



CALENDAR COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Not all courses listed are offered in any given year

FIRST YEAR MANDATORY COURSES

LAW 400 *Constitutional Law*, F, 5 credits (3-0)

The basic elements of Canadian constitutional law. The nature of constitutions and constitutional processes; principles of constitutional interpretation; constitutional amendment; Federal/Provincial distribution of legislative powers including the federal general power, natural resources and public property, provincial property and civil rights, trade and commerce, provincial taxation, transportation, communications, and criminal law; the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms including principles of limitation, remedies, interpretation, application, fundamental freedoms, democratic and language rights, mobility rights, legal rights, equality rights, and aboriginal people's rights.

LAW 402 *Contracts*, F, 5 credits (3-0)

A legal and policy analysis of the basic principles and fundamental concepts of the law of contracts as they relate to commercial and consumer transactions. The formation of contracts including offer and acceptance and, consideration; estoppel; privity; terms of contract, including exemption clauses; standard form contracts; bailment; mistake, misrepresentation and unconscionability; termination, including the doctrine of frustration; breach and remedies for breach; dispute resolution processes. Emphasis is placed not only on a knowledge of rules and principles, their historical derivation, rationale, efficacy and social validity, but also upon their creative use to both avoid and resolve disputes.

LAW 403 *Legislation*, H, 3 credits (3-0)

The fundamentals of the legislative process: policy development, legislative drafting, public bill process, statutory interpretation. The interaction of law and policy in the development of legislation, statutory interpretation. Substantive law connections are made with other first year courses. The functions of the lawyer within these processes are examined, including issues of professional responsibility.

The course is taught through performance based learning methods with emphasis on drafting.

LAW 404 *Property*, F, 5 credits (3-0)

An examination of the fundamental concepts of property law and the types of property interests recognized by Anglo-Canadian law. The historical evolution of property concepts; the basic concepts of possession, ownership and title; estates and other interests in land such as joint and concurrent ownership, easements, covenants, licences, mortgages, future interests and perpetuities; the landlord and tenant relationship; the land

titles system of registration of title to land; the social constraints upon property use and disposition; and property rights of aboriginal peoples.

LAW 406 *Torts*, F, 5 credits (3-0)

An analysis and critique of the law of torts, primarily the law of negligence, with personal injury as the main focus, although other torts will also be introduced. The nature of tort law and its process; an anatomy of the law of negligence — the nature and extent of liability, defences, remedies, and the assessment of damages; intentional torts; economic torts; strict liability; bailment; the impact of private insurance on the tort system; alternative forms of compensation.

LAW 407 *Foundations in Law and Justice I*, 4 credits (3-0)

An introduction to: legal methods, systems and institutions; sources of law; legal and judicial reasoning; legal analysis, including case analysis and problem-solving skills; critical perspectives on the law, including legal theory and history; the role of the lawyer in system(s) of laws; access to justice.

This course is taught on an intensive basis in the first three weeks of law school to provide students with foundational analytical and critical skills for the subsequent curriculum, and using performance based learning methods.

Note: This course is graded CR, D or F.

LAW 408 *Foundations in Law & Justice II*, 4 credits (3-0)

The fundamentals of legal research, writing, communication and advocacy, including: developing research strategies; identification and assessment of legal and non-legal information appropriate to a legal problem or issue; drafting of memorandum and/or facta; oral advocacy, including mootings; legal communication, including client interviewing and counselling.

This course is taught on an intensive basis in the first 3 weeks of winter term using performance based learning methods.

LAW 410 *Crime: Law and Procedure*, F, 5 credits (3-0)

An anatomy of criminal conduct and the law's treatment of it utilizing a limited range of criminal offences. The designation of human conduct as criminal and a consideration of the social, cultural and political forces involved; the development of the criminal process in English common law, its translation to Canada and embodiment in the Criminal Code; the substantive elements of a criminal offence including both the physical and mental elements; the common law and code defences; procedural, tactical, ethical and evidential problems associated with criminal prosecution at both the pre-trial and trial stages; the sentencing process; the position at law of the victim.

SECOND YEAR MANDATORY COURSES

LAW 503 *Administrative Law*, H, 3 credits (3-0)

This course introduces students to the general structure of administrative decision-making in Canada: how public administrators obtain power and how that power is exercised both at the level of individual adjudication and at the level of the establishment of public policy. It also introduces students to the checks which courts place on the exercise of administrative power. The course discusses the procedures that courts require of administrative agencies and public officials as well as the substantive grounds on which courts may review the decisions of administrative agencies and public officials.

LAW 505 *Civil Procedure*, H, 3 credits (3-0)

A detailed examination of issues which arise in the progress of a civil action from first meeting the client through to judgment in the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench. The Alberta Rules of Court are set in the context of the values underlying them. What sort of civil litigation system do we want? What sort of system do we in fact have? Particular attention is paid to the linkages between the apparently discrete components of the process as set out in the Rules, linkages at the levels of both the underlying values and of actual practice. The use of procedures under the Rules to anticipate and resolve evidence problems that might arise at trial is stressed. Interprovincial and international aspects of the civil litigation process are also considered.

LAW 507 *Evidence*, H, 3 credits (3-0)

An examination of the fundamental concepts of evidence law, including the traditional rules as compared to the emerging principled approach, and such core and primary topics as: the adversary system; relevance and discretionary exclusion; privilege; burdens of proof; character evidence; judicial notice; competence and compellability; examination of witnesses; hearsay; opinion evidence.

LAW 508 *Negotiation*, H, 4 credits (3-0)

Instruction in dispute resolution theory and practice with a focus on negotiation, mediation and topics such as collaborative law and judicial dispute resolution, and application of those processes to a substantive area of law.

The course is taught in a 3 week intensive format through performance based learning methods. Evaluation will include a mock negotiation and written exercises such as preparation of a client advising memo in the substantive area.

Note: This course is Graded CR, D or F

LAW 510 *Ethical Lawyering*, H, 3 credits (3-0)

An introduction to issues of legal ethics and professional responsibility. Students should become competent at ethical reasoning in the context of legal practice. To achieve this goal the course covers selected topics in the ‘law of lawyering’ (e.g. the Law Society of Alberta’s Code of Professional Conduct) but also addresses the general question of what it means to be an ethical lawyer. Students are expected to develop their awareness of the various moral values underlying the legal system, and to practice how to weigh and apply those values, and the law of lawyering, to ethical problems. The course also covers selected topics relating to the regulation of lawyers’ ethics.

THIRD YEAR MANDATORY COURSE

Law 602 *Advocacy*, H, 4 credits (3-0)

Instruction in litigation strategy and advocacy related to the forms of binding, third party decision-making processes of dispute resolution, their commonalities and differences and application of those processes in a substantive area of law.

The course is taught in a 3 week intensive format through performance based learning methods. Evaluation will include a mock negotiation and written exercises such as preparation of a client advising memo in the substantive area.

Note: This course is Graded CR, D or F

MANDATORY FLOATING COURSE REQUIREMENTS

This course must be taken in either second or third year and is deemed to be mandatory in the year in which it is taken.

LAW 509 *Business Associations*, H, 3 credits (3-0)

The common forms of business organization, including the law of agency, partnerships, limited partnerships, and societies and corporations, with a focus on the corporation and the rights and responsibilities of shareholders and directors. Topics will include fiduciary relationships in a commercial context.

ADDITIONAL MANDATORY COMPONENTS FOR GRADUATION

- Upper Year Writing Requirement
- International Requirement
- Theoretical Perspectives Requirement

UPPER-YEAR OPTIONAL COURSES

LAW 511 *Criminal Process*

A survey and critical examination of core aspects of criminal process law. A focus on legislation relating to jurisdiction and modes of trial including obligations of and options available to prosecution and accused. Other topics include arrest, search and seizure, investigative detention, and right to counsel and silence, all within the context of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

LAW 515 *Family Law*

An analysis of the legal principles affecting the rights and responsibilities of the members of the family. Topics include constitutional issues, marriage, marriage contracts, common law marriage, child neglect and abuse, custody and access, guardianship, adoption, separation, divorce, nullity, spousal and child maintenance, and matrimonial property. Stress is placed on the process of family law and the appropriate role for lawyers and judges.

LAW 519 *Jurisprudence*

A critical inquiry into the nature and functions of law and justice, including natural law, legal positivism, sociological jurisprudence, legal realism, and contemporary theorists.

LAW 521 *Real Estate Transactions*

An examination of the estate transactions. Topics include the purchase and sale of property, mortgaging and other ways to finance land transactions, commercial leasing arrangements, and the Land Titles Act as it relates to land development.

LAW 525 *Bankruptcy and Restructuring Law*

Receivership, consumer and commercial arrangements and bankruptcy under the *Bankruptcy Act* and the *Company Creditors Arrangements Act*.

LAW 527 *Basic Tax Law*

The basic language and concepts of taxation and identification of taxation issues. Topics include the unit of taxation, the meaning and taxation of income, taxation of benefits, the type and scope of deductions available for business income, and the taxation of capital gains including gains (and losses) on taxpayer assets.

LAW 529 *Biotechnology and the Law*

The legal, ethical, and policy issues relating to biotechnology. Topics include genetically modified foods, animals and plants, synthetic genomics, animal-human combinations, xenotransplantation, human cloning, pharmacogenetics, biofuels, assisted human reproduction, stem cells, tissue engineering, genetic therapy, and genetic enhancement.

LAW 530 Mining Law

This course focuses on the law governing exploration, financing and development of minerals in Canada. The course includes close study of mining legislation concerning land available for mineral activity, acquisition of mineral title, nature of mineral title/rights, surface rights and compensation, mining in the context of aboriginal rights including the duty to consult, and environmental impact assessment. Commercial agreements for mineral development will be examined, including Confidentiality Agreements, Option Agreements and Joint Venture Agreements. Issues arising from international mining transactions will be discussed, including investment protection mechanisms and corporate social responsibility.

LAW 531 Environmental Law

Legal theories, concepts, principles, and processes relevant to environmental protection. Topics include ecological and ethical dimensions, jurisdictional issues, common law rights and remedies, environmental assessment, public participation, contaminated sites, enforcement and compliance, economic approaches, endangered species and protected spaces, land use planning, and environmental dispute resolution.

LAW 533 Wills and Estates

The preparation, execution, interpretation, and administration of wills; testamentary capacity; alteration, revocation and republication of wills; intestate succession; dependants' relief; and estate administration.

LAW 535 Secured Transactions

The modern law of secured transactions and the financing of personal property, with a focus on Alberta's Personal Property Security Act. Other topics include Bank Act security, the *Farm Implement Act*, and the *Fair Trading Act*.

LAW 536 International Criminal Law

This course has two primary substantive focuses. The first is on the development and operation of the international legal framework for the prosecution of those who commit the most egregious crimes. The second is on transnational crime, which, for the purpose of this course, will include crimes that occur across national borders, or those that occur within a given state, but which have an adverse international impact.

LAW 537 Sale of Goods

The sale and supply of goods, including an examination of the provincial Sale of Goods Act, consumer protection issues, and the Vienna International Sales Convention.

LAW 543 Intellectual Property Law

Intellectual property, including the law of patents, copyrights, and trade-marks.

LAW 547 Human Rights Law

A survey of national and provincial human rights laws and practice as distinct from the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and an introduction to the main international and transnational human rights instruments and standards.

LAW 549 International Law

The elements of public international law, including sources, the role of customary law, the law of treaties, recognition, state responsibility, and the roles and powers of international organizations.

LAW 551 Unjust Enrichment

Unjust enrichment as an independent source of legal obligation. Topics include elements of the right of action and defences; restitution as the remedy, with particular emphasis on personal versus proprietary restitution; and disgorgement of wrongful gain, distinguished from restitution using breach of fiduciary obligation as the primary example.

LAW 553 Insurance Law

The various types of insurance (e.g. fire, life, sickness and accident, motor vehicle, and liability). Topics include the nature and formation of the insurance contract, the role of insurance agents, insurable interest, misrepresentation and non-disclosure, and the rights of third parties against the insurer.

LAW 557 Commercial Arbitration Law

Private (between individuals) and mixed (investor/state) arbitration. Coverage includes domestic and international arbitration rules, including UNCITRAL and International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) rules.

LAW 559 Critical Legal Theories

An examination of critical theoretical perspectives on the nature and functions of law, and of the possibilities and limitations of law as a strategy for social change. Perspectives may include feminist legal theories, critical race theories, post-colonial theories, Aboriginal legal theories, critical disability theories, queer theories, and postmodernism.

LAW 561 Employment Law

The law governing non-unionized workplaces in Canada. Topics include constitutional jurisdiction, defining the employment relationship and employer / employee status, the employment contract, implied rights and obligations, termination, reasonable notice of dismissal, constructive dismissal, cause for summary dismissal, human rights, and employment standards legislation.

LAW 563 International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

International human rights law, covering the main global instruments (such as the International Covenants, as well as the regional human rights systems of the Americas and Europe), with an introduction to the principles and concepts of International Humanitarian Law. Topics include women's human rights, death penalty, massive human rights violations, human rights and counter-terrorism, the rights of the child, the rights of indigenous peoples and minorities, and the role of non-state actors.

LAW 565 Internet Law

The Internet as a technology, a place for social interaction, and a marketplace. Topics include internet governance, network neutrality, end to end and layered principles, the domain name system, peer production and distribution, information security and privacy, ISP regulation, regulation of internet content, electronic commerce, VOIP regulation, and anti-circumvention law.

LAW 567 Law and Economics

An examination of the practical and theoretical implications arising from the application of economic reasoning to law. Topics include the economic method of legal analysis, the scope of its application, and the major critical responses in both traditional legal fields of economic influence (such as tort, contract and corporate law) and more novel areas (such as family and criminal law).

LAW 569 Law and Literature

The ways in which literary studies inform law and legal analysis, and the ways in which law and legal themes have informed literature.

LAW 571 Oil and Gas Law

The upstream oil and gas industry. Topics include ownership of oil and gas and split estates; coalbed methane; the legal character of the private oil and gas lease; the anatomy of the various clauses of the oil and gas lease; and Crown disposition systems, including the Alberta (conventional and oil sands) and federal legislation and related policy question.

LAW 573 Public Lands and Natural Resources Law

The protection, exploitation, and management of Crown-owned lands and renewable and non-renewable natural resources (other than oil and gas, and including forestry, rangeland, minerals, wildlife, fisheries, wilderness, recreational, and heritage). Discussion of the nature of public ownership, public and private values, economic approaches, and inter-jurisdictional management.

LAW 575 Remedies

Judicial remedies at common law and equity for tort and breach of contract, including personal injury and property damage. Themes include compensating loss, disgorging gain, and punishing civil wrong; prohibiting and compelling defendant behaviour; loss-based, gain-based, and punitive damages; and injunctions and specific performance.

LAW 577 Tax Policy

Principles of tax policy (efficiency, equity, and simplicity) and applications related to income, sales, and payroll taxes. Topics include the economic and distributive effects of taxes, auditing and legal compliance, and political economy.

LAW 579.xx Legal Theory, Selected Topics

Critical examination of the main theoretical writings in a major doctrinal area or group of doctrinal areas, such as private law (tort, contract and unjust enrichment); public law (criminal, Constitutional and administrative law); tort; contract; evidence; property; Constitutional; or criminal law.

LAW 581 Unsecured Creditors' Remedies

The remedies available to the unsecured creditor for the collection of debts and the protections offered to debtors, including prejudgment remedies, garnishment, execution against real and personal property, fraudulent preferences and conveyances, and the regulation of collection and credit agencies.

LAW 583 Water Law

Water resources and management, including the historical and current legal and policy frameworks governing surface and groundwater rights. Topics include responses to scarcity, alternative water management models and plans, industrial use and re-use of water, wetlands, protection of aquatic resources, aboriginal water rights, economic instruments, water as a human right, watershed approaches, and inter-jurisdictional or international issues.

LAW 585 Alberta Court of Appeal Moots

The development of appellate advocacy and other lawyering skills in the context of preparation for and participation in the Alberta Court of Appeal Moot, in the areas of criminal law; civil law (contract, property or tort law); and constitutional law.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of the Faculty

LAW 587 Kawaskimhon National Aboriginal Moot

The development of advocacy, consensus building, and other lawyering skills in the context of a non-competitive moot conducted in a circle arrangement and using a moot problem based on contemporary issues in Aboriginal-Government relations. Includes a writing requirement.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of the Faculty

LAW 589 Labour Arbitration Moot

The development of advocacy and other lawyering skills in the context of preparation for and participation in an arbitration conducted under a collective agreement. Includes a writing requirement.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of the Faculty

LAW 591 Provincial Court Clerkships

Placements in the Provincial Court performing research, preparing memoranda, and meeting and discussing with a supervising Judge.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of the Faculty

Note: This course is Graded CR, D or F

LAW 593 Health Law

The regulation, structure, and financing of the health care system. Topics include licensing and regulation of health care professionals (including medical malpractice claims as a form of regulation); regulation of biomedical research; approval processes for drugs; complementary therapies and medical devices; resource allocation and access to health care; market considerations; privatization and deregulation of health care; and consent and confidentiality.

LAW 594 Indigenous Peoples & the Law

The law governing the relationship between indigenous peoples and settler society. Topics include recognition of aboriginal laws and custom, self-determination and other applicable principles of international law, self-government, common law recognition of aboriginal title, treaties, the fiduciary duty of the Crown, constitutional entrenchment of aboriginal and treaty rights, application of provincial laws, the Indian Act, land surrenders, and exemptions from seizure and taxation.

LAW 595 Canadian Legal History

Migration of European law in the colonial context and its impact in pre-Confederation Canada (settled and conquered colonies); the role of trading companies, particularly the Hudson's Bay Company; the impact of the United States both before and after Confederation; Confederation and the development of Canadian legal culture and law. Jurisdictions may include British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Quebec, and Nova Scotia.

LAW 596 Feminist Legal Theory

A critical inquiry into the nature and function of law from a variety of different perspectives within feminist legal theory. Topics include the role of rights and of legal discourse, and the possibilities and limitations of law as a strategy for social transformation.

LAW 597 International Trade Law

The public law framework for international trade, with emphasis on the WTO and NAFTA. Topics include national treatment, most favoured nation treatment, anti-dumping and countervail actions, and dispute resolution.

LAW 598 Trusts

The concept of the trust and its development in equity and its relationship to other legal concepts. Topics include the various types of trusts; constituting, administering and terminating the trust; trustee duties and powers; variation of trusts; breach of trust; and the doctrine of tracing.

Law 599.xx Legal Practice, Selected Topics

A variety of subject matters related to the practice of law.

LAW 601 Advanced Criminal Law

An in depth examination of case authorities, primarily through an examination of case authorities, certain concepts in criminal law the understanding of which is essential for a

criminal practitioner. Topics covered include mens rea, sexual offences, assault, sentencing, conspiracy, driving offences, and identification.

LAW 605 Oil and Gas Contracts

Selected problems in oil and gas law, including industry contracts (pooling, farmout, joint operating, purchase and sale and royalty agreements); fiduciary duties; and title review.

Prerequisite or Corequisite: *Oil and Gas Law*

LAW 607 Advanced Legal Research

This course builds on legal research instruction in the first year of the program and affords further opportunities to learn and practice research skills. The course provides instruction in research methodology, citation, print and electronic research/databases, covering case law, statute law, texts, periodicals and web-based materials.

LAW 612 Advanced Private Law

Advanced issues in private law (property, contract, tort, unjust enrichment and equity), including contemporary controversies over appropriate rights and remedies when different causes of action either converge or intersect.

Prerequisites or Corequisites: *Contracts, Torts, Unjust Enrichment*

LAW 613 Conflict of Laws

The doctrines and rules governing legal disputes cutting across provincial or national boundaries. Topics include jurisdiction, distinctions between substantive and procedural rules, the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments, domicile, proof of foreign law, and the choice of law rules relating to private law (torts, contracts, property, succession and family law).

LAW 615 Advanced Civil Procedure

The strategic use of the Alberta Rules of Court in civil proceedings with reference to related legislation and ethical requirements. Topics include commencement of proceedings, interlocutory and ex parte applications, discovery of persons and records, trial preparation, and the roles of the court.

Prerequisite or Corequisite: *Civil Procedure*

LAW 617 Alternative Energy Law: Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

The renewable energy and energy efficiency sectors. Topics include federalism, wind, small hydro, solar, biomass etc, energy conservation and demand side management, and access to energy infrastructure.

Prerequisite or Corequisite: *Administrative Law*

LAW 618 Corporate Finance Law

Legal aspects of corporate finance transactions, including applicable regulatory frameworks. Topics may include equity and debt financing, secured transactions, asset and/or share purchase and sale agreements, and takeover bids.

Prerequisite or Corequisite: *Business Associations*

LAW 619 Estate Planning

Personal dispositions of property, both *inter vivos* and on death, to achieve estate and succession planning objectives. Topics include trusts, corporations, wills, life insurance, buy-sell arrangements, income splitting, estate freezing, and tax deferral plans.

Prerequisite or Corequisite: *Basic Tax Law*

LAW 621 Corporate Governance and Litigation

The principal concepts in corporate governance and their evolution in Canada; the *Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002* and the related rules of the U. S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the New York Stock Exchange; the securities regulatory response of Canada to the adoption of *Sarbanes-Oxley* in the United States; and other current topics in corporate governance.

Prerequisites or Corequisites: *Business Associations, Civil Procedure*

LAW 623 Environmental Impact Assessment Law

Environmental impact assessment (EIA) law and practice in Canada. Topics include the role of EIA in the regulatory process and as a planning tool, federalism, triggers, equivalency, harmonization, joint assessment, implementation of assessment decisions, adaptive management, strategic environmental assessment, the role of traditional knowledge, and public participation.

Prerequisite or Corequisite: *Administrative Law*

LAW 624 Environmental Law and Ethics

The ethical underpinning of environmental law, with a consideration of various views, including the land ethic, deep and shallow ecology, instrumental and utilitarian approaches, and inherent value.

LAW 625 Intellectual Property Transactions

Intellectual property transactions and strategies in a variety of industries in energy, information technology, and life sciences. Topics include open source IP, IP governance, management and best practices, valuation, ownership, improvements, co-ownership and collaboration, patent pools and standard setting organizations, software licensing and IT transactions, licensing, infringement management, and warranties.

Prerequisite or Corequisite: *Intellectual Property Law*

LAW 626 International Development Law

The role of law in promoting social and economic growth, with a focus on the rule of law as an instrument of development and the dialogue between the developed and less developed worlds through international agreements. Topics include the rules of international trade and finance, intellectual property, the environment and natural resources, and the war on terrorism.

Prerequisite or Corequisite: Any one of *International Law, International Trade Law, or International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law*

LAW 627 International Environmental Law

The customary and treaty law rules applicable to global and transboundary environmental issues. Topics include air pollution, climate change, international wildlife law and trade, the international chemicals agreements liability regimes, and shared resources.

LAW 628 International Investment Law

Investor protection in customary law and treaties, in particular NAFTA Chapter 11, bilateral investment treaties (BITs), and the Energy Charter; the main disciplines, including national treatment, most favoured nation treatment, fair and equitable treatment, and the rules pertaining to expropriation; soft law norms pertaining to investment; and relevant domestic law, including the Investment Canada Act.

Prerequisite or Corequisite: *International Law* or *International Trade Law*

LAW 630 International Petroleum Transactions

International business transactions in the context of the petroleum industry, including the various forms of state agreements; confidentiality agreements; study and bidding agreements; international joint operating agreements; agency agreements; and participation agreements; with attention to the key legal, business and ethical issues raised in negotiations.

LAW 631 International Tax Law

The tax implications of both inbound and outbound investment and implications for structuring affiliates, with consideration of international tax treaties and foreign tax credit mechanisms.

Prerequisite or Corequisite: *Basic Tax Law*

LAW 634 Law of Species and Spaces

The principal federal and provincial laws governing the management of biological diversity, including protected area legislation and endangered species legislation. Explores the constitutional and common law fundamentals of wildlife law as well as contemporary disputes about species protection, ecosystem-level land management, and game ranch operations.

Prerequisite or Corequisite: *Administrative Law*

LAW 636 Municipal Law

The legal position of local governments, including cities and regional governments. Topics include the powers of Municipal Councils and Districts, the duties and responsibilities of elected and appointed municipal officials, conflicts of interest, elections, the regulation and licensing of businesses, proprietary and contractual powers, tort and the public body, subdivision, land use planning, and the role of the courts.

Prerequisite or Corequisite: *Administrative Law*

LAW 637 Energy Law

An overview of energy regulation, focusing on competition and pricing. Topics include the theory and process of energy regulation, regulatory jurisdiction, judicial review of energy regulation, regulation of natural gas and electricity prices, market restructuring,

and deregulation. The course will familiarize students with the legal issues that arise when the legislature and regulators respond to market failures, and/or protect the public interest, in the provision of natural gas and electricity services.

Prerequisite or Corequisite: *Administrative Law*

LAW 641 Oil and Gas and Mining Taxation

The resource regime rules of the *Income Tax Act* as applied to the oil and gas and mining sectors. Topics include: operations subject to the resource regime; the treatment of property costs and common industry expenditures (i.e. applicable "tax pools" and their characteristics); resource industry "subsidies" (e.g. flow-through share financing, investment tax credits); the avoidance provisions (e.g. the successor rules); and the treatment of foreign operations of a Canadian resident taxpayer.

Prerequisite or Corequisite: *Corporate Tax*

LAW 645 Pollution Control and Waste Management Law

The provincial and federal pollution control regimes for air and water pollution and for the handling, storage, treatment, and disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous wastes. Topics include federalism; regulatory and non-regulatory approaches to pollution from "point" and "non-point" sources; cumulative pollutant loads; the "precautionary" and "polluter pays" principles; and liability for contaminated sites.

Prerequisites or Corequisites: *Administrative Law* and *Environmental Law*

LAW 647 Regulatory Theory and the Law

The main theories that explain or justify government regulation, including correction for market failure, political economy or public choice, and deliberative democracy. The relationship between those theories and the development and implementation of regulatory legislation, regulation, and public policy.

Prerequisite or Corequisite: *Administrative Law*

LAW 648 Securities Law

The regulation of capital market participants; the issuance of, and trades in, securities of companies, with an emphasis on Alberta and the National Instruments enacted by the Canadian securities regulator; the theory of securities regulation; as well as enforcement and compliance.

LAW 650 Business Skills for Lawyers

This course is designed to teach law students the key non-legal skills necessary for a lawyer entering a corporate/commercial legal practice. Students will learn how to read and understand financial statements, as well as learn enough about how statements are prepared to know where problems (including fraud) can occur. They will learn how to read financial models and how companies are valued. The course will also teach practical negotiation techniques, and the business aspects of how oil and gas is found, produced, priced and shipped to market.

LAW 653 Directed Research

A supervised research project involving the in-depth examination of a legal problem or area of concern not normally covered in a substantive or procedural course and which provides the basis for an article, research paper, brief, memorial, draft legislation, etc. Admission to this course depends on the availability of supervising faculty.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of the Faculty

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LAW 656 Business Law: Mergers & Acquisitions

This course is intended to provide an understanding of key legal and financial concepts relevant to mergers and acquisitions ("M&A") and related capital market activities. Topics discussed include structuring M&A transactions, the required legal documentation to implement the transaction, securities legislation applicable to M&A, director and officer responsibilities, M&A negotiations, select financing topics, takeover bid defensive tactics, due diligence, regulatory, employment and selected other issues and considerations relating to M&A transactions. In addition, the role of various capital market participants will be examined, including directors and management, shareholders, creditors, securities dealers, legal counsel, regulators and stock exchanges. The course aims to provide students with both knowledge and practical skills that they will find useful as a business person or securities lawyer or in business negotiations.

LAW 663 Dispute Resolution Clinical

Interest-based, consensus-building dispute resolution processes to enhance understanding of dispute resolution theory, which will be applied through placements drawing on the mentorship of lawyers and dispute resolution practitioners engaged in court-annexed or private mediation, facilitation, collaborative law, and other processes.

Prerequisite or Corequisite: *Negotiation*

Note: This course is Graded CR, D or F

LAW 667 Advanced Public Law

Selected issues in constitutional law at the advanced level. Topics may include constitutional amendment, comparative approaches to rights, comparative federalism, the role of international law in constitutional interpretation, the legitimacy of judicial review, evidentiary issues in constitutional litigation, the role of social movements, and strategic litigation in securing constitutional rights.

Prerequisite: *Constitutional Law*

LAW 673 Jessup Moot

Preparation for and participation in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. Prerequisite: Consent of the Faculty.

LAW 674 BLG Business Venture Clinic

The *BLG Business Venture Clinic* matches law students with start-up companies. The students work with these companies over the course of the entire year, providing legal information and drafting various agreements and other documents. Each student is provided with a mentor practicing law downtown who reviews the student's memos and

agreements before they are forwarded to the client. This course is scheduled to run through both the Fall and Winter terms.

Prerequisite or Corequisite: *Corporate Finance* and Consent of the Faculty

Note: This course is Graded CR, D or F

LAW 677 Canadian Corporate/Securities Law Moot

The development of appellate advocacy and other lawyering skills in the context of corporate and securities law in Canada.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of the Faculty

LAW 678 The Gale Cup Moot

The development of appellate advocacy and other lawyering skills in the context of preparation for and participation in the national Gale Cup Moot.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of the Faculty

LAW 683 Advanced Family Law

Selected topics in family law, including matrimonial property; division of pensions; international family law; and the law relating to children, including regulatory aspects (e.g. child welfare).

Prerequisite or Corequisite: *Family Law*

LAW 685 Business Clinical

The skills employed by a corporate solicitor in the context of one or more transactions. Skills covered may include drafting, negotiating, research, advocacy, and transaction management, in simulated or real transactions.

Prerequisite or Corequisite: *Business Associations*

Note: This course is Graded CR, D or F

LAW 686 and Law 688 SLA Clinical Theory & Practice

These courses may only be taken with the consent of the faculty, and they must be taken together. The courses are scheduled to run through both the Fall and Winter terms.

Clinical Theory deals reflectively with substantial issues of law, procedure, evidence, ethics and skills.

Clinical Practice provides advanced experiential learning, working with real clients in a clinical setting, dealing with a variety of files: summary criminal offences, family law matters, residential tenancy issues, small claims disputes, and traffic offences. Students develop a range of skills including interviewing, counselling, negotiation, alternative dispute resolution, trial advocacy, research, drafting, court practice, client relations, and file management.

Clinical Theory is graded on the University's 13 band scale, while Clinical Practice is graded Cr/D/F

LAW 687 Criminal Justice Clinical

A clinical seminar in elements of criminal law covering topical, practical, and ethical issues in the practice of criminal law. Three short placements with Crown and defence lawyers and a provincial court judge.

Prerequisite or Corequisite: *Criminal Process*

Note: This course is Graded CR, D or F

LAW 689 Family Law Clinical

A clinical seminar in elements of family law practice through simulated exercises, supervised files, and/or placements. Topics include Chambers advocacy, marital dispute consultations, and drafting of a settlement.

Prerequisite or Corequisite: *Family Law*

Note: This course is Graded CR, D or F

LAW 690 Western Canada MacIntyre Cup Trial Competition

The development of trial advocacy and other lawyering skills in the context of preparation for and participation in the Western Canada Trial Competition. Credit for this competition does not preclude credit for the Sopinka Cup.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of the Faculty

LAW 691 Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law Clinical

A clinical seminar involving placements in any one of the following practice areas: energy law, resources law, water law, or environmental law.

Prerequisite or Corequisite: Any one of *Environmental Law*, *Energy Law*, *Oil and Gas Law*, *Water Law*, or *Public Lands and Natural Resources Law*

Note: This course is Graded CR, D or F

LAW 692.xx Selected Topics I, H, 2 credits

A variety of subject areas, either doctrinal or theoretical.

MAY BE REPEATED FOR CREDIT

LAW 693.xx Selected Topics II, H, 3 credits

A variety of subject areas, either doctrinal or theoretical.

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LAW 694.xx Selected Topics III, H, 4 credits

A variety of subject areas, either doctrinal or theoretical.

MAY BE REPEATED FOR CREDIT

LAW 695 External Competitions, H, 3 credits

The development of advocacy and other lawyering skills in the context of preparation for and participation in an external competition not otherwise the subject of a course. A written component is generally required.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of the Faculty

LAW 696 *Clinical Studies*, H, 3 credits

Participation in a clinical experience not otherwise the subject of a clinical course

Prerequisite(s): Consent of the Faculty

Note: This course is Graded CR, D or F

LAW 697 *Corporate Tax*

The provisions of the Income Tax Act applicable to corporations and their shareholders.

Topics include the classification of corporations for tax purposes, the taxation of corporate income, the taxation of corporate distributions, and the taxation of various types of corporate reorganizations.

Prerequisite or Corequisite: *Business Associations* and *Basic Tax Law*

LAW 698 *Immigration and Refugee Law*

Basic principles, policies, and procedures governing immigration and refugee law. Topics include refugee law and status; selection and admission of immigrants; inadmissible and removable classes; exemptions and minister's permits; and appeals and judicial review in the federal court, including Charter issues.

Prerequisite or Corequisite: *Administrative Law*

LAW 699 *Labour Law*

The law governing unionized workplaces in Canada. Topics include freedom of association, the status of participants, union organization and certification, unfair labour practices, collective bargaining, the collective agreement and arbitration, industrial conflict, the duty of fair representation, and interaction between the labour law regime and the common-law of employment.

Prerequisite or Corequisite: *Administrative Law*