

LAW FIRST YEAR COURSES (1LAW)

1LAW 1080 Constitutional Law 1 (4)

This course is an introduction to problems arising under the Constitution of the United States, including the nature of the judicial function, the operation of the federal system, the separation of powers, and the protection of individual rights. Both the development of constitutional doctrines and current problems are considered.

1LAW 1110 Contracts I (3)

This course is an introduction to the law of contracts, dealing with consideration, offer and acceptance, techniques for policing the bargaining process, and an introduction to remedies. Although the course is essentially an introduction to the common law of contracts, there will be some attention to statutory materials, including the Uniform Commercial Code.

1LAW 1160 Contracts II (3)

The major focus is on the law of contracts for the sale of goods, as embodied in Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code. Particular emphasis is placed on remedies for breach of contract and warranties as to quality. Throughout, comparison is made to the similar concepts developed at common law.

1LAW 1210 Criminal Law (3)

This course focuses on typical statutes proscribing criminal behavior as a means of studying legal concepts of responsibility and punishment. Selected topics include mens rea, mistake, attempt, conspiracy, accomplice liability, homicide, rape, insanity, and related constitutional doctrines.

1LAW 1310 Civil Procedure (4)

This course offers the first-year law student an introduction to civil procedure. Emphasis is placed on the interrelationship between theories of jurisdiction and notions of federalism. The course also focuses on approaches to such matters as service of process, joinder, preliminary motions, multiple claims and parties, amendments, discovery, directed verdicts, summary judgment, res judicata, and collateral estoppel.

1LAW 1340 Civil Law Property (4)

This course presents fundamental principles of the civil law as they relate to property; Louisiana Civil Code, Preliminary Title, Articles 1-15; Book II, Articles 448-532, 784-791; Book III, Articles 3412-3555. Topics include: introduction to the civil law system, things, ownership, possession, liberative and acquisitive prescription. The course emphasizes analysis of institutions in the light of civilian methodology, jurisprudence, and doctrine.

1LAW 1360 Common Law Property (4)

The course surveys the common law system of property rights. The focus is on voluntary and involuntary transfers of land including estates in land, landlord and tenant rights, eminent domain and servitudes and other rights in the land of another.

1LAW 1410 Legal Research & Writing (0-4)

This course is designed to teach the fundamentals of legal writing and to acquaint the student with various research techniques utilizing the resources of the law library and computerized legal databases. Students are assigned to an instructor, and each instructor will be assisted by several third-year senior fellows. Students will be placed into small sections, which will meet on a regular basis. Over the course of two semesters, students will learn the techniques of legal problem-solving, and learn to research and draft legal memoranda and briefs through a series of progressively more complex writing assignments. The course is graded and ordinarily culminates with the drafting of an appellate brief and an oral argument before an appellate moot court. The course lasts the entire year and carries 2 credits in the fall and 2 credits in the spring. This course may be repeated 2 times for credit.

Course Limit: 2

1LAW 1420 Becoming Lawyers (0)

This series is designed to help first-year students identify professional goals and build critical academic and professional skills.

1LAW 1440 Obligations I (3)

This is a basic course in Louisiana contract law with primary emphasis upon the Louisiana Civil Code as revised in 1985, and comparisons to the common law. It explores, comparatively, the general concept of a legal obligation, and more particularly the principles of civil law contracts. Matters dealt with include capacity, consent and cause, formation of contracts, effects of contracts, and remedies for nonperformance.

1LAW 1510 Torts (4)

This course deals with problems of non-contractual wrongs for which private compensation is sought under the common law. Topics include intentional wrongdoing, negligent wrongdoing, instances in which society imposes strict liability, accidents, and the ways in which the legal system shifts their social costs or attempts deterrence.