

LAW (LA)

LA 505a Legal Institutions and Values - 3 Hours

This course surveys foundational sources in history, philosophy, Christian theology, and the Bible as the basis for legal and governmental order in the United States. Topics range from Sumerian democracy to Greek and Roman law to the sources and impact of the English common law. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 521 Contracts 1 - 3 Hours

This course studies the fundamentals of contract law, including the common law and selected portions of the Restatement (Second) of Contracts and the Uniform Commercial Code. Contracts 1 covers remedies, offer, acceptance, discerning the agreement, parol evidence rule, Statute of Frauds, multi-party transactions, and enforceability. Contracts 2 covers consideration, promissory estoppel, warranties and conditions, breach, and defenses. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 521x Contracts 1 - 3 Hours

This course studies the fundamentals of contract law, including the common law and selected portions of the Restatement (Second) of Contracts and the Uniform Commercial Code. Contracts 1 covers offer, acceptance, bilateral & unilateral contracts, discerning the agreement, consideration, promissory estoppel, restitution, battle of the forms, statute of frauds, incapacity, undue influence, misrepresentation, non-disclosure and unconscionability. Contracts 2 covers remedies, parol evidence rule, multi-party transactions, enforceability, warranties and conditions, breach and defenses. Delivery mode: JD Flex Track.

LA 522a Contracts 2 - 3 Hours

This course studies the fundamentals of contract law, including the common law and selected portions of the Restatement (Second) of Contracts and the Uniform Commercial Code. Contracts 1 covers remedies, offer, acceptance, discerning the agreement, parol evidence rule, Statute of Frauds, multi-party transactions, and enforceability. Contracts 2 covers consideration, promissory estoppel, warranties and conditions, breach, and defenses. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

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LA 523 Contract Drafting - 1-3 Hours

This course teaches students practical contract drafting skills, including how to translate a business deal into contract concepts, how to draft each of a contract's parts, how to draft with clarity and without ambiguity, how to negotiate a contract, and how to review and analyze a contract. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 523b Government Contracts - 3 Hours

This course provides an overview of government contract law. It identifies provisions of the Federal Procurement Integrity Act as well as general federal acquisitions contract principles. It examines the authority of contracting officers, how such authority is delegated, and the impact of such delegation. The formation of government contracts protest procedures are reviewed along with government property fundamentals. Government contract funding and fiscal matters, labor, social, economic, and environmental concerns and fraud are examined. Government contract legal aspects of inspection, acceptance, delivery, warranties, changes, terminations and contract disputes are also discussed. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 531a Criminal Law - 3 Hours

This course teaches students how to deal with substantive criminal law problems in both practical and policy terms. The course inquires into the proper scope and objectives of criminal law, limitations on the State's power to define criminal liability, and general principles of liability and defenses for offenses against the person and property. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

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LA 541 Torts 1 - 3 Hours

This course covers the civil laws governing compensation for injury to person and property. Torts 1 focuses on intentional torts and defenses, negligence and defenses, wrongful death, survival, statute of limitations, immunities, and vicarious liability. Torts 2 studies strict liability, products liability, nuisance, defamation, invasion of privacy, civil rights, misuse of legal procedure, intentional and negligent misrepresentation, business torts and familial relationships, torts in the age of statutes, and compensation systems as substitutes for tort law. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

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LA 542 Torts 2 - 3 Hours

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LA 543b Open Development in Cambodia: Human Trafficking and Economic Development - 3 Hours

This is an advanced course in human trafficking and economic development. Students will analyze and discuss current issues in human trafficking, focusing on sex trafficking in Southeast Asia. Students will learn the history of human trafficking, and how human trafficking is combatted in the modern world. Students will also learn about economic development in Southeast Asia, and how it is a modern way of combating human trafficking. Trinity Law School teaches this course from a Christian perspective and actively incorporates Biblical principles into the curriculum. Thus, this class/trip has three major aspects or themes to it: (1) basic concepts and laws relevant to human rights; (2) human trafficking; and (3) the role and relationship of worldviews and economic factors and development or lack thereof to human rights and human trafficking. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 559 Legal Research and Writing 1: Objective Writing - 3 Hours

This course introduces students to fundamental legal reasoning, research, and writing skills in the context of objective legal documents. Students will learn to identify, use, and analyze primary and secondary legal authorities to solve legal problems, and how to structure and draft legal memoranda. Course meets practical skills requirement. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 560b Legal Research and Writing 2: Persuasive Writing - 3 Hours

This course helps students develop their analytical, writing, and research skills in the advocacy context. Students produce litigation documents including either a pre-trial motion or an appellate brief. Students are also required to participate in an oral argument competition to practice oral advocacy skills. Course meets practical skills requirement. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 566a Legal Research and Writing 3: Practical Skills - 3 Hours

This course introduces students to the range of legal documents common in civil litigation. Students will draft documents that include research memos, letters, a complaint, demurrer, discovery, motion to compel/compel further responses to discovery, trial brief and other trial documents. This class is designed to provide essential experience of practical skills necessary for lawyers. Course meets practical skills requirement. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 599x FYLSX Skills - 3 Hours

This course consists of a substantive law review of each subject tested on the California First Year Law Students Examination (FYLSX). In addition to the review of the substantive law, students receive extensive practice at both essay exam writing and multiple choice questions. This practice provides integration of the law and exam skills and is the means by which students earn their grades in this course. Approaches, checklists, and writing techniques are focused on throughout the course to enhance student issue spotting, analysis, and application skills, all of which are necessary to pass the FYLSX. Delivery mode: JD Flex Track.

LA 600i Constitutional Law 1 - 3 Hours

This course covers the powers of the federal government and selected topics regarding the relationship of the branches of the federal government to each other and to the States, as well as selected topics regarding the Bill of Rights, due process, equal protection, and the effect of the Fourteenth Amendment on the application of the Bill of Rights to the States. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 601i Constitutional Law 2 - 3 Hours

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LA 613 Professional Responsibility and Ethics - 3 Hours

This course covers the rules of law governing lawyers' professional conduct are studied through ethics codes, lectures, text, cases, professional responsibility opinions, ethics problems, and class discussion. Principal attention is given to the lawyer's role in an adversary system, zealous representation, lawyer-client confidentiality, conflicts of interest, competency in providing legal services, ethics for prosecutors, judges, and litigation, solicitation of clients, lawyer advertising, and pro bono obligations. Students will focus on the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct, ABA Model Code of Judicial Conduct, and the California Rules of Professional Conduct. This course also explores when lawyers must subordinate their own moral judgment to that of their clients or whistle-blow and violate what would otherwise be protected client confidences. In addition, the ethics aspect of the course will examine the broader moral and ethical issues and responsibilities of lawyers, judges, and clients, including Christian ethical perspectives. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 651a Law and Advocacy: Immigrants, Refugees and Displaced Persons - 1 Hour

This module course will present an overview of national and international law as it relates to immigrants, refugees, and displaced persons. This course will also discuss current trends and concerns regarding these populations, as well as a review of key advocacy organizations and advocacy practices that help address these concerns. Underlying this course is the concept of Biblical justice. Students will receive both grounding in Biblical principles and related moral and ethical concepts to provide a framework for understanding and discussing the human rights and other topics that interrelate with the course subject. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 661 Property 1 - 3 Hours

This course focuses on the acquisition, disposition, and use of personal and real property. Property 1 focuses on the nature of ownership and possession, bailment, adverse possession, common law classifications of estates in land, concurrent ownership, present and future interests in land, and landlord-tenant law. Property 2 focuses on transfers of interests in real property, real estate contracts, legal descriptions, conveyances and deeds, recording systems, title insurance, private land-use restrictions (easements, covenants, and equitable servitudes), public land-use regulations, eminent domain, and regulatory takings. The course may include introductory exposure to trusts, donative transfers, intellectual property, fixtures, mortgages, and ownership of natural resources (i.e., water, oil, gas, wildlife). Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 662 Property 2 - 3 Hours

This course focuses on the acquisition, disposition, and use of personal and real property. Property 1 focuses on the nature of ownership and possession, bailment, adverse possession, common law classifications of estates in land, concurrent ownership, present and future interests in land, and landlord-tenant law. Property 2 focuses on transfers of interests in real property, real estate contracts, legal descriptions, conveyances and deeds, recording systems, title insurance, private land-use restrictions (easements, covenants, and equitable servitudes), public land-use regulations, eminent domain, and regulatory takings. The course may include introductory exposure to trusts, donative transfers, intellectual property, fixtures, mortgages, and ownership of natural resources (i.e., water, oil, gas, wildlife). Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 671i Evidence 1 - 3 Hours

This course covers the standards regulating admissibility of evidence in both civil and criminal trials. Topics include common law and statutory principles and policy considerations underlying rules of evidence, admission and exclusion, relevancy and materiality, privileged communications, the hearsay rule and its exceptions, opinion evidence, authentication, the best evidence rule, impeachment and rehabilitation, judicial notice, public policy exclusions, presumptions and burden of proof. Trial situations will be simulated, students will argue for and against the admission of evidence under the rules, and the course will explore how evidence has an impact on tactical trial decisions. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 672i Evidence 2 - 3 Hours

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LA 673b Civil Procedure 1 - 3 Hours

This course offers an introduction to the court system, including jurisdiction over the person, venue, and the role of state law in federal courts. The course covers aspects of civil litigation, including pleading, discovery, parties, counterclaims, cross-claims, impleader, intervention, and interpleader. The course emphasizes federal civil procedure, but also addresses California procedure where it differs from the federal rules. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 674b Civil Procedure 2 - 3 Hours

This course offers an introduction to the court system, including jurisdiction over the person, venue, and the role of state law in federal courts. The course covers aspects of civil litigation, including pleading, discovery, parties, counterclaims, cross-claims, impleader, intervention, and interpleader. The course emphasizes federal civil procedure, but also addresses California procedure where it differs from the federal rules. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 674d E-Discovery - 1 Hour

This course introduces students to this increasingly competitive world and provides a basic understanding of the legal and technological issues surrounding the use of electronically stored information ("ESI"), and the practical parameters of eDiscovery and electronic case management. Students will learn what electronic discovery is, and how the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Federal Rules of Evidence, and case law affect this aspect of litigation. This course will discuss what an attorney and his team need to consider when handling (ESI) prior to.

LA 675a Alternative Dispute Resolution - 2-3 Hours

This course provides students with an opportunity to develop a thorough understanding of the different forms of ADR through the study of various ADR vehicles such as arbitration and mediation. In addition to developing an academic understanding of the appropriate use of ADR and the procedural posture upon which cases move into and through ADR, students will also be given an opportunity to engage in mock ADR hearings both as counsel for the litigants in a hypothetical case, and as the neutral conducting the hearing. Finally, students will also be given the opportunity to prepare certain documents typically associated with ADR hearings such as Arbitration Briefs, Mediation Briefs, etc. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 702a Business Organizations - 3 Hours

This course covers the formation of agency relationships, partnerships and corporations, the fiduciary duties of agents, directors and officers, shareholder voting, shareholder lawsuits, rules around corporate disclosures, insider trading, and corporate control transactions. Particular attention is given to the way in which corporations organize and operate. The course also examines the respective roles, relationships, and liability exposure of shareholders, directors, and officers. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 716 Advanced Ethics for Lawyers - 1 Hour

This course is an advanced ethics class. Together, the professor and students explore complex ethical considerations of one's role as an attorney and counselor-at-law, taking an advanced look at the practices, issues, and problems surrounding a lawyer's professional responsibility to his or her client and the profession. Students will analyze various rules of professional conduct through Christian and competing worldviews. In like manner, students will also examine complex moral and ethical issues and responsibilities relating to the practice of law. Students will also evaluate the nature of law practice itself and the nature of a professional and religious "calling." Taught primarily through the problem method, students identify issues and solve problems while participating in a number of legal practice modules. Students will also have the opportunity to reflect personally on the material taught while preparing a personal code of conduct. Course meeting practical skills requirement. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 750 Appellate Advocacy - 3 Hours

This course offers students the opportunity to study composition, mechanics, and advocacy style for federal appellate court briefs. Organization and presentation of effective oral argument is a component of the class. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 753 Trial Practice - 3 Hours

This is a practical skills course in advocacy that introduces students to the fundamental components of a typical civil and criminal trial. It requires students to perform exercises involving each component, and try a mock civil or criminal case from provided problem materials. The course requires student participation in discrete exercises, including jury voir dire, opening and closing statements, presentation and objections to evidence, and direct and cross-examination. Course meetings practical skills requirement. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 763 Family Law - 3 Hours

This course studies the legal aspects of the relationships associated with marriage and parenthood, including spousal and parental rights and responsibilities, children's rights, marital dissolution, annulment, unmarried cohabitation, child custody, illegitimacy, adoption, and guardianship. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 764 Community Property - 2 Hours

This course focuses on the principles of California's community property system, contrasting those principles with the treatment of assets in common law jurisdiction. This course analyzes how California classifies different types of assets which a couple might acquire during the course of a marital relationship. In particular, we will discuss how California classifies personal injury awards, pensions, disability benefits, professional degrees, bonuses, credit acquisitions, and jointly-titled assets. Practical problems and solutions are emphasized. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 783i Criminal Procedure - 3 Hours

This course is designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of important issues of criminal procedure arising during the investigation and early stages of prosecution of crimes. Topics include constitutional limits on arrests and stops, search and seizure, interrogation of suspects, right to counsel, exclusionary rule, identification procedures, and the privilege against self-incrimination. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 784 Criminal Adjudicative Process - 1 Hour

This course focuses on the legal system after a person has been arrested for a crime from the filing of criminal charges to post-conviction sentencing. The course will examine the safeguards that ensure each person charged with a crime receives their constitutionally guaranteed rights. The moral and ethical obligations of the attorney in the adjudicative process will also be discussed. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 790d Jurisprudence - 4 Hours

This course requires substantial reading in each of the following general categories: Classical natural law, contemporary natural law, Law and Economics, critical studies, postmodernism, law of the family, and critical gay theories. Minor readings also required in legal positivism. The class also should provide the students with a working familiarity with Thomas Aquinas' Treatise on Law, Oliver Wendell Holmes' The Path of the Law, and John Rawls' A Theory of Justice. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 803 Wills, Trusts, and Estates - 3 Hours

This course examines rules pertaining to intestate succession, testamentary dispositions, execution, modification, and revocation of wills, testamentary capacity and will contests, interpretation of wills, protection of spouse and children, and the use of will substitutes. The creation, types, and characteristics of trusts are also examined, including coverage of the construction of trusts, trust administration, and wealth transfer taxation. Fiduciary administration issues also are considered. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 822a Remedies - 3 Hours

This course analyzes the judicial remedies available in the American system of jurisprudence. The course familiarizes students with compensatory and punitive damages, preliminary and permanent injunctions, restitution and unjust enrichment, rescission, declaratory judgments, attorneys' fees, and pre-judgment interest. The course will also cover claims for and defenses to quiet title, reformation, fraudulent conveyances, subrogation, contribution, indemnity, and replevin. The course will also include discussions of recent developments in the law of American remedies as well as important practical issues regarding enforcing money judgments, initiating and prosecuting contempt proceedings, and obtaining writs of attachment and other pre-judgment remedies. The course will conclude with discussions of equitable and other remedies available to defendants, such as unclean hands, unconscionability, waiver, estoppel, laches, statutes of limitations, and California SLAPP laws. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 870 Civil Litigation Skills - 2 Hours

This course provides students with an opportunity to develop an approach to the pleading and discovery aspects of litigation. The course covers drafting and opposing pleadings, preparing a discovery plan, drafting and responding to written discovery, preparing witnesses for depositions, and deposition skills in accordance with the California Code of Civil Procedure. Successful completion of Evidence 1 & 2 and Civil Procedure 1 & 2 are prerequisites for this course. Course meets practical skills requirement. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 870a California Civil Procedure and Evidence - 2 Hours

This course examines the California Code of Civil Procedure and the California Evidence Code, and contrasts them with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Federal Rules of Evidence. The course is designed to prepare students to address these content areas on the California Bar Examination. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 890 Advanced Criminal Law and Procedure - 3 Hours

This course covers the following topics: the prosecutorial charging decision, bail and preventive detention statutes, pre-trial screening process (grand jury, preliminary hearing, guilty pleas and plea bargaining), pretrial discovery and prosecutorial duties to disclose exculpatory evidence, and jury trial issues (right of confrontation, sentencing, and post-trial proceedings). Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 891 Juvenile Law - 2 Hours

This course explores selected issues in juvenile law, such as the rights and status of children, representing children, abuse and neglect, foster care, and special education. The seminar will address such matters in relation to one another, and to doctrine, policy and practice. Students will be expected to be active in group discussion and to be available for at least one off-site visit. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 892c International Trade and Investment - 1 Hour

This course addresses the law of international business transactions, covering the treaties that impact trade and the practical aspects of advising business clients regarding international trade matters. The scope of the course emphasizes foreign businesses as vendors for American clients, and addresses the economic impact of international trade on private businesses in developing nations. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 893 Securities Regulation - 2 Hours

This commercial law course is principally concerned with Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code and the creation and perfection of security interests in personal property. The course will be relevant to those students interested in finance, banking, or other transactional areas. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 905b Theory and Law of War - 3 Hours

This course studies international legal norms applicable in time of both international and non-international armed conflict. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 910 The Right to Life and the Law - 2-3 Hours

This course studies the complex medical, social, legal, and ethical issues raised by topics such as abortion, euthanasia, and infanticide. The course includes a survey of Supreme Court and other judicial decisions pertaining to these issues.

LA 916c Human Trafficking: Prosecution of Domestic Cases - 1 Hour

This class focuses on the advocacy and trial aspects of prosecuting domestic human trafficking cases from jury selection to closing argument. Students will learn about the central understanding of human trafficking in California and the advocacy against it. This includes the realities of human trafficking from recruitment of victims, the typical trafficker, the laws that effect trafficking, and the prosecution of trafficking. The course will give a basic overview of a human trafficking jury trial and discuss how to advocate for or against the trafficker during trial. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 918a International Disputes Resolution - 3 Hours

This course is a hands-on study of the dispute resolution process available for dealing with human rights violations. Topics include the United Nations and regional claims procedures as well as an overview of international arbitration, mediation, and conciliation. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 919 International Forum on Human Rights - 2 Hours

This course is presented in conjunction with the annual program of the International Institute of Human Rights and enables students to interact with human rights lawyers, judges, government officials, academics, and activists from all over the world, and to experience European culture. May be repeated for credit as topics vary. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 920a International Institute of Human Rights - 4 Hours

This course covers recognition and protection of human rights under international law is the subject of this unique course taught for four weeks during the month of July on the campus of the University of Strasbourg in Strasbourg, France. The course is presented in conjunction with the annual program of the International Institute of Human Rights. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 921a Religious Liberties and International Human Rights - 3 Hours

This course is in-depth study of the human right of religious freedom of thought, conscience, and belief as set forth in the various human rights documents. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 922 Public International Law - 3 Hours

This course introduces students to the fundamentals of public international law, focusing on the nature and sources of international law, the relationship between international law and domestic law, international agreements, statehood and territorial jurisdiction, recognition of states and governments, immunities, state responsibility, the use of force and peaceful settlement of the international disputes. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 923a International Criminal Law - 3 Hours

This course examines issues in the field of international criminal law which encompass individual responsibility for conduct that is labeled as criminal under international law, nation-state responsibility for conduct that may be considered a crime under international law, and individual responsibility for conduct with international dimensions that is labeled a crime under U.S. domestic law. The course will expose students to the prosecution, trial and punishment of individuals alleged to have committed crimes considered to be among the most serious violations of international humanitarian and human rights law including genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 925a Immigration Law - 2 Hours

This course explores the statutory, regulatory, and administrative foundations of United States immigration law, policy and practice, as well as basic principles of nationality law and naturalization procedures. Topics include immigrant and non-immigrant visa categories such as family-based immigration, business and employment-based immigration and visas, refugee and asylum law, and deportation law and practice. The course also analyzes the constitutional basis for federal control over immigration and surveys the historical and social context of U.S. immigration policy. The course discusses the moral issues concerned with immigration control. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 953a Legal Internship - 1-6 Hours

Internships/Externships combine academic training in lawyering skills and professional responsibility with practical experience working for a judge, district attorney, public defender, government agency or non-profit law office. Interns/Externs work under the supervision of experienced practicing attorneys or judges who provide guidance and training in research, writing, and practical lawyering skills. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 955 Uniform Commercial Code - 2 Hours

This course will explore the primary laws governing sales of goods within the United States or involving parties located within the United States: Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code and the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods. The course will cover the scope of the laws, contract formation, the requirement of a writing, express and implied warranties, the terms of the contract, performance, breach, and remedies. The course will include a brief analysis of strict products liability and of consumer rights and remedies under the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Federal Trade Commission Improvement Act. Substantial emphasis will be placed on applying the laws to factual situations. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 957 Law Practice Management - 2-3 Hours

This course covers the practical aspects of opening a law practice, forms of practice, legal assistants and the use of systems for professional and business functions, timekeeping and fees, bookkeeping, client relationships, the law office staff manual, library and retrieval systems, calendar and monitor systems, essential equipment and law office layout, and developing a practice. The course will also discuss the business and ethical issues as well as the personal pressures encountered in the solo or small firm practice. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 959 Legal Clinic Practicum - 1-2 Hours

This courses allows students to participate in an off-campus poverty law clinic at the Orange County Rescue Mission providing legal services to the residents at the mission. Students learn client interviewing skills and develop research skills for clients. Select students may participate in this program at the OCRM facility or through the mobile clinic. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 959d Nonprofit Clinic - 1-3 Hours

This clinical course allows students to get direct experience in providing transactional legal services for nonprofit organizations. The primary activities are advising clients on appropriate provisions for corporate bylaws, completing the policy requirements under IRS Form 990, training corporate boards regarding fiduciary responsibilities, providing services through fiscal sponsors, and incorporating nonprofits and applying for tax exempt status. Course meets practical skills requirement. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 959k Trinity Mobile Legal Clinic - 1 Hour

This clinical course was opened to further Trinity Law School's partnership with the Orange County Rescue Mission, the Mobile Legal Clinic opened its doors during the spring 2012 semester. This "Law Office on Wheels" runs in conjunction with other mobile services coordinated by the Mission. Each week, law students under the direction of a supervising attorney work with low-income and homeless residents of Orange County in the parking lot of the Courtyard Transitional Center in Santa Ana, CA. Students interview clients and provide information to them, help complete court or administrative paperwork, assist clients in contacting government agencies and preparing for court hearings. Students address many of the biggest legal issues faced by the homeless including family law, criminal law, and debt issues. Through this ministry, Trinity Law Students are able to provide pro-bono legal services to members of society who might not otherwise have access to legal assistance. Course meets practical skills requirement. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 959m Trinity Poverty Law Clinic - 2 Hours

This clinical course was opened to provide Trinity students with a formalized practical legal experience while serving the clients of the Christian Legal Aid Office (CLAO). CLAO, located at Trinity Law School, is dedicated to providing legal services to the poor and serving the local church by providing free and low-cost legal assistance to those unable to afford an attorney. Students in this clinic, under the direction of a supervising attorney, conduct intake interviews over the phone and in person. They assist clients by facilitating access to CLAO in-house counsel or connecting them with a volunteer attorney for representation. Students help clients complete court or administrative paperwork, contact government agencies and prepare for court hearings. The clinic includes instruction on the provision of legal services, as hands-on training in interviewing clients, assessing legal needs, and providing answers to difficult legal issues. Course meets practical skills requirement. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 959o Trinity Religious Liberty Clinic - 2-3 Hours

This clinical course is a partnership with the Pacific Justice Institute and operates on the campus of Trinity Law School. PJI is a non-profit providing pro bono legal services to churches and individuals primarily in cases involving the defense of religious freedom, parental rights, and other civil liberties. This writing-intensive clinic is designed to give students the unique opportunity to hone legal writing skills while under the supervision of an attorney specializing in constitutional law. Students will be exposed to writing various trial and appellate level documents including complaints and amicus briefs for current cases. Students' research and writing will directly contribute to important religious freedom matters. LA 566 Legal Research and Writing 3, LA 600 Constitutional Law 1, and LA 601 Constitutional Law 2 are prerequisites for this course. Course meets practical skills requirement. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 959r Trinity Bankruptcy Clinic - 1 Hour

This clinical course is a pro bono legal clinic serving California residents in their Chapter 7 bankruptcies. Students are supervised by a practicing bankruptcy attorney as they assist clients in problem solving and preparing cases for filing in pro se. Clients are referred to this clinic by various agencies throughout Orange County. LA 961c Bankruptcy is a prerequisite to this course. Course meets practical skills requirement. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 959t Trinity Mediation Clinic - 1-2 Hours

This clinical course operates in conjunction with the Orange County Superior Court and Orange County Human Relations. It is designed to give students hands-on experience providing mediation services to the disputants and operates under the direction of Professor Ryul Kim, a mediator and licensed attorney. As mediators, the students act as third party neutrals to help the litigants facilitate a resolution of their pending lawsuits. This clinic equips students who may be interested in entering the field of alternative dispute resolution or those who would like to integrate peacemaking principles in their own legal practice. LA 675a Alternative Dispute Resolution is a prerequisite to this course. Course meets practical skills requirement. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 960 Administrative Law - 3 Hours

This course will cover the basic principles of administrative law, including: issues of delegation of legislative and executive power to agencies; statutory and constitutional due process; statutory interpretation by agencies; standards of judicial review of agency decisions; and the prerequisites of judicial review. This class is especially useful for understanding the rights individuals, interest groups, and regulated business entities when they confront rules or enforcement actions by regulatory agencies (e.g., EPA, OSHA, Social Security Administration, Federal Trade Commission, Federal Communications Commission, and Bureau of Indian Affairs). Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 961c Bankruptcy - 3 Hours

This course examines the United States Bankruptcy Code and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. Areas of emphasis are: financing, operating and administering debtors estates, treatment of executory contracts and leases, formulation and confirmation of plans of reorganization, and the avoiding powers of the trustee in bankruptcy. The course will focus primarily on cases under chapter 7 (i.e., liquidation cases), litigation arising under the Code (e.g., avoidance power claims such as preference and fraudulent transfer claims), and the allowance, priority, and dischargeability of claims. We will also review the provisions of chapter 13 (wage earner plans) and there will be some material covered relating to chapter 11 reorganizations. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 961d Consumer Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Survey - 1 Hour

This course focuses on consumer bankruptcy cases under Chapter 7 of the United States Bankruptcy code. This course will introduce students to intersections between Bankruptcy law and other areas such as family law, estate planning, and real estate law. This course is a pre-requisite to LA 959r Bankruptcy Clinic. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 962a Intellectual Property - 3 Hours

This course examines patents, copyrights, trademarks, unfair competition, and rights of publicity, trade secrets, and protection of designs. The course analyzes the rights and remedies associated with each type of intellectual property that it covers, as well as the relationships between different types of intellectual property. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 962b Real Estate Transactions - 3 Hours

This course presents the basic statutory and common law principles of the fundamental elements of a real estate transaction including arranging the deal, performing the contract, closing the contract, assuring title, financing the purchase, federal income tax considerations, and condominium and other communal arrangements for home ownership. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 970A Independent Study/Guided Research - 1-6 Hours

This course offers individualized research on an approved topic under the supervision of a law professor. The Registrar must approve any independent study. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 975 Environmental Law - 3 Hours

The course covers the "Superfund" law, hazardous waste laws, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, federal and state statutes regarding environmental impacts of government decision making, the common law of nuisance and trespass, the Endangered Species Act, laws governing public warnings of potential health risks, principles of environmental justice, global climate change, criminal enforcement of environmental laws, and international environmental law. The class will also cover the history and policy underpinnings of environmental regulations and restrictions and will focus on the frequent conflicts between competing public policy goals. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 975i International Environmental Law - 3 Hours

This course examines the role of international law in the protection of the earth's environment. It views the international organizations that develop environmental laws and policy, and the roles, rights, and obligations of states in enacting and enforcing those laws. Environmental issues covered include marine pollution, hazardous waste, nuclear energy, endangered species, and how international disputes in these areas are settled. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 979 Federal Income Tax Law - 3 Hours

This course introduces students to the system of federal income taxation of individuals. The tax system is studied with emphasis on basic concepts rather than detailed computations. Significant attention is given to the public policy served by various provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. Primary consideration is given to principles and policies relating to the taxation of individuals including procedure, income, deductions, gains and losses, and transactional aspects of income taxation. The Internal Revenue Code and Regulations are emphasized. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 980 Law and Public Policy - 2 Hours

This course surveys policy objectives and underlying philosophical systems. Judicial decision-making, legislation, and executive action are examined for their theoretical foundations. Various theories are studied with particular emphasis placed on Christian perspectives. The emphasis of the course varies each time it is offered. Past sections of the course have studied a combination of issues involving education, poverty, sex discrimination, privacy, war, and religion. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 982a Law and Literature: Revenge, Justice and Mercy - 1 Hour

This course examines the nature of law and justice through the medium of literature. We will explore how literature addresses revenge and mercy, and their place in the pursuit and achievement of justice, particularly in our legal system. Readings will include Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice, Aeschylus's Agamemnon, and short stories from Flannery O'Connor and Andre Dubus, as well as selections from Holy Scripture. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 984 Religion and the Law - 2 Hours

This is an advanced course that examines critical issues of law and religion, including the theological foundation of law and the legal foundation of theology, the relationship between church and state, religious civil liberties, religious discrimination and accommodation, and the principles of law and regulations relating to churches and religious organizations. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 984a Politics, Law, and Religion - 1 Hour

This course focuses on the problems inherent in the inter-relationship of politics, law, and religion. In particular, it will examine church-state separation and secularism as potential methods of settling the controversy. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 984b Law, Faith, and Politics - 1 Hour

This course is an overview of the underlying worldview issues that shape law and politics, with a focus on how a fully-orbed Christian worldview informs and inspires our pursuit of justice and virtue in the American legal and political context. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 985 The Lawyer as Counselor - 3 Hours

This course is designed to address the skill of counseling listed in the MacCrate report. It will be taught as an intensive 3-week course, meeting each night of the week. Because God's redemptive sovereignty is creation-wide, all aspects of life have eternal significance. Participants will address the implications of this revealed truth for life and professional practice by examining Biblical, theological, historical, and contemporary resources. Topics will include worldview formation, image bearing agency, vocational stewardship, and theologically shaped culture making. This class is designed to assist legal professionals in understanding and dealing with emotional and mental health issues as they may arise in a legal ministry setting. Recognizing and resourcing such issues as they are pertinent to client concerns will be part of the week's focus. The course also explores the lawyer's responsibility as a Counselor at Law. The segment provides an introduction into the moral foundations and professional practice considerations relating to a lawyer's responsibility to his or her client and the legal profession. Taught primarily through the problem method, students identify issues and solve problems while participating in a number of legal practice modules. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 989 Moot Court - 1-2 Hours

This course allows students to gain practical advocacy skills through researching, drafting, and arguing an appellate brief. The course may not be repeated for credit. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 991 Law Review - 1-3 Hours

This course allows students to participate in the publication of The Trinity Law Review. The Trinity Law Review is a legal journal that the student members edit and publish. Members are selected on the basis of academic achievement and a writing competition. Students receive credit for demonstrable competence in scholarly writing and editing. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 994a Employment Law - 3 Hours

This course is a study of the law governing the employment relationship, including the establishment and termination of that relationship. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 995al Accounting for Lawyers - 1 Hour

This course covers the methods, standards and procedures utilized by the accounting profession in the preparation and issuance of financial and accounting documents. The objective of the course is the familiarization of legal professionals with the nomenclature and processes incorporated in accounting reportage and to enable legal professionals to become conversant with accounting principles so as to be more effective in interpreting financial reports and advising clients. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 995bb Special Topics: Labor Law - 2 Hours

This course covers problems arising from the employer-employee relationship, as affected by the common law, the federal labor relations acts, and the union contract. The course also briefly considers the union-employer relation, the employer's duty to bargaining, arbitration, and other methods of resolving labor disputes. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 995bc Insurance Law - 1-3 Hours

This course covers the fundamentals of insurance, interpretation of insurance policies, litigation of insurance disputes, liability insurance and the duty to defend, property insurance and other first party coverages, directors' and officers' and employers' liability insurance coverages, insurance bad faith, statutory and regulatory oversight of insurance and the impact of insurance law on other practice areas. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 995bl Banking Law - 2 Hours

This course is a study of the history of banking, the various types of financial institutions, and the National Banking Act. The course focuses on regulation of national banks, including formation, operations (i.e., lending, deposit taking, branching, governance, and other banking and non-banking activities), and issues involved in bank failure. Major influences on the banking system will also be explored, including the savings and loan crisis, the mortgage crisis, financial institution reform, and the history of large bank failures. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 995ci Employment Discrimination - 2 Hours

This course examines the regulation of employment discrimination under federal law. Primary attention will be paid to issues of race, sex, age and disability discrimination. Though an introductory course, it will provide students a comprehensive overview of the legal doctrines developed to address workplace discrimination. The course will address issues of statutory interpretation, litigation strategy and problems of proof. It will also situate this body of law within a set of sociological and theoretical frameworks aimed to enrich students' understandings of the law's foundations and purposes. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 995ds Deposition Skills - 1 Hour

This course provides an in-depth exploration of the deposition process in civil litigation matters. Students will become familiar with the law governing deposition procedure, and will be given practical instruction on how to prepare for depositions, as well as how to take and defend depositions effectively. The course emphasizes federal deposition law and procedure, but will also address California deposition law and procedure. Course meets practical skills requirement. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 995eo Exempt Organizations - 2 Hours

This course surveys government regulation and oversight of nonprofit organizations by federal and state tax agencies, and addresses the attorney's role in annual reporting requirements, managing unrelated business income, and bequests to charities. Nonprofit Law is a prerequisite for this class. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 995ma Mergers and Acquisitions - 3 Hours

This course operates largely as an interactive seminar, built around "hands on" negotiating and drafting experience in a hypothetical merger and acquisition transaction. The first part of the course will cover various topics that are important to M&A transactions, including directors' duties, shareholder voting and dissenters' rights, Federal securities laws, income taxation and accounting, valuation, and trade regulation. Then the course will analyze the primary forms of acquisition (merger, sale of assets, sale of stock), and the basic differences between M&A transactions involving public and private corporations. The remainder of the course will focus upon the M&A case studies, including extensive participation, in teams of "buyers" and "sellers", in the negotiating and drafting process in a typical M&A transaction. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 995ml Attorneys as Moral Leaders - 1 Hour

This intensive-style course teaches students about the underlying principles of moral leadership and law. The main premise of the course is that ethical attorneys need moral knowledge. But what is moral knowledge in an age of pluralism, and what does moral reasoning look like? Can lawyers make decisions on the basis of moral knowledge in the context of a secular legal system? How does moral courage figure into the rigorous work of practicing law? How does a lack of moral courage influence many attorneys to lead demoralized lives with regard to their hollowed vocation? Is it possible for attorneys to exercise moral leadership in their roles? If so, what does that have to do with protecting the legal rights of human beings? If you're interested in learning about the wide frontier of theology as it relates to moral philosophy and law, this introductory course will be fascinating and meaningful to you. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 995nb Negotiation for Law and Business - 2-3 Hours

This course will survey negotiation skills in general including the areas of strategy, tactics, and planning. Specifically, the course will also consider relationships between the parties; multi-party negotiations; information bargaining; initial proposals; how to narrow differences; closure; competitive, cooperative and problem solving tactics together with negotiation counseling, alternative dispute resolution and identities in the context of culture, gender and race. Students will be called upon to complete reading assignments and prepare for and participate in in-class negotiation exercises. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 995np Law of Non Profit Organizations - 3 Hours

This course is a study of nonprofit firms and the nonprofit sector. Topics include a survey of the role of nonprofits, theories and justifications of the nonprofit form, nonprofit statutes and other laws pertaining to nonprofits (e.g., the regulation of charitable solicitations), the formation, operation and dissolution of nonprofits, and tax and tax policy issues related to nonprofits. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 995p American Tribal Law and Comparative Human Rights - 3 Hours

This course surveys global and regional efforts to define minority and indigenous groups and to articulate and implement the human rights of members of ethnic, racial, religious, linguistic, national minorities, and indigenous populations. Related issues such as xenophobia, intolerance, nationalism, and racism will be addressed.

LA 995ro Religious Organizations, Churches, and Foreign Charities - 2 Hours

This course addresses the unique legal issues faced by religious organizations, with an emphasis on government regulation of religious organizations, the unique legal issues faced by churches, political activism by charities, and the handling of deputized giving and foreign charitable work. Nonprofit Law is a prerequisite for this class. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 998c Advanced Exam Approaches and Skills 1 - 3 Hours

This is a two-semester skills oriented course designed to enhance the development of approaches to the essay, performance-style, and multiple choice components of the California Bar Exam. During the first semester the emphasis is on the Multistate Bar Exam tested subjects. The refinement of skills employed in identifying issues, utilizing effective approaches, and organizing answers for purposes of essay exam writing will be joined with tactical approaches to selecting best responses to multiple-choice questions. Students will participate in practice exams and workshops to sharpen the requisite skills. During the second semester the emphasis is on the non-multiple choice essay and performance-style subjects tested on the California Bar exam. The students will be given the opportunity to build their skills in approaching the issues and organizing effective answers through participation in practice exams and workshops. The Advanced Exam Approaches & Skills course is specifically NOT a substitute for bar-review courses undertaken near the end of, or after the conclusion of, the student's law studies. Rather, these courses are offered as a substantive course for advanced students who desire to further develop and refine their exam issue spotting, analysis, organizational and writing skills. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 998d Advanced Exam Approaches and Skills 2 - 3 Hours

This is a two-semester skills oriented course designed to enhance the development of approaches to the essay, performance-style, and multiple choice components of the California Bar Exam. During the first semester the emphasis is on the Multistate Bar Exam tested subjects. The refinement of skills employed in identifying issues, utilizing effective approaches, and organizing answers for purposes of essay exam writing will be joined with tactical approaches to selecting best responses to multiple-choice questions. Students will participate in practice exams and workshops to sharpen the requisite skills. During the second semester the emphasis is on the non-multiple choice essay and performance-style subjects tested on the California Bar exam. The students will be given the opportunity to build their skills in approaching the issues and organizing effective answers through participation in practice exams and workshops. The Advanced Exam Approaches & Skills course is specifically NOT a substitute for bar-review courses undertaken near the end of, or after the conclusion of, the student's law studies. Rather, these courses are offered as a substantive course for advanced students who desire to further develop and refine their exam issue spotting, analysis, organizational and writing skills. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 999d Intelligent Design - 1 Hour

This seminar is a comprehensive review the legal history of the debate over the teachings of origins in public schools, and investigate important questions regarding the shift in cultural and political power. Students will learn the basic science underlying the theory of intelligent design and also study the most recent major court cases and constitutional legal doctrines dealing with this topic. The debate over evolution and intelligent design is complex, with scientific, philosophical, legal, and theological dimensions. Students will develop a broad and deep understanding of the legal dimensions of this debate, as well as important scientific background knowledge. Students will also gain practical training to aid and assist teachers, school board members, and scientists who face threats to academic freedom to investigate and discuss non-evolutionary viewpoints. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.

LA 999dp Death Penalty - 3 Hours

This course will analyze the constitutional, statutory, procedural, systemic, and policy dimensions of capital punishment in the United States. The course will cover the historical, legal, and moral debates over capital punishment, including the function of capital punishment in this country as a "system." The course will examine the Supreme Court's process of doctrine-making and reach conclusions about the function and validity of the punishment. Delivery Mode: Traditional Juris Doctor.