The University of Tennessee College of Law commenced operation in 1890 and has continuously sought to provide high-quality legal education in a university community.

The principal objective of the college is to prepare students for the practice of law. The college teaches the analytical skills needed to interpret cases and statutes, the ability to communicate effectively, an awareness of the historical growth of the law, a knowledgeable appreciation of the interrelationship of law and society, and the ability to use law as an implement of social change and development. Students are thus equipped to serve their communities not only as advocates and counselors, but as policy makers and active, responsible citizens.

The program of the college has three dimensions: teaching and learning, research into and appraisal of our legal systems and institutions, and service to the community. Each plays a significant role in the college as a modern law center.

The teaching and learning element of legal education at the college involves a co-operative classroom interaction between faculty and students in the analytical study of a host of questions and problems found in today’s legal profession. These involve decisional law, statutory interpretation, administrative regulation, techniques of trial and appellate advocacy, and the roles and responsibilities of the lawyer in advising and representing clients.

The college is also directly involved in providing service to the community. A major element of public service is centered in the Legal Clinic where students, under the guidance of skilled
and experienced licensed practitioners, provide legal services to clients. Additionally, through research, consultation, and other services to legal institutions and groups within the state, the college seeks to participate in the development and improvement of the society in which its students may eventually practice law.

In combination, the direction and objectives of the college lead to the development of a narrow technician, but of a student of the law with the perspective, breadth, and understanding necessary to accomplish the many tasks assigned by society to the legal profession.

**GRADUATE PROGRAMS**

The College of Law offers the Doctor of Jurisprudence degree program; a dual degree program with the College of Business Administration leading to the JD and the Master of Business Administration degree; and a dual degree program with the Department of Political Science, College of Arts and Sciences, leading to the JD and Master of Public Administration. In addition, graduate students may be eligible to take a limited number of law courses to count toward a graduate degree.

Current information regarding admission, financial aid, course requirements, academic policies, extracurricular activities, and student services is available from the Admissions Office, the University of Tennessee College of Law, 1505 W. Cumberland Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37996-1810 and at the college’s Web page www.law.utk.edu. Completed application should be received before February 1 of the year of requested admission.

**DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE**

The Doctor of Jurisprudence degree will be conferred upon candidates who complete, with the required average, six semesters of resident law study and who have 89 semester hours of credit, including all required courses. The required average is 2.0 and that average must be maintained on the work of all six semesters and also for the combined work of the grading periods in which the last 28 credit hours taken in residence were earned. Averages are computed on weighted grades. Grades are on an alphabetical scale from A+ to F. No credit toward the JD degree is awarded for grades of D- or F.

Eligible law students may receive up to six (6) semester hours of credit toward the JD degree for acceptable performance (a grade of B or higher) in upper-level courses that materially contribute to the study of law and which are taken in other departments at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Course selection and registration are subject to guidelines approved by the law faculty which include the requirement that any such course be acceptable for credit toward a graduate degree in the department offering the course.

Refer to the Law Catalog and Student Handbook for current degree requirements.

**Concentration in Business Transactions**

Students interested in a concentration in business transactions must complete all of the following law courses:

- 818 Fundamental Concepts of Income Taxation
- 826 Introduction to Business Transactions*
- 827 Business Associations
- 972 Income Taxation of Business Organizations
- 940 Land Finance Law

*This course is not required for students who have an undergraduate major in accounting, finance, or business administration, who hold the MBA degree, or who are enrolled in the dual JD-MBA program. Waivers may also be granted to students who have acquired the requisite business knowledge through other coursework or through practical experience.

**Concentration in Advocacy and Dispute Resolution**

Students interested in a concentration in advocacy and dispute resolution must complete all of the following courses:

- 813 Evidence
- 815 Introduction to Advocacy and Professional Responsibility
- 920 Trial Practice
- 921 Pretrial Litigation
- 922 Advanced Trial Advocacy
- 928 Case Development and Resolution

Students electing a concentration in advocacy and dispute resolution may not take any of the above courses on an S/NC basis except 826.

**DUAL JD-MBA PROGRAM**

The College of Business Administration and the College of Law offer a coordinated dual program leading to the conferral of both the Doctor of Jurisprudence and the Master of Business Administration.

The establishment of the dual program recognizes the increasingly complex body of knowledge necessary to the creative conduct of business and business-related law practice, the complementary nature of many aspects of the graduate programs of the College of Law and the College of Business Administration, and the intellectual benefits inherent in the concurrent study of both business and business-related law. The program is designed to accommodate the interests of students who (a) contemplate a career in public service and want to acquire the skills and perspective of the lawyer and the business-oriented manager, (b) contemplate a career in business management and want to acquire the skills and perspective of a lawyer, or (c) contemplate a career as a lawyer specializing in business-related law and want to acquire the skills and perspective of the business-oriented manager.

**ADMISSION**

Applicants for the JD-MBA program must make separate application to, and be competitively and independently accepted by, the College of Law for the JD, the Office of Graduate Admissions and College of Business Administration for the MBA degree, and by the Dual Program Committee.

Students who have been accepted by both colleges may apply for approval to pursue the dual program anytime prior to, or after, matriculation in either or both colleges. Such approval will be granted, provided that dual program studies are started prior to entry into the last 28 semester hours of JD coursework and prior to the third semester of the MBA program. Students interested in entering the dual degree program should submit a letter of application to the Dual Program Committee. Upon
receipt of the application, the Dual Program Committee will determine eligibility and assign students to advisors who will be responsible for course approval and supervision of the student’s progress through the dual program.

REQUIREMENTS

A dual program candidate must satisfy the graduation requirements of each college. Students withdrawing from the dual program before completion of both degrees will not receive credit toward graduation from either college in the other college, except as such courses qualify for credit without regard to the dual program.

The College of Law will award up to 9 semester hours of credit toward the JD for acceptable performance in approved graduate-level courses offered by the College of Business Administration. The College of Business Administration will award up to 6 semester hours of credit toward the MBA for acceptable performance in approved courses offered in the College of Law. The approval of courses is the responsibility of the Dual Program Committee and the student’s assigned advisor.

Students may begin their studies in either the JD or the MBA program, but may not enroll in MBA coursework while completing the first year of the law curriculum and may not enroll in JD course work while completing the first year of the business curriculum. During the first year in the JD program, students register through the College of Law. During the first year in the MBA program, students register as graduate students. After the first two years, any term in which students take law courses or a mixture of law and graduate courses, they are classified and registered as law students. If taking only graduate courses, they are classified and registered as graduate students.

Approved Dual Credit

MBA courses in which the student has earned a B grade or higher and are to be counted toward the JD program must include 9 semester hours approved by the College of Law. The 6 hours of law courses in which the student has earned a 2.3 or C+ grade or higher and are to be counted toward the MBA must be selected from those approved by the Assistant Dean of the MBA Program.

DUAL JD-MPA PROGRAM

The College of Law and the Department of Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences offer a coordinated dual degree program leading to the conferment of both the Doctor of Jurisprudence and Master of Public Administration degrees. In this program, a student may earn the MPA and JD in about four years rather than the five years that otherwise would be required. Students pursuing the dual degree program should plan to be enrolled in coursework or an internship for one summer term in addition to taking normal course loads for four academic years.

ADMISSION

Applicants for the JD-MPA program must make separate application to, and be independently accepted by, the College of Law for the JD and the Department of Political Science and the Office of Graduate Admissions for the MPA. Applicants must also be accepted by the Dual Degree Committee. All applicants must submit a Law School Admission Test (LSAT) score. An applicant’s LSAT score may be substituted for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score, which is normally required for admission to the MPA program. Application may be made prior to or after matriculation in either the JD or the MPA program, but application to the dual program must be made prior to entry into the last 29 semester hours required for the JD and prior to entry into the last 15 hours required for the MPA.

REQUIREMENTS

A dual degree candidate must satisfy the requirements for both the JD and the MPA, as well as the requirements for the dual program. The College of Law will award a maximum of nine semester hours of credit toward the JD for successful completion of approved graduate level courses (500 or 600 level) offered in the Department of Political Science. The MPA program will award a maximum of nine semester hours of credit toward the MPA for successful completion of approved courses offered in the College of Law. All courses for which such cross-credit is awarded must be approved by the JD-MPA coordinators in the College of Law and the Department of Political Science. All candidates for the dual degree must successfully complete Administrative Law (Law 821). An internship is strongly recommended for students in the dual degree program, as it is for all MPA candidates, but an internship is not required.

During the first two years in the dual program, students will spend one academic year completing the required first year of the College of Law curriculum and one academic year taking courses solely in the MPA program. During those first two years, students may not take courses in the opposite area without the approval of the JD-MPA coordinators in both academic units. In the third and fourth years, students are strongly encouraged to take both law and political science courses each semester.

Dual degree students who withdraw from the program before completion of the requirements for both degrees will not receive credit toward either the JD or the MPA for courses taken in the other program except as such courses qualify for credit without regard to the dual program.

AWARDING OF GRADES

For grade recording purposes in the College of Law and the Department of Political Science, grades awarded in courses in the other unit will be converted to either Satisfactory or No Credit and will not be computed in determining a student’s GPA or class standing. The College of Law will award a grade of Satisfactory for an approved MPA course in which the student earns a grade of B or higher and a grade of No Credit for any lower grade. The Political Science Department will award a grade of Satisfactory for an approved law course in which the student earns a grade of C+ or higher and a grade of No Credit for any lower grade. The official academic record of the student maintained by the Office of the University Registrar shall show the actual grade assigned by the instructor without conversion.

POLICY FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS TAKING LAW COURSES

Students pursuing a graduate degree in another college may, upon approval of the College of Law and the major chairperson, take up to 6 semester hours of law courses and receive credit toward the graduate degree. The graduate student must register for the law course during regular registration at the College of Law requesting an S/NC grade only. If a C or above is earned in a law course, an S will be recorded on the transcript. If a student
earns below a C, an NC will be recorded, and the course cannot be used toward meeting degree requirements. Grades for law courses will not be reflected in the cumulative average. Law courses may be taken for credit only by students enrolled in a graduate degree program.

Different rules apply to the student enrolled in the Dual JD-MBA or JD-MPA Programs. Grades must be earned according to the grading system of the respective college, e.g. numerical grades for law courses, letter grades for graduate courses. Refer to section on Grades for the grading scale acceptable toward meeting degree requirements. Cumulative GPA for law courses only will be carried until graduation, at which time both the graduate and the law cumulatives will be shown on the permanent record.

Courses

Law (613)

801 Civil Procedure I (3) Binding effect of judgments, selecting proper court (jurisdiction and venue), ascertaining applicable law, and federal and state practice.


803 Contracts I (3) Basic agreement process and legal protections afforded contracts: offer and acceptance, consideration and other bases for enforcing promises; the Statute of Frauds, unconscionability and other controls of promissory liability. Introduction to relevant portions of Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

804 Contracts II (3) Continuation of Contracts I. Issues arising after contract formation: interpretation, duty of good faith; conditions, impracticability and frustration of purpose; remedies; third party beneficiaries; assignment and delegation. Considerable coverage of Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code with respect to remedies, anticipatory repudiation, impracticability and good faith.

805 Legal Process I (3) Lawyer-like use of cases and statutes in prediction and persuasion. Analysis and synthesis of common law decisions; statutory interpretation; fundamentals of expository legal writing and legal research.

806 Legal Process II (3) Continuation of Legal Process I. Formal legal writing, appellate procedure, and oral advocacy.

807 Torts I (3) Intentional torts, defenses and privileges related to intentional torts; negligence: standard of care, professional malpractice, and liability of owners and occupiers of land; defenses based on plaintiff’s conduct: contributory and comparative negligence, assumption of risk, failure to take precautions, and avoidable consequences; causation, proximate cause; duty rules; and questions of joint and several or several liability.

808 Torts II (3) Vicarious liability and related concepts; strict liability for dangerous animals and abnormally dangerous activities; products liability; nuisance, defamation and invasion of privacy; economic torts: misrepresentation and interference with contract and prospective opportunities; immunities: those of government, governmental employees, charities and family members, and damages.

809 Criminal Law (3) Substantive aspects of criminal law; general principles applicable to all criminal conduct; specific analysis of particular crimes; defenses to crimes.

810 Property (4) Introductory course treating issues of ownership, possession, and title in the areas of: landlord-tenant relations; estates in land and future interests; co-ownership and marital property; real estate sales agreements and conveyances; title assurance and recording statutes; servitudes; and selected aspects of nuisance law, eminent domain and zoning.

812 Constitutional Law (4) Fundamental principles of American constitutional law: federalism, separation of powers, equal protection of law, and constitutional protection of other fundamental individual rights.

813 Evidence (4) Rules regulating introduction and exclusion of oral, written and demonstrative evidence at trials and other proceedings, including relevance, competence, impeachment, hearsay, privilege, expert testimony, authentication, and judicial notice. Coreq: 920 for students electing concentration in advocacy.

814 Legal Profession (3) Legal, professional and ethical standards applicable to lawyers. Not open to students who have taken 815.

815 Introduction to Advocacy and Professional Responsibility (3) Theory and morality of advocacy in adversarial system, and legal, ethical, and professional standards applicable to lawyers and especially lawyers as advocates.

818 Fundamental Concepts of Income Taxation (3) Introduction to basic statutory analysis, fundamental principles of federal individual income tax, and pervasive income tax concerns that arise in practice. Federal concept of gross income, pattern of exclusions, exemptions and deductions from gross income used to arrive at tax base; special treatment of capital gains and losses; and rate structure.


821 Administrative Law (3) Administrative agency decision-making processes and judicial review of administrative decisions: procedural standards for informal and formal administrative adjudication and rule-making (attention to federal Administrative Procedure Act); constitutional due process standards in administrative settings; and availability, scope and timing of judicial review of agency actions.

822 Legislation (3) Interpretation and drafting of statutes, legislative process, and legislative power; comparison of judicial views on legislative process with both realities of legislative process and applicable constitutional principles.


827 Business Associations (4) Legal problems associated with formation, operation, and dissolution of unincorporated and incorporated business firms; legal rights of duties of firm members: principals and agents, partners and limited partners, members, managers, and governors of limited liability companies, and corporate shareholders, directors, and officers; and others with whom members interact in connection with firm’s business.

828 Corporate Finance (3) Legal issues arising in conjunction with corporate financial transactions: issuance of debt and various types of equity securities, distributions to shareholders, mergers and other corporate acquisitions. Legal valuation of corporate securities.

830 Securities Regulation (3) Basic structure of federal securities law. Legal problems associated with raising of capital by new and growing enterprises; securities transactions by promoters, officers, directors and other insiders; antifraud provisions; and provision of legal and other professional services in connection with securities transactions. Recommended prereq or coreq: 827.

833 Representing Enterprises (3-5) Capstone course for concentration in business transactions. Simulated business transactions and completion of courses for concentration in business transactions. Analysis of business transactions with view toward needs of business clients. Not available for students with business background.

834 Antitrust (3) Federal antitrust laws; monopolization, price-fixing, group boycotts, and anticompetitive practices generally; government enforcement techniques and private treble damage suits.

840 Commercial Law (4) Basic coverage of most significant provisions of Uniform Commercial Code: security interests in personal property (Art. 9 of U.C.C. and relevant Bankruptcy Code provisions); commercial paper, including checks, notes and other negotiable instruments (Arts. 3 and 4 of U.C.C.); sales of goods, including coverage of portions of Art. 2 of U.C.C. not covered in Contracts.

842 Contract Drafting Seminar (2) Practical fundamentals of drafting contracts of different types.

843 Debtor-Creditor Law (3) Basic elements of federal bankruptcy law: claims, property of estate, automatic stay, trustee’s avoidance powers, assumption and rejection of contracts, priority of distributions, and distinctions between liquidation and rehabilitation. Enforcing judgments outside of bankruptcy.

844 Business Reorganizations and Workouts (3) An examination of reorganization under chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code from petition date to confirmation of a plan of reorganization as well as coverage of the use of extensions, compositions, workouts and other non-bankruptcy methods of adjusting the rights or parties to business transactions. Although not required as prerequisites, an understanding of the subject matter of Commercial Law and especially Debtor/Creditor law is strongly recommended. The course satisfies the expository writing requirement.
847 Advanced Constitutional Law (2-3) Advanced study of issues in American constitutional law. Specific course offerings vary. Subjects include: constitutional structure of American governmental institutions, federalism, separation of governmental powers: relationship between legislative and executive branches, relationship among states and between states and federal government, and constitutional amendment process; state constitutional law. Tennessee constitution and differences between state and federal constitutional law; Bill of Rights and 14th Amendment to Constitution: constitutional rights as protected by Bill of Rights and 14th Amendment. Prereq: 812. May be repeated under different topic.

848 Civil Rights Actions (3) Litigation to vindicate constitutional rights in private actions against the government and its officials, as well as rights protected by other civil rights legislation: elements of cause of action under 42 U.S.C. sect. 1983; actions against federal government officials under the Bivens doctrine; institutional and individual immunities; relationship between state and federal courts in civil rights actions; and remedies for violations of constitutional and other civil rights.

849 Discrimination and the Law (3) Comparison of race, sex, and other forms of discrimination with respect to education, employment, housing, political participation and other social and economic activities; historical landmarks and current issues in discrimination law.

850 Supreme Court (3) History of Supreme Court and of procedures by which Court arrives at decisions; influences of justices’ ideology and role of Court in political system.

854 Investigatory Criminal Procedure (3) Police practices and constitutional rights of persons charged with crimes: arrest; search and seizure; identification: interrogation and confessions; electronic eavesdropping; and right to counsel.

855 Adjudicatory Criminal Procedure (3) Pre- and post-trial procedures in criminal case: bail; preliminary hearing; grand jury; prosecutorial discretion; discovery’s speedy trial; plea bargaining; jury trial; and double jeopardy. Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

859 Criminal Law Seminar (2) Advanced problems in criminal law and administration of justice. Prereq: 809.

862 Family Law (3) Survey of laws affecting formal and informal family relationships: premarital disputes; ante nuptial contracts; creation of common law and formal marriage; legal effects of marriage; support obligations within family; legal separation, divorce, alimony, and property settlements; child custody and child support; abortion; illegitimacy.

863 Children and the Law (3) Legal relationships between children, families and state; juvenile justice; foster care; adoption; educational issues: special education; child abuse and neglect; health care and income maintenance; advocacy for children and families.

866 Environmental Law and Policy (3) Study, through methods of public policy analysis, of responses of legal systems to environmental problems: environmental litigation; Clean Air Act; Clean Water Act; National Environmental Policy Act; and selected regulatory issues.

867 Environmental Law Seminar (2) Selected topics in environmental law.

873 American Legal History (3) Selected topics in American legal history.

877 Jurisprudence (3) Critical or comparative examination of legal theories, concepts, and problems: legal positivism; natural law theory; legal realism; idealism; historical jurisprudence; utilitarianism; Kantianism; sociological jurisprudence; policy science; and critical studies.

879 Law and Economics (3) Relationship between legal and economic thought; application of basic economic concepts to legal problems; economics in legal decision making; scholarly support for and criticism of economic analysis of law. Designed for students with no undergraduate background in economics or mathematics.

881 Law and Literature (3) Reading literary works, development of philosophy, and reading technique applicable to both law and life.

886 Public International Law (3) Law-creating processes and doctrines, principles and rules of law that regulate mutual behavior of states and other entities in international system.

887 International Business Transactions (2-3) Doing business with foreign persons and in foreign countries; acquisition and use of property within foreign country; regulation of international business transactions by international organizations and foreign governments; analysis of international conventions and laws of foreign countries affecting business and comparison of those conventions and laws with United States law.

895 Labor Relations Law (3) Political, social and economic influences in development of federal labor relations laws; employee rights of self-organization; union and employer unfair labor practices; strikes, lockouts, boycotts, and collective bargaining processes; enforcement of collective agreements; individual rights of employees; federal preemption and state regulation.

896 Employment Law (3) Legal regulation of employment relationship: legal, social and economic influences in employee-employer relationship; employment discrimination; legally prescribed minimum standards of compensation and safety; restraints on termination of employment; regulation of retirement systems.

898 Arbitration Seminar (2) Arbitration of labor agreements: judicial and legislative developments; nature of process; relationship to collective bargaining; selected arbitration problems on various topics under collective agreements; and role of lawyers and arbitrators. Prereq: 895.

899 Labor Relations Seminar (2) Selected labor relations law problems. Prereq: 895.

905 Advocacy Clinic (6) Supervised fieldwork requiring students to assume substantial responsibility for representing clients with various civil and criminal legal problems. Exploration and development of fundamental professional skills involved in practicing law: interviewing and counseling clients, negotiating with other attorneys, planning for transactions and dispute resolutions, initiating and defending claims, conducting factual investigations, and presenting evidence. Prereq: 920 and third-year standing. May not receive credit for both 905 and 946 or both 905 and 947.

908 Mediation Clinic (3) Mediation process, theory, strategy, tactics and skills through readings, simulations, and service as mediators in general sessions court docketings: mediation ethics, relationship of mediation to other dispute resolution methods, roles of attorneys in mediation, and writing of mediation agreements.

915 Conflict of Laws (3) Jurisdiction, foreign judgments, and conflict of laws.

916 Federal Courts (3) Jurisdiction of federal courts; conflicts between federal and state judicial systems.

918 Remedies (3) Judicial remedies: damages, restitution, and equitable relief; availability, limitations and measurement of various remedies; comparison of contract, tort and property-related remedies.

920 Trial Practice (3) Litigation through simulation, trial problems and preparation: basic trial strategy; professional responsibility; fact investigation and witness preparation; discovery and presentation of evidence; selection and instruction of juries; opening and closing arguments. Written work: pleadings, motions, interrogatories or memoranda. Coreq: 813 for students electing concentration in advocacy. Prereq: 813 for all other students.

921 Pre-Trial Litigation (3) Civil pre-trial process. Drafting of actual pre-trial documents in civil cases: complaint, motions for preliminary injunction, class certification papers, motions to dismiss and for summary judgment, and various discovery papers.

922 Advanced Trial Advocacy (3) Study and development of trial skills: trial preparation, advanced direct and cross-examination, expert witnesses, jury selection, jury instruction, technology in courtroom, and motion practice. Prereq: 920.

927 Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiation (3) Development of conceptual and practical frameworks for understanding interviewing, counseling and negotiation, and lawyer’s role in tasks. Readings of different methods, strategies and perspectives from recent literature involving lawyering skills. Simulations and videotape critiques, drafting of documents. Relevant ethical issues and techniques of dispute resolution. Not open to students who have taken 904 or 906.

928 Case Development and Resolution (4) Theory and development of skills for case development and management: interviewing, counseling, and fact investigation. Ways of resolving disputes without litigation. Not open to students who have taken 927.

935 Gratutious Transfers (3) Gifts; will substitutes; nature, creation, termination and modification of trusts; intestate succession; execution, revocation, probate and contest of wills; statutory protections against disinherition; and introduction to powers of appointment, basic problems of will construction, powers of attorney, and planning for disability and death.


940 Land Finance Law (3) Financing devices: mortgages, deeds of trust and land contracts; problems of priorities; transfer of secured interests when debt assumed or taken subject to security interest; default, exercise of equity of redemption and/or statutory right of redemption; mechanics’ and material men’s liens; contemporary developments in areas as condominiums, cooperatives, housing subdivisions, and shopping centers.

943 Land Use Law (3) Private land use controls: nuisance, easements, real covenants, equitable servitude and home owner associations; public land use controls: zoning, subdivision controls, eminent domain, and regulatory takings.

946 Business Law Clinic (6) Supervised fieldwork assuming substantial responsibility for representing clients with various business and transactional matters. Exploration and development of fundamental professional skills involved in practicing business and transactional law. Interviewing and counseling clients, negotiating with other attorneys and parties, planning, negotiating and documenting transactions and dispute resolutions, conducting factual investigations and legal audits of businesses, and monitoring and ensuring compliance with federal, state and local statutes, rules and regulations. Prereqs: 818, 826, 827, 972. Prereg or coreq: 842. 826 may be waived for those with sufficient business background. May not receive credit for both 946 and 905.

947 Prosecution Externship (6) Supervised fieldwork required to be admitted to practice as prosecutor and to assume substantial responsibility for prosecution of criminal cases in state or federal courts. Classes on Tennessee or federal criminal law and procedure and prosecution function. Under direct supervision of full-time, experienced prosecutor and other professional prosecutors in office. Assist in investigation of crimes, interview and preparation of witnesses, drafting of relevant documents, negotiation and formal presentation of guilty pleas, presentation of cases to grand jury, and representation of government in preliminary hearings and felony trials. Prereq: Third-year standing, 813, 920, and either 854 or 855, and consent of instructor. May not receive credit for both 947 and 905.

950 Computers and Law (3) Impact of computers on law and practice of law: expert systems; legal skills required in building expert systems; common law office uses of computers; and computerized research. Preparation of lawyers to think effectively concerning use of computers. Prior computer experience not necessary.

956 Entertainment Law (3) Role of law and lawyer in entertainment industry. Course content varies. Music industry: music copyright laws; artist/manager relationships; recording contract negotiations; industry labor unions; and performing right organizations.

957 Law, Science and Technology (3) Legal implications of advanced technologies; adaptation of law to challenges posed by new kinds of knowledge and new ways of doing things. Biotechnology, regulation of scientific research, space law, legal issues relating to new information technologies, nanotechnologies, and others designated by instructor.

958 Women and The Law (3) Treatment and status of women in American legal system: women as political actors, as family members, as participants in workforce, as targets of violence and as members of legal profession; introduction to current approaches to gender justice.

959 Intellectual Property (3) Intellectual property and related interests under federal and state law: patents; trademarks; trade secrets; copyright; right of publicity; unfair competition.

960 Employee Benefits Law (2-3) Employee Retirement Income Security Act, federal law governing employee benefit plans sponsored by private employers. Applied problem method of instruction: questions, issues, and problems involving employee benefit plans likely to arise in general litigation or business transaction practice. For three credit hours, includes Chapter 400 of Internal Revenue Code.

962 Law and Medicine Seminar (2) Effects of legal rules on delivery and quality of medical care: nature of physician-patient relationship; unauthorized practice of medicine; medical education, licensing and specialization; hospital staff privileges; medical malpractice liability: standard of care, proof, causation, defenses, and damages; protection of patient autonomy; consent, informed consent, conception and abortion, choice of treatment, and death and dying; control of communicable diseases; organ transplantation and medical resource allocation.


973 Wealth Transfer Taxation (3) Taxation of gratuitous transfers of wealth during life (gift tax) and at death (estate tax) and of generation skipping transfers. Prereq or coreq: 935.

975 Tax Theory (3) Method and purposes of governmental revenue collection through examination of economic and political theory; comparative analysis of various actual and proposed patterns of taxation: income tax, consumption tax, sales tax, and value-added tax. Required preparation of expository essay on aspect of tax theory chosen by student. Limited enrollment.


980 Insurance (3) Types of insurance: life, property, health, accident and liability insurance; regulation of insurance industry; interpretation of insurance contracts; insurable interest requirement; conditions, warranties and representations; coverage and exclusions; duties of agents; excess liability; subrogation; and bad faith actions against insurers. Liability insurance defense problems: duty to defend, notice and cooperation issues, and conflicts of interest.

983 Products Liability (3) Scope of doctrine and theories of recovery; potential plaintiffs and defendants; statutory and contractual limitations on recovery; damages; causation; and defenses.

985 Workers’ Compensation (3) Workers’ Compensation system for compensating victims of work-related accidents and diseases: requirements for covered employer-employee relationship; accidental injuries or occupational diseases arising out of and in course of employment; causation; nature of medical, disability, and death benefits; exclusiveness of compensation remedy against employer and co-employees; and rights and liabilities of non-employers; administrative and procedural aspects of Workers’ Compensation practice; and various law reform measures.

990 Issues in the Law (3) Selected topics. May be repeated.

991 Issues in the Law Seminar (2) Selected topics. May be repeated.

993 Directed Research (1-2) Independent research and writing under direct supervision of faculty member. Proposals must be approved by supervising faculty member and by the Dean or the Dean’s designee. Maximum of once each semester during last two years of study. Prereq: Second-year standing.

994 Independent Study (1-4) Independent study under direct supervision of faculty member. Proposals must be approved by supervising faculty member and by the Dean or the Dean’s designee. Maximum of once each semester during last 3 semesters of study.

995 Transactions: The Tennessee Journal of Business Law (1-2) Performance of duties of staff member or editor of Transactions: The Tennessee Journal of Business Law. Responsibilities vary each semester: writing of case synopsis, writing of article, and/or performing other assigned duties related to operation. Members of Transactions who are not on senior editorial board receive one hour of credit for successfully completing two consecutive semesters of service. Members of senior editorial board receive two hours of credit for each full year of satisfactory service. May be repeated. Satisfactory/No Credit grading only. Does not count toward total number of elective upper-division courses taken Satisfactory/No Credit.

996 Law Review (1) Performance of duties as staff member or editor of Tennessee Law Review. Responsibilities vary each semester as specified in Tennessee Law Review Policy Manual: writing of case note, comment or article, and/or performance of other assigned duties related to operations of Tennessee Law Review. Completion of potentially publishable comment or article for Tennessee Law Review satisfies expository writing requirement. May be repeated. Satisfactory/No Credit grading only. (Does not count toward total number of elective upper division courses taken Satisfactory/No Credit.)

997 Moot Court (1) Participation as member of faculty-supervised interscholastic moot court competition. May be repeated. Satisfactory/No Credit grading only. (Will not count toward total number of elective upper division courses taken Satisfactory/No Credit.)

998 Planning and Drafting Project (1) Preparation and completion of planning and drafting project under faculty supervision in conjunction with substantive courses when such planning and drafting option is provided by course instructor. May be repeated.