May and August 2020 Intersession Courses/Times

Updated April 14, 2020

Please note that as of this time all May intersession courses are expected to be offered via distance learning. Rooms are still reserved in the event instructors need access to equipment to conduct the courses online.

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May Intersession - LAW:8216  Civil Procedure Pre-Trial Theory and Practice

David

1 s.h. – 12 seats

This course will provide an opportunity for students to consider, in depth, the law of pleadings and other pretrial matters touched upon in the basic Civil Procedure class. In addition to considering decided cases, students will consider hypothetical scenarios typical of a case as it develops from the client interview to the pleading stage and early pretrial stage. Students will gain practical experience by actually drafting pleadings and motions relevant to the hypothetical. There will be classroom time and drafting sessions each day. During the classroom session we will discuss in depth the legal requirements of pleadings and other pre-trial matters. During the drafting sessions the students will draft papers reflecting that day’s classroom work, utilizing form books and other litigation resources.

This class will be offered Monday, May 18 - Friday, May 22 for one academic credit hour and will satisfy one experiential unit. Class sessions will be held in the mornings 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Drafting exercises will be held Monday through Thursday 2:00-5:00 p.m. We will draft a simple complaint, a simple responsive motion and papers related to other matters typical to federal litigation. A final exam will be given on Friday, May 22 @ 11:00 a.m. (preceded by an optional review session from 9:00-10:00). Your course grade will consist of your grade on the exam (50%), your written product (40%) and your classroom participation (10%). Attendance for all class and drafting sessions is mandatory. Students must have a laptop for this course; please contact the instructor if a laptop is not available. ARR time for final assignment/exam completion after last class meeting.

Requirements Satisfied:  This course satisfies one of the six required experiential units for the JD.

Prerequisites:  LAW:8006 Civil Procedure
May Intersession - LAW:8342  Topics in Criminal Law Practice

Hughes and Persaud

1 s.h. – 24 seats

The class will be divided into teams (prosecutors and defense attorneys) for purposes of discussion and skills work. There will be classroom discussion and in-class exercises each day. During classroom discussion, we will address substantive and procedural aspects of criminal law that are not covered (or that are not covered in depth) in our regular criminal law and criminal procedure courses. During the skills component, students will engage in hands-on exercises designed to reflect the day’s substantive criminal law and procedure discussion. Students will learn about such topics as jury selection, jury instructions, pretrial motions, client and witness interviews, depositions, investigation, and ethical considerations for prosecutors and defense attorneys, including prosecutorial discretion in charging decisions and conflicts of interest.

Attendance at all sessions of this course is mandatory. Grades will be based on written work associated with preparing for in-class exercises, such as drafting pretrial motions or jury instructions and class participation. This course provides 1 experiential unit toward the 6 required for the JD program.

Requirements Satisfied:  This course satisfies one of the six required experiential units for the JD.

Prerequisites:  LAW:8022 Criminal Law
May Intersession - LAW:xxxx Trial Advocacy Basics

Guernsey

1 s.h. – 14 seats

Trial Advocacy Basics is a 1-credit online course (via Zoom) designed for students who are interested in an introduction to the trial skills needed to litigate a case, whether criminal or civil. This course will cover the basics of trial procedures and advocacy techniques, including: developing a case theory, opening statements, direct examinations, cross examinations, closing arguments, and courtroom professionalism.

Although classes will often begin with lectures and demonstrations, the majority of the class time will be dedicated to exercises in which the students function as the advocates. Students will learn largely through simulation and critique. Unlike the 2-credit Trial Advocacy course, this course has no Evidence prerequisite, and students are still eligible to take the 2-credit Trial Advocacy course later.

Requirements Satisfied: This course satisfies one of the six required experiential units for the JD.

Prerequisites: N/A

May Intersession - LAW:9959 Supreme Court Seminar

Seo and Park

1 s.h. – 8 seats

This course will develop students’ oral-advocacy skills by studying Supreme Court litigation. First, students will learn how appellate lawyers present cases to the nation’s court of last resort in petitions for certiorari, merits briefing, and oral argument. They will then have an opportunity to try their hand at oral presentation with mock arguments of four cases currently pending before the Court. For each case, every student will take turns participating as lead counsel, second chair, or judge. Although there will be a fair amount of reading, no research or writing is required. The course will be limited to eight students. Enrolled students must commit to staying in the course, and attendance at all sessions is mandatory.

Requirements Satisfied: N/A

Prerequisites: N/A
May Intersession - LAW:8709 Introduction to French Law

Amado

1 s.h. – 35 seats

Introduction to laws of France, characteristic features, and role of main institutions; civil law, contracts, torts, family law, commercial law, criminal law, labor law.

This course is offered in this format only during May 2020 Intersession as a substitute for the full course that would typically be held during the summer study abroad program in France. Please note all students must be able to broadcast video as the instructor requires being able to see students during all class sessions.

Requirements Satisfied: N/A

Prerequisites: N/A
August Intersession - LAW:9959 Supreme Court Seminar

Stras

1 s.h. – 9 seats

Supreme Court practice, procedure, jurisdiction; the art of opinion writing; in-depth analysis of cases on the court's pending docket; writing briefs, conducting research, conferencing cases, assigning and preparing opinions, and persuading colleagues; preparation of an opinion.

This course will expose students to Supreme Court practice and procedure and the art of opinion writing. After some preliminary study of Supreme Court jurisdiction and procedure (including the process of discretionary review), the group will take up a number of cases on the Courts pending docket. Students will study briefs and conduct additional research as appropriate, conference the cases as a mock Supreme Court, assign opinions and solicit the votes of colleagues. Each student will be responsible for the preparation of one opinion.

The course will be limited to nine students. Because of the unique nature of the course, students must commit to staying with the course after the first class session; no dropping or adding will be permitted after that time.

Attendance at all sessions of this course is mandatory.

Requirements Satisfied: One faculty-supervised writing unit is available.

Prerequisites: N/A
August Intersession - LAW:9060:0001 Trial Advocacy

Guernsey

2 s.h. – 12 seats

Opportunities to develop and refine skills used in preparation and trial of civil and criminal cases; students are "on their feet" during most class sessions, practicing the arts of voir dire, opening statement, direct and cross examination, introduction of exhibits, use of expert testimony, and closing argument; the course culminates with a full-scale trial, from filing of pretrial motions to rendering of a jury verdict conducted by student co-counsel; students receive extensive criticism on the effectiveness of their classroom and final performances, and all class sessions are frequently recorded for review and critiqued by instructors and fellow students.

ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY. Drops will not be permitted after July 15, 2020 - any drops after this date will receive a grade of "F."

Final trials will be scheduled at arranged times to be determined.

Requirements Satisfied: This course satisfies one of the six required experiential units for the JD.

Prerequisites: N/A