

## Selected Course Descriptions/Information for Spring 2019

This document provides a description for some courses (like seminars) that aren't described in the online course catalog, or for which we'd like to provide you some additional information.

### Seminar Descriptions

**900. Law and Technology** (3 credits). This seminar course will expose students to the variety of uses of technology in legal practice as articulated in the most recent study of attorneys via the ABA Legal Technology Survey Report. During our seminar meetings, students will learn how legal technology is quickly transforming the practice of law and is rapidly becoming a game-changing factor when setting up, maintaining, or managing a legal practice. Topics to be discussed will include: legal informatics, project management, e-discovery, social media, cloud computing, data security, courtroom and litigation software, virtual practice and mobile lawyers, online research, document collaboration, presentation and courtroom technologies, encryption apps and metadata, ethical considerations for technology in legal practice, billing, and document automation to increase the efficiency and profitability of law firms.

**905. North Korea** (3 credits). North Korea combines the worst human rights situation in the world with one of the most menacing security threats. This interdisciplinary seminar explores these dual crises. It addresses legal aspects while seeking to bring to light the real-life impact on fellow human beings. The course will delve into the narrative side of the crises, as well as their intersection with international criminal, humanitarian and human rights law. While North Korea is *sui generis* in ways, it also parallels other regimes historically and currently. As such, lessons from North Korea may be applied more broadly. This seminar counts towards completion of the International Law Certificate.

**918. Judicial Policy Making and U.S. Legal Institutions in Comparative Perspective.** In this seminar, we will study cause-based, high impact, public interest litigation - including suits to advance civil liberties, women's rights, labor rights, same-sex marriage, and environmental and health protection - and attempt to identify the conditions for successful and unsuccessful litigation campaigns and judicial policy making. The focus here is on U.S. litigation and judicial policy making but includes comparisons to Britain, Canada, and India. We will also attempt to understand the distinctive features of the U.S. legal system that give courts, lawyers, and litigation a uniquely prominent role in shaping public policy by comparing our civil, criminal, and regulatory systems to those found in other places, including Brazil, Britain, the European Union, Japan, and Mexico.

### Notes on Other Courses

**640. Business Associations I** (4 credits). This is a reminder that "Corporations" will no longer be offered at the College of Law. Instead, the fundamental offering for business law is now

Business Associations I, which covers agency, as well as general partnerships and corporations (including close corporations and public corporations) in detail. It also provides an introduction to LLCs and LLPs. This course is designed as a comprehensive introduction to other business courses and as a survey that will help prepare all students for the bar exam. Any elective courses for which Corporations was a pre- or co-requisite will, as of the start of the current academic year, instead have Business Associations I as a pre- or co-requisite (though of course students who took Corporations last year may use that course as the pre- or co-requisite). Any student may take Business Associations I *except* students who have taken Corporations.

**676. Bar Fundamentals Workshop** (2 credits). All current students must take the Bar Fundamentals Workshop in spring of their third year. Students who ranked in the top quarter of the class at the end of the spring semester of their 2L year may waive out of the requirement if they choose, but are strongly encouraged to enroll on a voluntary basis.

**725. Trial Advocacy** (3 credits). This course meets twice a week. There are two sections of the course. All students in each section will be enrolled in a common classroom session that meets Tuesdays from 1:00 to 2:15 p.m. When you enroll, you must select one weekly courtroom session—*either* the section that meets on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:40 p.m. *or* the section that meets on Thursdays from 12:30 to 2:10 p.m. Please be sure to add your name to the waitlist of enrollment fills up! There is an excellent chance we will open up another section *if* there is an appreciable number of students who are on the waitlist.

### **Mandatory Bar Courses**

As noted in the covering email, all students whose GPA was lower than 2.60 at the end of the spring semester of their 1L year must take and pass six “bar courses” before graduating:

- Business Associations I (offered in fall and spring);
- Evidence (offered in fall and spring);
- Secured Transactions (offered in fall);
- Criminal Procedure: Police Investigations (offered in spring);
- Family Law (offered in spring); and
- Trusts & Estates (offered in spring).

*This requirement must be met by students who matriculated in fall 2017 and later. In other words, current 3Ls will not be required to have taken all of these courses in order to graduate.*