Socio-economic rights play an important role in many societies. Demands for jobs, food, water, housing/shelter, education, health care or – more generally – dignified living conditions are as important as classical liberal ('first generation') rights to equality, free speech, assembly, political participation or religion in countries like South Africa or India and continue to influence the human rights debate across large parts of South America. The Arab Spring is the most recent battleground over constitutionally entrenched socio-economic demands and greatly expanded the scope of such entitlements in systems like Iraq or Egypt. Other societies, including the United States and many countries in Europe, provide assistance for citizens in need but take a much more cautious stance on the constitutional protection of the socio-economic sphere. This course identifies different approaches to the protection of socio-economic entitlements. Drawing on the origins of social welfare states, including the German and French models, students will be alerted to the tensions that exist between the desire to provide a constitutional basis for the most fundamental needs of citizens and the limited resources available to most societies when it comes to the creation of job opportunities or the provision of social welfare benefits. Options range from ordinary social welfare legislation without a constitutional safety net, constitutional principles that direct public policy and resources towards the development of socio-economic safeguards, constitutional provisions that guarantee a minimum standard of life, to the constitutional enforcement of ambitious individual rights to socio-economic benefits. Students will explore these options on the basis of selected academic writings, socio-economic data from national sources and international organizations, court decisions, and constitutional texts from a variety of systems including Ecuador, South Africa, India, Egypt, Germany and the United States. Particular emphasis will be placed on the role that constitutional law can play in socio-economic development and the distribution of limited resources between competing societal needs. This will include the difficult question of judicial enforcement and the implications of constitutionally entrenched rights for the separation of powers in democratic systems of government.
Peace, liberty guaranteed by clear-cut rules, social interaction guided by value-laden principles—it is by these ethical and rational contents, deeply grounded and diligently elaborated in its religious, philosophical, and political history, that Roman Law has become part of the common heritage of the world’s jurisprudence. As the course will illustrate in telling detail and general overview, Roman Law is in fact inspired from its beginning by the humanly valid idea that human life has to realize and to reconcile two seemingly contradictory ends, individual freedom and the reliable cooperation. Notably, slavery, omnipresent in its day, was branded by Roman lawyers an institution against human nature, thus paving the way for its abolition in modern times.
MINI 6150 Int'l Anti-Corruption (1)
This course will cover the basics of international anti-corruption laws such as the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, the U.K. Bribery Act, international conventions against corruption, and similar anti-bribery laws of other countries. These anti-corruption laws generally prohibit direct and indirect corrupt payments to foreign officials. Enforcement has increased significantly in the last few years and will continue to be a major factor to any organization operating globally. The course will use recent SEC and DOJ investigations (such as the case against former U.S. congressman from New Orleans, William Jefferson) to illustrate the basics of these anti-corruption laws. The course will also cover other areas in the international trade regulatory regime such as export controls, anti-boycott, anti-money laundering, and fraud prevention. Other areas addressed by the course include the scope of international anti-corruption laws, identifying a government official, identifying red flags in business partners, conducting due diligence, exceptions to the laws, assessing third party risk, and other areas that play an integral role in counseling clients doing business abroad. We will review the elements of a comprehensive corporate compliance program and mechanisms used to implement compliance procedures and internal controls in an organization. The course will also address the cultural challenges presented by certain countries and industries. Students will be expected to participate in case studies and exercises designed to apply legal principals to situations that arise in the practice of law.

MINI 6180 Real Estate Contracts (1)
This course will examine the negotiation of a number of real estate contracts and the skills and methods of lawyers who handle transactions. The contracts include a purchase agreement, a construction loan commitment, purchase and remediation agreements for a brownfield site, a workout (loan modification) agreement and a management agreement for a senior living facility. The course materials will include a case study for each transaction and a form of the agreement, with an indication of the matters that most concern the party that receives the initial draft. The course will take up the rules of law that motivate and constrain the contents of particular agreements.

MINI 6181 Real Estate Contracts II (1)
This course will examine the negotiation of a number of real estate contracts and the skills and methods of lawyers who handle transactions. The contracts include an office lease, a shopping center lease for a small tenant, a reciprocal easement agreement for a shopping center, an LLC agreement between a developer-manager and high net worth investors, an owner-architect contract and an owner-contractor agreement. The properties will include an office building, a shopping center, a warehouse and one to be determined. The course materials will include a case study for each transaction, a form of the agreement, and the response of the party that receives the first draft. The course will take up the rules of law that motivate and constrain the contents of particular agreements.

MINI 6190 Representing Physicians (1)
This course will be begin with an overview of general issues in healthcare law but will focus primarily on practical legal issues physicians face in the current healthcare world and how lawyers can be prepared to counsel the physicians facing those issues. This mini-course will address issues as diverse as anti-trust and ERISA to medical staff and peer review, from the viewpoint of a practitioner who specializes in representing physicians. Tulane medical students will also attend several of the classes, and there will also be several attorney and physician guest instructors.

MINI 6250 Corp Law & Hostile Acquisition (1)
This is an advanced corporate law course focusing on state corporate law, corporate governance, the fiduciary duties of directors and the rights of stockholders in the context of hostile acquisitions. This course will emphasize the practical aspects of corporate law and will cover hostile acquisitions from a bidder’s perspective (which will include takeover approaches, takeover negotiations, takeover techniques, and the structuring and pricing of offers), hostile acquisitions from a target’s perspective (which will include advanced preparation, structural changes to reduce vulnerability, and responding to acquisition offers), proxy contests and stockholder activism. Business Enterprises is a prerequisite for 2L students and a prerequisite or co-requisite for 3L students. The course will be taught by Michael Maimone who is an experienced corporate attorney and litigator who practices primarily in Delaware and New York.

MINI 6370 Political Investgns & Impeachm (1)
This course looks at issues at the intersection of politics and law that arise in investigations of public officials, including in impeachment proceedings. Topics will include criminal investigations, congressional inquiries, the role of defense counsel, and standards and processes for impeachment and removal of a U.S. president and other high-level government officers. Both the legal framework and practical political considerations will be considered. This course will be taught by Ross Garber, chair of the Government Investigations and White Collar Crime Group of Shipman & Goodwin LLP (Washington, D.C.), whose practice concentrates on representing government officials in investigations and who has served as lead defense counsel to three U.S. governors facing impeachment.

MINI 6450 Intro to Chinese Maritime Law (1)
This introductory course aims to convey to the student the primary knowledge of the shipping law and practice of the Mainland of China. The key sectors which are to be covered include Chinese legal system, setting up in China, contracting with Chinese entities, carriage of goods by sea, shipping contracts, ship and ship-related rights, marine casualties, marine insurance, agency, dispute resolution and maritime procedural law. This course intends to present the unique features of Chinese shipping law and tries to prepare the students for recognizing and dealing with uncomplicated legal issues in relation to Chinese shipping industry.
MINI 6480 Climate Change: Underlying Drivers: Potential Solutions (1)
Students will explore major sources of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, understand drivers to reduce GHG emissions (including voluntary and mandatory mechanisms), assess the effectiveness of various GHG reduction efforts, evaluate available GHG reduction technologies, and review various U.S. government initiatives to accelerate GHG reduction efforts. At the conclusion of the course, students should have a thorough grounding in climate change and be able to understand the causes of climate change, potential solutions, and the economic and legal drivers of climate change causes and solutions.

MINI 6490 Transnational Litigation (1)
The rapidly growing number of disputes involving foreign parties and transactions present distinct problems that do not arise in purely domestic litigation or arbitration. The course will address these problems and the emerging solutions as developed by American courts, and it will compare these developments with approaches that prevail in other legal systems. Areas that will be covered include the extraterritorial application of U.S. laws, taking evidence abroad, personal jurisdiction over foreign defendants, and the enforcement of foreign judgments.

MINI 6620 Space Law: Jurisd Int Treat (1)
This course focuses on the question of what rules apply in outer space and examines the five current international treaties that govern outer space: the Outer Space Treaty, the Rescue Agreement, the Liability Convention, the Registration Convention, and the Moon Agreement. Comparisons to issues of jurisdiction in admiralty law will be made throughout the course, though no prior knowledge of admiralty law is required. This course is taught by Jeanne Amy from the Department of Justice's Aviation, Space, and Admiralty Division.

MINI 6630 Space Law: Property, Tort, and the Environment (1)
This minicourse examines three interrelated areas to consider in space: delict (tort), property, and the environment. In terms of tort law and space, undertaking outer space activities is inherently a risky business. Things blow up, fall down, smash into one another — bottom line, things can go very wrong. And when they do, someone will be liable. How tort law principles apply in outer space will be the first area of focus for the mini course. Property rights, the second area of focus, also are important in space. While existing treaties provide that States cannot take ownership of celestial bodies, there is room for interpretation as to whether a private person (or institution) might acquire such ownership. Moreover, there are property rights already in outer space given the existence of man-made objects, such as satellites, spacecraft, etc. How property law impacts space law is the second topic for our discussion. Finally, we will examine space and the environment. There are environmental impacts of outer space activity not only in space, but also on Earth, including pollution created during launch operations, importing new microbes onto Earth during space activity, and objects falling into Earth's atmosphere from space. Issues of the environment within outer space will also be discussed in the context of space debris, satellites, space stations, the future of possible space hotels, and more. The course will be taught by Professor Wian Erlank of North-West University in South Africa and will be graded in a Pass/C/Fail basis.

MINI 6650 Public Co Reporting Practicum (1)
This course is designed to provide a hands-on and practical introduction to disclosure issues and practices of publicly traded companies. The course will address disclosure issues and topics under the federal securities laws and the various rules and regulations thereunder. The course will also cover select corporate governance issues, such as director independence, committee composition and duties, shareholder approval of certain matters, and other exchange listing requirements (NYSE and/or NASDAQ rules). This is an advanced course that is designed to teach students how to approach and solve problems relating to public company disclosure issues, focusing on the structure and content of disclosure and available resources. The course will be designed to simulate the issues and tasks that an attorney would perform in representing a public company in practice. It is primarily designed for students who intend to practice corporate or securities law and represent companies in connection with public filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the sale of securities.

MINI 6660 Plea Bargaining (1)
Only about 2% of all federal criminal defendants go to trial, and only about 6% of state criminal defendants do so. Yet the vast majority of the training received by prosecutors and defense attorneys, both in law school and after, focuses on trials. This mini-course will instead address the mechanism(s) by which most criminal cases are actually resolved, (with a particular emphasis on the federal courts) and will attempt to provide future criminal lawyers with some of the tools needed to achieve just and fair resolutions in those cases. For the last class, students will be put into pairs (prosecutor-defense attorney), and required to conduct plea negotiations in a hypothetical case, and ultimately reach a resolution that does not involve a trial. The roles of the participants will then be reversed, and the exercise will be conducted again.