

William S. Boyd School of Law

The William S. Boyd School of Law, which commenced classes in August 1998, is the first state-supported law school in Nevada history, and the only law school in the state. The school offers three juris doctor degree programs: a part-time evening program, a part-time day program, and a full-time, day program and three dual degree programs: a J.D./M.B.A., J.D./M.S.W. and J.D./Ph.D. in Education. These programs are designed to train ethical and effective lawyers and leaders for Nevada and for the legal profession. The curriculum is designed to stress professionalism, community service, and dispute avoidance/dispute resolution through a combination of skills training and traditional pedagogy and exposure to different public policy players and sources of law. More information is available on the Boyd School of Law website: <http://www.law.unlv.edu>.

The mission of the William S. Boyd School of Law is to prepare students for the competent and ethical practice of law. At the same time, the Boyd School of Law recognizes that the skills and knowledge acquired in the juris doctor program may be transferred easily to other fields of endeavor and that many students seek legal training for the value it may have in pursuits other than the practice of law. The Boyd School of Law is dedicated to preserving, transmitting, and advancing the current state of legal knowledge, to developing programs which meet the changing needs of society, and to encouraging its graduates to apply the knowledge they gain for their own personal development and for the good of society. The curriculum responds to the needs of the students as well as the needs of the profession. In the early stages of legal education, the curriculum stresses professionalism, community service, and the roles and importance of lawyers in our society, all in an effort to acquaint students with the nature and nobility of the legal profession and with the opportunity that lawyers have to improve the society in which they live. Throughout the curriculum, emphasis is placed on writing, professionalism and community service. In our clinical and externship programs, the law school provides students with the opportunity of a substantial lawyering experience under close supervision.

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William S. Boyd School of Law Courses

LAW 502 - Contracts I**Credits 3**

Overview of basic contract law. Exploration of common law legal method and the structure of Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code in the context of issues of contract formation. **Prerequisites:** Majors only, consent of instructor.

LAW 503 – Contracts**Credits 4**

Overview of basic contract law. Exploration of common law legal method and the structure of Article II of the Uniform Commercial Code in the context of issues of contract formation and interpretation. **Notes:** May be repeated to a maximum of four credits. **Prerequisites:** Majors only, consent of instructor.

LAW 505 - Lawyering Process I**Credits 1 – 4**

Students are introduced to basic legal research, interviewing skills, effective use of legal authorities in legal analysis and the conventions of predictive legal writing. The course is taught using readings, exercises, simulations, extensive individual feedback and conferences. Students will write several short assignments as well as longer office memos. **Prerequisites:** Majors only, consent of instructor.

LAW 511 - Civil Procedure/Alternative Dispute Resolution I**Credits 4**

Exploration of the nature and structure of dispute resolution systems, with a focus on formal adjudicatory procedure for civil lawsuits while exposing students to the spectrum and interrelation of dispute resolution systems. Topics covered include jurisdiction, venue, rules of procedure, choice of law. **Notes:** May be repeated to a maximum of four credits. **Prerequisites:** Majors only, consent of instructor.

LAW 515 - Lawyering Process II**Credits 1 – 4**

Students continue to develop skills in legal research, analysis, reasoning and writing. Focuses on writing persuasively as an advocate, using increasingly complex simulations requiring analysis of statutory and administrative law materials. Assignments include letters to clients and attorneys, a trial court memorandum and an appellate brief, staged to allow for extensive individual feedback and instruction, and an oral argument to a mock appellate court. **Prerequisites:** LAW 505, majors only; consent of instructor.

LAW 517 - Constitutional Law I**Credits 3**

Examines judicial review, congressional power under the Commerce, Taxing, and Spending Clauses and section five of the Fourteenth Amendment; substantive due process rights; the role of the states and national government under the Tenth and Eleventh Amendments; and Separation of Powers. **Prerequisites:** Majors only, consent of instructor.

LAW 519 - Contracts II**Credits 3**

Further exploration of Contracts I with an emphasis on interpretation of contracts. **Prerequisites:** Majors only, consent of instructor.

LAW 521 - Property I**Credits 4**

Acquisitions of property interest, estates in land and future interests, and landlord tenant. **Notes:** May be repeated to a maximum of four credits. **Prerequisites:** Majors only, consent of instructor.

LAW 523 – Torts**Credits 4**

Law of civil injuries, including legal protection of personality, property and relational interests against physical, economic, and emotional harms. Emphasis on intentional torts, negligence and strict liability.

Prerequisites: Majors only, consent of instructor.

LAW 525 - Property II**Credits 2 – 3**

Real estate transactions, easements and other servitudes, public land use regulation. **Notes:** May be taken to a maximum of three credits. **Prerequisites:** Majors only, consent of instructor.

LAW 531 - Civil Procedure and Alternative Dispute Resolution II**Credits 2 – 3**

Continuation of Civil Procedure and Alternative Dispute Resolution I. Topics covered include pretrial practice, pretrial dispositions, and court-imposed alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.

LAW 602 - American Legal History**Credits 2 – 3**

Examination of major issues in American legal history such as the role of lawyers in society and the role of law in developing the economy as well as the development of American legal institutions. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 603 - Federal Income Tax**Credits 3**

Overview of the code provisions governing the taxation of individual income and the basic concepts and legal doctrines which courts employ in implementing those provisions. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 604 - Administrative Law**Credits 3**

Examines the legal structure of federal and state government agencies; how they may be structured under the Constitution; how they issue and enforce regulations; and how they make decisions. Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 605 - Basic Bankruptcy**Credits 3**

Reviews the basic elements of business and consumer bankruptcy under federal bankruptcy statutes. Emphasis on problem solving and ethical issues. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 606 – Evidence**Credits 3 – 5**

Focuses on the Federal Rules of Evidence and the issues that arise out of their use. Provides understanding of the rules including both their theoretical basis and how they function in the courtroom. Addresses preparation and presentation of various kinds of evidence, including proof of writings; qualifications and examination of witnesses; privilege; opinion testimony; demonstrative, experimental, scientific evidence, determination of relevancy; application of the hearsay rule. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 607 - Family Law**Credits 3**

Basic family law. Covers legal construction of the family and relationship between the state and the family, marriage, divorce, custody, and adoption. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 608 - Insurance Law**Credits 3**

Overview of the theory and operation of insurance, including the marketing, underwriting, and claims process. Major forms of insurance surveyed with primary focus on issues of insurance policy construction and judicial resolution of recurring coverage issues. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 609 - Law and Literature**Credits 1 – 3**

Study of real or fictional depictions of lawyers and the legal system from a literary perspective to gain a new understanding of the law. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 610 - Advanced Legal Analysis and Writing: Special Topics**Credits 3**

Analysis and writing about complex legal problems. Interpretation of various authorities and use of various forms of legal reasoning, types of argument, and techniques for clear and effective writing. **Prerequisites:** LAW 505, LAW 515, majors only, consent of instructor.

LAW 611 - Products Liability**Credits 2 – 3**

Analyzes the substantive law, underlying theory and policy, and practice of products liability—liability for injuries by defective consumer products. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 613 - Professional Responsibility**Credits 3**

Examines the law governing lawyers, the rules that govern how members of the legal profession, including judges as well as lawyers, may or must behave. Sources of these rules are many—the Constitution, statutes, procedural, evidentiary and court rules, and rules of professional conduct. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 614 - Real Estate Finance**Credits 3**

Mortgages, deeds of trust, installment land contracts, construction financing, mechanics' liens, sales and leasebacks. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 615 - Secured Transactions**Credits 3**

Covers Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial code with respect to taking security interests in personal property. Emphasis on interplay with real property security and bankruptcy, problem solving and ethical issues.

Prerequisites: Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 616 - Criminal Law**Credits 3**

Introduction to criminal law with emphasis on principles of criminal liability. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 617 - Disability Law**Credits 3**

Examines the law of disability discrimination, focusing on the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and other federal and state statutes, case law and regulations governing the civil rights of persons with disabilities to education, employment, public accommodations and housing. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 618 - Employment Discrimination Law**Credits 3**

Examines the law of employment discrimination, focusing on Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Act of 1991, the Age Discrimination Employment Act of 1967 and other federal and state statutes, case law and regulations protecting the civil rights of employees and job applicants. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 619 - Employment Law

Credits 3

Surveys the law of employment relations focusing on common law exceptions to the employment at will doctrine through public policy, individual contracts, handbooks, and tort doctrine. Examines just cause provisions of the Model Termination Act. Analyzes common law and statutory protections afforded to employee speech and employee privacy, and examines federal wages and hours legislation. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 620 - Water Law**Credits 3**

Acquisition and exercise of private rights in water, public rights and environmental protection, water distribution organizations, interstate water allocation, and federal-state relations in water resource management. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 621 - Patents, Trademarks and Trade Secrets**Credits 3**

Study of the law relating to the protection of literary, artistic, and musical material; copyright law, including publication, subjects protected, and extent of protection; aspects of unfair competition, and right of privacy. **Notes:** May be repeated to a maximum of four credits. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 622 - Introduction to Gaming Law**Credits 2 – 3**

This course provides an overview of public policy issues; the federal role in gaming regulation; the economics of gaming; the creation of gaming control systems; the licensing process; ethical requirements for the gaming lawyer; accounting, internal controls and taxation; gaming contracts; gaming crimes; advertising; entertainment; the legislative process; problem gambling; and practical approaches to legal representation. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 623 - Resort & Hotel Casino Law**Credits 3**

The course will explore the legal issues that arise from the operation of a resort hotel and casino, using Nevada companies as typical examples.

LAW 624 - Constitutional Law II**Credits 3**

Examines the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment and related topics and the First Amendment's Free Speech and Free Press Clauses. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 625 - Federal Indian Law**Credits 3**

Anthropological, historical, and legal study of the American Indians, including a focus on American Indian traditional law and values, federal policy and current legal issues. **Notes:** May be repeated to a maximum of four credits. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 626 - Business Organizations I**Credits 3 – 4**

Examines different forms of business organization, including corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies. Focuses on similarities and differences among these forms, and examines the roles, responsibilities and rights of the persons involved in business organizations. Does not cover federal regulation of securities or issuers. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 627 - Pretrial Litigation**Credits 3**

Hands-on experience of the pre-trial litigation process in the federal court system. Students act as lawyers in a simulated civil case, interviewing and counseling clients, conducting legal research, drafting pleading, engaging in

discovery practice, settlement negotiations and pre-trial motion practice. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 628 - Payment Systems

Credits 3

Examine the legal rules regarding how goods and services are paid for. Includes portions of Articles 3 and 4 of the Uniform Commercial Code, federal statutes regarding credit and debit cards, and the rules regarding negotiable instruments.

LAW 629 – Copyright

Credits 3

Covers federal copyright law and the state law right of publicity, with minor attention to some closely related doctrines. Fundamental principles and public policy questions of federal copyright law. Although some state law doctrines examined from time to time, copyright laws in the United States is almost exclusively federal. For students whose career interests include intellectual property or entertainment law. Also recommended for those interested in communications law, general business transactions, and/or commercial litigation. **Notes:** May be repeated to a maximum of four credits.

LAW 630 - Community Property

Credits 1 – 3

Examines the law dealing with the classification, management and distribution of property acquisition within the community property jurisdictions of the United States. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 631 – Remedies

Credits 2 – 4

Explores what lawyers and courts do to help someone who has been, or is about to be, wronged. In-depth look at the four major categories of remedies: damages, coercive remedies, declaratory relief and restitution. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 632 - Wills, Trusts and Estates

Credits 2 – 3

Examines intestate succession, family protection, execution of wills, will contests, will substitutes, creation of trusts, modification and termination of trusts, administration of estates and trusts. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 633 - Land Use Regulation

Credits 2 – 3

Focuses on public regulation of land use, including zoning, subdivision regulation, regulation of urban growth, etc. Include the planning process, constitutional limitations on land use controls, state and regional regulation, aesthetic regulation and discriminatory zoning, and private land use alternatives. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 634 - Federal Courts

Credits 2 – 3

Examines federal jurisdiction and the law of federal-state relations. Covers federal judicial powers, congressional allocation of jurisdiction, choice of law, district court jurisdiction, appellate review, civil judicial reform, 42 USC Section 1983, Implied Right of Action, 11th Amendment and Federal Habeas Corpus. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 635 - Conflict of Laws

Credits 2 – 3

Focuses on the problem of choosing which jurisdiction's law should be applied to transactions, relationships, or events with contracts in more than one jurisdiction. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 636 - Child, Parent and the State**Credits 2 – 3**

Explores the legal relationships between children, their parents, and the state, covering such issues as the child as an autonomous being, the child's role in the family, family autonomy, and the obligations of parents and the state to children. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 637 - Sales and Leases**Credits 2 – 3**

Examines the laws governing sales and leases of goods, including Articles 1, 2 and 2A of the Uniform Commercial Code, the U.N. Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods, and the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first- year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 638 - Education Law and Policy**Credits 2 – 3**

Examines six distinct and highly visible areas of education law and policy, primarily in K-12: compulsory education; school governance and due process; school finance; private schools; religion and public schools; and, equal educational opportunity.

LAW 639 - Feminist Jurisprudence**Credits 2 – 3**

Explores feminist theory in relation to the law. Examines the historical foundations of women's legal subordination as well as the various strands of feminist legal theory. Specific units of study may include topics such as affirmative action, comparable worth, work and family, education, sexual harassment, domestic violence, the teaching and practice of law, pornography and free speech, abortion and others. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 640 - Labor Law**Credits 2 – 3**

Explores the employer-employee-union relationship, its historical and economic development and its modern statutory framework.

LAW 641 - Entertainment Law**Credits 2 – 3**

Surveys a wide range of legal issues pertinent to live and recorded entertainment, including intellectual property rights, contract formation and breach, regulatory schemes, labor issues, and First Amendment considerations. **Prerequisites:** LAW 629

LAW 642 - Law and Social Justice**Credits 2 – 3**

Examines the role of law in creating, perpetuating, and dismantling hierarchies of power and privilege in society, particularly those based on social/ethnic groupings, gender, socio-economic class, sexual orientation, and disabilities. Enables students to read law critically with an understanding of the ways in which techniques, practices and rhetorical strategies can exclude and subordinate based on categories of identity.

LAW 643 - Legislation and Statutory Interpretation**Credits 2 – 3**

Explores some of the various procedural, constitutional, and jurisprudential issues raised by a study of the unique role that state and federal legislatures play in constitutional order. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 644 - Juvenile Law**Credits 2 – 3**

Examines the procedural and substantive law and judicial administration relating to juvenile justice. Primary area of concentration: rights of accused juvenile, police conduct and detention, reference for adult prosecution, adjudication, treatment vs. punishment, and the roles of the lawyer in the juvenile court system. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 645 - Lawyering Theory and Practice**Credits 2 – 4**

Students study and perform a range of tasks and services performed by practicing attorneys in the representation of clients. Exercises include counseling, assessment of legal problems, efforts for resolution and claims activity, including litigation and defense through complaints, motions, discovery, and trial-related activity.

LAW 646 – Cyberlaw**Credits 2 –4**

Study of legal issues attending use of computers and electronic communications and commerce, including intellectual property concerns related to cyberspace and features such as websites, e-commerce and communications.

Notes: LAW 629 is strongly recommended.

LAW 647 - Civil Rights Litigation**Credits 2 – 4**

Students examine, analyze and evaluate the various stages of a complex case involving a civil rights claim made pursuant to the Constitution, federal anti-discrimination statutes, or common law. **Prerequisites:** LAW 515, majors only, consent of instructor.

LAW 648 - Health Care Liability and Quality Regulation**Credits 3**

Explores ways in which the law promotes the quality of health care through licensing, certification, and accreditation of health care professionals and institutions and also addresses liability issues in the health care context. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 649 - Taxation of Business Entities**Credits 2 – 3**

Surveys federal income taxation of business entities and their owners, including corporations, partnerships, LLC's, and LLP's. **Prerequisites:** LAW 603, majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 650 - Estate and Gift Tax**Credits 1 – 3**

Examines the federal taxation regime applicable to gifts and inheritances. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 651 - Environmental Quality Law**Credits 2 – 3**

Provides an overview of the law and policy of environmental quality and pollution control. Addresses the origins and development of modern statutory environmental law as it relates to the various media: air, water and soil.

Prerequisites: Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 652 - International Public Law**Credits 2 – 3**

Introduction to the doctrines, institutions and methodology of modern international law. Students examine the legal systems governing relations among states, and their expansion to non-state actors. Also analyzes the application of international law in domestic courts, international tribunals and organizations, doctrines of jurisdiction and immunities and human rights. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 653 - Criminal Procedure I**Credits 3**

Basic course in criminal procedure. Covers laws regulating daily interactions of police and public, including laws of search and seizure and of interrogations. Does not cover rights subsequent to interrogation. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 654 - Public Lands and Natural Resources Law

Credits 2 – 3

Provides an introduction to federal public lands and natural resources law. Focuses on the laws and legal systems that govern the classification and use of the federally owned lands comprising a third of America and the vast majority of the West. Examines major resource areas, including: minerals, timber, range, wildlife, recreation, wilderness, and cultural resources. Explores the interplay between environmental, economic, cultural, social and political factors in managing national parks, forest, and the public domain. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 655 – Securitization**Credits 2 – 3**

Examines the financing technique of securitization and its various legal underpinnings. Securitization is a trillion dollar industry that raises issues in corporate finance, secured transactions, bankruptcy and securities regulation. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor, and LAW 615 or LAW 626.

LAW 656 - Business Organizations II**Credits 2 – 3**

Covers the law of publicly-traded corporations. Special attention will be given to the fiduciary duties of boards of directors; management, and controlling shareholders; proxy regulation and shareholder voting; insider trading; shareholder litigation and mergers and acquisitions. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 657 – Antitrust**Credits 1 – 3**

Basic legal framework for regulating conduct to undermine competitive markets. Topics include antitrust regulation of horizontal agreements between competitors to restrain trade, such as price-fixing, output restrictions, boycotts and mergers; vertical agreements between suppliers and purchasers such as distributional restraints, exclusive dealing and tying; and unilateral conduct, such as monopolization and attempted monopolization. Role of antitrust law in today's technological environment. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 658 - Immigration Law**Credits 1 – 3**

Covers legal issues and policies pertaining to non-citizens of the United States, including the regulation of admission, exclusion, and deportation of immigrants seeking to enter the United States. Rights of non-citizens who are in U.S. territory in the areas of health, education, and labor. Topics covered from various perspectives, including constitutional law, international human rights, comparative law, ethics and morality and history. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 659 - First Amendment Rights**Credits 2 – 3**

Explores in depth critical First Amendment Freedoms: Freedom of Expression and Association, Freedom of Press and Media, and Freedom of Religion. **Prerequisites:** Law 517

LAW 660 - Banking Law**Credits 3**

Basic understanding of the federal and state laws governing traditional commercial banks and financial institutions in the United States. At the end of the course, the students will have a solid foundation which they can use to study more specific areas of law regarding such institutions. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 661 - Federal Taxation**Credits 1 – 5**

Surveys the three major federal tax topics: income tax (two-fifths of course), taxation of business entities (two-fifths), and estate and gift tax (one-fifth). Students may enroll for all three components (5 credits), or two

components, or one component (credits depending on components taken). **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 662 - Civil and Criminal Tax Litigation

Credits 1 – 3

Examines tax controversy resolution mechanism. Not limited to tax students. Helpful for all interested in litigation career, including civil litigation and white collar crime. Also, good to hone drafting skills. Students prepare pleadings, memos, and other controversy-related documents. **Notes:** May be repeated to a maximum of three credits. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 663 - Advanced Issues in Tax

Credits 2 – 3

Seminar. In consultation with the professor, students select a topic of current interest and importance in federal, state, or international taxation. **Notes:** Students write research papers on topic and present and defend them in class. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first year law courses, or consent of instructor.

LAW 664 - Criminal Procedure II

Credits 3

Covers law and practices between the time defendant is charged and final disposition and sentencing. Includes prosecutorial discretion, bail, plea bargaining right to counsel, due process, sentencing, and post-conviction review. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first year courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 665 - Health Care Organization and Finance

Credits 3

Laws and legal issues relating to the organization and operation of health care enterprises and the financing of health care services. **Notes:** Prior or concurrent enrollment in LAW 626 desirable but not required. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first year courses or consent of professor.

LAW 666 - Domestic Violence and the Law

Credits 3

Examines violence against women and others in intimate relationships and the ways in which the law impacts and is impacted by domestic violence. Explores the history and social context of domestic violence and the dynamics and dimensions of abusive relationships. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first year courses or consent of professor.

LAW 667 - International Criminal Law

Credits 3

Covers the basics of public international law in the context of international criminal law including the nature of international crime, aspects of the international substantive system of laws, and specific offenses, as well as how this law is adjudicated and enforced. Specific offenses covered will include both international and transnational crimes as well as the procedural and adjudicative mechanisms established to deal with these offenses. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 668 - Commercial Law: Core Concepts in Secured Transactions and Payments Systems

Credits 4 – 5

Gives students a familiarity with, and the ability to manipulate, basic concepts in secured transactions (Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code) and certain aspects of payment systems (Articles 3,4 and 5 of the Uniform Commercial Code). **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 669 - Legal Drafting: Special Topics

Credits 3

Drafting legal documents such as contracts, leases, wills, by-laws, and employment agreements. Recognizing the importance of determining the client's objectives, researching the relevant law, organizing the document effectively, and drafting with accuracy, clarity, brevity, and appropriate tone. **Prerequisites:** LAW 505, LAW 515; majors only; consent of instructor.

LAW 670 - Alternative Dispute Resolution Survey**Credits 3**

Students learn about negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and other forms of dispute resolution that are alternative or supplemental to litigation. The course will include theory, discussion, simulations, and lectures. **Prerequisites:** 500-level courses; majors only; consent of instructor.

LAW 671 - Judicial Writing**Credits 3**

Introduction to style and form of judicial writing. Researching and writing on problems typically handled by trial or appellate courts. Exploration of the roles of courts in America's law and society, the internal workings of courts, and the roles and ethical obligations of various court staff. **Prerequisites:** LAW 505, LAW 515; majors only; consent of instructor.

LAW 672 - International Business Transactions**Credits 3**

Explores a wide range of legal problems involving international trade, licensing, and investment issues.

Prerequisites: Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 673 - Estate Planning**Credits 3**

Cover various estate planning strategies, including but not limited to, the estate planning process, wills and living trusts, gifting considerations, life insurance, limited partnerships and limited liability companies and charitable giving. **Prerequisites:** LAW 632, LAW 650, majors only or permission of instructor.

LAW 674 - Perspectives on the Law History and Jurisprudence**Credits 3**

Explores American Legal History and the best thinking about the nature of law and how it functions. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or permission of instructor.

LAW 675 - State and Local Taxation**Credits 1 – 3**

Explores the state and federal constitutional limits on state taxation and the principle kinds of state taxes: income, sales and property taxes. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 676 - Intellectual Property Licensing Practicum**Credits 3**

Covers the fundamentals of intellectual property licensing agreements with emphasis on drafting techniques for licenses involving patents, copyrights, trademarks, databases, and/or trade secrets. **Notes:** This course satisfies the third semester Lawyering Process requirement. **Prerequisites:** LAW 505, and LAW 515, LAW 621 or LAW 629.

LAW 677 - Nevada Civil Practice**Credits 2-3**

This course covers the basic areas of civil practice [actions, pleadings, civil procedure, evidence, and remedies], and will explore their particular applications [from selection, discovery tactics, litigation and trial strategy, professional ethics]. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first year law courses or consent of professor.

LAW 678 - U.S. Federal Gaming Law**Credits 3**

This course will provide basic information about federal gambling law, including laws concerning Native American casinos, interstate wagering, international wagering, transportation of wagering devices and online wagering.

LAW 679 - Advanced Writers' Group**Credits 1**

The Advanced Writers' Group helps students become more effective legal writers by providing opportunities for them to respond to others' writing and to receive feedback on their own writing. **Notes:** S/F grading only.

LAW 680 - International Intellectual Property**Credits 3**

This course covers the principles, treaties and mechanisms that regulate intellectual property at the international level (particularly copyright, patents, trademarks and internet domain names) and surveys the differences in the intellectual property laws of various countries.

LAW 710 - The Bill of Rights in Law and History**Credits 2 – 3**

Read recent works on the Bill of Rights and consider contemporary and historical questions about the meaning and purpose of the Bill of Rights or one of its particular provisions. Topics include federalism, populism, the role of reason in conceptualizations of the Constitution and Bill of Rights, the problem of unenumerated rights and issues raised by the incorporation controversy. **Prerequisites:** Law 517

LAW 711 - Children in Society: Selected Problems**Credits 2 – 3**

Examines issues related to laws and policy governing the place and treatment of children in American society. Specific issues vary somewhat based on current events and student interest, but generally focus on legal and policy issues affecting the meaning of the state's parents-partial obligation, the parent-child relationship and the family.

LAW 712 - Trial Advocacy**Credits 2 – 4**

Students design, execute, and practice the lawyering tasks specifically associated with actual courtroom trials, including opening statements, direct examination, cross-examination, evidentiary objectives, and closing arguments. Students perform these tasks in the context of hypothetical cases. **Prerequisites:** Prior or concurrent enrollment in LAW 606 and LAW 515.

LAW 713 - Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiations**Credits 2 – 4**

Studies three principal forms of lawyering that take place outside the courtroom. Examines issues of client relations, decision-making and ethics in dealing with opponents as well as in guiding clients. Simulated exercises performed by students. **Prerequisites:** LAW 610

LAW 714 - Alternative Dispute Resolution Practicum**Credits 2 – 4**

Engages in simulated situations involving various means of alternative dispute resolution in action, including simulated forms of mediation, arbitration, and various hybrids of ADR. **Prerequisites:** LAW 531

LAW 715 – Mediation**Credits 2 – 3**

Examines the theory, practice, and public policy of mediation. Focusing particularly on issues of relevance to attorneys representing clients in mediation, the course will include simulations. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 716 - Society of Advocates**Credits 1 – 3**

Students participate in forensic competitions, such as moot court and trial practice, involving legal research and analysis and brief writing as well as oral arguments or other advanced lawyering tasks. **Prerequisites:** LAW 515, majors only; consent of instructor.

LAW 717 – Arbitration**Credits 2 – 4**

Examination of the history and use of arbitration as well as its current legal status. Focus will be on substantive legal doctrines of arbitration particularly enforcement of arbitration agreements, and on arbitration procedure, particularly the manner in which arbitration may be conducted in various contexts. **Prerequisites:** LAW 610

LAW 718 - Advanced Advocacy: Special Topics

Credits 3

Analysis and writing about complex legal problems and writing documents that would be submitted to a court or quasi-judicial decision-maker. **Prerequisites:** LAW 505 and LAW 515; majors only; consent of instructor.

LAW 719 – Negotiation**Credits 2 – 3**

Examines the theory, practice, and public policy of negotiation. Focusing particularly on issues of relevance to attorneys representing clients in negotiation, the course will include numerous simulations. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 720 - Trial Evidence**Credits 2**

This course is designed to move evidence from a group of rules grounded in theory to their application in adversarial proceedings. **Prerequisites:** LAW 605.

LAW 721 - Criminal Evidence**Credits 2**

An in-depth exploration of the evidentiary issues that often come into play in criminal trials. **Prerequisites:** LAW 606 and LAW 616.

LAW 722 - International Commercial Arbitration**Credits 2**

This course introduces students to the fundamentals of international commercial arbitration, including drafting an effective arbitration clause, selection of arbitrators, proceedings before arbitrators, enforcement, and challenge of awards.

LAW 723 - Economics and the Law**Credits 3**

Application of economic analysis to the topics confronted in litigation. Topics include: microeconomic theory, property rights, contracts, torts, discrimination, eminent domain, copyrights, patents, antitrust and criminal law. **Prerequisites:** ECO 302 or MBA 710, or consent of instructor.

LAW 724 - Law Practice Management**Credits 3**

Application of economic analysis to the topics confronted in litigation. Topics include: microeconomic theory, property rights, contracts, torts, discrimination, eminent domain, copyrights, patents, antitrust and criminal law. **Prerequisites:** ECO 302 or MBA 710, or consent of instructor.

LAW 725 - Gaming Policy Seminar**Credits 1 – 3**

Studies gaming policy and sophisticated legal issues surrounding gaming law and regulation, primarily through case studies. Focuses on legislative and administrative action as well as litigation. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses, LAW 622 or consent of instructor.

LAW 726 - Separation of Powers Law**Credits 2 – 3**

Explores the separation of powers in federal constitutional system. Topics covered include allocation of authority in the Constitution relating to the conduct of American foreign policy and the conduct of war-making activities. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 727 - International Human Rights Law**Credits 2 – 3**

Studies the norms, procedures, and the actors of international human rights. Explores the U.S. role in international human rights, the US policies that motivate its involvement, and the significance of international human rights as US domestic law. Explores the legal and moral complexities of implementing universal principles of human rights and

introduce the mechanics of the practice of human rights domestically and internationally. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 728 - Bioethics and the Law

Credits 2 – 3

Studies the norms, procedures, and the actors of international human rights. Explores the U.S. role in international human rights, the US policies that motivate its involvement, and the significance of international human rights as US domestic law. Explores the legal and moral complexities of implementing universal principles of human rights and introduce the mechanics of the practice of human rights domestically and internationally. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 729 - Advanced Legal Research

Credits 1 – 3

Expands the research skills that have been introduced in Lawyering Process I as well as introduce new topics. Focuses on practitioner oriented materials and their use. In addition, research in specific subject areas also explored. **Prerequisites:** Majors only, consent of instructor; LAW 505, LAW 515.

LAW 730 - Business Bankruptcy

Credits 2 – 3

Studies financially distressed businesses with emphasis on business reorganizations under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. Emphasizes lawyering skills and may include students representing parties in a simulated Chapter 11. **Prerequisites:** Majors only, or completion of first year courses or consent of professor; either LAW 605 or LAW 615.

LAW 731 - Seminar in Race, Gender, Sexual Orientation and the Law

Credits 2 – 3

Students select the specific topics covered. Examines race, ethnicity, culture, gender, and sexual orientation and how legal norms address tensions raised by such diversity.

LAW 732 - Privacy, Publicity & Defamation

Credits 3

Discusses constitutional right to privacy, the four privacy torts, contrast between right of privacy and right against defamation, and right of publicity. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first year courses or consent of professor.

LAW 733 - Advanced Intellectual Property Seminar

Credits 2 – 3

Course covers advanced topics in copyright, trademark and unfair competition law, trade secrets, and patent law. **Prerequisites:** LAW 621, LAW 629, majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 734 - Income Taxation of Estates and Trusts

Credits 1

Examines federal income taxation of estates, trusts, and income in respect of decedent. Considers effect on estate, planning and administration. **Prerequisites:** LAW 603, majors only, completion of first-year courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 735 - U.S. Taxation of International Transactions

Credits 1 – 3

Examines how the federal income tax applies to outbound (U.S. persons doing business abroad) and in-bound (foreign persons doing business in U.S.) transactions. Also examines tax treaties. **Prerequisites:** LAW 603, majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 736 - Securities Regulation

Credits 1 – 3

A study of federal and state securities regulation, including statutes, administrative rules, decisions and interpretations, cases governing the duties of participants in securities offerings, and other securities transactions.

Coverage will include registration, disclosure, and antifraud provisions and, time permitting, may include international and comparative topics. **Notes:** While not required, students without an undergraduate or graduate business degree or comparable work experience are encouraged to take Law 626, prior to taking this course.

Prerequisites: Completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 737 - Workers Compensation

Credits 2-3

Students will gain an effective understanding of Worker's Compensation law, as it is practiced in most jurisdictions, with emphasis on the rights of workers to compensation, the administration of claims and the evaluation of individual cases. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first year law courses or consent of professor.

LAW 738 - Death Penalty Seminar

Credits 2-3

This courses addresses the law of capital punishment and constitutional requirements. Emphasis is on Nevada's death penalty statutes and Nevada Supreme Court Death penalty jurisprudence, policy issues implicated by capital punishment, and responsibilities of lawyers who handle capital cases. **Notes:** It is strongly recommended that students complete LAW 653 and LAW 664. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first year law courses or consent of professor.

LAW 739 - Community Law

Credits 3-4

Students learn about the law through both classroom study and structured field experiences in which they apply what they learn by providing law-related services to community partners. Students will also develop their awareness of ethical issues, the social and cultural contexts of legal institutions, and the value of civic engagement. **Prerequisites:** Majors only, completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 750 - Congressional Externship

Credits 3 – 6

Explores the legislative process by placing students in legislative offices in Washington D.C. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 751 - Judicial Externship

Credits 3 – 7

Explores the role of the judiciary in the legal system by means of in-class discussions and field placements in judicial chambers in federal and state courts in the state of Nevada. **Prerequisites:** Majors only, consent of instructor.

LAW 752 - Legislative Externship

Credits 1 – 12

Explores the state legislative process by placing students in the Legislative Counsel Bureau Office in Carson City and Las Vegas. Students are assigned to work with the Legislative Counsel Bureau, the House and Senate Judiciary Committees and interim committees. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 760 - Law Journal

Credits 1 – 3

Academic credit for successful completion of work by a member of the Nevada Law Journal. **Grading:** S/F grading only. **Prerequisites:** Successful completion of writing competition and selection by the instructor.

LAW 761 - Gaming Law Journal

Credits 1-3

Academic credit for successful completion of work by a member of the Gaming Law Journal. **Notes:** May be repeated to a maximum of 6 credits. **Grading:** S/F grading only. **Prerequisites:** Graduate standing

LAW 769 - Education Clinic

Credits 3 – 6

Students will represent children and their adult educational decision makers in educational matters in administrative foray including informal and formal hearings within Nevada school systems and possibly in state and federal court. Students, teamed with professionals from other disciplines, will also work on educational policy and advocacy.

Prerequisites: Completion of thirty credits; majors only; permission of instructor. Completion of thirty credits; majors only; permission of instructor.

LAW 770 - Family Justice Clinic

Credits 1 - 6

This clinic explores the role of families in society, the strengths and weaknesses of state intervention into families, and the meaning of access to justice for children and parents. Students represent children, parents or guardians in family cases including termination of parental rights, guardianship, and other family matters. Cases involve contested trials, negotiations, administrative advocacy, and cutting edge legal and policy issues. **Notes:** In order to represent clients in court, students must be licensed under Nevada's student practice rule. Course also has classroom component. **Prerequisites:** Completion of 30 law school credits.

LAW 771 - Juvenile Justice Clinic

Credits 1 – 6

Under direct supervision of the professor, students represent juveniles in juvenile court and district court proceedings involving charges of criminal conduct. To represent these clients, students must be licensed under Nevada's student practice rule for court appearances. Course also has classroom component. **Prerequisites:** LAW 616, LAW 613, majors only or completion of first-year courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 772 - Special Topics: Mediation Clinic

Credits 1-6

Students will study theories of conflict, negotiation and mediation. They will be exposed to many different models of mediation and learn to choose the interventions and techniques appropriate for different settings. Students receive practical and theoretical training in mediation theory and apply what they learn by mediating live cases in their weekly 4-hour placement in a variety of community venues. **Prerequisites:** Completion of first-year law courses, interviewed by and permission of instructor.

LAW 773 - Government & Public Interest Externship

Credits 1 – 12

Designed to provide experiential learning opportunities in a variety of public law agencies including the offices of the U.S. Attorney, Special Public Defender, Clark County District Attorney, Federal Defender, and others. **Notes:** Supervised fieldwork is coupled with a weekly seminar. **Corequisite/Prerequisite:** Pre or Corequisite: Professional responsibility.

LAW 774 - Capital Defense Clinic

Credits 1 – 6

Under direct supervision of the professor, students work on legal teams representing capital defendants. The classroom component of the course will emphasize death penalty law, lawyering skills, and professionalism issues. **Notes:** Students must be able to be certified for student practice under the applicable court rules. **Prerequisites:** Second year standing.

LAW 775 - Immigration Clinic

Credits 1 – 6

Under direct supervision of the professor, students represent clients in judicial and administrative proceedings involving immigration and related matters. The course will have a classroom component emphasizing immigration and naturalization law, lawyering and professionalism. **Notes:** Students must be eligible to represent clients under the applicable student practice rules.

LAW 776 - Natural Resources Field Seminar

Credits 2

Course offers students an opportunity to explore advanced natural resources law issues both in the field and through traditional classroom discussion and research. Topics include rangeland management, wildlife management,

endangered species protection, forest management, the Colorado ecosystem and fire management. **Prerequisites:** LAW 654 or LAW 620 or consent of instructor.

LAW 777 - Community Law Practicum

Credits 1-2

A “companion course” that students take to add a practical application component to a doctrinal course. Students will work, individually or in teams, on a research, investigative or litigation project, undertaken in collaboration with community partners selected or approved by the professor teaching the doctrinal course. **Prerequisites:** Majors only, completion of first-year law courses or consent of instructor.

LAW 778 - Innocence Clinic

Credits 1-6

This course will teach about the systemic causes of wrongful convictions and the legal remedies for actually innocent clients. Students enrolled in the course will work on Nevada claim of innocence cases referred from the Rocky Mountain Innocence Center and work on policy projects to improve the criminal justice system.

Prerequisites: Completion of 30 law school credits.

LAW 779 - Appellate Clinic

Credits 1-6

Students will represent clients on appeal in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the United States Supreme Court, or the Nevada Supreme Court. These appeals may include direct criminal appeals or civil appeals. Students will develop expertise in appellate counseling, strategy, legal research, storytelling, and oral and written advocacy.

Prerequisites: Completion of 45 law school credits.

LAW 780 - Directed Readings

Credits 1 – 3

Students earn credit for completing readings under the supervision and approval of a faculty member. **Prerequisites:** Majors only; consent of instructor required.

LAW 781 - Directed Research

Credits 1 – 3

Students research and write about a legal topic of their choice under the guidance and supervision of a faculty member who has approved their choice of topic. Students further their knowledge of the area, as well as their legal research and writing skills. **Prerequisites:** Majors only, consent of instructor.

LAW 790 - Special Topics in Law

Credits 2 – 4

Involves the study of a specialized topic in law that is not covered elsewhere in the law school curriculum. The particular topic will be announced during registration for the semester in which the course is offered. **Notes:** May be repeated to a maximum of six credits. **Prerequisites:** Majors only or completion of first year law courses or consent of instructor.