

LAW UPPERCLASS ELECTIVES (2) (2LAW)

2LAW 2070 Business Enterprises (3,4 Credit Hours)

This four-credit course will cover the legal architecture of certain business enterprises (including partnerships, corporations, and limited liability companies), how business enterprises are financed, how control and managerial authority are allocated within a business enterprise, and the scope of the fiduciary duties owed to a business enterprise and its owners in routine and fundamental transactions. This course will also cover aspects of federal securities law affecting the governance of business enterprises, including antifraud rules and insider trading.

2LAW 2110 Civil Law Property II (3 Credit Hours)

This course covers institutions of property law not covered in the first-year Civil Law Property course. It includes analysis of the notion, function, and structure of real rights in civil law jurisdictions; actions for the protection of the ownership and possession of movables and immovables; boundary actions; dismemberments of ownership, such as personal servitudes (usufruct, habitation, rights of use), predial servitudes, and building restrictions in subdivision developments.

2LAW 2150 Civil Procedure II (3 Credit Hours)

This course will start where most first-year Civil Procedure courses end – with multi-party litigation, including third party actions, intervention, interpleader and indispensable parties. A substantial part of the course will be devoted to class actions including certification, judicial management of complex class actions and settlement problems. Finally, a section of the course will be devoted to multi-district litigation, the aggregation of multiple lawsuits under the Manual for Complex Litigation and problems arising from parallel litigation in federal and state courts. This is not a course in federal jurisdiction. It is assumed that those taking the course will have a basic understanding of federal subject matter jurisdiction (arising under federal law, diversity and supplemental) and of the constitutional limitations on personal jurisdiction over non-residents.

2LAW 2300 Con Crim Pro: Investigatn (3 Credit Hours)

This is a constitutional law course focusing on those aspects of the Bill of Rights that apply to the rights of suspects and defendants in the investigative phases of the criminal justice system. Specifically, we will be studying United States Supreme Court case law interpreting the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Amendments. The course is recommended for the Juvenile Law Clinic and is one of the recommended courses for the Criminal Litigation Clinic.

2LAW 2400 Evidence (3,4 Credit Hours)

The focus of this course is on the law and policy considerations surrounding the proof of facts (and law) in judicial proceedings. We will be studying the Federal Rules of Evidence, as most states have adopted these rules wholesale or in large part. We will cover issues of relevance and of reliability, the two main concerns of the Rules.

2LAW 2530 Income Taxation (3,4 Credit Hours)

Practicing lawyers, regardless of their area of expertise, need a basic understanding of federal income tax because this tax affects so much of modern American life. This course covers the fundamentals of federal income taxation of individuals. It provides a basic understanding of the structure and vocabulary of the tax statute and of the relationship of the statute to regulations, other administrative pronouncements, and case law. The course introduces students to key concepts and issues in individual federal taxation such as the taxable unit, rate structure, the definition of income, capital recovery, the difference between a deduction and a credit, and the treatment of capital gains. Through the use of the problem method, the course develops the critical skills necessary to read and analyze any statutory language.

2LAW 2580 Land Use Planning (3 Credit Hours)

This course provides students a foundation in the core principles and issues important to any land use course: planning, zoning, constitutional limitations on zoning, third party rights, exclusionary zoning and discriminatory land use controls, common law nuisance as an alternative to zoning, covenants and associations, urban redevelopment, historic preservation, eminent domain, growth and sprawl, and the challenge of affordable housing. There is perhaps no better laboratory in which to consider these land use concepts than in the disaster-recovery environment of New Orleans. In order to enhance students' application of land use theories to real life problems, we will interact with key players in the New Orleans land-use landscape, both inside and outside the classroom.

2LAW 2680 Payment Systems (3 Credit Hours)

The course UCC: Payment and Credit Systems will cover articles 3, 4, 4A, 5, 7 and 8 of the Uniform Commercial Code, as well as statutes and private network rules governing payment and credit systems, negotiable instruments and securitization. The course objectives include learning 1) the black-letter law, 2) to work more generally with complex and technical statutes and apply them to business payment and credit problems, and 3) to analyze factual problems and present, orally and in writing, potential legal consequences and options for the parties under the applicable law. The class uses a problem approach. In each class session, after a brief review of the day's material, most of the time will be spent working through problems that apply the statutory material to specific fact situations.

2LAW 2750 Obligations II (3 Credit Hours)

This is a continuation course building upon the general principles developed in Obligations I. Its focus is a detailed study of sale and (to a lesser extent) lease, the most important nominate contracts in the Civil Code. Where appropriate, comparisons are made between the UCC and the French and Louisiana Civil Codes.

2LAW 2800 Legal Profession (3 Credit Hours)

This course introduces students to the roles of lawyers in society, the nature and structure of the legal profession, and to fundamental concerns and dilemmas of lawyers engaged in the practice of law. The course seeks to make students aware of their ethical responsibilities, both as members of society and members of the legal profession.

2LAW 2870 Real Estate Transactions (2,3 Credit Hours)

This course will cover issues of substantive and procedural law in their relationship to real estate transactions, and drafting, financing, and other problems encountered in sophisticated transactions. The course is taught by V.M. Wheeler, a partner with Chaffe, McCall, LLP. A popular national casebook will be used as the primary text, and reference will be made to civil law principles, when appropriate.