

## NIU LAW SUMMER SCHOOL SCHEDULE Summer 2021

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

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, non-overlapping summer sessions. The first session will begin on Monday, May 17 and end on Wednesday, July 7, but please consult the course descriptions below to ascertain the actual first and last days of class for each course, which will likely be different. The second session will begin on Thursday, July 8 and end on Friday, August 13, 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, and students may receive no more than 10 credits total for summer courses.

Shopping carts should be available sometime during the day on Wednesday, March 24. Registration will be open for students beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 31. Although the College of Law anticipates holding all classes listed below, courses are subject to cancellation for low enrollment.

### Agen Program

The Agen program has been cancelled for this year.

### First Summer Session

**Family Law** (LAW 610) (3 credits), Prof. Wendy Vaughn (synchronous online)

Family Law will meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., for seven weeks, from May 17 to July 1. There will be no class on Memorial Day, May 31.

**Exam:** Wednesday, July 7 at 9:30 a.m. (online)

**Entertainment Law** (LAW 654) (3 credits), Assoc. Dean Yolanda King (asynchronous online)

Entertainment Law will be offered as an asynchronous course with no set meeting time. Assignments and due dates will be arranged with Associate Dean King. The course runs for seven weeks, from May 17 to July 1.

**Exam:** Tuesday, July 6 at 9:30 a.m. (online)

**Legal Writing and Advocacy II (LAW 701) (2 credits), Prof. Sandra Kupelian (synchronous online)**

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 of the course. It will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays, from noon to 1:50 p.m., for seven weeks, from May 17 to June 30. There will be no class on Memorial Day, May 31.

**Exam:** There is no final examination for this course, but a final “argument” will be scheduled with Professor Kupelian for the week of July 5.

**Legal Writing and Advocacy II (LAW 701) (2 credits), Prof. Jay Streitz (synchronous online)**

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 of the course. It will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays, from noon to 1:50 p.m., for seven weeks, from May 17 to June 30. There will be no class on Memorial Day, May 31.

**Exam:** There is no final examination for this course, but a final “argument” will be scheduled with Professor Streitz for the week of July 5.

### **Second Summer Session**

**Professional Responsibility (LAW 643) (3 credits), Prof. Michael Burns (synchronous online)**

Professional Responsibility will meet on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., for just over four weeks, from July 8 to August 9.

**Exam:** Thursday, August 12 at 1:00 p.m. (online)

**Federal Courts (LAW 661) (3 credits), Prof. Marc Falkoff (asynchronous online)**

Federal Courts will be offered as an asynchronous course with no set meeting time. Assignments and due dates will be arranged with Professor Falkoff. The course runs for just over four weeks, from July 8 to August 10.

**Exam:** Friday, August 13 at 9:30 a.m. (online)

**Health Law (LAW 674) (3 credits), Prof. Meredith Stange (synchronous online)**

Health Law will meet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., for just over four weeks, from July 8 to August 9.

**Exam:** Thursday, August 12 at 9:30 a.m. (online)

### **Summer Experiential Courses**

#### **Clinics**

Regular clinic courses have been cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the College of Law will be offering the COVID-19 Legal Response Clinic during the first summer session only.

**NIU Law COVID-19 Legal Response Clinic (LAW 825)** (3 credits), Profs. Paul Cain, Wendy Vaughn, and Colleen Boraca (synchronous online)

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 matters, 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 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 Heshed 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 17 to July 2. Students will participate in two virtual classroom meetings per week, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:00 to 2:40 p.m. In addition, students should expect to spend another eight hours 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 credits.

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

**Externships** (4 credits), Asst. Dean Greg Anderson (synchronous online)

**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 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. Assistant Dean Anderson has sole discretion to determine the feasibility of any proposed placements, urges you to be creative, and is available for help.

Summer externships for academic credit are available only to rising 3L students. All externships include a one hour per week review session with Assistant Dean Anderson.

Externship placements require 168 hours of "fieldwork." Student externs must work 24 hours per week for seven weeks. Many students work more than the minimum. Work schedules will be determined by agreement between you and the employer, subject to approval by Assistant Dean Anderson. You cannot begin earning credit for work at your placement until May 17 and must conclude August 13. 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. To register for an externship, you must contact Assistant Dean Anderson, complete an [externship application form](#), and confirm that you have completed the required courses, Introduction to Lawyering Skills and Professional Responsibility, prior to enrollment in an externship.

The one-hour classroom component for summer externships will meet online weekly on Tuesdays at 5p.m., with additional meeting opportunities throughout the summer. Please contact Assistant Dean Anderson for more information.