Legal Studies Course Descriptions

Courses are offered at UCF's Main & Lake Mary campuses as well as on the web for the most complete, up-to-date degree & program requirements, see the official UCF undergraduate catalog at www.catalog.ucf.edu

PLA 3014 Law & the Legal System: A survey course designed to familiarize the student with the American legal system, ethical considerations, terminology, legal reasoning, & the role of the legal assistant.

PLA 3108 Legal Research: A study of the various research tools used in legal investigation & the methods used to conduct legal research.

PLA 3155 Legal Writing: A study of legal writing format & technique & the preparation of memoranda & other legal documents, using research skills learned in PLA 3108.

PLA 3205 Civil Practice & Procedure: The student becomes familiar with the Florida civil procedure before trial & acquires the ability to prepare basic pleadings.

PLA 3277 The Law of Torts: Theories governing liability for civil injuries not arising from contractual obligations; systems & procedures used in preparation, trial & appeal of Torts cases.

PLA 3306 Criminal Law: Basic concepts of substantive criminal law. The course includes examination of elements of major crimes, criminal responsibility, legal defenses, & parties to crime.

PLA 3309 Criminal Procedure: Rules of criminal procedure, with emphasis on Florida rules, including right to counsel, bail, search & seizure, arrest identification, trial, & post-trial proceedings.

PLA 3615 Property & Real Estate Law: Study of the law of real & personal property; real estate transactions & conveyances; closing procedures & title problems.

PLA 3871 Law & Technology: This course prepares students to critically analyze the law as a driver & inhibitor of technology by examining innovations in automated & unmanned aircrafts.

PLA 3951H Honors Moot Court: Interdisciplinary course on selective principles of Constitutional Law, focusing on persuasive writing, oral advocacy, public speaking, & analytical skills through UCF's appellate advocacy/moot court tournament.

PLA 4020 Law & Society: Examination of the relationship between law & American society including the impact on the legal system & legal profession of major social movements.

PLA 4022 Contemporary Issues in Law: Examine & analyze contemporary legal issues & interplay between state & federal law applications. Topics track current social legal issues. May be used in the degree program a maximum of 2 times only when course content is different.

PLA 4226 Advanced Trial Advocacy: Litigation & trials at an advanced level; students must handle trial from beginning to end.

PLA 4240 Negotiation Alternatives in Law: Introduces the student to the theories & skills involved in negotiation, mediation & other dispute resolutions processes.

PLA 4263 Evidence: An examination of statutes & cases that define rules of evidence for trial courts. Primary emphasis is on the Florida Evidence Code.

PLA 4410 Intellectual Property Law & Practice: This course provides a comprehensive understanding of intellectual property law & practice based on the four areas of trademark, copyright, patent & trade secrets.

PLA 4424 The Law of Contracts: Study of the basic law of contracts as developed in Anglo-American law & as changed by modern statutes, including the Uniform Commercial Code. Florida contract law will be emphasized.

PLA 4436 Florida Partnerships & Corporations: Statutory requirements of Florida partnerships & corporations; creation & dissolution of business organizations, responsibilities of officers & basic rights of stockholders.

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Bankruptcy Law: This course will acquaint the student with the substantive law & procedures associated with the rights & obligations of debtors & creditors.

Employment Discrimination Law: Course will address employment discrimination based on race, gender, religion, national origin, age, disability & sexual orientation. Issues such as workplace harassment, discriminatory discharge & affirmative action will be analyzed. The transformative/non-transformative effect of anti-discrimination laws will also be explored.

Administrative Law: The law regarding governmental agencies with emphasis on the administrative process, Administrative Procedure Acts & special problems of state administrative law.

Legal Issues of the Elderly: Legal concerns faced by older Americans as they plan their later years & seek to maximize their personal autonomy.

Environmental Law: Study of the law relating to private & public restraints on land use, including planning, zoning, subdivision & building regulations, with emphasis on recent interpretations by the judiciary for environmental protection.

Estates & Trusts: A study of wills & trusts, & applicable legal principles of administration of estates through the processes of the Probate Court.

Professional Ethics & Liability: Ethical responsibilities of professionals. Canons of legal ethics, liability for professional malpractice.

Advanced Legal Application Computer Software: Course will acquaint students with contemporary computer software applications used to satisfy the demands of today’s law firms & law related fields.

Law Office Practices: Organization, operation & management of law office. Interviewing techniques & practical application of work that is done in a law office.

Domestic Relations Law: Role of the legal assistant in all phases of family & juvenile law. Fundamental procedures & principles applied by the courts to family problems.

Juvenile Law & Procedure: Examines both the substantive & procedural law for juvenile delinquency & dependency. Emphasis on Florida law & comparison with other jurisdictions.

Sports Law: Introduction to the legal issues & regulation of the sports industry, focusing on torts, contracts, agency & constitutional law as applied to athletes.

Entertainment Law: Introduction to the control & regulation of the entertainment industry & the associated legal issues.

World Legal Systems: An examination of the civil & criminal, substantive & procedural laws of several nations & legal traditions. A comparison on institutions & actors is included.


Immigration Law & Policy: Major topics in U.S. immigration law to include the statutory, historical, & procedural foundations of U.S. immigration law & policy.

Aviation Law: The law as it applies to aviation & aerospace activities domestically & internationally, including post-9/11 national aviation policy & emerging technologies (drones).

Admiralty & Maritime Law: Admiralty jurisdiction & procedure including contracts for carriage of foods, seaman’s contracts & claims, collision & salvage law, & wrongful death.

Trial Advocacy: Analysis of the entire litigation process from the initial client interview through the appellate stage, & development of oral advocacy skills.

Capstone Legal Issues: The legal & socio-legal analysis of selected issues that require students to synthesize their legal studies education.