

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Juris Doctor

LAW 511 Christian Foundations of Law (3) Jurisprudential survey of the Christian foundations of Anglo-American law, including the development of higher/natural law thinking, higher law influence on the development of the common law, the rise of modern legal philosophies and the influence of Christian and secular worldviews on the development of American law.

LAW 521, 522 Contracts I & II (3, 3) Introduction to the history and development of the common law of contracts, and the principles controlling the formation, performance and termination of contracts. Topics covered include the basic concepts of offer, acceptance, consideration, conditions, material breach, damages, third party beneficiaries, assignment, statute of frauds and statutory variances from the common law.

LAW 531 Criminal Law (3) Introduction to the foundations and common law doctrines of criminal law and modern statutory provisions. Required for the Virginia Third-Year Practice Certificate. Prerequisite: LAW 511.

LAW 541, 542 Torts I & II (2, 3) Introduction to civil liability resulting from breach of duties arising from common law as distinguished from duties imposed by contract or criminal law. Focuses upon intentional, negligence and strict liability torts and theories of liability and recovery. Specific additional subjects covered may include trespass to land, nuisance, assault, battery, products liability, invasion of privacy, defamation and injuries to business relationships.

LAW 551, 554 Civil Procedure I & II (2, 3) Introduction to the jurisdiction and organization of state and federal courts, to pleading and practice in civil cases in those courts and to the goals and methods of litigation. Other subjects include process through the courts, alternative dispute resolution, parties to a lawsuit, avoidance of surprise and finality of decisions. Required for the Virginia Third-Year Practice Certificate.

LAW 552, 553 Legal Analysis, Research & Writing I & II (3, 3) Introduction to the law library and to the use of the full range of source materials available to lawyers and judges in the practice of law. Complete written projects designed to develop legal writing and research skills necessary for the practice of law.

LAW 561, 562 Property I & II (3, 3) Introduction to the law pertaining to the nature of private property, real and personal. Subjects covered include Biblical principles relevant to property ownership; personal property theories; donative transfers; the common law classification of estates in land and future interests; concurrent estates; landlord-tenant law; easements; real covenants and equitable servitudes; transfers of interests in real property, including an examination of merchantable title, deeds, legal descriptions, conveyancing, recording systems and title assurance; and adverse possession of realty.

LAW 590 Independent Study (1-2) Learning experience that allows research and evaluation of subject matter or conduct other comparable academic activities with minimum faculty guidance. Guidelines are published in the law school's Policies and Procedures Manual. Prerequisites: LAW 552 and 553.

LAW 600 Fundamentals of Estate Planning (2) Fundamental areas of estate planning, which include asset transfers at death, incapacity and elder law, wills and trusts, IRA's and retirement plans, charitable gifts, and federal estate and gift tax. Considers the key issues within each area, and students learn how the issues are distilled into one comprehensive estate plan. Taught from the perspective of the practicing attorney. Cannot take both this course and Estate Planning (LAW 763). Prerequisites: LAW 511, 521, 522, 541, 542, 551, 552, 553, 554, 561, 562, and 662. LAW 662 is a prerequisite that may also be taken concurrently.

LAW 601 Law Practice Technology (2) Explores the practical applications of technology in the practice of law. Provides hands-on experience with law office software programs and includes frequent guest lectures by practicing lawyers describing and demonstrating their use of technology. Includes (1) blawgs, (2) practice management systems, (3) case management systems, (4) intranets and extranets, (5) security and privacy issues, (6) litigation and the electronic courtroom, (7) e-discovery, (8) the hand-held office, (9) Web marketing, and (10) ethical issues. Prerequisites: LAW 511, 521, 522, 541, 542, 551, 552, 553, 554, 561, and 562.

LAW 602 Business Associations (4) Survey of the law of agency and partnerships, corporations and other business associations. Study of: the law governing formation, control, liabilities, property, dissolution and disposition of partnerships; internal and external relations of partners; and close and public corporations, their origins, structure, rights and liabilities of management and shareholders. Prerequisites: LAW 521 and 522. LAW 551, 554, 541 and 542 are recommended but not required.

LAW 620 Patent Law (3) Teaches the fundamental principles of federal patent law, including appeal procedures to the U.S. Court of Federal Claims and the U.S. International Trade Commission. Subject areas include patent eligibility, novelty, statutory bars, non-obviousness, anticipation, prior art, patent specifications enablement, patent claims, patent prosecution, reissue, reexamination, international prosecution, infringement, doctrine of equivalents, reverse doctrine of equivalents, equitable defenses, licensing of patents, injunctions and patent enforcement. Prerequisites: LAW 561 and 562.

LAW 621 UCC I (2) Study of the law governing commercial transactions with primary focus on sales (Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC), leases (Article 2A of the UCC) and the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG). Prerequisites: LAW 521 and 522.

LAW 622 UCC II (3) Thorough study of the basic concepts of secured transactions (Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code) including scope, attachment, priority, perfection and remedies on default, plus an introduction to relevant bankruptcy concepts. Prerequisites: LAW 521, 522, 561 and 562. LAW 621 is recommended but not required.

LAW 623 Copyright Law (3) Teaches the fundamental principles of federal copyright law and introduction to the 1976 Copyright Act, as well as the Digital Millennium Copyright Act passed by Congress. Subject areas include scope of protection, standing, infringement, contributory infringement, substantial similarity, computer programs, sound recordings, performance rights, transfer of ownership, licenses, registration, importation, injunctions, impoundment, statutory damages, the —Fair Use

doctrine, the —First Sale doctrine, WIPO Copyright Treaty, the Uniform Copyright Convention, the Berne Convention, GATT and TRIPS. Prerequisites: LAW 561 and 562.

LAW 625 Trademark & Unfair Competition Law (3) Teaches the fundamental principles of federal trademark law and an introduction to the Lanham Act. Subject areas include distinctiveness, secondary meaning priority, concurrent use, registration, service marks, certification marks, confusion, reverse confusion, functionality, abandonment, infringement, contributory infringement, incontestability, fair use, trade dress, trade dress infringement, false representations, dilution, parody, injunctive relief, disclaimers and international aspects of trademark protection. Prerequisites: LAW 541, 542, 561, 562, 521 and 522.

LAW 627 UCC III (3) Study of the transactions relating to and the law regulating the various kinds of payment systems with particular reference to the Uniform Commercial Code. Areas covered include negotiable instruments under Article 3 and bank deposits and collections under Articles 4 and 4A. May examine how federal regulations affect this area of law. Prerequisites: LAW 521 and 522. LAW 621 and LAW 622 are recommended but not required.

LAW 631 Constitutional Criminal Procedure (3) Study of limitations imposed on law enforcement activities by the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution as applied to the States via the 14th Amendment. Procedurally, the course considers the criminal justice process from investigation through arrest and initial court appearance. Prerequisite: LAW 683. LAW 684 is recommended but not required.

LAW 632 Criminal Pretrial Practice (2) Introduction to criminal process and constraints imposed on that process by U.S. Supreme Court decisions applying various provisions of the U.S. Constitution. Topics covered include the decision to prosecute, pretrial release, discovery, the preliminary hearing, the grand jury, the right to speedy trial, plea bargaining, joinder and severance and double jeopardy. Where appropriate the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and related federal criminal statutes will be addressed. Prerequisites: LAW 551, 554, 531 and 631.

LAW 640 Products Liability (2) Study of the legal principles governing the liability for harm caused by products including the historical development of products liability, theories of recovery, typical defenses and recurring issues. Prerequisites: LAW 541 and 542.

LAW 650 Appellate Advocacy (3) Develop written and oral appellate advocacy skills through appellate brief-writing and participation in simulated oral arguments. Teaches how to present clear and persuasive arguments to appellate judges. Prerequisites: LAW 551, 554, 552 and 553.

LAW 652 Evidence (4) Study of the law of evidence, the rules governing its admission and exclusion and the policies and theories underlying the evidentiary system. Subject matter areas include order of proof, relevance, judicial notice, real and documentary evidence, hearsay, competence, presumptions, privilege, impeachment and rehabilitation of witnesses. Required for the Virginia Third-Year Practice Certificate. Prerequisites: LAW 551 and 554.

LAW 654 Trial Practice (4) Develop courtroom skills of process and persuasion through simulated civil and criminal cases. Emphasis is on opening statement, direct and cross-examination and closing argument. Be involved in class exercises conducting these aspects of trial practice. Prerequisites: LAW 511, 551, 554, 521, 522, 561, 562, 541, 542, 552, 553 and 652.

LAW 655 Negotiations (3) Develop legal negotiation skills through participation in simulated negotiations. Negotiation exercises are video-taped for review and faculty critique and evaluation. Classroom discussion is devoted to examining and applying theoretical and practical strategies of negotiation. Prerequisites: LAW 511, 551, 554, 521, 522, 561, 562, 541, 542, 552 and 553.

LAW 656 General Mediation (3) This traditionally graded course presents an overview of the history of mediation and introduces students to the process, value, limitation, and skills for third-party intervention in the settlement of non-family law conflicts consistent with Christian principles and professional codes of ethics, especially those for mediators in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Through literature, case review, discussions and simulations, the student explores Biblical conflict resolution, the nature of conflict, reconciliation, conflict management styles, communication skills, and mediation theory and practice to develop skills a general mediator needs to facilitate a constructive resolution of conflict and help heal relationships if feasible. Prerequisites: LAW 511, 551, 554, 521, 522, 561, 562, 541, 542, 552, 553 and 655.

LAW 658 Litigation Clinic (3) This classroom and live client course provides students with —hands-on experience in representing clients before administrative and judicial fora in matters. Students have direct responsibility for the management of a case from the initial interview to conclusion of representation under supervision of a licensed attorney. They also gain knowledge and skills in interviewing, fact-gathering, identifying and applying law to case facts, diagnosing a client's problems, developing case strategy, drafting legal instruments, assessing professional competence and responsibility in the attorney-client relationship, preparing for and conducting trials and negotiation and settlement. Coursework encompasses civil procedure, evidence, substantive law, law office management, ethics and professional responsibility. Prerequisites: LAW 511, 551, 554, 521, 522, 561, 562, 541, 542, 552, 553 and 652, permission of Instructor and Virginia Third-Year Practice Certificate.

LAW 660 Client Interviewing and Counseling (3) Exploration of client interviewing and counseling in the practice of law. Designed to help students: (1) improve their interpersonal and legal skills; (2) acquire effective client interviewing and counseling skills; and (3) consider the attorney-client relationship, different models of counseling, and the moral and ethical considerations that can arise when attorneys work with clients. Prerequisites: LAW 511 and completion of two semesters of law school.

LAW 661 Family Law (3) General introduction to the law and legal regulation of family associations. Focuses on the relationships of husband and wife, parent and child and, in that context, assists in developing a thorough understanding of Biblical, historic and contemporary legal principles and rules governing the family and other intimate relationships. Probes contemporary topics related to law and the family in light of current legal and cultural settings. Prerequisites: LAW 521, 522, 561 and 562.

LAW 662 Wills, Trusts & Estates (3) Introduction to the basic legal principles of intestate succession; to the execution, construction, revocation and interpretation of wills; to the creation of trusts; to the fiduciary administration of trusts and estates; and to the acquisition of the basic legal principles of transferring family wealth. Prerequisites: LAW 521, 522, 561 and 562.

LAW 663 Gender & the Law (3) Considers and confronts legal problems regarding current women's issues. Presently, all materials available in this area have been written from a feminist jurisprudential perspective. In contrast, apply a Christian perspective to examine critically the position of women socially, economically, culturally and personally. Prerequisite: LAW 511, 551, 554, 521, 522, 561, 562, 541, 542, 552 and 553. LAW 661 is recommended but not required.

LAW 664 Elder Law (3) Deals with legal problems concerning care of the elderly. Addresses current jurisprudence and the status of the elderly and incapacitated, representation of the elderly, incapacitation planning, skilled care facility law and issues, cryogenics, rights and responsibilities, medical experimentation and Medicaid and Medicare planning and management. Particular attention to ethical and moral issues raised by the course content encourages creative thinking in a pro-elderly, pro-life, pro-family jurisprudence. Prerequisites: LAW 662, which may be taken concurrently.

LAW 667 Family Mediation (4) This traditionally graded course presents an overview of the history of mediation and introduces students to the process, value, limitation, and skills for third-party intervention in the settlement of family and non-family conflicts consistent with Christian principles and professional codes of ethics, especially those for mediators in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Through literature, case review, discussions and graded simulations, the student explores Biblical conflict resolution, the nature of conflict, reconciliation, conflict management styles, communication skills, family systems, the restructure of family roles and relationships during divorce, parenting plans, domestic violence, support, and the theory and practice of family mediation to help develop skills a mediator needs to facilitate a constructive resolution of family conflict and help heal relationships if feasible. Prerequisites: Completed Course Application, Instructor Consent, LAW 511, 551, 554, 521, 522, 561, 562, 541, 542, 552, 553. LAW 661 and LAW 655 are strongly recommended, but not required.

LAW 669 Bioethics (3) Designed to deal with legal problems that confront current issues regarding and surrounding biology, medicine and the law. Focuses on managing biology, ethical theory and genetic control to afford protection, life and provision in the Biblical framework and context of the family. Links the practical knowledge of the law with social, moral and policy issues that are very real in bioethics law practice. Prerequisites: LAW 511. LAW 661 is recommended but not required.

LAW 671 Individual Federal Income Taxation (3) Study of the statutory, judicial and administrative law relating to federal income taxation of the individual. Prerequisite for all other tax courses. Prerequisites: LAW 521, 522, 561 and 562.

LAW 672 Human Rights, Civil Liberties, and National Security (1) Discussion of balancing the government's responsibility to defend the body politic and its parallel duty to safeguard the rights of individuals. Exploration of the tensions of achieving security and freedom from Lincoln's suspension of

habeas corpus to Bush's detention of terrorist combatants. Prerequisites: LAW 511 and completion of two semesters of law school.

LAW 674 Religion in the Workplace (3) Study of the right of employees to practice their faith at work. Primary focus on Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and administrative practice before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Topics include (1) workplace conflicts on religious expression, (2) attire, (3) Sabbaths, (4) union fees, (5) gender roles, (6) sexual orientation, (7) employer defenses, (8) ministry exceptions, (9) constitutional protections, and (10) litigation strategy. Prerequisites: LAW 511 and completion of two semesters of law school.

LAW 683 Constitutional Law I – Constitutional Structure (3) Study of principles of U.S. constitutional law, in both historical and contemporary contexts. Subject matter areas include: the Biblical, philosophical, historical and political background of the U.S. Constitution; judicial review; the distribution and separation of governmental powers in the U.S. federal system, with emphasis upon the federal commerce, taxing and foreign affairs powers; and intergovernmental relations. Prerequisite: LAW 511 and completion of one semester of law school.

LAW 684 Constitutional Law II – Individual Rights (3) Continuation of the study of principles of U.S. constitutional law, in both historical and contemporary contexts. Subject matter focuses on the First and Fourteenth Amendments, with emphasis on due process, equal protection, freedom of speech and press, and free exercise and non-establishment of religion. Prerequisite: LAW 683.

LAW 691 Professional Responsibility (3) Examination and analysis of the authority and duties of lawyers in the practice of their profession as advocate, mediator and counselor, and of their responsibility to God, to government, to the courts and the bar and to their clients, including a study of the ABA Rules of Professional Conduct. Required for the Virginia Third-Year Practice Certificate. Prerequisites: LAW 511 and completion of two semesters of law school. 551, 554, 521, 522, 541, 542 and 531 are recommended but not required.

LAW 701 Business Planning (2) Advanced study of the legal organization and conduct of business in partnership and corporate form. Emphasizes the practical aspects of the organization, operation, purchase and sale and other matters related to the role of the practicing lawyer in business affairs. Prerequisites: LAW 602, LAW 771 and LAW 773.

LAW 703 Nonprofit, Tax-Exempt Organizations (3) Study of the laws and legal principles applicable to exempt organizations. Topics covered include the legal structure and organization of nonprofits, issues of taxation and tax-exempt status, government regulation of exempt organizations and potential liability arising from the conduct of a ministry. Prerequisites: LAW 511, 552 and 553.

LAW 704 Employment Law (3) Study of the federal law relating to employment discrimination. The Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, applicable federal statutes, federal cases and the role of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in dispute resolution are examined. Prerequisites: LAW 551, 554, 681 or 683.

LAW 706 Labor Law (3) Discusses the history of collective bargaining in the public and private sectors and considers the practical, constitutional, and political issues involved in union exclusive representation. Using the National Labor Relations Act as the backdrop, the course surveys the parallel public employee bargaining statutes. Employer, union, and individual employee rights are studied from the time of the selection of a union representative through the collective bargaining process to the final contract and its enforcement. Union obligations regarding individual employees are studied in some detail. Prerequisites: LAW 511, 521, 522, 541, 542, 551, 552, 553, 554, 561, and 562.

LAW 708 Right to Work Practicum (1-3) Provides students interested in employee rights in the context of compulsory unionism, public interest law, and litigation the opportunity to work with the litigation staff of the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation. Sixty hours of research, writing, and litigation support are required per credit hour. Students can choose their preferred projects but must complete at least one long-term research project if they want the course to satisfy the rigorous written skills requirement. Students also must sign a client confidentiality agreement. Prerequisites: LAW 511, 552, 553, and completion of two semesters of law school. Recommended but not required: LAW 683 and 684. P/NP.

LAW 711 Jurisprudence (3) Study of God and man, justice and law. Focuses upon the basic issues of the philosophy of law and the specific task of exploring a distinctively Christian jurisprudence. Topics include law and morals, judicial reasoning, limits on governmental power and individual liberty, theories of justice and the nature of law and justice. Prerequisites: LAW 511, 551 and 554.

LAW 712 Legal History (3) Study and discussion of Western legal history beginning with the impact of the papal revolution in the 11th century. Special attention given to the historical relationship between church and state and to the Biblical and theological foundations of Western law and legal systems in general and the English Common Law in particular. Prerequisite: LAW 511.

LAW 713 Origins of the Western Legal Tradition (2) Survey of Western legal history beginning with the impact of the Papal Revolution of the 11th century, emphasizing the influence of the Christian church and faith on the development of Western law and legal systems. Prerequisite: LAW 511.

LAW 722 Remedies (3) Study of the law of judicial remedies, both equitable and legal, focusing on the nature and scope of the relief available. Emphasizes the various types of injunctive relief, declaratory judgments and enforcement powers of the courts, including contempt proceedings. Provides a brief study of the development of chancery courts and the continuing distinction between equitable and legal remedies. Prerequisites: LAW 511, 551, 554, 521, 522, 561, 562, 541, 542, 552 and 553.

LAW 723 Bankruptcy (3) Study of federal bankruptcy law and the law of debtors and creditors under state law. Specific topics include the property of the estate, the automatic stay, exemptions, discharge, preferences and reorganization. Such topics as judgment liens, executions, attachments, garnishments and fraudulent transfers will be covered in the non-bankruptcy portion of the course. Prerequisites: LAW 521, 522, 561, 562, 621 and 622. LAW 622 may be taken concurrently.

LAW 724 International Business Transactions (2) Study of the legal problems encountered doing business abroad and, for aliens, in doing business in the U.S. Subject matter areas include antitrust, export-import, investment and taxation regulations, international economic policy, regional economic organizations and multinational corporations. Prerequisites: LAW 521, 522, 561,562 and 602.

LAW 725 Insurance (3) Overview of the fundamental legal principles of insurable interests in lives and property. Subject matter areas include the nature of an insurable interest, selection and control of risks, coverage of risks and adjustment of claims and government regulations of the insurance industry. Prerequisites: LAW 511, 551, 554, 521, 522, 561, 562, 541, 542, 552 and 553.

LAW 726 Securities Regulation (3) Begins with an examination of the federal law and policies governing the offer and sale of securities in the primary market, including initial public offerings, private placements, and the subsequent resale of securities with attention to the Securities Act of 1933. Coverage will include the definition of a security; registration requirements; exemptions from registration; enforcement mechanisms and the duties and liabilities of corporations, their officers and directors, underwriters, financial advisors, and lawyers under the 33 Act. The course continues with an examination of the federal law and policies governing trading of securities in the secondary market with attention to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Coverage will include the disclosure and reporting obligations of public companies and the rules governing insider trading by corporate executives and others. Coverage may include a study of federal regulation of proxies, mergers or tender offers, or the role of broker-dealers, investment advisors, investment companies or self-regulatory organizations. Prerequisites: LAW 602.

LAW 727 Mergers & Acquisitions (3) A study of the law governing business combinations, asset acquisitions, and changes of corporate control, including the statutory and non-statutory forms; the application of the business judgment rule and other corporate rules as they relate specifically to target company defensive tactics and efforts to maximize target company shareholder value or to maximize other interests or to promote other constituencies; the role and concerns of various participants, including seller-side concerns, typical buyer-side concerns, and various public policy concerns; the economic arguments for and against mergers, acquisitions, and changes in control; and the stages of a transaction, documentation of a transaction, legal compliance requirements, and closing. Prerequisites: LAW 602.

LAW 732 Juvenile Law (3) Discussion of problems related to minority status, including jurisdiction of the state, detention, responsibility for the crime, rights and responsibilities of the parents, and the constitutional, statutory and case law parameters of the juvenile law system. Prerequisites: LAW 511, 551 and 554.

LAW 735 International Trafficking in Persons (3) Overview of the global problem of trafficking in persons for purposes of sexual exploitation and forced labor. The course examines the issue of trafficking from several perspectives: (i) the various international conventions that prohibit trafficking in persons; (ii) regional examples of trafficking and factors that contribute to it such as civil unrest and governmental corruption; and (iii) the United States legislative and foreign policy response to trafficking

in persons. This course will focus on trafficking in persons as a human rights violation and the treatment of trafficked persons as a victim of a crime. Prerequisites: Completion of first year. Recommended: LAW 683, 684, and 784.

LAW 742 Admiralty (2) Survey course on the basic rules and principles of modern maritime law, including admiralty jurisdiction and procedure; maritime torts to person and property; maritime liens, contracts and financing; and such peculiarly maritime topics as vessel limitation of liability. Prerequisites: LAW 511, 551, 554, 521, 522, 561, 562, 541, 542, 552 and 553.

LAW 743 Health Care Law (3) Overview of the fundamental legal principles of health care law. Topics covered include an introduction to the field of forensic medicine, medical proof in litigation, advanced medical malpractice topics and the structure and operation of the health care delivery system. Prerequisites: LAW 511, 551, 554, 521, 522, 561, 562, 541, 542, 552 and 553.

LAW 744 Advanced Trial Practice (2) Extension of Trial Practice. Complete rigorous formal preparation and subsequently serve on a team that competes in an interscholastic trial competition. Develop understanding of opening statements, closing arguments, evidentiary objections, offers of proof, the introduction of demonstrative evidence, trial tactics, trial preparation, direct and cross-examination of witnesses, and trial strategies generally. Prerequisites: LAW 654 and membership on an interscholastic trial advocacy team.

LAW 746 Virginia Procedure (3) Based on the civil procedure of the Commonwealth of Virginia and examines the various courts, statutes and rules. Primary concentration on titles 8.01, 16.1 and 7.1 of the Code of Virginia. Prerequisites: LAW 551 and 554.

LAW 747 Race & the Law (3) Historical look at how our legal system has treated the issue of race and how our government has treated various races. Prerequisites: LAW 511 and completion of two semesters of law school. LAW 683 and 684 are recommended, but not required.

LAW 748 Academic Legal Scholarship (2) Members of an academic law review or journal that has been approved by the faculty are eligible to receive credit for writing a publishable law review article, comment or note and substantially assisting the board of their review or journal. The Constitution of each review or journal provides the standards, approved by the faculty, which govern this credit. Prerequisites: LAW 552 and 553.

LAW 751 Federal Courts (3) Study of the role of the federal courts in the U.S. Focuses on an analysis of the constitutional and legislative foundations of the judicial power of the U.S. and an examination of the practice and procedure in the federal court system. Prerequisites: LAW 511, 551, 554 and 683.

LAW 752 Law Practice Management (2) Prepares for entry into the private practice of law, including ethical and personal pressures related to private law practice. Among other requirements, conduct an initial client interview and identify ethical issues presented during the interview. Prerequisites: LAW 511, 551, 554, 521, 522, 561, 562, 541, 542, 552 and 553.

LAW 755 Advanced Legal Research & Writing (3) Seminar that exposes a deeper understanding of the skills and materials of electronic legal research. Emphasizes the development of practical, useful skills and equipping students for clerking and other work experiences. Produce weekly written assignments dealing with different research materials and a topical research guide. Prerequisites: LAW 552 & 553.

LAW 756 Judicial/Governmental Externship (1-3) An externship allows a student to experience and participate in the practice of law by working without remuneration off campus (a) under the direct supervision of one or more practicing attorneys (—field supervisors) in governmental offices (such as the prosecutor’s office and the public defender’s office), judicial or other approved governmental placements, (b) while having general oversight by full-time faculty. This pass/fail course consists of field legal assignments as well as required classroom work to expose students generally to professional development within the context of the practice of law. Hours spent in the classroom component do not substitute for the hours necessary to fulfill the externship requirement on site at the placement. Externships also allow students to pursue additional educational objectives such as the development of professional skills in a specific area of law by working with a practicing attorney or judicial officer. All externship study programs must be approved in advance. Guidelines for externships are published in the law school’s Policies and Procedures Manual. Prerequisites: LAW 511, 551, 554, 521, 522, 561, 562, 541, 542, 552 and 553.

LAW 757 Drafting Contracts (3) The law and techniques of contract formation and drafting. Provides experience in the imaginative thinking that a lawyer must pursue in integrating the expressed and implied agreements of the parties to a contract. Provides opportunities to learn to create legal documents that express the agreement not only clearly, but also in a manner that defies any contrary interpretation. Enrollment limited by instructor. Prerequisites: LAW 521, 522, 552 and 553.

LAW 758 Civil Pretrial Practice & Procedure (3) Hands-on experience in developing a civil lawsuit. While Virginia procedural and evidentiary rules will provide the framework for the course, the primary emphasis will be on techniques and strategies involved in drafting pleadings, conducting discovery, preparing for and trying cases and appealing those cases. Prerequisite: LAW 652.

LAW 762 Real Estate Transactions & Skills (3) Advanced skills course to prepare in the practice of law relating to real estate transfer and finance. Perform simulations that address practical aspects of title examinations, title searches, contracts for the purchase and sale of real estate, conveyancing techniques, mortgaging foreclosure practices and settlement and closing of title. Prerequisites: LAW 521, 522, 561 and 562.

LAW 763 Estate Planning (2) Advanced course that teaches how to advise clients concerning the accumulation, preservation and distribution of their estates. Emphasis is on planning in the following general areas: lifetime transfers, closely held business interests, employee benefits, retirement, liquidity, taxation, trusts, transfers upon death and estate and/or trust administration. Prerequisites: LAW 772.

LAW 766 Land Use Planning (3) Introduces the law pertaining to basic zoning and land use planning tools and techniques from classical zoning to the contemporary methods. Examines the role of the

comprehensive plan in the zoning process, subdivision controls, historic and environmental preservation techniques, growth control and the issue of financing capital facilities by taxing new developments. Prerequisites: LAW 561 and 562.

LAW 768 Environmental Law (3) Survey of various topics including the Biblical view of man's relationship to the environment, common law remedies, public trust and police power, takings, judicial review of administrative action, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), water pollution (Federal Water Pollution Control Act), air pollution (Clean Air Act), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA/Superfund) and the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Prerequisites: LAW 561 and 562.

LAW 771 Partnership Tax (2) Advanced course in the law of federal income taxation with special emphasis on sole proprietorships, partnerships, limited liability companies and related aspects of S corporations. Prerequisites: LAW 671 and LAW 602.

LAW 772 Estate & Gift Tax (3) Overview of the law of federal estate and gift taxes. Prerequisites: LAW 662 and LAW 671. LAW 671 may be taken concurrently.

LAW 773 Corporate Tax (3) Advanced course in the law of federal income taxation with emphasis on corporate tax laws and related aspects of S corporations. Prerequisites: LAW 602 and LAW 671.

LAW 774 First Amendment Law (3) Survey of the protections guaranteed by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Topics covered include freedom of religion, the establishment clause, freedom of speech and freedom of the press. Prerequisites: LAW 683 and 684.

LAW 776 Comparative Law (2) Focuses on the nature of comparative law, the concept of legal tradition and the development of civil law, common law and other legal traditions in the contemporary world of nation states. Prerequisites: LAW 511, 551, 554, 521, 522, 561, 562, 541, 542, 552 and 553.

LAW 778 Advanced Appellate Advocacy I (1-2) Extension of Appellate Advocacy. Independently research and write a significant portion of a moot court team's brief; members of each team will then pool their independent work and complete the entire brief for competition. Additionally, present practice oral arguments in class and have the opportunity to serve as judge for classmates. Earn one or two credits. Prerequisites: LAW 753 and membership on an interscholastic moot court team.

LAW 779 Advanced Appellate Advocacy II (1-2) Extension of Advanced Appellate Advocacy I. Independently research and write a significant portion of a moot court team's brief; members of each team will then pool their independent work and complete the entire brief for competition. Additionally, present practice oral arguments in class and have the opportunity to serve as judge for classmates. Earn one or two credits. Prerequisites: LAW 778 and membership on an interscholastic moot court team.

LAW 781 Administrative Law (3) Study of the law pertaining to the appropriate functions and purposes of administrative agencies in government; constitutional limitations on agency structure and action; analysis of informal and formal procedures, investigation, rule-making and adjudication with a focus on the Federal Administrative Procedure Act and judicial review. Prerequisites: LAW 551 and 683.

LAW 782 State & Local Government (3) Nature, constitution, powers and liabilities of municipal corporations, and the interrelationships between municipal, county and state governments.

Prerequisites: LAW 511, 551, 554, 521, 522, 561, 562, 541, 542, 552, 553 and 683.

LAW 783 Conflict of Laws (3) Study of the theories of the application of laws involving domicile and citizenship, bases of jurisdiction, foreign judgments and, in transactions having elements in more than one state, the choice of governing law in such fields as property, contracts, torts and family law.

Prerequisites: LAW 511, 551, 554, 521, 522, 561, 562, 541, 542, 552, 553 and 683.

LAW 784 International Law (3) Discussion and study of the nature of international law; state jurisdiction; the individual legal system; statehood and recognition of states; diplomatic and consular immunity; international agreements; the use of force; and an overview of various international organizations. Prerequisites: Completion of one semester of law school.

LAW 785 Immigration Law & Procedure (3) Citizenship, acquisition and maintenance of major immigrant and non-immigrant classifications; admission into and exclusion or deportation from the U.S.; and structure and procedures of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Board of Immigration Appeals, Department of State and Department of Labor. Prerequisites: LAW 551 and 554.

LAW 786 Legislation (3) Legislative process with emphasis on the lawyer's perspective and functions, issues of representative theory, legislative organization and procedure, interaction of the legislature with other branches of government and research and drafting in the legislative context. Prerequisites: LAW 511, 551, 554, 521, 522, 561, 562, 541, 542, 552 and 553.

LAW 790 National Security Law (3) This seminar provides students an analysis of national security topics. Among the topics which may be covered are national security and the role of law, theoretical approaches to national security and world order, development of the international law of conflict management, the use of force in international relations, the laws of wars and neutrality, war crimes, the international law of intelligence collection, the control of international terrorism, American security doctrine and nuclear weapons. Prerequisite: LAW 683.

LAW 795 Legal Aid/Nonprofit Externship (1-3) Students interested in public interest law may serve as externs with the local legal aid program and nonprofit organizations that have a legal division. For students who enroll in the legal aid externship, there is a classroom component in which lawyering skills such as factual investigation, interviewing, case analysis and litigation strategy are discussed. The legal aid classroom component introduces students to the areas of substantive law in which the legal aid program represents clients, e.g. landlord/tenant law, consumer law and government benefits. Hours spent in the classroom component do not substitute for the hours necessary to fulfill the externship requirement on site at the placement. Prerequisites: LAW 511, 551, 554, 521, 522, 561, 562, 541, 542, 552 and 553.

LAW 796 ACLJ Externship (5) As part of the ACLJ Supreme Court Semester in Washington, students will assist the ACLJ in its legal research, writing and advocacy activities and participate in observation at the

U.S. Supreme Court, other federal courts and Congress, under the supervision of ACLJ attorneys.
Prerequisites: LAW 511, 551, 554, 521, 522, 561, 562, 541, 542, 552 and 553.

LAW 797 ACLJ Externship Classroom Component (1) As part of the ACLJ Supreme Court Semester in Washington, students will participate in a one-hour-per-week externship classroom component to discuss and process their externship experiences and insights.

LAW 811 Biblical Law (3) Exegetical course in the laws of the Bible, using the Decalogue as its own principle of organization. Develops the meaning of the laws in context and their appropriate applications, with emphasis on the nature of their applicability to policy issues such as pluralism, penology, lawful oaths, blue laws, church and state jurisdiction, gender roles, marriage, capital punishment and other topics. Prerequisite: LAW 511.

LAW 812 Qur'anic Law (3) A survey of the text of the Arabic Qur'an in English, and the three kinds of commentary on it by Muslims: Islamists, Traditionalists, and Reformists. The students will compare the translation and commentary of three published Qur'ans, respectively those of Hilali & Khan, Abdullah Yusuf Ali, and Maulana Muhammad Ali. Lectures and assignments will seek to understand the Qur'anic basis of these three expressions of Islamic religion, politics, human rights and law, and Christian conceptual strategies to challenge them. Law topics will include the rule of law, an establishment of religion, crime and punishment, and civil law. Prerequisite: LAW 511.

LAW 831 Crime & Punishment (2) Inquiry into the scriptural principles that govern man's role in, and responsibility for, punishing and controlling sinners and for redressing the consequences of sin. Included is a study of the historical foundations of our criminal justice system. Other topics to be discussed are the differences between a sin and a crime, appropriate sanctions and current issues in criminal justice. Prerequisites: LAW 511 and 531.

LAW 862 Entertainment Law (3) Overview of legal problems in film, theatre, television, sound recordings and literary and music publishing. Topics include the role of attorneys, agents and business and personal managers, contractual provisions in different entertainment agreements, protection for ideas and stories, rights of privacy and publicity and related copyright issues. Prerequisites: LAW 561, 562, 521 and 522.

LAW 863 Sports Law (2) Study of the law of sports including intellectual property, rights of privacy and publicity, antitrust, labor, contracts, torts, Olympic and International Rules and sports agency. Prerequisites: LAW 511, 551, 554, 521, 522, 561, 562, 541, 542, 552 and 553.

LAW 882 School Law (2) Focuses on the legal aspects of public, private and home education, including: 1) the legal framework for public education; 2) First Amendment and other constitutional issues related to the public schools; 3) government regulation of private/parochial schools; and 4) parental rights concerning home education. Prerequisites: LAW 511, 551, 554, 521, 522, 561, 562, 541, 542, 552 and 553.

LAW 883 International & Comparative Human Rights (2) Addresses the questions of the universality of human rights, including the right of life, the right to death, rights of the child, women's rights, religious freedoms, the rights of third-world countries and the export of Western values to Eastern societies.
Prerequisites: LAW 511.

Master of Laws (LL.M.) in American Legal Studies

LAW 555 American Legal System, Analysis & Writing (3) The American legal system in the context of developing the perspectives and skills necessary to read cases and other legal materials, analyze legal issues, and research and write basic American legal memoranda. Includes an introduction to the law library and to the use of the full range of source materials available to lawyers and judges in the practice of law.

LAW 800 Christian Foundations of American Law and Lawyering (3) An examination of (1) the importance of a religious and theological understanding of the issues of work, calling, and law; (2) the foundational sources and nature of American law and justice; (3) the role of lawyers in the American justice system; and (4) Biblical thinking about what lawyers do, including select substantive legal issues. The course will also highlight the relationship between law and theology, demonstrating how one's view of the nature of law justifies preferred legal regimes and particular legal rules, while encouraging students to think critically about legal issues in light of Biblical principles.

LAW 801 American Common Law (3) A survey of selected foundational topics of the American common law of Contracts, Property, and Torts, including consideration and promissory estoppel, the Statute of Frauds, policing the bargain, assignments, excused non-performance, contract remedies, personal and real property, freehold and non-freehold estates, concurrent estates, recording systems, negligence, products liability, and business torts.

LAW 802 American Constitutional Law (3) A survey of the United States Constitution and the United States Supreme Court case law interpreting the Constitution. The course includes an introduction to the Constitution and its interpretation, and a study of the higher law background of American constitutional law, constitutional structure, separation of powers, federalism, and individual rights.

LAW 803 American Business Entities (3) A detailed study of agency, corporations and limited liability companies and a more confined survey of the law of partnerships, including their inherent limitations. The course encompasses close and public corporations, their origins, structure, rights, and liabilities of management and shareholders.

LAW 804 American Commercial Law (3) A study of the law of sales (Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code (—UCC)), payment systems (Articles 3, 4, and 4A of the UCC), and secured transactions (Article 9 of the UCC). Sales topics covered will include scope of coverage, parol evidence, the Statute of Frauds, battle of the forms, implied warranties, and bona fide purchase. Payment systems topics covered will include an introduction to negotiable instruments, enforcement, liability, discharge of payment, types of banks, and the relationship between the payor bank and customer. Secured transaction topics covered

will include an introduction to comparative secured transactions, attachment, perfection, priority, and remedies. Prerequisite: LAW 801.

LAW 805 American Federal Income Taxation of Individuals and Entities (3) An introduction to basic principles of United States Federal income taxation including the definition of income, appropriate deductions from income, and exclusions from income; an analysis of the theoretical and policy foundations of income taxation; and a study of the types of federal income taxation of business entities. Prerequisites: LAW 801, 803.

LAW 806 American Intellectual Property (3) A survey of the different legal mechanisms for protecting intellectual property in the United States, including patent, trademark, copyright, and related state-law doctrines. Prerequisite: LAW 801.

LAW 807 American Legal System & Writing (3) An introduction to the American legal system and a detailed study of the perspectives and skills necessary to read cases and other legal materials, analyze legal issues, and research selected topics of American law. The course will include an introduction to the full range of source materials available to lawyers and judges in the practice of American law. The course will culminate in a legal research paper (15 page minimum) on a topic of American law selected by the student under the supervision of a faculty member or other expert in the field.