

TOURO LAW CENTER: COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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The following is an alphabetical listing of all required and elective courses. Courses marked with a single asterisk are only offered periodically or in response to student demand. Courses marked with two asterisks are offered as part of Touro's summer programs in Russia, India, China, and Germany.

Accounting for Lawyers **2 credits Law 712**

This course provides an accounting background for students who plan to work in corporate, financial, and tax areas. Emphasis is placed on the methods used to produce statements of income and financial descriptions of assets and liabilities, with a view to developing the requisite skills for interpreting financial statements. *(No prerequisite)*

Administrative Law **3 credits Law 792**

This course examines the nature and scope of the power of administrative agencies and the restraints on administrative power imposed by the Constitution, statutes, and common law. Topics covered include the delegation of power to administrative agencies, administrative investigations, the right to be heard, formal and informal decision-making processes and procedures, administrative adjudication and rulemaking, and judicial review of administrative actions. *(No prerequisite)*

Admiralty Law* **2 credits Law 738**

This course presents an overview of admiralty and maritime law of the United States, including its origin, growth, and practice in the U.S. Courts, as well as its relationship to international practice. The major substantive areas of coverage are maritime liens, rights of seamen and maritime workers (recovery for personal injury and death), marine insurance, salvage, collision, general average, carriage of goods, and protection of the marine environment. Key aspects of the Law of the Sea are also discussed. *(No prerequisite)*

Advanced Family Law **2 credits Law 966**

This seminar offers an opportunity for in-depth study of selected subjects in the areas of divorce, separation, and child welfare. The substantive focus of the class is dictated, in part, by the interests of those involved. *(Prerequisite: Family Law)*

Advanced Legal Research **2 credits Law 606**

This course reviews traditional, non-computerized legal research, including Reporters, Digests, Encyclopedias, Restatements, and secondary materials. In addition, it stresses the use of computer-assisted legal research and the use of non-legal resources. As a course in library skills training, it is intended to help students develop confidence in their research capabilities. *(Prerequisites: Legal Process I & II)*

Advanced Persuasive Writing **2 credits Law 751**

This course will provide legal writers with specific techniques for improving the persuasive impact of their written and oral arguments, and introduce students to the hidden world of powerful forces underlying effective persuasion. The techniques presented are based on theoretical principles of human nature that have been identified in other disciplines such as classical rhetoric, psychology, and literary theory. *(No prerequisite)*

Advanced Trial Practice **3 credits Law 806**

Using the Federal Courthouse as a "laboratory," this course provides in-depth and sophisticated training in effective litigation, building on the substance of Trial Practice. Topics include pre-trial motions, jury selection, opening and closing arguments, direct and cross examination, expert testimony, the art of objecting, use of trial notebooks, and technology in the courtroom. *(Prerequisites: Evidence, Trial Practice)*

Advanced Writing Requirement Workshop **1 credit Law 718**

This writing workshop is offered to assist students completing the Advanced Writing Requirement. The workshop will meet once each week and will introduce students to scholarly legal writing and the ways in which it differs from the practice documents students draft in Legal Process and the Intermediate Skills courses. It will also provide a refresher on fundamental principles of writing, legal research, and legal citation. The course is graded on a pass/fail basis. *(No prerequisite)*

American Legal History **3 credits Law 731**

This survey course of American legal history, from the Colonial period through the modern era, focuses on the evolution of legal institutions in the United States. It explores developments in both public and private law, with attention to some of America's greatest jurists and most celebrated cases. *(No prerequisite)*

American Legal Studies **3 credits Law 733**

This is a New York bar examination preparatory course, focusing on the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) subject areas of Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law, Evidence, Property, and Torts. Intended to supplement commercial bar review courses, this course provides instruction on strategies for answering multiple choice questions and bar examination essays. *(No prerequisite; open only to students in their final semester of study)*

American Legal Studies Practicum **1 credits Law 734**

This seminar supplements American Legal Studies and provides intensive instruction to maximize students' success in answering bar examination questions. The practicum provides hands-on practice and regular feedback. *(Corequisite: American Legal Studies; open only to students in their final semester of study)*

Antitrust Law* **3 credits Law 654**

This course focuses on the Sherman Act, Clayton Act, Robinson Patman Act, Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvement Act, and related legislation regarding the regulation of trade and protection of competition. Students also consider an economic analysis of American antitrust law as applied in various areas of industry. *(No prerequisite)*

Appellate Advocacy **3 credits Law 708**

This seminar integrates substantive procedure with the practice of appellate litigation. The focus of the class is to prepare an appellate brief and an oral argument. Individual sessions emphasize the central problems of appellate litigation, including practice in the federal and New York appellate courts, appealability, reviewability, scope of appellate review, advocacy, brief writing, oral argument, and opinion writing. *(No prerequisite)*

Bio-Medical Ethics **2 credits Law 950**

This seminar addresses the legal, philosophical, and social issues associated with the delivery of health care—in particular, the effects of recent technological advances. Topics of discussion include the right to refuse treatment, the rights of incompetents and mental patients, medical research and experimentation, genetic engineering, surrogacy, and allocation of medical resources. *(No prerequisite)*

- Business, Law & Technology Clinic** **5 credits Law 789**
This clinic is designed to give students insight into law practice representing technology-enabled organizations and to provide hands-on experience in the varied and complex skills required to practice law. Working 12 to 15 per week, students are assigned to private law firms and corporate law departments, where they focus on intellectual property, e-commerce, licensing and joint ventures, privacy, and general corporate law. There is also a weekly seminar, which provides instruction in the relevant law and a forum for exchanging experiences and thoughts about practice in this substantive area. (*Prerequisite/Corequisite: Professional Responsibility and at least one of the following—Computer Law, Cybercrime, Cyberlaw, Intellectual Property, Patent Law, Patent Litigation, Patent Practice, Privacy in the Digital Age, Selected Topics in Corporate Law: Garage to IPO.*)
- Business Organizations I** **3 credits Law 770**
This required course introduces students to the law of agency, partnership, limited partnership, joint ventures, limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships, and other forms of business enterprise. It also provides an introduction to the formation and financing of the corporation and a close examination of the New York Business Corporation Law. Emphasis is placed on the choice of business form; capital structure and sale of stock under the relevant federal and state law; management; the role of enterprise in society; and issues concerning the closely held corporation. (*Required*)
- Business Organizations II** **2 credits Law 771**
This course expands the coverage of Business Organizations I by examining further the rights and duties of corporate officers, directors, and shareholders; corporate fiduciary duties; the federal regulation of publicly held corporations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (including proxy, tender offer, annual reporting, insider trading, and anti-fraud materials); shareholder class and derivative litigation; mergers and acquisitions; and sale of corporate control. (*Prerequisite: Business Organizations I*)
- Business Organizations Practice Module** **2 credits Law 677P**
The practice module is a simulation course that teaches practice skills and utilizes the principles and methodology of experiential learning. Students meet with hypothetical clients and assist them in selecting the appropriate form of business enterprise and in preparing partnership, corporate, and other business documents. (*Prerequisite/corequisite: Business Organizations I*)
- Business Planning*** **3 credits Law 768**
This course offers a detailed analysis of problems encountered in the ownership and control of business, based upon the interaction of contract, corporate, tax, and securities law. With special consideration to the counseling role of an attorney, students are presented with a series of client-suggested transactions on proposed ownership/control changes and asked to determine the most appropriate means of obtaining the result(s) desired. (*Prerequisite: Business Organizations I*)
- Child Welfare Seminar** **2 credits Law 961**
This seminar provides a comprehensive review of New York Family Court Act (NYFCA) Article 10, which permits state intervention in family matters to protect children and to deal with parental/ caretaker conduct that causes harm to children. Students also address juvenile delinquency, persons in need of supervision, and family offenses under NYFCA. (*No prerequisite*)
- China's Legal Traditions**** **2 credits Law 720**
This seminar explores Chinese legal philosophy from ancient to modern times through a range of jurisprudential outlooks, including Confucianism and Marxism-Leninism. (*No prerequisite*)
- Civil Dispute Resolution and Procedure I & II** **2 credits Law 671**
3 credits Law 672
Civil Dispute Resolution and Procedure uses basic rules of civil procedure as the foundation for exposing students to a problem-solving approach and to forms of dispute resolution beyond traditional litigation. The course comprises an introduction to legal procedures, sources of law, and an overview of dispute resolution methods, from the least formal (negotiation) to the most formal (litigation). (*Required*)
- Civil Practice Clinic** **5 credits Law 897**
This clinic emphasizes practice skills in a format that combines a field placement with a weekly seminar. Students work approximately 12 to 15 hours per week in private law firms, corporate law departments, government legal offices, or non-profit/public interest legal groups. Students' responsibilities include attending court, administrative proceedings and business transactions; interviewing, negotiating, and counseling; and researching and drafting pleadings and memoranda. They are also required to submit a weekly journal. The seminar component focuses on skills training, but also provides a forum for students to discuss issues arising in their field placements. (*Suggested prerequisite: Professional Responsibility*)
- Civil Procedure Survey** **2 credits Law 627S**
This survey course examines the relationship between procedural and substantive law in civil litigation under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Topics include jurisdiction, pleadings, motions, discovery, and finality of litigation. (*LL.M. only*)
- Civil Rights Litigation Clinic I & II** **3 credits Law 892**
3 credits Law 894
This clinic offers hands-on experience litigating civil rights claims on behalf of individuals currently or formerly confined to psychiatric facilities. Under close faculty supervision, students handle precedent-setting cases relating to the confinement, care, and treatment of individuals deemed to be mentally ill. The clinic prepares students for all types of litigation and trains them to interview clients, investigate and develop facts, draft pleadings and discovery documents, and research and write briefs. The course requires a minimum 10 hours' clinical work in addition to a weekly three-hour seminar. (*Prerequisite/Corequisite: Disability Law*)
- Civil Rights Litigation Seminar** **3 credits Law 902**
In exploring current Section 1983 case law, this seminar demonstrates the evolution of judicial doctrine in the context of civil rights. Primary emphasis is given to the interaction of substantive and procedural law in righting governmental wrongs by litigation. In addition to examining the scope of citizens' rights protected by the Constitution and federal statutes, the class covers the role, impact, and interplay of governmental immunity, federal-state relations, discovery, evidence, attorney's fees, damages, and remedies separate from those available under Section 1983. (*Prerequisites: Constitutional Law I & II*)

Comparative Individual Liberties:**Gender, Race, and Speech******2 credits Law 905**

From a comparative law perspective, this seminar analyzes three distinct sets of issues: women and the law; affirmative action; and speech and censorship. Throughout readings on Indian and U.S. law, particular emphasis is placed on how cultural conditions shape a society's approach to similar struggles. *(No prerequisite)*

Comparative Law**3 credits Law 605**

This course provides an overview of the legal systems of other nations, with an emphasis on the so-called Civil Law systems that exist in nearly every jurisdiction whose development was not influenced by English common law. In exploring sources of law, methods of interpretation, and legal institutions, the course promotes an understanding of the context in which foreign legal rules operate in order to determine their actual function. *(No prerequisite)*

Complex Litigation**3 credits Law 826**

This course will explore the theory and practice of complex litigation - primarily class action litigation - in the United States. Although structured as a class about civil procedure, the course in fact cuts across a number of fields, including constitutional law, judicial administration, and legal ethics. Topics covered during the semester include intervention and joinder; class action practice; multi-district litigation practice; jurisdiction; choice of law; discovery; and preclusion. There will be a take-home final examination. *(Prerequisite: Civil Dispute Resolution & Procedure I & II)*

Computer Law**2 credits Law 816**

Examining the impact of the computer and computer applications on the law and on the legal profession, this course considers issues created by burgeoning computer applications, such as privacy, antitrust, and criminal law enforcement, as well as computer-oriented problems, such as computer software intellectual property considerations. *(No prerequisite)*

Conflict of Laws**3 credits Law 656**

This course presents an overview of the major problems that arise in civil cases with multi-jurisdictional aspects (e.g., where parties or events are linked to different states): jurisdiction of courts, recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments, and choice of law. Such problems arise within the U.S., due to the existence of fifty co-equal states; however, problems also arise in very similar forms when the conflicting laws are those of different nations. *(Prerequisites: Civil Dispute Resolution and Procedure I & II)*

Constitutional Law I & II**2 credits Law 636****4 credits Law 637**

The first part of this course addresses constitutional doctrines involving the three branches of the federal government and their relationships with one another and with state and local authority; the second part analyzes individual constitutionally protected rights of due process, equal protection, affirmative action, privacy, freedom of religion, and freedom of speech. *(Required)*

Constitutional Law Survey**2 credits Law 634S**

This course provides a survey of current constitutional law, including the three branches of the federal government, the powers of the U.S. Supreme Court, congressional regulation of judicial power, and basic constitutional provisions. *(LL.M. only)*

Consumer Law***3 credits Law 702**

This course focuses on areas of the law that affect consumers: consumer credit (availability, rates, and credit reporting); sales abuses (false advertising, in-home solicitation, non-performance); debt collection practices; factoring of commercial paper; harassment; security agreements; small claims courts; government consumer protection agencies; and possible civil or criminal actions. *(No prerequisite)*

Contracts I & II**3 credits Law 610****3 credits Law 611**

This course provides a two-semester study of the general scope of the legal protection given to contracts. Coverage includes the formation of contracts, mistake, statute of frauds, parol evidence rule, commercial impracticability, misrepresentation, illegality, contract interpretation, economic duress, conditions, breach of contract, damages and other remedies, third-party beneficiaries, assignments, and delegations of contractual duties. *(Required)*

Contracts Survey**2 credits Law 687S**

This course provides a survey of the legal protections given to contracts (including their formation, breach, and remedies for breach), as well as third-party beneficiaries, assignment, and delegation. *(LL.M. only)*

Corporate Finance***3 credits Law 664**

This course exposes students to legal materials in the areas of enterprise valuation, capitalization, and reorganization (including corporate debt and dividend policy), as well as mergers and acquisitions. Students discuss readings in financial and management theory as they relate to legal restraints on financial decision-making. Students also analyze investment decision-making, with particular emphasis on alternatives in financing expansion of plant and equipment through fund sources within the corporation and through external fundraising by selling equity and debt. *(Prerequisite: Business Organizations I)*

Corporate Taxation**3 credits Law 782**

This course provides a study of the fundamental principles of federal corporate taxation. The emphasis is on relations between corporations and their shareholders in such areas as capitalization, distributions, redemptions, liquidations, and reorganizations. The course concludes with an introduction to partnership/Limited Liability Company (LLC) taxation. *(Prerequisite: Federal Income Tax; suggested prerequisite Business Organizations I)*

Creditors' Rights**3 credits Law 750**

This course details the rights and obligations of debtors and creditors. The principal focus is on personal bankruptcy, but coverage also includes judicial repossession, attachments and executions, non-judicial rights against property, liens, fraudulent conveyances, debt collection practices, and constitutional law as it relates to debtors' and creditors' rights. *(Prerequisite/Corequisite: Secured Transactions or permission of professor)*

Criminal Law Clinic**5 credits Law 895**

Using the criminal justice system as a paradigm, clinic students analyze how legal systems and institutions function. Students work approximately 12 to 15 hours per week at a District Attorney's or Public Defender's Office, under the supervision of the clinic's director and an attorney at the field placement. They handle cases by investigating, interviewing, researching, drafting, and briefwriting, as well as by assisting at hearings and at trials. Students are required to keep diaries, which they discuss in the weekly seminars. Class discussions are based upon readings,

simulations, and students' experiences at their placements, with particular scrutiny of the political, social, economic, and psychological factors that frequently determine the outcome of criminal prosecutions. (*Prerequisite: Criminal Law I; suggested prerequisite: Professional Responsibility*)

Criminal Law I **3 credits Law 617**

This course examines substantive criminal law both in its common law and modern statutory forms. Topics covered include culpability required for criminal responsibility (minimum conduct, voluntariness, etc.); exculpatory doctrines and defenses (duress, insanity, mistake, etc.); homicide, rape, and other criminal acts; and domestic violence. The course also explores the problems associated with imposition of criminal sanctions, as well as reasons for and appropriateness of particular punishments, including the death penalty. (*Required*)

Criminal Law II **3 credits Law 618**

Building upon Criminal Law I, this seminar focuses on the elements of specific crimes, including robbery, assault, rape, burglary, larceny, receipt and possession of stolen property, and sale and possession of drugs. Students also examine such topics as the insanity defense, criminal responsibility and punishment of juveniles, white-collar crimes and criminals, and victims' rights. (*Prerequisite: Criminal I*)

Criminal Procedure **3 credits Law 621**

This survey course covers the constitutional law governing criminal procedure from arrest to trial, including right to counsel, arrest, searches, wiretapping, electronic eavesdropping, entrapment, interrogation and confession, lineups, showups, other pre-trial identification procedures, and grand jury investigations. (*Prerequisite: Criminal Law I*)

Criminal Procedure Practice Module **2 credits Law 633P**

The practice module is a simulation course that teaches practice skills and utilizes the principles and methodology of experiential learning. Students deal with hypothetical situations common in criminal prosecution and defense work, and research and draft documents such as informations, indictments, search warrant applications, pre-trial motions, motions to suppress evidence and other documents frequently used in criminal practice. (*Prerequisite/corequisite: Criminal Procedure*)

Cybercrime **2 credits Law 819**

This course provides a detailed look at the impact of computers and the Internet on different aspects of criminal law and practice. Topics include jurisdiction; international cybercrime laws and enforcement; malicious hacking; virus creation and distribution; traditional crimes (fraud, theft) utilizing computers and networks; terrorism (both cyberterrorism and traditional terrorist networks using computers for their operations); and electronic discovery and computer forensics. (*No prerequisite*)

Cyberlaw **2 credits Law 817**

This course explores the intersection of law and the Internet, including such topics as jurisdiction, intellectual property, privacy, cybercrime, international law, spam, and e-commerce. (*No prerequisite*)

Disability Law **2 credits Law 774**

This course provides an overview of the rights of individuals with mental and/or physical disabilities—whether confined to an institution or residing in the community. Subjects covered include the authority of the state to confine and to treat mentally disabled

individuals; the role of anti-discrimination laws, including the Americans With Disabilities Act; the educational rights of handicapped children; and the legal status of persons with HIV/AIDS. (*No prerequisite*)

Drafting Commercial Documents **2 credits Law 743**

This seminar involves discussion, negotiation, and drafting of business agreements. Documents might include a sale or distribution agreement; loan and security agreements; an intellectual property license; a technology evaluation and development agreement; or employment, consulting, or confidentiality agreements. (*Prerequisites: Sales or Secured Transactions; suggested prerequisites: Intellectual Property, Patent Law, Computer Law, or Entertainment Law; or permission of professor*)

Education Law **3 credits Law 790**

This course offers a survey of the legal issues that arise in the school context with respect to both students and teachers. The topics considered may include compulsory attendance laws; residency requirements; control of the curriculum by parents and teachers; sex, age, and race classification; students' and teachers' procedural and substantive due process rights; teachers' collective bargaining rights; equality in public school financing; ability grouping of students and special education; religion in school; and state aid to private religious schools. (*No prerequisite*)

Elder Law **2 credits Law 913**

This course examines the laws and social institutions that impact the aging population, with particular attention to issues of inter-generational justice, justification for special protection and programs for the elderly, as well as ethical dilemmas for professionals assisting them. Topics covered include guardianship, conservatorship, and planning for incapacity; financing and delivery of health care, plus related decision-making; nursing homes; elder abuse; Medicare and Medicaid; Social Security; protection of private pensions; and age discrimination. (*No prerequisite*)

Elder Law Clinic **5 credits Law 896**

This clinic introduces students to the special challenges of practicing law on behalf of the elderly. Under faculty supervision, students work 12 to 15 hours per week, providing advice and representation to senior clients in a wide range of legal matters. Emphasis is placed on the role of lawyers in the larger context of social, supportive, and advocacy services for the elderly and the role of communities in protecting rights and enhancing the life of the aging population. The clinic includes a weekly seminar, which brings an interdisciplinary approach through insights from the fields of sociology, gerontology, psychology, and health-facilities administration. While the focus is on serving elderly clients, students learn and practice a range of the skills required of lawyers. (*Prerequisite: Elder Law; suggested prerequisite/corequisite: Professional Responsibility*)

Employment Discrimination Law **3 credits Law 776**

This course covers basic principles of employment discrimination law and examines theories of violation, methods of proof, administrative and judicial procedures, remedies, and litigation strategies. Students examine Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, as well as other federal and state statutes dealing with workplace discrimination based upon race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, and sexual orientation. (*No prerequisite*)

Employment Law**3 credits Law 777**

This course addresses the law governing the employment relationship, with particular attention to relevant contract and tort doctrines that apply to employment relationships. Coverage includes such subjects as regulation of wages, hours, benefits, and pensions; workers' compensation; unemployment compensation; family and medical leave; employee privacy in areas such as polygraphs, drug testing, and background checks; trade secrets and covenants not to compete; employee ownership of work product; occupational safety and health; and plant closings and downsizing. *(No prerequisite)*

Entertainment Law**3 credits Law 714**

This course examines the kinds of agreements commonly used in the entertainment field, including those between movie studio or television company and artist, between producer and artist, and between business manager and artist. Industry structure and rights acquisition are also considered. *(No prerequisite)*

Environmental Law**3 credits Law 794**

This course explores the statutory, administrative agency, and judicial responses to conflicting demands placed upon the environment. Topics covered include consequences of and protections against pollution, liability for disposal of hazardous substances, and preservation of natural resources. *(No prerequisite)*

Estate and Gift Taxation**3 credits Law 783**

This course analyses problems encountered in the application of the estate and gift tax provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, including taxable gifts, exclusions, valuations, and credits; gross estate; transfers with retained powers; deductions and credits; the generation skipping tax; and transfer tax reform. *(Prerequisites: Trusts and Estates and Federal Income Tax)*

Estate and Trust Administration**2 credits Law 785**

This advanced course exposes students to the more technical aspects of trust and estate administration. Specific areas of concentration include the jurisdiction of the Surrogate's Court; fiduciary responsibility, with particular emphasis upon conflict of interest and self-dealing; proceedings for advice and direction; construction proceedings; representation of persons under a disability, including the concept of virtual representation; lost will proceedings; accounting proceedings; and litigation in the field of trust and estates. *(Prerequisite: Trusts and Estates)*

Estate Planning**2 credits Law 786**

This seminar provides a study of the techniques available for the transfer of property by gift or devise and the attendant estate, gift, and income tax consequences. Topics studied include the marital deduction; apportionment of the tax burden; estate valuation; planning for the closely held business; use of *inter vivos* trusts, life insurance, and deferred compensation plans; approaches to client counseling; and planning and drafting of wills and trusts. *(Prerequisites: Property I & II, Trusts and Estates, Federal Income Tax, and Estate and Gift Tax)*

Evidence**4 credits Law 640**

This course involves analysis of the principles governing proof of facts in litigation under the Federal Rules of Evidence and under common law. Areas emphasized include relevance, hearsay, direct-examination and cross-examination, impeachment of witnesses, expert testimony, and privileges. *(Required)*

Family Law**3 credits Law 666**

This introductory course addresses the legal relationship between persons who are married to each other, those who live together as a family unit without being married, and those who have children in common; obligations each partner owes to the other; grounds for the dissolution of a marriage; and economic obligations imposed by separation and divorce. The course also explores the legal relationship between parents and their children, including an analysis of custody, support, and visitation rights. *(No prerequisite)*

Family Law Clinic**6 credits Law 893**

This clinic offers students the opportunity to learn about the practice of family law from a variety of perspectives, including litigation, mediation, and Family Court proceedings. Working 17-20 hours a week under the supervision of faculty and practitioners, students represent clients in divorce litigation, child support enforcement, and family offense proceedings (involving domestic violence) in Family Court; they also assist clients participating in divorce mediation. Although the focus is on family law issues, the clinic provides training in skills applicable to the practice of law generally. Starting with an intensive training program at the beginning of the semester and supplemented by weekly seminars, students learn to interview clients; investigate and develop relevant facts; negotiate on behalf of clients; draft litigation documents; and handle in-court representation. *(Prerequisite: Family Law; suggested prerequisite: Professional Responsibility)*

Family Law Practice Module**2 credits Law 667P**

The practice module employs the principles and methodology of experiential learning to help students develop practice skills. Through simulations of real-world practice situations, students meet with hypothetical clients and assist them in selecting, negotiating and drafting documents appropriate to achieve their ends, including retainer agreements, family offense petitions, orders of protection, custody and visitation petitions and agreements, guardianship, petitions for support and financial disclosures. *(Pre or co-requisite, Family Law)*

Family Violence**2 credits Law 866**

Family Violence is a seminar style course that examines the nature of family and dating violence. The course will examine the dynamics of abusive relationships, how the law works to protect victims of family violence and their children, the intersections of family law (divorce, custody, visitation, and relocation) and family violence and the punishment and "treatment" of batterers. The course will also examine the intersections between family violence and race, culture, ethnicity, religion, and sexual orientation. Students will learn about civil orders of protection, the criminal prosecution of domestic violence, stalking statutes, the Violence against Women Act, relevant tort actions, and immigration and asylum law. There is no prerequisite for the course and it may, with prior approval of the professor, satisfy the Advanced Writing requirement. *(No Prerequisite)*

Federal Courts**3 credits Law 701**

This seminar reviews the jurisdiction of the federal courts, the distribution of judicial power between the federal and state court systems, and the roles of state and federal law in the federal system. Particular emphasis is given to federal constitutional litigation in the federal courts; the powers of the federal courts to remedy violations of federal rights; and the limitations on those powers. Areas of study include Section 1983 litigation, Bivens

claims, suits against the federal government, common law immunities, and the various abstention doctrines. (*Prerequisites: Civil Dispute Resolution and Procedure I & II*)

Federal Income Tax **4 credits Law 781**
Combining tax theory and tax practice in its approach, this introductory course examines federal law concerning taxation of income. Coverage includes the nature and scope of income, deductions, capital gains and losses, and tax accounting, together with relevant policy considerations. (*No prerequisite*)

First Amendment Seminar **2 credits Law 937**
This seminar offers an introduction to the law regarding freedom of speech and freedom of the press. The class concentrates on the importance of freedom of expression; the nature of “speech;” freedom of speech in public and private places; the relevance of the audience in determining the right of freedom of expression; censorship and permissible restrictions on freedom of expression; vagueness and overbreadth in applicable legislation; prior restraint; and symbolic speech. (*Prerequisite: Constitutional Law I; Corequisite: Constitutional Law II*)

Foreign & International Legal Research **1 credit Law 623**
The course exposes students to the basic knowledge and skills necessary to conduct research in foreign and international law. Topics covered include common law jurisdictions (Australia, Canada, and U.K.); civil law, mixed, and religious jurisdictions (Africa, Asia, Continental Europe, Latin America, and Middle East); organizations and tribunals (U.N., E.U., W.T.O., and various criminal courts); and U.S. practice in international law. (*Prerequisites: Legal Process I & II*)

Health Care Law **2 credits Law 983**
This course provides an overview of the complex legal landscape shaping the delivery of health care in the United States, including federal and state regulation of the health care industry. The curriculum addresses managed care and integrated delivery systems from, respectively, the physician’s, patient’s, and insurer’s point of view; selected ERISA provisions; antitrust, fraud, and self-referral statutes; negotiation and drafting of provider contracts; reimbursement methodologies and their impact on the practice of medicine; and the Health Care Reform Act of 1996. (*No prerequisite*)

Holocaust and the Law **2 credits Law 938**
This course draws together the fields of comparative law, constitutional law, jurisprudence, conflicts of laws, international law, human rights and legal history to examine the Nazi philosophy of law, emanating from the egregious racial ideology, and how it was used to pervert Germany’s legal system in order to discriminate against, ostracize, dehumanize, and ultimately eliminate, certain classes of people; and then, to study the role of international law in rectifying the damage by bringing perpetrators to justice and constructing a legal system designed to prevent a repetition. (*No prerequisite*)

Immigration Law **3 credits Law 800**
This course entails study of the Immigration and Naturalization Act and its constitutional underpinnings. Topics covered include the exclusion and expulsion of aliens from the United States; the acquisition and loss of U.S. citizenship; regulation of aliens; and policies and purposes behind immigration legislation and regulation. (*No prerequisite*)

Independent Research **1 credit Law 882**
2 credits Law 884
3 credits Law 886

Independent Research is available for between one and three credits for faculty-supervised research and writing on any topic. Students submit a proposal at the time of registration, outlining the nature and scope of the project, and develop the resulting paper through multiple drafts. (*Open only to students beginning with third semester full time and fourth semester part time*)

Indian and Tibetan Law and Philosophy** **2 credits Law 927**

In this course, students examine the legal philosophy underlying the religious laws of India and Tibet, comparing the jurisprudence of Hinduism and Tibetan Buddhism to the jurisprudence of the western legal tradition. Topics of discussion include the relationship between law and culture’s dominant epistemology and metaphysics; Hindu and Tibetan cosmologies, concepts, and sources of law; and the interplay of secular and religious laws in modern India. (*No prerequisite*)

Indian Legal Culture** **1 credit Law 930**

A requirement of the summer program in India, this course is designed to provide a background in Indian legal culture. Subjects covered include the history of India from the Indus Valley civilization to the present, the Indian legal system and the Indian Constitution, the sources of Indian law, and the role of religious and personal laws in India. (*No prerequisite*)

Insurance Law **3 credits Law 747**

This course explores principles of insurance law and the rules by which legislative, administrative, and judicial bodies seek to promote, scrutinize, and regulate insurance companies. It examines also how the rules governing enforcement and interpretation of insurance contracts differ from those relating to other types of contracts. (*No prerequisite*)

Intellectual Property **2 credits Law 812**

This course offers an introduction to the law of copyrights and trademarks, as well as the related common law principles of unfair competition and misappropriation of property and ideas. (*No prerequisite*)

International Business Transactions **3 credits Law 762**

This course is intended to familiarize students with issues relevant to representation of clients involved in international business. Topics covered include forms of business organization; financing of commercial agreements; intellectual property and technology transfers; regional and international trade policies and treaties; and methods of resolving international business disputes. (*No prerequisite*)

International Criminal Law **3 credits Law 728**

Crimes and criminal proceedings of concern to more than one nation form the basis for this course. The chief subjects of study are extradition practices and multilateral conventions dealing with crimes, although consideration is also given to United Nations action and war crime trials/tribunals, as well as proposals for an international criminal code and an international criminal court. (*No prerequisite*)

International Human Rights 2 or 3 credits Law 926

This course explores the rights asserted in international instruments and the manner by which they are protected under national and international laws. Topics covered include the United Nations system of human rights protection; the European Convention on Human Rights and its Commission and Court of Human Rights; the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (the Helsinki Accords); the Inter-American System of Human Rights Protection, including the Inter-American Commission and Court of Human Rights; the African system of Human and Peoples' Rights; and International Humanitarian Law—human rights protection during armed conflicts. (*No prerequisite*)

International Human Rights-**Asylum Clinic 4 credits Law 890**

Devised in response to the 1996 Immigration Act, this clinic allows students to provide legal assistance to aliens who arrive without documents or with false documents and who are detained for processing through an Immigration Court at the detention facility, on an "expedited basis." Under faculty supervision, students represent clients in the adjudication or appeal of claims of political asylum, in adversarial removal hearings, or the filing of federal *habeas corpus* proceedings challenging the government's actions. Students should expect to spend 2 to 3 days each week at the detention facilities or in Immigration Court, interviewing and appearing on behalf of prospective clients. (*Suggested prerequisite/corequisite: Professional Responsibility*)

International Human Rights-**Immigration Litigation Clinic 4 credits Law 898**

This clinic provides students with experience both in federal court and in administrative hearings, representing clients who have applied for political and other forms of asylum in the U.S. The clinic is designed so that almost all work—including interviewing clients and witnesses, gathering evidence, and meeting with faculty supervisors—can be performed during the evening hours. Students spend 10 hours per week on clients' cases, including attendance at weekly clinic meetings, during which there is discussion of strategy, progress, problems, and ethical concerns in on-going cases. Litigation and administrative representation take place during normal working hours of the courts and administrative agencies, so students can anticipate spending one day each semester at a judicial or administrative proceeding. (*Suggested prerequisite/corequisite: Immigration Law*)

International Law 3 credits Law 724

This course examines the sources, methods, and institutions of international law, as well as the impact of international law on U.S. law. Students consider customary international law, treaties, and processes for legal change in connection with a variety of substantive topics and procedural settings, such as the United Nations, human rights, and international trade. (*No prerequisite*)

International Sales Law & Arbitration 4 credits Law 737

This course provides an overview of the law governing international sales of goods and international commercial arbitration, focusing primarily on the United Nations Convention on the International Sale of Goods, the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration, and the New York Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards. After learning the relevant doctrinal law in the first half of the semester, students focus on its application to the subject matter of the problem to be argued in the Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. Working in

teams, students research and analyze the problem (published in early October), draft a brief in support of one of the parties, and participate in oral arguments before a mock arbitration panel. Students from the class will be selected to represent Touro in the Vis Moot competition in Vienna during the following spring semester. (*No prerequisite*)

Interviewing, Negotiating, and Counseling* 3 credits Law 696

In this course, students are introduced to the fundamentals of interviewing, negotiating, and counseling-skills necessary for effective client representation. Topics covered include client-centered thinking; active listening; interview planning; question formulation and ordering; approaches to counseling; and techniques and styles of negotiation. (*No prerequisite*)

Introduction to the U.S. Legal System 3 credits Law 810

This seminar explores the sources of law (with special attention to interpretation of case law and statutes), the history and current role of legal institutions, and the constitutional framework of the U.S. legal system. The course concludes with an overview of the jurisdiction and procedure of U.S. civil courts. (*LL.M. only*)

Jewish Law 3 credits Law 730

This course affords an introduction to the Jewish legal system: its common law nature, its historical development, and its methodology. Fundamental features of Jewish law are studied through the analysis of basic concepts in both criminal and civil areas. The principal focus is on Jewish family law, especially the "aguna" (chained woman) problem, as well as the intervention by American courts in Jewish divorces and the so-called New York State "Get" statutes. All work is done with a comparative view toward American law. (*No prerequisite*)

Jewish Legal Philosophy 2 credits Law 732

This course deals with the basic tenets of Jewish law and philosophy by exploring the underlying moral and ethical foundations of Jewish law and the impact of Jewish theology on Jewish law. Topics of discussion include monotheism, creation versus evolution, divine providence, the relationship of Jewish faith and Jewish law, the extraterritorial aspect of Jewish law, the Jewish nation and its goals according to the Bible, the status of man in the universe, and the concept of justice. (*No prerequisite*)

Judicial Clerkship Clinic 5 credits Law 899

This clinic combines a field placement as a clerk in the chambers of a trial or appellate judge with a weekly seminar focusing on various aspects of civil litigation and the judicial process. The fieldwork component requires each student to work approximately 12 to 15 hours per week as a judicial clerk in state or federal court. Students' responsibilities include extensive research and writing on issues assigned by the judge. In addition, they submit weekly journals describing their placement experiences. Integrating theory with litigation practice through simulations, the seminar component focuses on judicial decision-making, utilizing readings, student journals, and discussions of issues arising from the field placements. (*No prerequisite*)

Jurisprudence 3 credits Law 645

Jurisprudence refers to a broad range of topics concerning the nature, source, purpose, and operation of law: What is a legal system? In what respects does it differ from a set of commands backed by threats? Must a legal system necessarily distinguish between substantive and procedural law? What, if anything, is the relationship between law and morality? What is the source of an

obligation to obey the law? May refusal to obey the law be excused on the grounds that the law is unjust? How is the distinction between a just and an unjust law properly analyzed? In what sense is the term “legal rule” used? To what extent does the adjudicative process involve the application of legal rules? How are valid legal conclusions reached? How can the validity of legal conclusions be judged? (*No prerequisite*)

Justice **3 credits Law 619**

This seminar examines justice in law by application of broad moral, philosophical, and political principles to real cases and controversies. Discussion topics include law and autonomy, race and justice, gender and justice, and economics and justice, as well as the scope of the criminal law and the role of justice in the international arena. The goal of the class is to construct guiding norms of justice and equity as they would be reflected in the laws that govern a model society. (*No prerequisite*)

Labor and Employment

Law Externship **3 credits Law 776X**

This externship—designed to develop applied lawyering skills in the labor and employment field—involves 10 hours of work each week in a law firm or government agency that specializes in labor law and/or employment law (including employment discrimination law), combined with a one-hour seminar each week. The class includes simulated client interviews, as well as discussion of substantive, procedural, and ethical matters related to students' fieldwork experiences. (*Suggested prerequisite: Labor Law; corequisite: Employment Law*)

Labor Law **3 credits Law 772**

This course involves an analysis of the law governing unionization and collective bargaining under the National Labor Relations Act. Beginning with the establishment of the collective bargaining relationship—particularly, protection of the right of self-organization and selection of the bargaining representative—the class analyzes the process of collective bargaining and the relationship between the individual and the union, including the duty of fair representation. (*No prerequisite*)

Land Use, Zoning, and Planning **3 credits Law 670**

With an emphasis on practical application, this course presents a survey of the various governmental land use control mechanisms, including zoning, building code, and environmental laws and procedures. (*Prerequisites: Property I & II*)

Law & Economics **2 credits Law 979**

This course introduces students to the basic concepts of law and economics, with emphasis placed on how the tools of law and economics can be used to understand the operation of legal rules on human behavior. Topics covered include torts, property, contracts, psychology, and game theory. (*No prerequisite*)

Law and Literature **2 credits Law 947**

This course explores the treatment of the theme of law in various literary genres, in particular, the ways in which literature reflects the developing state of the law and attendant societal attitudes toward the law, comparing shifting trends over time and contrasting law in the literature of different cultures. (*No prerequisite*)

Law and Medicine:

Medical Malpractice **2 credits Law 981**

This course addresses in-depth the legal problems in the delivery of health care by physicians, hospitals, and other health care providers. Topics of discussion include the reasonable prudence rule; corporate liability theories; national and local standards;

specialty boards; contract and warranty actions; informed consent; Good Samaritan laws; immunity defenses; release and consent defenses; statutes of limitations; discovery rules; the doctrines of *res ipsa loquitur* and negligence *per se*; reform movements; recovery caps; screening panels; and contingency fee regulations. (*No prerequisite*)

Law and Medicine: Selected Topics in Law, Medicine, and Ethics **2 credits Law 980**

This seminar focuses on issues at the intersection of law, medicine, economics, and ethics. Among the subjects covered are the human body, including ownership of the body, organ transplantation, and humans as research subjects; death and dying, including physician-assisted suicide, medical experimentation, competent and incompetent patients' right to die, and advance directives; responsibility for drug-related injury; reproduction and the new genetics, including decisions about whether, when, and how to reproduce; as well as the challenge of the Human Genome Project and gene therapy. (*No prerequisite*)

Law and Religion **2 credits Law 729**

This seminar deals with issues of religious liberty in the American constitutional system, including the history of the First Amendment religion clauses; the development of law and religion in the U.S.; religion in educational institutions and in the workplace; the structure, management, and property of religious organizations; taxation of religious organizations; government regulation of religious practice; and religion in the courtroom. (*Prerequisites: Constitutional Law I & II*)

Law Practice Management **2 credits Law 716**

This course provides an introduction to law practice management, with an emphasis on solo and small firm practice. Students explore the decision to start a law practice; affiliational arrangements and partnership agreements; compensation and benefits; paralegal and non-legal personnel; ethical and malpractice pitfalls and malpractice insurance; substantive and administrative systems; law library and other information resources; computer hardware and software; client development and client relations; fee setting, billing, and collection; and financial planning and budgets. (*No prerequisite*)

Legal History* **3 credits Law 721**

This course reviews the development of common law institutions in England and their effect upon the evolution of private and public law in the U.S. Particular attention is paid to concomitant cultural, sociological, and economic changes. (*No prerequisite*)

Legal Process I & II **3 credits Law 643**
3 credits Law 644

Legal Process I focuses on critical reading of cases and statutory analysis; manual and electronic research techniques; client interviewing; and writing an “objective” memorandum of law. Legal Process II emphasizes crafting documents that are persuasive or “subjective” in nature, based, in part, on simulations of real-world situations. Small classes and frequent individual conferences also provide the type of intensive feedback that is vital to the acquisition of practice skills. (*Required*)

Legislation **2 credits Law 798**

In this course, students evaluate practical and theoretical approaches to the interpretation of statutes, using legislative histories and “canons” of statutory interpretation. The course also examines the underlying process that produces ambiguity in statutes, as well as the delicate role the judiciary performs in trying to resolve the problems that result. *(No prerequisite)*

Licensing in Intellectual Property **2 credits Law 813**

This course introduces students to the substantive law of licensing, including licenses for various types of intellectual property; licenses in different industries; international licenses; and technology transfer, as well as drafting and negotiating license agreements. *(Prerequisite(s): at least one of the following - Intellectual Property, Patent Law, Patent Practice, or Patent Litigation)*

LL.M. Legal Methods Tutorial **2 credits Law 601**

This course introduces students to the customs and standards of legal discourse in the United States. Students conduct legal research (conventional and electronic); learn the fundamentals of legal analysis; and develop legal writing skills. *(LL.M. only)*

Mediation **2 credits Law 763**

This course focuses on the structure and goals of the mediation process and on the skills and techniques used to assist parties in overcoming barriers to dispute resolution. Skills are learned through readings and discussions of the theoretical bases for mediation and through interactive participation in simulations, exercises, and role plays. The course also examines the roles of attorneys and clients in mediation, ethical issues for lawyers and mediators, dealing with difficult people, power imbalances, and cultural considerations. *(No prerequisite)*

Nassau/Suffolk Law Services Rotation **6 credits Law 803**

This rotation exposes students to a variety of practice skills and ethical issues, while giving them an opportunity to reflect on the lawyer’s role both as an advisor and officer of the court. Students work 20 hours per week at Nassau/Suffolk Law Services, a private, not-for-profit law firm that provides free legal services in civil matters to the poor of Long Island. The depth and range of the organization’s client base of fifteen thousand affords students exposure to a variety of legal issues. Also, a student practice order permits students to perform many of the functions and services normally reserved for admitted attorneys, including advising, counseling, negotiating, preparing documents, and appearing at administrative hearings and in trials at the state and federal level. *(No prerequisite; open only to students in their final year of study)*

National Security and the Law **3 credits Law 735**

This course examines the role of law in protecting U.S. national security from threats posed by state and non-state actors. Topics include domestic and international legal regulation of the use of force; law and overseas operations such as warfare and intelligence gathering; and counterterrorism and homeland security. *(Prerequisite: Constitutional Law I)*

Negotiable Instruments and Payment Systems **3 credits Law 749**

This course concerns the law applicable to checks and other commercial paper, as reflected in Articles 3 and 4 of the Uniform Commercial Code. Coverage also includes payment systems other than checks (such as credit and debit cards and electronic fund transfers) and the relationship of financial institutions to their customers. *(Prerequisites: Contracts I & II)*

New York Legal Research **1 credit Law 614**

This is a practical legal research course focused on the myriad research sources available for New York law. Topics include New York State legislation and legislative history; New York State agencies and administrative/regulatory law; county, city, village and town codes, rules and regulations; and New York State secondary sources. This course is intended to be taught in a condensed format: two hours per week for the first seven weeks of the semester. *(Prerequisite: Legal Process I & II)*

New York Practice **4 credits Law 710**

This course covers civil practice in the New York courts under the New York Civil Practice Law and Rules (CPLR), focusing on the jurisdiction and structure of the court system, statutes of limitations, motions, pleadings, discovery, remedies, special proceedings, judgments, and appeals. *(No prerequisite; open only to students in their final year of study)*

Not-For-Profit Corporation Law **2 credits Law 778**

This seminar allows students to analyze the law applicable to the creation and operation of non-profit organizations, including service groups, charities, civic associations, and community organizations. Subjects covered include choice of business entity, preparation of corporate documents, board member and volunteer liability, scope of permissible activities, and tax-exempt status. *(Prerequisite: Business Organizations I)*

Not-For-Profit Corporation Law Clinic **2 credits Law 779**

This clinic, which gives enrollment preference to evening students, is dedicated to assisting community groups and non-profit organizations. Under faculty supervision, students advise community groups on appropriate forms of organization to accomplish their goals. They also provide ongoing legal services in matters such as creation of corporate structure and by-laws; application for tax-exempt status; compliance with federal, state, and local laws; government filings; fundraising; advice on board and volunteer liability; and restrictions on lobbying. Clinic students work an average of 8 hours each week on client matters; they also participate in weekly seminars to provide training on the specific issues involved in representing not-for-profit groups and corporations. *(Prerequisite: Business Organizations I; corequisite: Not-For-Profit Corporation Law)*

Patent Law **3 credits Law 814**

The course addresses the nature of patents as property, as well as the substantive law governing questions of validity and infringement in actions to enforce patents. Also included is discussion of the substantive law affecting the procurement of patents from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. *(No prerequisite)*

Patent Litigation **2 credits Law 820**

This course is meant to expose students to a broad range of issues associated with complex civil litigation of a technological nature. Among the topics covered are jurisdiction, venue, declaratory judgments, preliminary and permanent injunctions, discovery, claim interpretation and Markman hearings, doctrine of equivalents, invalidity, unenforceability, damages, defenses (including laches and estoppel), and antitrust counterclaims. *(Prerequisites/corequisites: Patent Law or one of the following—Computer Law, Cyberlaw, Intellectual Property, Patent Practice Seminar, and Selected Topics in Corporate Law: From Garage to IPO; or permission of the professor)*

Patent Practice Seminar **2 credits Law 815**
This seminar allows students to develop skills in the drafting of patent claims, specifications, and other legal documents prepared by patent attorneys. Working under the supervision of patent counsel, students prepare and present a research paper on a particular aspect of patent law. (*Prerequisite: Patent Law*)

Pre-Trial Litigation **3 credits Law 709**
In a context that simulates actual practice, this seminar details the pre-trial steps in litigation. Students develop litigation strategies, then apply the substantive and procedural law. The impact of the rules of evidence on the pre-trial stage is also considered. Students draft pleadings, discovery requests, and motion papers, and practice taking and defending depositions. (*No prerequisite*)

Privacy in the Digital Age **2 credits Law 818**
This course addresses the many areas of personal privacy, with a particular focus on the issues raised by computers and other technologies. Data protection, identity theft, medical privacy and other related areas are discussed, using both decided cases and current issues in controversy. (*No prerequisite*)

Products Liability **2 credits Law 915**
This course examines development of the concept of products liability; industry's responsibilities and protections; and consumers' remedies. Topics covered include the risks and benefits posed by various products; civil actions for harm resulting from defective and dangerous products, with reference to parties and proof in negligence, warranty, nuisance, misrepresentation, and strict liability; and current legislation dealing with injuries and remedies in specific product areas. (*Prerequisites: Torts I & II*)

Professional Responsibility **2 credits Law 650**
This course explores the attorney's ethical obligations to the profession, the court, and the client under the rules and requirements that govern attorney behavior, thereby allowing students to confront and resolve the ethical dilemmas that arise in the practice of law. (*Required*)

Property I & II **4 credits Law 631**
2 credits Law 632
This two-semester course deals with the concept of ownership, the basic principles and rules governing the disposition and use of real and personal property, and the Anglo-American system of land ownership. Economic analysis of legal rules is stressed to provide

Property Survey **2 credits Law 688S**
This course provides a survey of the Anglo-American system of land ownership and use, including the rights and obligations of ownership of real and personal property. (*LL.M. only*)

Racism and American Law **2 credits Law 903**
This course begins by examining the extent to which racism has been reflected in the country's legal system, the ways in which the legal order has abetted racism, and the notion of law as an agent of social change. The course then focuses on contemporary uses of American law as a tool to reshape racially stratified economic, social, and political structures. The course examines primarily the experience of black Americans, but addresses also the experiences of other racial groups. (*No prerequisite*)

Real Estate Transactions **2 credits Law 674**
This course involves an in-depth review of the documents used in the purchase and sale of commercial and residential real estate, from contract to delivery of a deed. Students examine mortgage financing and mortgage foreclosure; regulation of real estate

brokers; title insurance; condominiums, cooperatives, and homeowners' associations; and income and transfer tax issues. (*Prerequisite: Property I*)

Remedies **3 credits Law 676**
This course covers development and use of judicial remedies, with particular emphasis on equitable remedies such as injunctions, restitution, constructive trusts, equitable liens, tracing, subrogation, declaratory judgments, fraud, mistake, duress, breach of contract, abuse of fiduciary relationships, and damages in all types of actions. (*No prerequisite*)

Rights of Children **2 credits Law 967**
Central to this course are the relationships among children and their parents/guardians and various state agencies. In addition to the core constitutional issues, general topics include the juvenile justice system; child abuse, parental neglect, and foster care; severely deformed newborns; and medical treatment of and experimentation on children. (*No prerequisite*)

Rights of the Poor **3 credits Law 652**
This course explores the legal doctrines and precedents governing the rights of the poor. Areas of study include the legal services program, equal access to the courts, welfare litigation, housing litigation, due process and equal protection rights, and state constitutional law. (*No prerequisite*)

Russian Legal System in Transition** **3 credits Law 722**
This seminar analyzes the transitional reforms necessary to rebuild the Russian legal system in support of the emerging democracy and market economy. Special attention is given to reforms in constitutional law; criminal law and procedure; business and economic law; the judiciary; and the bar. (*No prerequisite*)

Sales **3 credits Law 745**
This course provides a detailed study of the law applicable to the sale of goods, as reflected in Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code. The course also considers the relationship between Article 2 and aspects of consumer law and products liability law. (*Prerequisites: Contracts I & II*)

Secured Transactions **3 credits Law 748**
This course focuses on the creation and enforcement of consensual security interests in personal property, as reflected in Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code and the consequences of bankruptcy proceedings for secured creditors. (*Prerequisites: Contracts I & II*)

Securities Regulation **3 credits Law 766**
This seminar concerns the federal regulation of the issuance and subsequent sale of securities. Course coverage includes the sale of equity and debt securities under the federal Securities Act of 1933 and state Blue Sky laws, as well as selected topics governed by the federal Securities Act of 1934. A principal subject is Rule 10b-5, a general "anti-fraud" provision of federal corporate law. (*Prerequisite: Business Organizations I*)

Selected Topics in Corporate Law:
Garage to IPO **2 credits Law 659**
Using the experience of an actual internet startup, this seminar explores the legal and business issues that arise when bringing a high-tech business plan from idea to initial public offering. (*Prerequisite: Business Organizations I*)

Selected Topics in Criminal Justice 2 credits Law 920
This seminar addresses important criminal justice issues, including the ethical obligations of prosecutors, defense counsel, and judges; abuse of discretion; plea bargaining; jury selection; legalization of drugs; registry of convicted sex offenders; entrapment; and the death penalty. (*Prerequisite: Criminal Law I*)

Selected Topics in Criminal Procedure:
N.Y. Criminal Practice 2 credits Law 923
This seminar concentrates on New York criminal practice under New York Criminal Procedure Law (CPL) and the state Constitution, providing both a substantive and practical exposure to state criminal process. (*Prerequisite: Criminal Law I*)

Selected Topics in Tort Law 2 credits Law 624
According to participants' mutual interests, this seminar exposes students to current issues and cases in tort law, covering such areas as medical malpractice, airline accidents, tobacco litigation, and government immunity. (*Prerequisites: Torts I & II*)

Settling Legal Disputes: Negotiation, Mediation & Mediation Representation 3 credits Law 704
This course examines theoretical foundations and practical applications of adversarial and problem-solving approaches to negotiation, as well as effective advocacy in settlement conferences before judges and in mediations. Particular attention is paid to the differences between adversarial and problem-solving negotiations; techniques for identifying and advocating clients' interests; ways to recognize, classify, and overcome impediments to settlement; and methods of preparation for successful negotiations, settlement conferences, and mediations. (*No prerequisite*)

Sex-Based Discrimination 2 credits Law 669
This course explores the responses of courts and legislatures to differential treatment of women and men. Subjects discussed may include employment, education, and discrimination concerning pregnancy. In addition to case law, readings are assigned in the area of gender justice. (*No prerequisite*)

Sexual Orientation and Law 2 credits Law 665
This course addresses the place of sexual orientation in law; the ways society attempts to control human sexual behavior through law; and the ways legal decision-makers take sexual orientation into account in dispute resolution. Areas covered include constitutional protection of privacy, speech, and association; regulation under criminal law of sexual conduct; regulation of family status and the attendant benefits; and regulation of discrimination in the civilian sector and in the military. (*No prerequisite*)

Sociology of Law* 2 credits Law 647
This course provides an introduction to sociology of law, its literature, and its main themes. In addition to a survey of the field and its history, the course examines selected applications of sociology to the role of lawyers in society and the analysis of U.S. courts and administrative agencies. (*No prerequisite*)

Sports Law 3 credits Law 713
This course covers legal issues arising out of organized amateur and professional sports. Amateur sports topics include the role of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and other governing bodies in matters such as eligibility, gender discrimination, antitrust, and contractual relationships. Professional sports topics include leagues, labor relations, antitrust, and representation of professional athletes. Topics common to both

include criminal matters, tort issues, and drug testing. (*No prerequisite*)

State and Local Government 3 credits Law 797
This course examines the exercise of state and local government powers within a federal system and the problems local governments face in attempting to serve citizens' needs. Coverage includes government organization, local police power, government finance, personnel issues, and local government liability. (*No prerequisite*)

State Constitutional Law* 2 credits Law 639
In addressing basic questions of federalism and states' rights, this course explores how state courts have construed their state constitutions in a manner that differs from the way that the United States Supreme Court has construed the federal Constitution. The principal focus is the relationship between state and federal constitutions and between state and federal courts. (*Prerequisites: Constitutional Law I & II*)

Supreme Court Seminar* 2 credits Law 936
This course provides an in-depth study of selected recent decisions of the United States Supreme Court, including the history, the issue(s) involved, the precedential significance of the decision, and the decision-writing and voting histories of each justice. (*Prerequisites: Constitutional Law I & II*)

Torts I & II 3 credits Law 615
2 credits Law 628
This course provides a two-semester introduction to the law of private wrongs, with an emphasis on intentional and negligent interference with persons or property, strict liability, and remedies for the invasion of other personal or economic interests. (*Required*)

Torts Survey 2 credits Law 685S
This course provides a survey of the law of private wrongs: intentional torts against persons or property, negligence, and strict liability. (*LL.M. only*)

Trial Practice 3 credits Law 706
This seminar allows students to participate in each stage of a simulated civil or criminal trial: they select juries; deliver opening arguments; prepare expert testimony; conduct direct-examination and cross-examination of witnesses; and deliver closing arguments. The use of videotaping allows students to review and analyze their trial skills throughout the course. At the end of the semester, each student conducts an entire trial in front of a judge and jury. (*Prerequisite/Corequisite: Evidence*)

Trusts and Estates 3 credits Law 680
This course examines the law of gratuitous transfers and decedents' estates, with reference to the relevant portions of the New York Estates, Powers and Trusts Law and the Uniform Probate Code. Topics include intestate succession; elective share; wills; gifts; testamentary substitutes; and trusts, with primary emphasis on planning for the disposition of family property. (*Required*)

Trusts and Estates Practice Module 2 credits Law 681P
The practice module introduces students to the skills of interviewing, counseling, negotiation, and drafting, by using problems based on the substantive law of trusts and estates. In simulations, students may interview witnesses in a will contest, draft trust provisions, conduct direct and cross examination in a will construction proceeding, and counsel a client on an estate planning issue. (*Prerequisite/corequisite: Trusts and Estates*)

U.S. Attorney's Office Rotation**6 credits Law 801**

This rotation exposes students to a variety of practice skills and ethical issues, while giving them an opportunity to reflect on the lawyer's role both as an advisor and officer of the court. Students work 20 hours per week at the office of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York in both the Civil and Criminal Divisions. The depth and range of the organization's caseload affords students exposure to a variety of work, including fact investigation, discovery, and trial work, as well as coordination with a number of federal agencies. (*No prerequisite; open only to students in their final year of study*)