



## Ave Maria School of Law

### Summer 2017 Upper Level Course Descriptions

#### **3-338: Advanced Legal Research (distance education)**

A sixteen week, two hour weekly course consisting of weekly interaction divided between lecture, discussion, reflection papers, group work, and individual assignments in using both print and electronic resources. There will be weekly assignments focused on either a Federal or a Florida professional readiness objective. Topics will include: cost effective legal research, researching common law, optimizing effectiveness with LexisNexis and Westlaw research, secondary sources including looseleafs, statutory research, legislative history and non-Westlaw/Lexis databases such as CCH Tax & Finance, BNA Employment Law, HeinOnline, ProQuest and LexisNexis Congressional. Students will be required to submit a subject-specific research pathfinder as the final project. Grading will consist of weekly assignments, reflective papers relating to discussion topics, and a comprehensive end-of-course research tool.

#### **3-501: Bioethics**

This course will consider the ethical issues underlying the ethical dimension of human life from the moment of conception to natural death.

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#### **2-225: Commercial Law (distance education)**

This course is designed to provide an overview of the legal principles and practical applications implicated in (1) transactions involving the sale of goods, and (2) security interests in personal property used as collateral for the extension of credit. The course will therefore survey major portions of Articles 2 and 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

#### **2-602: Constitutional Law**

Our country is founded upon a constitution that serves as the supreme law of the land. This course looks at this supreme law and studies how the Supreme Court became supreme, as well as how the constitution orders our society by establishing the three branches of the federal government, the relationship between the federal and state governments, and the individual liberties that protect citizens from either federal or state power are the subject of this course.

#### **3-304 Criminal Practice Practicum**

You're assigned to work on a criminal case, now what? This course will take you step-by-step through preparing and working on a criminal case from arrest onward. You will learn how to consult with clients, negotiate with opposing counsel and select a jury. Throughout the class there will be multiple opportunities to hear from guest speakers and get practical experience!

**2-601: Criminal Procedure**

This course will consider the problems in administering a system of criminal law; constitutional and policy limitations upon public officers in dealing with suspected, charged, and convicted offenders.

**2-301: Evidence**

This course will consider the principles governing the admissibility of evidence, the competency of witnesses, and the respective functions of a lawyer, judge, and jury in the presentation and evaluation of evidence.

**3-026: Florida Constitutional Law**

The objective of this course will be for students to learn the principal features of the Constitution of the State of Florida and acquire basic competence in the subject. Students will learn about subject matter areas where governing principles of the state and federal constitution demonstrate parallels. Special attention will be paid to areas of divergence between the state and federal constitutions.

**2-501: Jurisprudence (distance education)**

The purpose of this course is to discern those legal concepts that lie at the heart of the legal discipline. This course will build upon those issues addressed in Moral Foundations of the Law and more fully consider notions such as the idea of the rule of law itself, the tension between natural law and positivism, rules and discretion, discourse, justice, desert, consent, equality, morality, efficiency, loyalty and consistency.

**3-110: Products Liability (distance education)**

Producers of products are made liable for injuries due to those products. This course will consider the growth in liability on the part of manufacturers in the past 30 years and the ways in which producers have reacted to this liability.

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**Summer 2017 Schedule of Classes and Exams**

5/16/2017

Prerequisites and enrollment limitations are listed on SELF-SERVICE.

DE = Distance Education  
 Exp = Experiential Course

Classes will not meet on Monday, 5/29 (Memorial Day) and Tuesday, 7/4 (Independence Day).

**FIRST YEAR COURSES**

Catalog #	Section	Req'd	Exp	Title	Credits	Professor	Days	Time	Building	Room	Notes
1-600	AB	x		Criminal Law	3	Milhizer	TTh	1:00-3:20	Library	123	2, 7
1-005	AB	x		Legal Case Analysis & Skills Enrichment	1	Brosseit/Sammon	See footnotes		West Hall	101	1, 8
1-001	A	x		Research, Writing, and Advocacy I	3	Tenzer	TWTh	9:30-11:35	West Hall	103	2, 7
1-001	B	x		Research, Writing, and Advocacy I	3	Milliron	TWTh	9:30-11:35	West Hall	101	2, 7

**UPPERCLASS COURSES**

Catalog #	Section	Req'd	Exp	Title	Credits	Professor	Days	Time	Building	Room	Notes
3-338	DE		x	Advanced Legal Research	2	Jaen	See footnotes				6, 12
2-225	DE	x		Commercial Law	4	Jones	T	6:00-8:00			2, 6, 11
2-602	1	x		Constitutional Law	4	Tracey	MTTh	1:00-2:40	Commons	110	2
3-304	1		x	Criminal Practice Practicum	2	Tate	M	6:05-8:45	West Hall	104	
2-601	1	x		Criminal Procedure	3	Milhizer	TTh	9:40-12:00	Library	123	2, 7
2-301	1	x		Evidence	4	Gillen	MW	9:30-12:00	Library	123	2
3-026	1			Florida Constitutional Law	2	Gillen	W	6:00-8:20	Library	123	
2-501	DE	x		Jurisprudence	3	Govern	See footnotes				6, 19
3-110	DE			Products Liability	3	Miller	See footnotes				6, 7, 13

**SEMINARS**

Catalog #	Section	Req'd	Exp	Title	Credits	Professor	Days	Time	Building	Room	Notes
3-501	1	x		Bioethics and the Law	2	Scarnecchia	TTh	3:00-5:00	West Hall	104	17, 21
3-501	DE	x		Bioethics and the Law	2	Scarnecchia	See footnotes				6, 17, 20, 21

**CLINICS**

Catalog #	Section	Req'd	Exp	Title	Credits	Professor	Days	Time	Building	Room	Notes
3-355	1		x	Mediation Law Clinic	4	Donovan	W	8:30-11:30	West Hall	119	2,10,15

**RESEARCH/CO-CURRICULARS/EXTERNSHIPS**

Catalog #	Section	Req'd	Exp	Title	Credits	Professor	Days	Time	Building	Room	Notes
3-017	1		x	Certified Legal Internship	8	ARR					1, 5, 18
3-018	1		x	CLI Seminar Class	2	Ross	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	2, 5, 18
3-002	1			Directed Research	1-2	ARR					4
3-003	1		x	Externship	2-3	ARR					1
3-007	1			Moot Court Appellate Competition	1	ARR					1, 3

**NOTES**

- 1 Graded on a mandatory pass/fail basis.
- 2 Graded on a mandatory letter grade basis.
- 3 Students are eligible to enroll after participation is approved by the Moot Court Program.
- 4 An approved Directed Research/Advanced Clinic Proposal Form must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar, who will then enroll you in this course. The deadline to submit the registration form is 5:00 p.m. Friday of the first week of classes.
- 5 Prerequisites: all first year courses, Criminal Procedure, Professional Responsibility, Evidence and Trial Advocacy. The fieldwork and classroom components of this course must be taken in conjunction with each other.
- 6 This is a distance education course. Students must have successfully completed all first-year courses to be eligible to enroll. Participation in first class session (via electronic communication) is mandatory. Students must have a laptop with sound card, headset with microphone and webcam.
- 7 Class will meet for 8 weeks, ending 7/13.
- 8 Legal CASE meets Monday 5/22 from 8:30-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:30 p.m. and Wednesday, 5/24 from 1:00-5:30 p.m. The exam is on Friday, 5/26 at 10 a.m.
- 9 Students interested in Estate Planning must complete an application, which is available on the Registrar portal page. The completed application is due to Robin Gerber by 3/31. RWA I and II are pre-requisites; Professional Responsibility and Wills, Trusts and Estates are pre-requisites/co-requisites. Estate Planning Practicum is helpful, but not required.
- 10 Students interested in Mediation Law Clinic must submit an application, which is available on the Registrar portal page. The completed application is due to Prof. Donovan by 3/31. Students must attend a mandatory three-day training at the Law School on 6/9, 6/10, and 6/11 from 8:30-5:00. There is a \$400 activity fee associated with this course due with tuition on the first day of the semester.
- 11 Commercial Law: In addition to the class meeting time listed, there will be an additional 1720 minutes in asynchronous learning.
- 12 Advanced Legal Research: Students must log in for first session on Monday, 5/22, at 12:15 p.m.
- 13 Products Liability: Students must log in for first session on Tuesday, 5/23 at 12:15 p.m.
- 14 Class will meet for 6 weeks, ending 6/29.
- 15 Deadline to drop/add this course is 5 p.m. on the first day of classes, 5/22/17. Attendance at the first class meeting is mandatory.
- 16 Immigration Law and Policy: Students must log in for the first session on Wednesday, 5/24 at 12:15 p.m. In addition students who have previously taken Immigration Law (3-903) or Immigration Law Practice and Procedure (3-918) may not take Immigration Law and Policy.
- 17 Satisfies the Third-Year Mission Course requirement.
- 18 Students must meet with Career Services in order to register for this internship.
- 19 Jurisprudence: Students must log in for first session on Thursday, 5/25 at 12:15 p.m.
- 20 Bioethics DE: Students must log in for first session on Wednesday, 5/24 at 3:30 p.m.
- 21 Class will end 6/29

**Pass/Fail Elections:** In a course graded on a pass/fail basis by the election of the student, also referred to as the Limited Grade Option, a grade of "C" or higher will be converted to a "P"; grades below "C" will remain as assigned by the professor and will be counted towards the pass/fail credit limit. Refer to the Academic Regulations in the Student Handbook for more information.

**Tentative Exam Schedule-Summer 2017**

Friday	May 26, 2017	10:00 a.m.	Legal CASE	Brosseit	West 101
Tuesday	July 18, 2017	9:00 a.m.	Criminal Procedure	Milhizer	Library 123
Tuesday	July 18, 2017	1:00 p.m.	Criminal Law	Milhizer	Library 123
Wednesday	August 2, 2017	9:00 a.m.	Evidence	Gillen	Library 123
Thursday	August 3, 2017	9:00 a.m.	Florida Constitutional Law	Gillen	Library 123
Thursday	August 3, 2017	1:00 p.m.	Constitutional Law	Tracey	Commons 110

*All other courses will have a take home, on-line, final paper or project.*