

1L Electives Spring 2014

Corporations – 3 credits (Law 6012)

This course covers basic rules regulating the creation and operation of corporations. It covers such matters as corporation organization; the distribution of powers among the corporate board of directors, its officers, and its stockholders; the proxy system; control devices in the close corporation; and the fiduciary duties of directors, officers and controlling shareholders. This is a course for first year students only; it differs from the upper-level Business Association/Corporation (BA/Corps) course in that it does not cover the law of multi-person unincorporated business organizations. That law is covered in more detail in the Unincorporated Business Associations course.

There will be two, graded class partner exercises during the semester (whereby you must work with a partner in the class of your choice and which will account for a total of 30% of your grade) and an open book, in-class final examination (which must be done individually and which will account for 60% of your grade). Individual class participation will also be evaluated (10% of your grade).

Instructor: Professor Edward Adams

International Law – 3 credits (Law 6011)

The course is an introduction to public international law. It will examine the sources and history of the law of nations, and how international law is formed, interpreted and (sometimes) enforced. It will also provide a brief introduction to the law of international organizations (specifically the United Nations), concepts of jurisdiction and conflicts of jurisdiction among nation states, international protection of human rights, the law of war, international criminal law, and the control of the use of force (including peacekeeping and related topics).

Instructor: Professors Fionnuala Ni Aolain and David Wippman

Civil Procedure II – 3 credits (Law 6015)

This course builds on Civil Procedure I by examining additional facets of civil litigation. Topics may include personal jurisdiction, subject matter jurisdiction, venue, preliminary injunctions and temporary restraining orders, the Erie doctrine, appeals, and class actions.

Instructor: Professor Allan Erbsen

Perspectives on the Law – 3 credits (Law 6010)

This course, open to both first-year and upper-year students, is team-taught by faculty who approach the study of law and legal processes from three different disciplinary perspectives. The disciplines presented will vary from year to year. For Spring 2014, the three perspectives will be comparative law, law and economics, and empirically-oriented law and social science. Each faculty member will introduce students to the methodological approach of his or her field. The course will focus on topics drawn from and building on the first-year curriculum, with each faculty member leading discussions on each of the two topics from the perspective of his or her discipline. The topics presented will vary from year to year. The topics for 2014 will be (1) criminal sentencing and (2) judicial ideology. The purpose of the course is to help students appreciate the complexity of the law through the study of legal rules and practices from competing and complementary perspectives and to help students better understand the connections among theory, legal rulemaking, and legal practices. The course grade will be based on three written assignments, one for each perspective covered in the course, each of which will be due as the relevant section of the course is completed. A preliminary version of this year's syllabus can be found at <http://umn.edu/~kritzer/Perspectives-Syllabus-2014.pdf>. Note that the syllabus is still preliminary and is subject to change.

Instructors: Professors Neha Jain, Herbert Kritzer and Francesco Parisi