REVISED NIU LAW SUMMER SCHOOL SCHEDULE
Summer 2020

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the College of Law will not be holding face-to-face courses during the summer session. All courses will be conducted online, via Blackboard Collaborate Ultra or a similar platform.

There are many changes to our summer schedule, so please be sure to read over the information below. Among other things, we are cancelling both Illinois Civil Procedure and our regular clinics for the summer. But we will be adding International Business Transactions and a second session of Legal Writing and Advocacy II to the schedule, as well as a new, three-credit Covid-19 Legal Response Clinic.

Information regarding tuition for the summer session may be obtained from the Bursar’s Office. By University rule, tuition waivers (including those held by Research Assistants) may not be used for summer courses, except for tuition waivers held by Graduate Assistants.

As in recent years, there will be two largely non-overlapping summer sessions. The first session will begin on May 18 and end on July 8, but please consult the course descriptions below to ascertain the actual first and last days of class for each course, which may well be different. The second session will begin on July 9 and end on August 14, though again, consult the course descriptions for the actual first and last days of class.

Students may not be enrolled for more than 7 credit hours in a summer session. Students will be allowed to earn up to 14 credits total for summer courses, which is a modification of the College of Law’s usual rule restricting the number of summer credits to 10.

As with the current spring semester, our summer classes will be graded on the same Credit with Honors/Honors/No Credit system.

Although we anticipate holding all classes listed below, courses are subject to cancellation for low enrollment or other reasons.

Agen Program

The Agen program has been cancelled for this year.

First Summer Session

Family Law (LAW 610) (3 credits), Prof. Wendy Vaughn (remote)

Family Law will meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., for seven weeks, from May 18 to July 2. There will be no class on Memorial Day, May 25.

Exam: Wednesday, July 8, at 9:30 a.m. (remote)
Legal Writing and Advocacy II (Law 701.1) (2 credits), Prof. Jay Streitz (remote)

Legal Writing and Advocacy II is normally required of all rising 2L students in the fall of their second year of law school. Students may complete this requirement early by taking the summer session offering of the course. It will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays, from noon to 1:50 p.m., for seven weeks, from May 18 to July 1. There will no class on Memorial Day, May 25.

Exam: There is no final examination for this course, but a final “argument” will be scheduled with your professor for the week of July 6.

Health Law (LAW 674) (3 credits), Prof. Meredith Stange (remote)

Health Law will meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., for seven weeks, from May 18 to July 2. There will be no class on Memorial Day, May 25.

Exam: Monday, July 6, at 2:30 p.m. (remote)

Entertainment Law (LAW 654) (3 credits), Prof. Yolanda King (online)

Entertainment Law will be offered in an asynchronous manner with no set meeting time. Assignments and due dates will be arranged with Dean King. The course runs for about seven weeks, from May 18 to July 2.

Exam: Tuesday, July 7, at 9:30 a.m. (remote)

Second Summer Session

Criminal Procedure: Adjudication (LAW 602) (3 credits), Prof. Maybell Romero (remote)

Criminal Procedure: Adjudication will meet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.. The course runs for about five weeks, from July 10 to August 10.

Exam: Friday, August 14, at 1:00 p.m. (remote)

International Business Transactions (LAW 694) (3 credits), Prof. Heidi Kuehl (remote)

International Business Transactions ("IBT") will be offered in an asynchronous manner with no set meeting time. Assignments and due dates will be arranged with Professor Kuehl. The course runs for six weeks, from July 9 to August 11.
Exam: Friday, August 14, at 1:30 p.m. (remote)

Legal Writing and Advocacy II (Law 701.2) (2 credits), Prof. Meredith Stange (remote)

Legal Writing and Advocacy II is normally required of all rising 2L students in the fall of their second year of law school. Students may complete this requirement early by taking the summer session offering of the course. It will meet on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 10:00 to 11:50 a.m., for seven weeks, from June 23 to August 7. There will be no class on July 3.

Because of significant overlap across the summer sessions, students who are enrolled in this section of Legal Writing and Advocacy II may enroll in at most only one course during the first summer session.

Exam: There is no final examination for this course, but a final “argument” will be scheduled with your professor for the week of August 10.

Professional Responsibility (LAW 643) (2 credits), Prof. Brian Shore (remote)

Professional Responsibility (“PR”) is presently scheduled to meet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., for about five weeks, from July 9 to August 7. While the course is likely to be offered in substantial part in an asynchronous manner, for now students should assume that it will meet on the days set forth here.

Exam: Wednesday, August 12, at 9:30 a.m. (remote)

Advanced Legal Research: Illinois Law (LAW 732) (2 credits), Prof. Therese Clarke Arado (remote)

Advanced Legal Research will be offered as an online, asynchronous course with no set meeting time. Assignments and due dates will be arranged with Professor Clarke Arado. The course runs for about six weeks, from July 9 to August 14.

Exam: There is no in-person final examination for this course.

Summer Experiential Courses

Clinics

Regular clinic courses have been cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, we will be offering a new clinic opportunity during the first summer session:
NIU Law Covid-19 Legal Response Clinic (LAW 825) (3 credits), Profs. Paul Cain, Wendy Vaughn, and Colleen Boraca (remote)

In order to provide law students with a meaningful clinical experience and an opportunity to provide much-needed legal assistance to our community, the College of Law is offering a Covid-19 Legal Response Clinic. The course will be led by the entire clinical faculty. In order to comply with social distancing requirements, students will not have the opportunity to meet with clients, appear in court, or otherwise engage in face-to-face interactions. But students will have the opportunity to assist clients in other ways. There will be criminal justice, civil justice, and health advocacy components to the clinic. We anticipate students will work on a variety of matter, including:

- Advising survivors of intimate partner violence, sexual assault, or stalking who contact our clinical program directly or are referred by partner agencies. Other possibilities include advising survivors through the the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence Virtual Legal Clinic
- Advising seniors, disabled adults, and other individuals regarding Powers of Attorney and/or a Last Will and Testament.
- Working through the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers’ Compassionate Release Program on behalf of clients, and assisting on other legal matters.
- Advising Hesed House clients, including by making referrals to other legal organizations.
- Advising community members referred through the Public Interest Law Initiative COVID-19 Illinois Free Legal Answers Taskforce, if possible.
- Preparing community education materials.
- Responding to calls from potential clients.

Other legal issues will likely fall within the ambit of the clinic, to be determined by the clinical faculty.

The clinic will be in operation during the first summer session for seven weeks, from May 18 to July 5. Students will participate in two virtual classroom meetings per week, on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00 to 10:40 a.m. In addition, students should expect to spend another eight hour per week on virtual “fieldwork.”

Successful completion of the Covid-19 Legal Response Clinic will satisfy the College of Law’s experiential learning graduation requirement, even though it is worth three credits instead of the usual four.

Prerequisites: (1) 711 License (requires completion of 45 credit hours and submission of a 711 application form; (2) Lawyering Skills; and (3) Professional Responsibility. Students’ field work schedules will be arranged in consultation with Professors Cain, Vaughn and Boraca.

Externships (3 or 4 credits), Judge Jack O’Malley (remote)
Criminal Law Externship (LAW 850)    Athletic Law Externship (LAW 853)
Judicial Externship (LAW 851)    Business Law Externship (LAW 855)
Civil Law Externship (LAW 852)

The externship program is still scheduled to run during the Summer. Students may enroll in either the first or second summer session. Given the need to coordinate with employers’ schedules, overlap is permissible. All work must be done remotely. Judge O’Malley has sole discretion to determine the feasibility of any proposed placements and urges you to be creative and is available to help.

Summer externships for academic credit are available only to rising 3Ls. All externships include a one hour per week review session with Judge O’Malley.

Externship placements require 168 hours of “field” work. Externs must work a minimum of 16 hours per week for seven weeks. The additional 56 hours may be worked at any time during those seven weeks. Many students work more than the minimum. Work schedules will be determined by agreement between the student and the employer subject to approval of Judge O’Malley. You cannot begin earning credit for work at your placement until May 18, and must conclude by August 14. Because of the nature of the time commitment, the opportunity to work at your externship will likely extend over both summer sessions, but it is possible to complete an externship in just seven weeks.

You may not register yourself for an externship. Instead, review the externship web page carefully and then follow the directions to apply. Upon approval of your application you will automatically be registered. Contact Judge O’Malley if you have questions.

The one hour weekly review with Judge O’Malley will be at noon on Wednesdays, with additional meeting opportunities throughout the summer.