be examined in the context of both historical and present day case studies, selected based on student interest. In addition, seminar participants may have the opportunity to provide strategic and legal support to community groups engaged in these strategies. The seminar is one-hour, credit/fail, and permission of the instructor is required. Interested students should contact Associate Dean Johanna Kalb at [jkalb@loyno.edu](mailto:jkalb@loyno.edu).

**LAW L897 Clinical Seminar- Live Client Clinic**

**5 hrs.**

Students participate in clinic orientation before the start of classes, after which they are sworn in to practice law as a Student Practitioner under the supervision of a Clinic Professor. Clinic students are assigned civil or criminal cases with jurisdiction in municipal, state, federal and/or administrative courts. Student Practitioners are expected to represent clients from the point of their case assignment through final disposition or the end of the course, whichever comes first. Representation includes, but is not be limited to, client interviews, fact investigation, informal and formal discovery, drafting and filing of pleadings, legal research, writing of fact and legal memoranda, communications with opposing counsel, court appearances, including trial and appellate work, and law office management. Student Practitioners must devote a minimum of 15 hours per week to clinic class and case work in this course.

Standard participation is two full semesters during the fall and spring semesters of the 3L year; however, certain sections of Law Clinic are offered for one semester only. For each semester of Law Clinic that a student successfully completes, he or she will earn five credit hours, letter graded, three skills credits, and five hours of experiential learning credits.

Prerequisite: *LAW L770 Lawyering III*

**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 the associate dean for academic affairs and the Loyola Law Clinic to register. This course cannot be used to satisfy the writing requirement. There is a regular classroom component. This is a pass/fail course. The extern must be willing to devote at least 12–15 hours a week to this course. Students completing the course earn experiential learning credits equivalent to the credit hours earned in the course.



Under no circumstances can a student elect any combination of course numbers LAW L846, LAW L891, LAW L893, LAW L898, or LAW L901 that would result in more than six hours. Also, under no circumstances may a student elect any combination of course numbers LAW L898, LAW L899, and LAW L900 that would result in more than six hours.

**LAW L906 Advanced Legal Research**

**3 hrs.**

This practical, skills-based course is designed to help prepare students for practice or future study by building on the research techniques presented in Lawyering I. Advanced Legal Research focuses on the effective use of electronic and print legal research tools and examines existing sources for both legal and non-legal information of interest to lawyers. Students will receive advanced training on comprehensive proprietary online research systems (Westlaw, Lexis, and Bloomberg Law), and be introduced to specialized online systems (ProQuest, BNA, and CCH Intelliconnect). This course will provide coverage of selected research subjects, including statutory research, legislative history, administrative and regulatory research, practice aids, research strategies, and various specialized areas, such as an introduction to international/foreign research sources. The focus is on the practical application of research resources in various areas, for instance compiling a legislative history, drafting a comment to a regulation, or compiling a company profile. Assessment is based on five experiential learning exercises and a final project, and students should be prepared to present their work in a professional format (both orally and in writing). Students completing the course earn three experiential learning credits.

**LAW L918 Law and Literature Seminar: Crime and Punishment in Modern Literature**

**2 hrs.**

Law and Literature Seminar: Crime and Punishment in Modern Literature will attempt to explore the role that the humanities play in our accepted concepts of crime and punishment. These concepts, so central to the practice of law and the functioning of our ordered society, have complex origins based on religion, culture, economics and utilitarianism. This course will challenge students to not consider the basis of law as static or self-evident, but rather to consider the myriad origins and perspectives that color our notions of “right” and “wrong” and, more importantly, to consider the role that the arts in general, and literature in particular, play in our evolving concepts of morality.

**LAW L924 Human Rights Advocacy Project**

**3 hrs.**

Students in the Human Rights Advocacy Project work directly with human rights non-governmental organizations on ongoing cases and projects. Examples of the projects include drafting a memorandum of law in opposition to a motion to dismiss in a case involving trafficking of child slaves; interviewing witnesses, conducting legal research, and drafting a petition to the Inter-American Commission for Human Rights on the right to safe drinking water; drafting a memorandum of law to the US Senate on a pending international treaty; writing a policy impact paper on torture in a foreign country; and petitioning the United Nations Special Rapporteur regarding the death penalty in Louisiana. In the process, students will learn the fundamental principles of international human rights law and develop critical lawyering and advocacy skills such as legal research and fact-finding methodologies; interviewing skills; legal drafting; legislative and policy analysis; project organization and time management; oral and written

advocacy; collaborative project work; and professionalism. Students completing the course earn three experiential learning credits each semester.

**LAW L930 Introduction to United States Law**

**3 hrs.**

This course is designed exclusively for students who are enrolled in the Loyola LL.M. degree program in United States Law and who have already been awarded a first degree in law (LL.B. or equivalent) from a law school outside of the United States or Canada. This course gives an overview of U.S. legal history, legal education, the legal profession, the judicial system, case law, the legislative system and statutes, secondary authority and the Restatements, civil and criminal procedure (including evidence) conflict of laws, contracts, torts, property, family law, commercial law, business enterprises, constitutional law, administrative law, trade regulation, labor law, tax law and substantive criminal law.

**LAW L932 Immigration Law Seminar**

**2 hrs.**

Students will explore problems posed by immigration and the regulation of aliens in the United States through selected readings, class discussion, and class presentations.

**LAW L933 Asylum and Refugee Law**

**3 hrs.**

This course surveys the law of asylum and related protection for those fleeing danger in their home countries through a case simulation and a set of practice-oriented exercises that include preparation of an asylum hearing memorandum. Students examine asylum and refugee law and policy in the United States, and under international law, and the legal grounds for barring individuals from asylum. There is no prerequisite for the course. Students completing the course earn three 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. Students completing the course earn three experiential learning credits. *It is strongly suggested that students have either already taken Evidence or enroll in Evidence simultaneously, but Evidence is not a requirement.*

**LAW L975 Energy Law and Policy**

**3 hrs.**

This course provides an introduction to U.S. energy law. The first part of the course introduces the nation's primary sources of energy: coal, oil, biofuels, natural gas, hydropower, nuclear, wind, solar, and geothermal energy. In this portion, we explore the physical, market, and legal structures within which these energy sources are extracted, transported, and converted into energy. The second part focuses on the two main sectors of our energy economy: electricity and transportation. The third part of the course examines hot topics in energy law, highlighting complex transitions now taking place in the energy system. In addition to textbook readings and class discussion, the course will include in-class simulated exercises.

**LAW L977 Environmental Litigation: Theory and Practice****3 hrs.**

This course enables students to engage in hands-on training and provides them with practical skills necessary for competent professional legal service in the practice of environmental law. Students will participate in weekly lectures, supplemented by pretrial and trial workshops. Through carefully designed simulation exercises, students will learn how to litigate an environmental law case from start to finish while developing a full range of practice skills such as: understanding major environmental laws and the significance of key provisions, venue, pleading, depositions, other discovery, and motions. Students will also receive instruction in relevant trial advocacy skills. The course will also briefly cover appeals and how to handle media inquiries and use media as an advocacy tool. There is a strong emphasis on experiential learning through the practice and application of basic skills in classroom exercises. The course culminates in a final simulated trial where students bring together the skills acquired throughout the semester. Students receive candid critique and feedback from the practitioners who have worked with them throughout the course. Students completing the course earn three experiential learning credits.

**LAW L980 Income Taxation****3 hrs.**

This course is an introduction to the principles of the federal taxation of income as it relates to individuals. It will focus on a number of concepts usually involving tax policy, gross income, property transactions, including gains, losses, non-recognition transactions, tax status, timing issues, deductions, credits, exemptions, and tax procedure. This subject is a bar requirement in many common law jurisdictions.

**Civil Law (LCIV)****LCIV L706 Civil Law Property I****3 hrs.**

This course introduces the civil law generally and the law of property in particular. It provides an introduction to the philosophy, structure, and methodology of the Louisiana Civil Code, as both a source of substantive law and as an embodiment of civilian legal method in the mixed jurisdiction of Louisiana. The course also serves as the introduction to basic civilian concepts of property, such as common, public, and private things, movables and immovables, ownership, and accession.

**LCIV L707 Civil Law Property II****3 hrs.**

This course builds on an introduction to the Civil Code in Civil Law Property I and covers more advanced but essential civil law property topics such as personal servitudes (including usufruct, rights of use and habitation), predial servitudes (including legal, natural, and conventional predial servitudes), boundaries, building restrictions, occupancy, possession, acquisitive prescription of movables and immovables, and dedication to public use.

**LCIV L710 Conventional Obligations I****3 hrs.**

This course treats the general provisions of the Louisiana Civil Code applicable to all contracts in Louisiana, the formation and effect of agreements, various categories of obligations and the means of their extinction.

**LCIV L715 Successions**

**3 hrs.**

This course deals essentially with intestate successions. Subjects covered include the rules of distribution, the spousal usufruct, rights of children, absent persons, the opening of successions, capacity, acceptance, renunciation, and collation.

**LCIV L810 Title Examination**

**1 hr.**

This course covers the substantive law and the technique used in the examination of titles to Louisiana immovable property. Practical problems will be presented in the description of property, the derivation of titles, and the drafting of documents conveying or encumbering immovable property.

**LCIV L900 Civil Law of Persons**

**3 hrs.**

This course covers the Louisiana law of domicile, marriage, divorce, annulment, custody and alimony, legitimacy of children, parental authority over children, adoption proceedings, minority, tutorship, emancipation, and interdiction. When taught by certain professors, this course will earn one hour of skills credit.

**LCIV L930 Community Property**

**3 hrs.**

This course concerns matrimonial regimes governing ownership and management of property of married persons in Louisiana. Characterization of property, creditors' rights, and rights between the spouses are considered in relation to the nature and background of community property systems.

**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.

**LCIVL949 Bar Prep I: Civil Law**

**3 hrs.**

Revisits fundamental principles of legal analysis in a systematic manner, building and consolidating skills needed to master the details of varied areas of law, to analyze the relationship between facts and legal rules, to identify legal issues, and to make persuasive written arguments in support of legal conclusions. Frequent written exercises and in-class examinations will be given.

## **Common Law (LCOM)**

### **LCOM L700 Contracts I**

**3 hrs.**

This course provides an introduction to contract law in the United States. Its coverage usually includes contract formation, enforceability of promises, and remedies, among other topics.

### **LCOM L715 Trusts and Estates**

**3 hrs.**

This course covers public policy and estate planning, intestacy, wills, probate and non-probate transfers, protection of spouses and children, trust administration and fiduciary duty, future interests, the rule against perpetuities, and briefly federal estate tax.

### **LCOM L920 Commercial Transactions**

**3 hrs.**

This course investigates the laws that affect the rights and obligations of parties engaged in the sale and distribution of goods. The sales contract, its formation, interpretation and performance, the risk of loss, and the remedies of the parties are emphasized. Uniform Commercial Code Article 2 receives intense scrutiny.

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**3 hrs.**

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