Elective Courses

As a student-centered institution, Chapman University School of Law’s elective courses are responsive to student needs and ambitions and will therefore evolve over time. The following is a current listing of regular elective courses. We expect to offer each of these courses at least every other year.

**Access to Civil Justice Seminar (2 or 3 units)**
The California Access to Justice Commission estimates that approximately 7.5 million Californians earn below the median income and do not qualify for subsidized legal services. This seminar explores the availability of legal services in California for middle-income clients and the working poor. The readings provide a historical and comparative perspective on existing legal aid programs and explore current efforts to increase access by promoting self-help centers, on-line legal services, pro bono work, unbundling programs, prepaid systems and other efforts. The grade shall be based on class participation, a visit to a self-help center or legal services office and a final paper where students are asked to propose novel approaches to closing the access gap.

**Accounting for Lawyers (2 units)**
This course represents an introduction to accounting for students with little background in the field. Initial emphasis is on established accounting principles and the analysis of financial statements. The course’s perspective is that of a business attorney using financial statements to advise clients in various legal settings (e.g., the drafting of buy-sell agreements and the valuation of businesses). Students are expected to consider state and federal privileges between accountants and their clients, as well as the professional responsibility of an attorney to a corporate client.

**Administrative Law (3 units)**
This course provides a study of the processes of decision making by administrative agencies and their control by legislators and courts. It centers on the tension between the need for delegation of power to agencies sufficient to ensure effective government, and the need to limit that power and protect the citizen from government oppression. The course focuses particularly on administrative procedure and deals with the concept of administrative discretion and the constitutional, statutory, and common law doctrines that control discretion in administrative decision making. Also considered are contemporary issues that bear upon the fairness of governmental action (e.g., the right to notice and hearing, confrontation of witnesses, ex parte communications, institutional decisions, and combination of functions).

**Advanced Evidence (3 units)**
This is an applied evidence course. Complex evidentiary issues are presented in a simulation environment. Students are expected to apply legal theories in developing a theory of the case, and in developing and making evidentiary arguments. Students are given opportunities to organize and present evidence to establish a theory of the case. Students learn how to introduce evidence, and how to exclude evidence that should not be introduced. The grade is based on written exercises and performance simulations. Prerequisite: Evidence. **This course will satisfy the Lawyering Skills Requirement.**

**Advanced Evidence California Practice (2 or 3 units)**
This is an applied evidence course. Complex evidentiary issues are presented in a simulation environment. Students are expected to apply legal theories in developing a theory of the case, and in developing and making evidentiary arguments. Students are given opportunities to organize and present evidence to establish a theory of the case. Students learn how to introduce evidence, and how to exclude evidence that should not be introduced. The grade is based on written exercises and performance simulations. **This course will satisfy the Lawyering Skills Requirement.** Prerequisite: Evidence.

**Advanced Family Law Seminar (2 or 3 units)**
This course will explore selected issues in family law, such as domestic violence, child custody, mediation and other alternative dispute resolution processes, and access to justice. The seminar will address such matters in relation to one another, and to theory, policy and practice. Interdisciplinary and comparative perspectives may be drawn upon as well. Students will be expected to be active in group discussion, and to choose one of the seminar subjects or a related subject for a paper. Prerequisite: Family Law, Family Violence Clinic, or permission of the instructor. **This course will satisfy the Substantial Writing Requirement.**

**Advanced Federal Income Tax (2 units)**
This course is a continuation of the basic Federal Income Taxation course for students in the tax law program. It includes federal income tax topics that are not generally addressed in detail or at all in the basic course, such as: in-depth coverage of tax accounting issues, imputation under IRC section 7872, involuntary conversions, alternative minimum tax, “kiddie tax,” employee benefits and deferred compensation (including IRC section 83), and tax law policy issues.

**Advanced Land Use Seminar**
This course examines advanced topics relative to the government regulation of land use, planning and development. Students will be expected to have a basic understanding of land use to build a foundation for an in depth examination of topics including affordable housing, overlay zones, restrictive zoning, entitlement and planned community development. The course will also incorporate facets of constitutional law, environmental law, real estate, and local government, as well as discussions of the policy implications of various land use decisions. **This course will satisfy the Substantial Writing Requirement.**
Advanced Legal Research (2 units)
The mission of this course is to acquaint students with practical, available legal research sources for use in law practice. Students will learn about online and hard copy sources of cases, laws, legislative history, administrative regulations, and court materials. They will receive training on the Westlaw, Lexis, and BNA databases. They will solve realistic problems using primary sources, practice books, and treatises. Course requirements are completion of several homework assignments and a final paper comparing two topical treatises as research tools. This course will satisfy the Lawyering Skills Requirement.

Advanced Real Estate Finance (2 units)
This course explores various types of financing mechanisms used to finance the acquisition, lease, development, and improvement of real property. Attention is given to legal doctrines, the development of professional judgment and lawyering skills, and the financial and business considerations of clients. Prerequisite: Real Estate Transactions and Finance.

Advanced Seminar in Jurisprudence/Legal Process (3 units)
This course covers various perspectives on law and/or public policy. These perspectives may be jurisprudential or theoretical in nature, or may examine the law as a dynamic process shaped by social, political, and institutional forces. For example, students may be exposed to theories like Natural Law, Positivism, American Realism, Scandinavian Realism, Law & Economics, Critical Legal Studies, Critical Race Theory, Legal Feminism, and Law & Literature. Although the means of examining these perspectives and the precise perspective examined may vary from semester to semester, students will enrich their skills of creative legal analysis by considering several different lenses with which to view legal principles and institutions. This course will satisfy the Substantial Writing Requirement.

Advanced Seminar in Refugee Law (3 units)
This course provides an introduction to the examination of US law (constitutional, statutory and administrative) governing the entry, presence, and expulsion of foreign nationals. This course will satisfy the Substantial Writing Requirement.

Advanced Topics in Constitutional Law (2-3 units)
This course deals with advanced topics in constitutional law and constitutional history.

Advanced Topics in Copyright Law (2-3 units)
This course offers an in-depth analysis of the rights and remedies afforded to copyright owners under U.S. law.

Adv. Topics: Copyright Issues in Entertainment Law (2)
This course offers an in-depth analysis of the rights and remedies afforded to copyright owners under U.S. law. Although we will discuss theoretical aspects of copyright law, we will also engage in a number of practical exercises, such as preparing mock copyright registrations, client letters, legal memoranda, and licensing agreements. Those exercises, together with class participation, will determine each student's course grade; there will be no exams. This course may satisfy the Practice-Oriented Writing Requirement OR the Lawyering Skills Requirement; one course cannot satisfy both requirements.

Adv. Topic: Seminar Critical Race Theory (3)
This seminar will focus on issues of race, gender, and class as explored through the lens of critical race scholarship. It was not until the 1990s that the concept of race as a biologically fixed trait was decisively challenged and largely rejected. By the beginning of the twenty-first century, the idea that race is a social construct had become one commonly accepted view. Despite this development, race, race-awareness and race-based behaviors continue to be reflected in the thoughts, words and deeds of many. This course will examine the limits of legal attempts to address racial-ized behaviors. Critical Race Theory, is now an established field with a growing vocabulary and literature. The readings will be interdisciplinary, from law review articles to primary and secondary sources that critically examine the foundations and assumptions underlying legal doctrine, political institutions, gender and professional roles, and prevailing theories of social change. Readings will also introduce writers from other critical theoretical perspectives, including Critical Legal Studies, Queer Theory, Asian and Lat-Crit Theory and feminist jurisprudence. We will consider the history, theoretical underpinnings, and implications of CRT, especially as they are related to law and public policy and explore issues of race, gender, and class as part of the dynamic of individual and institutional change. What are the assumptions and structures about difference that influence behavior, reflect power and which shape the fabric of our nation and world? We will treat this seminar as a graduate-level seminar. Students will be expected to participate in the co-construction of the course based on your particular interests and experiences, and on the goals you've articulated in your choosing this course. One way to construct the course is through the topics you present in class; another is through your facilitation of readings (both of these will be discussed in more detail later). This course will satisfy the Substantial Writing Requirement.

Adv. Topic: Financial Institutions (3)
Rarely, do law school courses and students have the opportunity to observe real-time developments in an area of the law. This course will provide that occasion as we will study the challenges the Obama administration faces in creating a new regulatory structure and system for financial institution oversight. Events during the past year represent one of the most turbulent periods in the history of U.S. and world finance. This course will provide students with a better understanding of the historical development of financial institutions and policies that form the basis of our economic system. We will study how these very mechanisms developed to promote economic development, led to disruption in that very economic construct. How did we get to the point of needing a troubled asset relief plan, an economic stimulus program, and, proposals to transform the supervisory system for banks, investment companies, insurers and other financial actors? Where, and how, do we go from here? The course begins with an overview of financial intermediation and the different kinds of financial institutions and how those institutions have been regulated. Basic financial economics will be explored giving you an understanding of the regulatory landscape and the strategies and decisions currently being designed to change that setting. Current financial developments, statutory and regulatory analysis, as well as historic case law will be.

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examined. The class will analyze the role of financial institutions in allocating resources, managing risk, and exerting corporate governance (both over the financial firms themselves, and over the individuals and firms aided by the act of financing). Students will also study meta-concepts such as economic growth, income distribution, and financial stability. Finally, the class will consider multiple examples of conflicting interests among financial intermediaries, the public, and the regulatory authorities charged with making and shaping financial policy.

Advanced Seminar: Corporate Ethics and Legal Practice (2 units)
This advanced seminar discusses theories of business ethics and corporate responsibility. The course will address different topics relating to the nature, role, and purpose of the corporate entity and the regulation of organizational behavior. Students will be required to write a substantial paper. Prerequisite for the seminar: students must have previously completed the Corporations course. **This course will satisfy the Substantial Writing Requirement.**

Advanced Topics in Criminal Law and Procedure (2-3 units)
This course deals with advanced topics in criminal law and procedure, such as capital punishment or juvenile justice.

Advanced Topics in Intellectual Property (2-3 units)
This advanced course in intellectual property may cover topics such as patent and trade secret law, biotechnology law, copyright law, or trademarks and unfair competition.

Advanced Topics in Advocacy and Dispute Resolution (2-3 units)
This course focuses on specialized, advanced topics in advocacy and dispute resolution. Topics may vary from semester to semester and may include arbitration, persuasive techniques and methods of advocacy, comparisons between varied means of dispute resolution, or law practice management.

Advanced Topics in Business Law (2-3 units)
This course focuses on advanced topics in business law, such as mergers and acquisitions, franchising, or the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Advanced Topics in Civil Procedure (2-3 units)
This course focuses on advanced topics in civil procedure, such as California civil procedure.

Agency & Partnerships (3 units)
This course covers the law of agency and unincorporated business entities, focusing on individual and organizational accountability for the actions of authorized and unauthorized agents and independent contractors. Topics include the nature, creation, and termination of the agency/employment relationship; the rights, powers, and fiduciary responsibilities of agents; and the contract and tort liabilities of principals. The course also addresses the law of general and limited partnerships, examining partners’ fiduciary obligations; partners’ management and property interests; creditors’ rights; and the overall nature, formation, operation, and termination of partnerships. Unincorporated business entities, including limited liability limited partnerships and limited liability companies will also be discussed.

American Indian Law and Policy (2 or 3 units)
This course explores both traditional Native American tribal law and the legal relationship between Native Peoples, state governments, and the federal system. Special emphasis is placed upon the foundation cases and the policy eras including the formative years, the treaty era, allotment and assimilation, reform and New Deal, termination, and self-determination. Students will prepare and present a paper on a selected issue of Indian law and policy.

American Legal History (2 or 3 units)
This course examines the interaction between the legal system and social change in the United States. The course materials will draw from the colonial period to the present day, although the twentieth century will receive special emphasis. Topics may include colonial law and social control; claims to sovereignty and clash with indigenous peoples; slavery and White Supremacy; male privilege and the regulation of women; the Revolution and the Framing of the Constitution; the nineteenth century transformations in the legal treatment of crime, property, corporations, and family law; the New Deal and the Civil Rights movement; and the rise of the social welfare state and the resistance to and reactions against it. Rather than a mere chronological survey, this course will introduce students to central developments and recurrent issues in American law, and will encourage students to think broadly about the place of law in American society.

Animal Law (2 or 3 units)
This course examines the way that the legal system and culture treat non-human animals. The course will consider legal doctrines addressing a broad array of issues about human-animal interaction, including legal definitions of animals, animals as property, tort liability for harms caused by and to animals, criminal liability, contracts concerning animals, federal and state regulation concerning both domestic and wild animals, and animal rights. The course will also consider theoretical, ethical, and socio-political perspectives on human-animal dynamics. This course, however, does not cover the Endangered Species Act and similar state laws, which are covered in several other classes (such as Environmental Law, Land Use Regulation, Ecosystems & Legal Problem-Solving, and Natural Resources Law & Policy Seminar).

Antitrust Law (3 units)
This course involves a study of the benefits and dangers of competition in a free enterprise system, with emphasis on the federal and state efforts to adjust the competitive balance. The course examines private actions for treble damages as well as the procedure governing federal enforcement and reaction to practices such as price fixing, monopolization, boycotts, exclusive dealing, franchises, and illegal tie-ins. The course provides an examination of the law and policy embodied in the
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**California Real Estate Finance (2 or 3 units)**
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**Business Planning (2 units)**
This course utilizes a problem-method study of corporate and tax issues entailed in forming and operating a small enterprise, forming a closely held corporation, and in public financing of an existing enterprise. The course addresses similar problems arising from the need to readjust shareholder interests because of the impending retirement of older shareholders and the shift of control to younger persons. Problems arising on the death of a major shareholder are also considered. This course satisfies the Lawyering Skills Requirement.

**Indigenous Cultural Resources and Law (2 units)**
This course will explore adjustment of the debtor/creditor relationship through the federal bankruptcy laws, beginning with background discussion on the history and purpose of insolvency laws and continuing with the sources of both secured and unsecured creditor claims. The course will cover security interests, attachment and judgment liens, filing of the bankruptcy petition and schedules, the automatic stay, and creation of the estate and discharge. Chapter 7 liquidation and Chapter 13 wage earner plans will both be explored in depth. Other subjects explored will be relief of stay, dischargeability litigation and the avoiding powers of the trustee. This course will satisfy the Lawyering Skills Requirement.

**Arbitration Law (ADR) (3 units)**
This course gives students an orientation to and practice in the most basic arbitration advocacy skills. Topics include taking and defending depositions, discovery in an arbitration forum, admitting evidence, opening statements, direct and cross-examination, and closing arguments. The format for each topic begins with a lecture/discussion. Following the discussion portion of each topic, each student practices the skills involved. After each exercise, faculty and guest arbitrators give feedback. The course ends with full arbitrations. The central philosophy of the class is that skills are best acquired in an experiential manner by seeing and doing. Frequent short, well-defined exercises followed by immediate constructive feedback in a non-competitive, non-threatening atmosphere provide the core of the program. This course is designed to enhance and improve presentation and public speaking skills. This course will satisfy the Lawyering Skills Requirement.

**Art and Cultural Property Law (2 units)**
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**Appellate Practice/Procedure (2 units)**
This course focuses on the procedures involved in bringing an action to the appellate level. Subjects include jurisdiction, evaluating a lower court ruling in determining the appropriateness of appeal, the finality of the lower court ruling, the one final judgment rule, time limitations, effective appellate brief writing, and effective oral advocacy. This course will satisfy the Lawyering Skills Requirement.

**Appellate Tax Law Clinic (3 units)**
This course offers the opportunity for students to participate in actual appellate tax cases conducted under the auspices of The Center for Fair Administration of Taxation. Students enrolled in the course may participate as amici curiae in significant matters of federal, state or local tax law. Students conduct research on legal issues, draft appellate briefs, and depending on the jurisdiction of the court and the nature of the case, present their brief before an appellate court. Prerequisites: Top Third class rank and permission of professor; successful completion of Federal Income Tax and Civil Procedure. Interested students should submit a resume to the course professor.

**Bankruptcy Procedure and Practice, Part I (2 or 3 units)**
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**Bankruptcy Procedure and Practice, Part II (2 or 3 units)**
This advanced course will cover both individual and business reorganizations in Chapter 11, including assumption and rejection of leases and other executory contracts, preparation of disclosure statements, and negotiation and confirmation of plans. Students will be expected to engage in role-playing exercise to simulate the competing interests of debtor, unsecured creditors and secured creditors in the reorganization effort. Bankruptcy Procedure and Practice, Part I is a prerequisite.

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**California Evidence (2) California Bar Tested**
This course provides a survey of the rules governing the presentation of evidence at trial in California. Topics will include relevance, character evidence, the hearsay rule and its exceptions, expert testimony, and privileges. The course focuses on the California Rules of Evidence, related case law, and constitutional provisions that may limit proof at trial. The course will consider differences between California evidence rules and the Federal Rules of Evidence, and considers both tactical and theoretical approaches to the rules of evidence. Prerequisite: Evidence.

**California Real Estate Finance (2 or 3 units)**
This course covers legal problems that arise out of financing and purchasing real property, and the law governing security.
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Community Property (2) California Bar Tested

California is one of nine community property jurisdictions in the United States. Community property law affects the residents of each of these states, and, in the case of migratory clients, persons who move to common law states as well. This course provides a survey of the peculiar ownership, creditor rights, testamentary rights, and family law problems that may result from even a passing domicile in a community property jurisdiction. Practical problems and solutions are emphasized.

Comparative Law (3 units)

This course introduces students to the rich legal traditions around the world. We begin by examining English law, the legal system most comparable to our own and which forms the basis of Anglo-American law. We then move to the European Continent and civil law by studying law in Germany. The course then examines two non-Western legal traditions: Chinese law and Islamic Law. The tremendous growth of the Chinese economy and the growing political importance of China in the 21st century is the motivation for examining Chinese law. We end the course with an examination of Islamic Law, a religious-based legal tradition. This course will probably be only course a student takes in law school that examines law outside of the United States. It provides an important component of preparing the future lawyer to practice in a globalized legal world.

Conflict of Laws (3 units)

A study of the problems that arise when the domiciles of the parties or other significant facts of a controversy are connected with states other than that where the litigation occurs. Among the topics explored are the choice of applicable law, jurisdiction of courts, the effect of state judgments, and the rules of decision applicable in multi-state transactions.

Constitutional Argument Seminar (3 units)

This course develops students' advocacy skills by exploring the process by which lawyers develop and advance legal arguments. In the first half of the course, using selected problems in constitutional law, such as abortion, assisted suicide, same-sex marriage, the right to bear arms and the war on terror, this course will hone students' advocacy skills by studying the process by which legal arguments are structured and advanced. In the second half, students will brief and argue a case involving an important and unresolved issue of constitutional law that they have selected. Students need not have completed Constitutional Law in order to take this course. This course will satisfy the Practice-Oriented Writing Requirement OR the Substantial Writing Requirement; one course cannot satisfy both requirements.

Constitutional Jurisprudence Clinic (variable credits)

This clinical program, conducted under the auspices of The Claremont Institute Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence,
provides students an opportunity to work on pending litigation representing clients or participating as amicus curiae in significant matters of constitutional law. Depending on the availability and current status of cases, students can, under the supervision of the course instructor or cooperating counsel, draft briefs for filing with the United States Supreme Court. Students may also have the opportunity to prepare initial case strategy, conduct client interviews, research legal issues, draft a complaint and prepare it for filing, draft discovery plans and requests, prepare summary judgment motions, draft appellate briefs, and perhaps, depending on the jurisdiction, argue a motion before the trial court or the case before an appellate court. This course will satisfy the Practical Writing Requirement OR the Lawyering Skills Requirement; one course cannot satisfy both requirements.

**Consumer Law (2-3 units)**
This course is a study in federal and state consumer protection with an emphasis on the private enforcement of the same through fee-shifting provisions of the law. Topics will include consumer fraud, Truth in Lending Act violations, the Federal Magnuson Moss Warranty Act, California’s Song Beverly Act “Lemon Law,” the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, predatory lending, corporate securities fraud, identity theft, attorney fees in consumer litigation, and practical applications of consumer protection laws. The class is targeted for students interested in pursuing private practice opportunities in the rapidly developing field of Consumer Law.

**Corporate Mergers & Acquisitions (3 units)**
“Poison Pills,” “Bear Hugs,” “Saturday Night Specials,” and “Lady Macbeth” are all characters in the continuing drama of corporate mergers and acquisitions. In this course, we will come to know them and develop an understanding of the specific roles they play. This course has a real-world, practical bent. Thus, in addition to exploring the merits of displacing inefficient management, context-specific director fiduciary duties, and the importance of capitalizing on potential corporate synergies, we will devote a portion of our work to the analysis of relevant state and federal statutes to develop an understanding of both what must be done to effect the transactions (or what is explicitly forbidden) and the policies underlying those formal requirements/prohibitions. We will give attention to key merger agreement terms as well as the various legal issues presented in high-profile Wall-Street type deals (which occasionally have hostile origins and evoke equally hostile responses) and the less glitzy, “friendly” deals which frequently involve small, closely-held businesses (“Main Street M&A”). On completion of the course, students should have a firm sense of how the deals are executed and a skill set enabling them to make a real, first-day-on-the-job contribution in terms of evaluating, documenting, and implementing M&A deals.

Though the course has no formal prerequisites, students should either have taken Corporations or be concurrently enrolled in that course.

**Corporate Stock & Asset Acquisition JD (LLM Corporate Tax II) Law-7898**
Students will study advanced topics not generally covered in the Taxation of Business Organizations course. Topics include tax-free reorganizations, acquisitive reorganizations, and carryover of corporate tax attributes, including net operation losses. (Designated as “Corporate Tax II” in the LL.M. program). Prerequisite: Federal Income Tax, Advanced Federal Income Tax, and Taxation of Business Organizations.

**Directed Research (1-3 units)**
Individual directed research may be undertaken by students for credit. A descriptive outline of a proposed project must be submitted to the supervising faculty member and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for their approvals prior to registration to determine the feasibility of the project and the number of credits merited. During the course of their enrollment, students may undertake a maximum of two Directed Research papers, each prepared under a different professor. **With faculty approval, may satisfy the Writing Requirement. Must be taken for a minimum of 2 credits to satisfy the Substantial Writing Requirement.** Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.6 at the end of the first year, full time or part time, to partake in a Directed Research project.

**Ecosystems and Legal Problem-Solving (2 units)**
This course examines problems in the human interaction with the natural environment. Topics include biodiversity and the management and conservation of ecosystems such as coastal areas and estuaries, forests, watersheds and river basins, grasslands and prairies, wetlands, deserts, and mountains. Students study the content and effectiveness of legal and non-legal mechanisms. Particular emphasis is given to case studies, methods of problem solving, and interdisciplinary perspectives. Strongly recommended: Environmental Law or Land Use Regulation.

**Election and Political Campaign Law (2-3 units)**
This course covers federal, state and local election and political campaign laws, including the Federal Election Campaign Act; California’s Political Reform Act and Elections Code; and local election and campaign laws. Among the topics to be addressed are First Amendment issues; campaign finance law and campaign reform; voting rights; election administration; the 2000 Presidential election; initiative, referendum and recall matters; political parties; legislative districting; election recounts and contests; ballot access; ethics; conflicts of interest; public integrity; criminal and administrative enforcement issues; and several other topics of interest relating to the political and election process.

**Employment Law (3 units)**
This course explores selected topics in employment law in the non-union workplace. The course covers the evolving common law and statutory approaches to regulating the employer-employee relationship from hiring to firing. Topics include employee privacy, protections against workplace discrimination, regulation of wages and hours, sexual harassment, and remedies for wrongful termination.

**ENLURE Capstone Seminar: Advanced Land Use (2 units)**
This course examines advanced topics relative to the government regulation of land use, planning and development.
Students will be expected to have a basic understanding of land use to build a foundation for an in depth examination of topics including affordable housing, overlay zones, restrictive zoning, entitlement and planned community development. The course will also incorporate elements of constitutional law, environmental law, real estate, and local government, as well as discussions of the policy implications of various land use decisions. This is a capstone requirement in the Certificate in ENLURE.  This course will satisfy the Substantial Writing Requirement.

ENLURE Capstone Seminar: Construction Law (2 units)
This seminar will focus on key legal aspects of both private and public construction projects, primarily from the perspective of the prime contractor and owner/developer. Topics will include contract types, risk allocation, bidding and procurement, contract drafting, bonding and insurance, performance requirements, disputes, and remedies. This is a capstone requirement in the Certificate in ENLURE.  This course will satisfy the Substantial Writing Requirement.

ENLURE Capstone Seminar: Local Government Real Estate Practice (2 units)
This course examines advanced topics concerning real estate transactions as they relate to local government practice. Topics may include real estate document drafting, eminent domain, redevelopment, affordable housing loans, title practice, commercial leasing, landlord/tenant issues, and administration of public lands, including parklands and open spaces, and the policy considerations that influence this practice. Students will be expected to have a basic understanding of local government and real estate law. This is a capstone requirement in the Certificate in ENLURE. This course will satisfy the Substantial Writing Requirement.

Entertainment Contracts and Negotiations (3 units)
This seminar offers an overview of entertainment law as it relates specifically to negotiating contracts in the entertainment industry. Negotiations will be analyzed from the point of view of various parties, including talent, studios, independent producers, writers, financiers and distributors. Students will review and negotiate contracts which may include: purchasing a screenplay, securing services from actors, directors, and other film and television talent, and licensing the use of pre-recorded music. Students will also learn the basic terms for production, financing and distribution agreements, the role of the various unions and guilds, and explore the role of 'new media' in contract negotiations and drafting.  This course will satisfy the Practical Writing Requirement OR the Lawyering Skills Requirement; one course cannot satisfy both requirements. The option of a paper to satisfy the Substantial Writing Requirement may be available with preapproval from the professor.  Note: one course cannot satisfy more than one requirement.

Entertainment Law (3 units)
This course explores legal issues connected with the development, production, and exploitation of entertainment product, focusing predominantly on filmed entertainment and news media, to some extent on musical compositions and recordings, and incidentally on other forms of entertainment. Topics include life story and personality rights (defamation, invasion of privacy, etc.); celebrity publicity rights; profit participations; collective bargaining agreements and artistic credits; non-copyright protection of ideas; contract formation and duration; ethics and regulation of talent representatives such as agents, lawyers, and managers; and selected copyright and trademark issues. Copyright is not a prerequisite, and this class should not be considered as a replacement for the copyright course.

Environmental Justice Seminar (2 units)
A study of the legal and policy issues relating to the distribution of environmental harms and risks in society and in particular on low-income communities and communities of color. Environmental justice connects environmental law, land use regulation, civil rights law, constitutional law, and social justice. A grade of C- or above will meet the substantial writing requirement. This course is an elective that applies towards the Certificate in Environmental, Land Use, and Real Estate Law. Required: Environmental Law, Land Use Regulation (completed or concurrent enrollment) or Instructor approval.  This course will satisfy the Substantial Writing Requirement.

Environmental Law (3 units)
This course constitutes an analysis of the ends and means of environmental protection through study of statutes, administrative regulations and practices, and judicial decisions treating the protection of the environment in the United States. Topics may include statutes that regulate pollution emissions (e.g., Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act); procedural requirements (e.g., National Environmental Policy Act, California Environmental Quality Act); administrative law (e.g., standing, standards of judicial review); hazardous and toxic substances and wastes; risk assessment and management; natural resources and wildlife conservation; enforcement and liability; and environmental justice.  This course may satisfy the Substantial Writing Requirement; with faculty approval.

Environmental Law Practice (2 units)
This course examines selected advanced topics and case studies in the practice of environmental and land use law. Students will consider some of the most significant legal and practical issues that environmental and land use lawyers currently face, and will develop specific skills used in the profession. The particular skills emphasized may vary according to the instructor or the topics selected. Prerequisite: Environmental Law, Land Use Regulation, or Ecosystems & Legal Problem Solving.  This course will satisfy the Lawyering Skills Requirement.

Estate and Gift Taxation (3 units)
This course provides an intensive introduction to the federal estate and gift tax laws which affect the gratuitous transfer of property during life and at death. Students study such concepts as gross estate, taxable gifts, valuation, the marital deduction, transfers with retained interests, and taxation of insurance. Also examined are the administrative and judicial process in resolving federal estate and gift tax controversies, and the social and economic implications of taxation of distributions of wealth. The basics of federal transfer taxes are covered in this course bearing with the exemption equivalent applicable exclusion amount for transfers of property by gift or by death. The course examines practical methods of passing property tax-free to others, and circumstances encountered in the general practice of law ranging from small to
large estates.

**Estate Planning Directed Research (3 units)**
This course will satisfy the Practical Writing Requirement.

**Externship (up to 8 units over two semesters for part-time externships or up to 10 units over one semester for a full-time externship)**
Externships combine academic training in lawyering skills and the issues that arise in legal practice with practical experience in a placement with a legal office. Part-time externs earn academic credits while working part-time in government or non-profit institutions. Full-time externs earn academic credits in full-time placements with selected federal and state courts. Externs work under the supervision of qualified and experienced practicing attorneys or judges who provide guidance and training in practical lawyering skills. The classroom component is mandatory for all first-time externs and provides students systematic training in specific lawyering skills that may be relevant to their placements. There are up to three different sections of the externship class: 1) Civil Section, in which students will learn and use skills in legal research, client interviewing and counseling, and legal drafting, among others; 2) Criminal Section, in which students will learn and use skills in preparing for and participating in preliminary hearings, admission of evidence, and trial strategies, among others; and 3) Judicial Section, in which students will learn and use skills in advanced legal research and analysis, drafting of court documents, and the use of judicial process. In all sections, students will consider issues related to professionalism and ethics. Students wishing to do an externship must apply a semester in advance. Students may enroll in up to two part-time externships with a maximum of five credits per semester and a cap of eight credits over two semesters. Full-time externs enroll for one semester of ten credits. Consent of the professor is required for all externships. This course will satisfy the Lawyering Skills Requirement.

**Family Law (2 units)**
This course is a study of the extent to which the state may and does regulate family relationships. The instructor may select topics from among the following: informal and nontraditional familial relationships; control of reproduction and current reproductive technology; antenuptial and separation agreements; legitimacy, adoption, and termination of parental rights; divorce, child custody, support, and paternity proceedings; and the role of the lawyer as counselor.

**Federal Courts/Jurisdiction (3 units)**
This course examines the scope of the federal judicial power and the role of the federal judiciary in our constitutional system. It considers the relationship of the federal courts to the legislative and executive branches of the federal government, and the relationship of the federal courts to the state courts. As such, class discussion naturally focuses on separation of powers and federalism principles. Topics may include Supreme Court jurisdiction, congressional control of federal court jurisdiction, justiciability, Article I courts, state sovereign immunity, federal court abstention, section 1983, federal review of state court decisions, and federal habeas corpus. Prerequisite: Constitutional Law I.

**Federal Tax Procedure (3 units)**
A study of administrative procedures and taxpayer rights and remedies in dealing with the Internal Revenue Service, including assessment procedures; refund procedures; administrative appeals, conference and settlement procedures; interest; collection procedures, including tax liens and levies on property; transferee liability; limitation periods and their mitigation; burden of proof; choice of forum; IRS summons; requests for rulings and technical advice; and civil penalties. Prerequisite: Federal Income Tax. This course will satisfy the Lawyering Skills Requirement.

**Federal Tax Procedure – Clinical (1 unit)**
This course will involve students in the representation of actual clients on a pro bono basis before the IRS in connection with audits and appeals. This course will satisfy the Lawyering Skills Requirement.

**First Amendment Law Seminar (3 units)**
This course is a study of the fundamental freedoms of speech, press, association, and religion. In addition to considering the historical background, the course focuses on specific challenges in First Amendment jurisprudence, including regulation of speech in a public forum, access to the media, regulation of the press, symbolic expression, libel, obscenity, commercial speech, picketing, right of association, loyalty oaths, legislative investigations and government demands for information, separation of church and state, free exercise of religion, state aid to religious schools, and regulation of religion-based conduct. This course may satisfy the Practice-Oriented Writing Requirement OR the Substantial Writing Requirement; one course cannot satisfy both requirements.

**Future of Real Estate (2-3 units)**
This seminar will bring together students from the schools of law and business, as well as seniors at Wilkinson College to participate in a high-level discussion on the future of real estate, a rather timely subject given the historic deflating of real estate prices. The class will meet on a modified schedule and involve assignments to specific projects, have direct access to top speakers and industry leaders, and will stress problem-solving for future real estate scenarios. Students will consider such factors as demographics, age-cohorts, broad economic trends, regulations and impact of global warming-related legislation.
Gambling Law (2-3 units)
This course covers the law and policy of regulating gambling, one of the fastest growing segments of the entertainment industry. The course will examine the history and current development of, as well as possible future changes to, gambling regulation in California, the United States, and other parts of the world. Topics discussed will include casino gambling, lotteries, pari-mutuel wagering, sports-betting, Indian gaming, and Internet gambling. This course will satisfy the Substantial Writing Requirement.

Gender & the Law (3 units)
This course focuses on gender-related case law, doctrine, theory and practice. It explores the legal history of the United States as a gendered system, including the development of modern equal protection analysis as applied to gender in various areas of the law, including employment, immigration, family, and property. Using feminist theoretical perspectives as a guide for readings and discussion, we will examine how the pursuit of women’s political rights have shaped not only American jurisprudence, but also gender relations for both women and men through regulation of such issues as marriage, divorce, work, reproduction, and the family. Readings will include court cases, historical documents, and scholarly essays on sexual inequality in the United States. Students will be responsible for researching and writing a paper on a relevant topic. There are no prerequisites for this subject. Students of both sexes and all political views are encouraged to enroll. This course will satisfy the Substantial Writing Requirement.

Global Environmental Law and Policy (2-3 units)
This course provides a survey of major global environmental issues in the context of public international law, including the role of nation-states, international organizations, transnational civil society, and corporations. Students will consider highly contested legal and political issues, including global climate change, scarcity of water and other natural resources, and direct and indirect impacts on human security. The course will employ a case-oriented approach to international environmental remedies within national judicial systems. (This course should also qualify for credit for the ENLIRE certificate)

Immigration Law (2 units)
This course provides an introduction to the examination of US law (constitutional, statutory and administrative) governing the entry, presence, and expulsion of foreign nationals.

Intellectual Property (3 units)
This course surveys the primary types of intellectual property under federal and state law. It emphasizes trademarks, copyrights, and patents while also addressing unfair competition, 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.

International Business Litigation (2-3 units)
This course deals with the litigation process in the United States when the subject of the litigation involves a transnational business transaction. We will examine the following topics: U.S. jurisdiction and other aspects of forum selection and forum non conveniens; service of process of a U.S. lawsuit abroad; international discovery; sovereign immunity; act of state; and enforcement of foreign judgments in American courts. Emphasis will be on acquiring practical skills in both prosecuting and defending international business litigation suits. This course will satisfy the Practical Writing Requirement.

International Business Transactions (3 units)
This introductory survey course studies the major issues in international business law. While the course will not focus heavily on international trade law, it will review the subject. In addition, the course will cover two other major forms of international business, namely foreign direct investment and the licensing of technology such as trademarks and patents. The course will also deal with the regulation of international business transactions, particularly with respect to corruption, human rights, the environment, and antitrust, as well as issues of particular interest in foreign business deals such as political risk, currency devaluation, and acquiring insurance. Finally, the course will discuss the resolution of legal disputes in the international arena through litigation, arbitration, and other means. Prerequisite: International Law and Organizations.

International Energy Security and Climate Change (2 or 3 units)
Energy security and climate change are inextricably linked. Nations' energy policies and strategies have influenced the current international climate change regime, and will shape the future post-2012 legal regime. This course examines international energy security policies and the international climate change regime. It addresses recent developments in U.S. foreign and domestic policies on climate change and compare them with other approaches, such as that of the European Union.

International Human Rights Law (2-3 units)
This course covers the development of the law governing international human rights since the end of World War Two. It will examine such topics as the scope of coverage by leading human rights treaties, the right to food and water, humanitarian intervention, criminal accountability for severe human rights violations, and the role of the United Nations.
International Intellectual Property (2-3 units)
This course addresses the law and policy of international intellectual property. From a domestic point of view, it analyzes how local courts and legislatures enforce international intellectual property rights. From a more general point of view, the course examines a variety of treaties, such as the Berne and Paris Conventions, TRIPS, and NAFTA, and the mechanisms of international dispute settlement. The course will also compare U.S. and foreign intellectual property regimes and discuss cross-border licensing issues. (Recommended Prerequisite: IP)

International Law and Organizations (3 units)
This is the introductory course in international law, covering the nature and sources of international law and its major developments. This course introduces students to the basic law of the international organizational system, including the United Nations and UN specialized agencies. The course introduces concepts of international law and how they achieve legitimacy in the international system through United Nations organs and conferences, the International Court of Justice, the International Law Commission, treaty bodies, and state practice. The law of foreign sovereign immunity and the act of state doctrine are considered along with the role of international law in the U.S. legal system and the allocation of foreign affairs powers between the President and Congress. Selected topics that may be explored include international claims (including expropriation law), human rights, norms governing the use of force, and the law of the sea and environmental issues. This course may satisfy the Substantial Writing Requirement with faculty approval.

International Regulation and Corporate Social Responsibility (2 or 3 units)
With globalization, investments of multinational enterprises abroad are growing. This development raises concerns about the erosion of social standards. Corporations are increasingly getting involved in addressing these problems directly, in addition to the existing international legal regimes. This course examines the impact of voluntary initiatives on enforcement of international legal standards on concerns such as human rights, labor and environment. It analyzes the merits and shortcomings of corporate social responsibility. Discussions will include U.S. domestic law and policy on corporate citizenship and the ongoing experiment within the United Nations through the Global Compact.

International Trade, Endangered Species and Marine Mammal Protection Law (2 or 3 units)
This seminar covers federal legislative protection of wildlife and biodiversity, including such federal statutory protections as the Endangered Species Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. It considers international protection efforts, including the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) and the Biodiversity Convention, as well as limits to protection imposed by international trade law, including World Trade Organization cases and appellate body decisions. Finally, it explores development issues, including the role of multilateral institutions and trade agreements in both the exploitation and protection of wildlife. Prerequisites: Animal Law, Administrative Law, or International Trade Law

International Trade Law (2 or 3 units)
This course addresses two international trade law regimes—WTO and NAFTA. It will examine the basic legal structure of WTO, including GATT and other agreements, and NAFTA, including the side agreement on environment. There will be an emphasis on the dispute settlement mechanisms under both trade systems. Discussions will include a comparison of the two legal regimes and their implications for public international law, particularly the notion of state sovereignty.

Internet Law (2-3 units)
This course explores the legal issues arising out of the Internet’s growing role as a personal, commercial, and public forum. Topics include Internet commerce, intellectual property issues, domain name rights, jurisdictional puzzles, and free speech on the Internet. Students need no technical expertise beyond knowing how to use electronic mail and the World Wide Web.

Labor Law (3 units)
This course examines the statutes, judicial decisions, and decisions of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) affecting employer/union relations. Topics include the union election process and other means to determine whether employees want to be represented by a union; collective bargaining negotiations between unions and employers; union strikes, picketing, and boycotts, and employer lockouts and other responses to union activity; and the impact of these laws on business mergers and acquisitions.

Land Use Regulation (3 units)
This course examines the government regulation of land use and development. It is a course in applied constitutional, administrative, and property law. The material covers land use planning, zoning, advanced and flexible zoning mechanisms, subdivision controls, constitutional and state law constraints on regulation, the economics and politics of land development, growth controls, the environmental regulation of land use and ecosystems, and alternatives to regulation. Students are exposed to business decision making, public problem solving, regulatory permitting, and social science analyses.

Law & Economics Seminar (3 units)
This course focuses on the application of economic analysis to legal issues, rules, and institutions. Students will study fundamental economic principles that are relevant to legal problems, and will examine various areas of law through the insights of economic analysis. This course will satisfy the Substantial Writing Requirement.
Law and Literature Seminar (2 or 3 units)
The law in its various manifestations -- somber, tragic, grotesque, comic -- has furnished themes for many great works of literature. In this seminar, we will explore some literary classics and, among other things, discuss the legal issues associated with the various works. The student will write seminar papers on the work read during the term, and will have an opportunity to consider some of the new law and humanities journals. Possible works include William Shakespeare's Hamlet, T.S. Eliot's The Waste Land, Jean-Paul Sartre's The Trial, and Dostoevsky's Crime and Punishment. This course will satisfy the Substantial Writing Requirement.

Law and Practice of the Hollywood Guilds (3 units)
This course deals with state and federal law related to the most important unions in the entertainment industry, the so-called "Hollywood Guilds" which include the Writers Guild of America (WGA), the Directors Guild of America (DGA), the Screen Actors Guild (SAG), and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (AFTRA). Students will consider the unique legal issues and practices related to managing the creation, production and distribution of intellectual property and the division of the income it generates. The course will also examine collective bargaining agreements of the Hollywood Guilds with regards to the employment of actors/performers and directing teams, as well as the financing of projects and the regulation of agents. This course will satisfy the Substantial Writing Requirement.

Law, Lawyers, and the Legal System in Film (3 units)
The class focuses on film portrayals of law, lawyers, and the legal system as a means of exploring questions of public policy, jurisprudence, professional responsibility, and personal philosophy and psychology - all through the lens of filmic storytelling and filmmaking technique. Topics to be discussed include the adversary system, ethical dilemmas, various lawyer-character archetypes, the role of judges, the tension between popular notions of justice and certain legal regimes, and the strengths and limits of the legal system as a means of resolving disputes and providing remedies. This course will satisfy the Substantial Writing Requirement.

Legal Analysis Workshop (3 units)
This course is a workshop that will develop students' legal analysis and legal writing skills by focusing on the tasks that new attorneys typically are asked to perform, and on the essay-writing skills necessary to pass state bar exams. The class will use a problem-based approach that focuses heavily on past California performance examinations, since these require the writing, organizational, and analytical skills expected of new attorneys. This course will satisfy the Lawyering Skills Requirement.

Legal Drafting (2 units)
This course develops the student's legal writing skills in a variety of areas not covered in a traditional first year legal research and writing course. The student learns to draft wills, contracts, pleadings, discovery plans, discovery, closing arguments to a jury, legislation, client letters, demand letters, settlement proposals, tactical memoranda, and more. This course will satisfy the Lawyering Skills Requirement.

Law Practice Management (3 units)
Law Practice Management and Technology teaches students the best management practices necessary to start, manage, and grow a successful law office. Specialized presentations by guest lecturers with recognized expertise in various topics are often presented, as well as "real world" practitioner lecturers offering timely and practical advice on how to survive, and even thrive, as an attorney practicing law in today's economy. Topics discussed throughout the semester include: law practice technology, staffing, rainmaking and business development, setting attorney fees, time management, professional development, ethics, and quality of life.

Legal Writing Skills (3 units)
This course is designed to develop legal writing skills needed for success in law school, on the bar examination, and in the practice of law. Among others, the course will review and develop skills needed to prepare internal memoranda, trial court briefs, and letters to clients and/or opposing counsel. In addition, the course will assist students in the refinement of analytical and writing skills necessary to prepare answers to hypothetical legal essay exams and bar examination performance tests. Absent a waiver by the law school's Academic Standards Committee, those students who began their first year of legal study in or after fall 2006 and received a grade below 2.0 in Legal Research and Writing I and/or Legal Research and Writing II must take this course as a condition of graduation. Prior approval must be obtained for all other students seeking to enroll in this class. This course will satisfy the Practical Writing Requirement.

Local Government Law (3 units)
A study of the powers of local government with attention to both general principles and California law. Topics include the organization and operation of local government, the police power, public participation an access to information (including the Brown Act, initiatives and referendums, and public records), eminent domain, redevelopment, annexation and political geography, local government finance, particular school district issues, and intergovernmental relationships. Students taking this course should supplement it with Land Use Regulation which covers the land use regulatory powers of local government. This course will be valuable not only to those who wish to represent local governments but also those who will represent private sector clients interacting with local government officials. This course is an elective for the Certificate for Environment, Land Use and Real Estate Law. This course will satisfy the Substantial Writing Requirement.
Local Government Real Estate Practice Seminar
This course examines advanced topics concerning real estate transactions as they relate to local government practice. Topics may include real estate document drafting, eminent domain, redevelopment, affordable housing loans, title practice, commercial leasing, landlord/tenant issues, and administration of public lands, including parklands and open spaces, and the policy considerations that influence this practice. Students will be expected to have a basic understanding of local government and real estate law. This course will satisfy the Substantial Writing Requirement.

Marine Animal Protection in the U.S. and International Law (2 units)
This course covers legal protections of marine wildlife and biodiversity under U.S. law, including: U.S. federal statutory protections such as the Endangered Species Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act; and protection efforts under international law, such as the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), and the Biodiversity Convention, as well as limits to protection imposed by international trade law, including World Trade Organization cases and appellate body decisions such as the so-called Shrimp-Turtle and Tuna-Dolphin cases. The course will also consider legal and policy responses to human-created environmental threats to marine animal life, including threats from industrial pollution, chemicals, plastics, sewage, oil spills, military and other naval activities, and climate change. Finally, the class will explore development issues and the role of multilateral institutions and trade agreements in both the exploitation and protection of marine wildlife. There will be a midterm and a final exam. However, students will have the option to write a final research paper instead of the final exam provided the paper is approved by the professor in advance. The paper will satisfy the Substantial Writing Requirement.

Mediation (3 units)
This course focuses on different theories and approaches to mediation. Mediation is gaining in importance as a mechanism for parties to heal differences without the expense and trauma of litigation. The competent practitioner should understand how mediation works and how to represent clients effectively in a mediation setting. Students in this course have an opportunity to function as both advocates and mediators, using a variety of techniques to resolve disputes. The course grade is based primarily on papers assigned by the instructor. This course will satisfy the Lawyering Skills Requirement.

Mergers and Acquisitions (3)
This course will operate 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.

Music Law (3 units)
This course will explore the legal and business aspects of the Music Business through an examination of the key agreements in an artist’s career: recording, music publishing, touring, merchandising, management and other important areas. Recent case law and emerging business models will be examined from the perspective of the artist and the parties with whom they do business. Prerequisite: Entertainment Law, or Copyright, or with Professor’s permission.

Negotiating & Drafting Media Industry Transactions (3 units) (previous title Movie Making and the Law)
This course provides a detailed review and analysis of the contracts involved in the making of a documentary, short film, low budget feature film, or big budget studio film. Students will have hands-on experience with contracts from the inception of an idea for a film to pre-production, production and distribution, including contract drafting and negotiations. The attorney’s role throughout the movie making process will be examined. Students may have the opportunity to draft contracts for films currently being produced by Masters of Film Arts (MFA) students from Chapman’s Dodge College of Film and Media Arts. This course will satisfy the Practical Writing Requirement OR the Lawyering Skills Requirement; one course cannot satisfy both requirements. The option of a paper to satisfy the Substantial Writing Requirement may be available with preapproval from the professor. Note: one course cannot satisfy more than one requirement.

Negotiations (3 units)
Practice preparing for and conducting settlement negotiations. Discussion of negotiations theory, strategy, communications skills, and ethical issues. Students negotiate several different types of situations, both transactional and in anticipation of litigation. Students research the problems to be negotiated and prepare written work product, such as evaluations of negotiations, a contract, or a final analytical paper discussing the negotiations process. This course will satisfy the Lawyering Skills Requirement.

New Media and the Entertainment Industry (2 or 3 units)
In this course students will examine some of the newest media formats such as cell phones, ipods, digital cinema, video games and the Internet and their impact on traditional systems of media production and distribution. Topics may include the effect of new technology on the value of libraries and catalogues of older media, the impact on film and television, and protection of copyright and intellectual property. Course speakers may include industry representatives and practicing entertainment law attorneys.

Patents and Trade Secrets (2 units)
This course offers an in-depth exploration of the role of patents as valuable assets to businesses and individuals and the purpose and function of patent claims. Standards for patentability and patent infringement are studied, as well as the intersection of patents and trade secrets. The course requires completion of a few practical exercises such as patent
A classic example would be the financed purchase of an automobile. Should the debtor fail to make the required payments, one in which a debtor borrows money from a creditor and designates property as collateral to secure repayment of the loan. Phrases openly welcomes the consumer to the world of secured transactions. Generally speaking, a secured transaction is "No Money Down," "0% A.P.R.," "No Payments until 2009." Innocent enough in their own right, each of these familiar phrases openly welcomes the consumer to the world of secured transactions. Generally speaking, a secured transaction is one in which a debtor borrows money from a creditor and designates property as collateral to secure repayment of the loan. A classic example would be the financed purchase of an automobile. Should the debtor fail to make the required payments,
the secured party may take legal action or (in some instances) repossess the property. Secured transactions fuel a substantial part of the American economy. In this course, we will examine various rules governing debtor/creditor and creditor/creditor relationships, addressing several key questions: how do financial institutions protect themselves against borrower default, what happens when the debtor files for bankruptcy protection, and who wins when similarly-situated creditors must square off against each other in the fight for the debtor's vulnerable assets? Given that many of the rules governing secured transactions in personal property are found in Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code, we will frequently consult its provisions. In laying a core conceptual foundation, we will also address secured transactions in real property, including the ramifications of mortgaging property and the legal and equitable rights of mortgagors and mortgagees prior to and during the foreclosure process. In each session, we will apply the law to hypothetical problems presented, and as a result, students completing the course will have a knowledge base critical to the effective representation of average consumers, growing businesses, insolvent/bankrupt debtors, and sophisticated financial institutions. The course provides a solid foundation for courses in Bankruptcy Law.

**Securities Regulation (3 units)**
This course covers the federal regulation of the distribution and sale of stocks and other securities as a means of financing business operations. Students will closely examine the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The course will explore such topics as the definition and nature of securities; the registration and sale of securities to investors; exemptions from registration for public and private offerings; the philosophy of mandatory disclosure rules; the work of the Securities and Exchange Commission; the role of underwriters; civil and criminal liability of corporate issuers, directors, and officers for fraud and manipulation of securities markets; the regulation of brokers and dealers; and the unique professional responsibilities of attorneys who practice in the securities field. It is recommended that students successfully complete Corporations prior to this course.

**Selected Topics in American Law (3 units)**
This is a skills-development course that provides students with an intensive substantive review of selected legal material routinely tested on the bar exam and relevant to law practice, including contracts, torts, civil procedure, criminal law and procedure, real property, evidence, corporations, constitutional law, professional responsibility, wills and trusts, community property, and remedies. Through the use of problems and exercises in a bar exam format, students will become familiar with the techniques for analyzing, organizing, and writing essay questions based on California law. This is not a substitute for a bar review course, but a course on how to write good legal analysis in a particular area in a short window of time.

**Seminar in California Law: The Constitution, the Initiative Process and the Supreme Court (3 units)**
This course will require each student to produce a paper that satisfies the school's substantial writing requirement. The course will focus on the relationship between the California Constitution, the voters and the initiative process. The course will begin with a historical look at the California Constitution and the initiative process. The course will then consider the California Supreme Court and its role in the development of law in California and throughout the United States. As the course progresses, students will focus on recent initiatives that have resulted in significant litigation before the California Supreme Court, including (among others) Proposition 13 (property taxes), Proposition 187 (reducing social services to immigrants), Proposition 209 (eliminating affirmative action programs in public education, government hiring and contracting), Proposition 227 (restricting bilingual education programs) and Proposition 8 (specifying that only "marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California"). This course will satisfy the Substantial Writing Requirement.

**Seminar: Criminal Law and Psychology (3 units)**
This seminar for students in the LL.M. in Prosecutorial Science program focuses on forensic mental health issues in the criminal justice system. Students will learn about the major mental disorders and the ways in which such disorders may impact adjudication and sentencing. Included in the course is a clinical case-based approach involving the observation and discussion of videotaped forensic evaluations. The cases are selected to illustrate key legal issues and problems on selected topics in the criminal aspects of mental health law, including: competence to stand trial, criminal responsibility, mentally disordered offenders in the criminal justice system, criminal and civil justice system interactions, capital cases, sex offenders, juvenile offenders, and mental health expert testimony. The particular topics addressed may vary somewhat from year to year. This course will satisfy the Substantial Writing Requirement.

**Seminar: Holocaust, Genocide and the Law (2 units)**
This course examines international human rights law through the legacy of the Holocaust. Topics to be covered are: 1) the legal system of Nazi Germany; 2) prosecution of Nazi war criminals at Nuremberg and subsequent prosecutions under national legal systems, including the Eichmann trial in Israel, and the work in the United States of the Office of Special Investigations in the U.S. Department of Justice; 3) Holocaust denial, including the Irving v. Lipstadt in England; 4) Holocaust and the internet, including the Yahoo decisions in France and the United States and laws in various European nations dealing with hate speech and glorification of the Nazi era; 5) Holocaust restitution litigation in the United States to recover stolen wartime assets, including Nazi looted art; and 6) the legal legacy of the Holocaust upon the current International Criminal Court. This course will satisfy the Substantial Writing requirement.

**Seminar: International Entertainment Law (2 units)**
This course concerns law and policy of creating and distributing entertainment goods and services across national boundaries. Topics will include: the acquisition and enforcement of copyrights, trademarks, and rights of publicity; financing, both private and public; production, with particular emphasis on the costs and benefits of filming abroad; and the challenge of distributing works under various levels of censorship. Students will make in-class presentations and write final papers on approved topics. (This course should also qualify for credit for the Entertainment Law certificate) This course will satisfy the Substantial Writing Requirement.
Seminar in Land Use Law, Planning, & Policy (2 units)
This course is an advanced, interdisciplinary seminar that explores selected land use issues from legal, urban planning, and public policy perspectives. Land use law, urban planning, and public policies are integrally connected, sometimes in complementary ways and sometimes in conflicting ways. Students will be expected to grasp the insights and essentials of urban planning, policy studies, and cognate disciplines as presented in the course, and to consider their relationship to legal theory and practice. Prerequisite: Land Use Regulation. **This course will satisfy the Substantial Writing Requirement.**

Seminar: Law & Literature (2 units)
This seminar critically explores some of the broader themes of legal education via the prism of literature. Through the works of such writers as Kurt Vonnegut, Paul Auster, Jorge Luis Borges, Kate Chopin, Donald Barthelme, Susan Glaspell, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Tim O’Brien, Philip K. Dick, Mark Twain, Truman Capote, Flannery O’Connor, and Thomas Pynchon, the course uses the short story format as a vehicle to analyze the discursive subtexts of our jurisprudence. Specific units of the class focus on our notions of equality, the law’s ability to respond to technological change, law and morality, the construction of guilt and innocence, fact-finding and investigation, insanity and reason, evidence and memory, and the law of the family. (This is a changed course description from an existing course) **This course will satisfy the Substantial Writing Requirement.**

Seminar in Natural Resources Law & Policy (2 units)
An advanced study of legal and public policy issues surrounding the use and conservation of one or more natural resources, including public lands, timber, livestock forage, minerals, energy, wildlife, or water. Legal analysis will be informed by insights from other disciplines. Depending on the specific topics chosen by an individual instructor, the instructor may require prior relevant coursework if the prerequisite is listed in the registration materials. **This course will satisfy the Substantial Writing Requirement.**

Sexuality, Gender Identification & the Law (3 units)
This course explores the history and trends in American law as it responds to diversity in sexual orientation. Legal developments to be covered include equal protection, privacy, discrimination and prejudice, issues in the workplace, family rights and roles, definition of family, and immigration and asylum policies.

Specialized Legal Research for Emphasis Programs (1-2 units)
This course introduces students to the wide range of resources available to practitioners and students in the subjects covered in three emphasis programs: ENLURE, Entertainment Law, and Advocacy/Dispute Resolution. Classes will focus on resources in hard copy and online. An assignment at the end of the class will require students to research issues in their area of emphasis and evaluate the sources they consult. (This course should qualify for credit for the ENLURE, Entertainment Law or Advocacy/Dispute Resolution certificate)

Sports Law (2-3 units)
This course will cover selected legal issues in amateur and professional sports including player draft and option systems; labor and employment relations in professional sports; eligibility and discipline issues; agents and player representation; inter-league disputes; buying and moving teams; sex discrimination in sports; and Olympic competition.

State & Local Government Law (2-3 units)
A study of the powers of local government with attention to both general principles and California law. Topics include the organization and operation of local government, the police power, public participation and access to information (including the Brown Act, initiatives and referendums, and public records), eminent domain, redevelopment, annexation and political geography, local government finance, particular school district issues, and intergovernmental relationships. This course does not cover the land use regulatory powers of local government, which are covered in Land Use Regulation. **This course will satisfy the Practical Writing or the Substantial Writing Requirement; one course cannot satisfy more than one requirement.**

Taking & Defending Depositions (2 units)
This course provides students with practical training in depositions, the most important discovery tool in civil lawsuits. Students will learn the different types of depositions, how to prepare witnesses, the secrets to creating and using deposition outlines, the art and science of effective questioning, and the best ways to use deposition testimony to strengthen a case. Most importantly, students will spend substantial time actually taking and defending mock depositions and will get substantial feedback from a professor experienced in the art. At the end of this course, students will have all the knowledge and skills they need to be competent in depositions from the moment they begin their practices. **This course will satisfy the Lawyering Skills requirement.**

Tax Research (3 units)
An area often ignored in traditional legal research courses is the array of materials dealing with tax matters. Such material is often separated from other library materials, and many practicing attorneys possess little ability to research tax matters for their clients. This course explores the fundamentals of tax research and provides students with a foundation for further work in the tax arena. **This course will satisfy the Lawyering Skills Requirement.**

Taxation of Business Organizations (3 units)
Problems in the taxation of subchapter K partnerships, subchapter C corporations, and subchapter S corporations are covered by this course. Topics pertaining to partnership taxation include the formation, operation, and termination of general and limited partnerships. Class discussion is held concerning the definition of the partnership and the possible treatment of a partnership as an association. Topics pertaining to corporate taxation include tax treatment of a corporation
and a corporate shareholder with respect to corporate formation; organization and property transfers, dividends, and distributed income; accumulated earnings and undistributed income; non-liquidating corporate distributions; and, sale or liquidation of a corporation. This course is a core requirement for the Certificate in Taxation. This course is also a prerequisite for JD students who wish to enroll in Corporate Tax II.

Toxic and Mass Tort Law (3 units)
Our technological society has spawned an explosion of toxic tort actions. Topics include special statute of limitations problems in toxic cases, the complexities of mass litigation, and problems of proof in toxic tort actions. This course may satisfy the Practical Writing or the Substantial Writing Requirement with faculty approval; one course cannot satisfy more than one requirement.

Trademarks Law and Prosecution (3 units)
This advanced course in intellectual property covers topics related to trademarks and unfair competition under both federal and state law. Subjects include trademark clearance, registration, domain name disputes, trade dress, brand protection and rights of publicity. The course analyzes the enforcement rights and remedies associated with trademark litigation. It also emphasizes the relationships between trademark law and other types of intellectual property.

Trademarks and Unfair Competition (2 units)
This advanced course in intellectual property covers topics related to trademarks and unfair competition.

Trial Practice (3 units)
This is a practical skills course in advocacy which introduces students to the fundamental components of a typical civil and criminal trial and 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, and direct and cross-examination. Prerequisite: Evidence. This course will satisfy the Lawyering Skills Requirement.

Water Law (3 units)
This course examines legal controls on a scarce natural resource that is essential to human life and economic development. Topics include the prior appropriation doctrine; riparian water rights; groundwater; the public trust doctrine; federal and Indian reserved water rights; water development and distribution; the relationship between water and economic development; water quality; government regulation; and the role of interested groups in water policy.

Wills and Trusts (3 units) California Bar Tested
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.

Working with Filmmakers Clinic (3 units)
This course will provide students with the opportunity to work with low budget independent filmmakers. Students will apply the drafting and negotiating skills learned in Movie Making and the Law to prepare documents and contracts as may be needed for acquisition of rights, financing, and production - including hiring talent and crew and releases. The films will be chosen based upon recommendations from entertainment industry organizations such as the Directors Guild of America, Women in Film and the American Film Institute. Students will meet to discuss drafting and negotiating challenges and issues and the role of the production attorney in advising a filmmaker or production company. Prerequisite is Negotiating & Drafting Media Industry Transactions (aka Movie Making and the Law). This course will satisfy the Practical Writing Requirement OR the Lawyering Skills Requirement; one course cannot satisfy both requirements. The option of a paper to satisfy the Substantial Writing Requirement may be available with preapproval from the professor. Note: one course cannot satisfy more than one requirement.