



Winter 2016 Course Schedule

Registration Procedures and Course Listings

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Winter 2016 Academic Calendar

Priority Registration 22 or more earned hours by the end of Fall 2015	Monday, October 19, 2015 through Tuesday, October 20, 2015
Last Day to Add or Drop Classes	Wednesday, December 16, 2015 by 5:00 p.m.
First Day of Classes	Monday, January 4, 2016
Last Day to Elect Pass/Fail	Tuesday, January 5, 2016
Last Day of Classes	Saturday, January 9, 2016

Winter 2016 Priority Registration

Due to the law school's [credit hour policy](#) and ABA standards governing the calculation of a credit hour, you may not register for more than one credit hour in a winter session. All classes for the winter term are limited enrollment. Registration for these classes will be prioritized by each student's earned credits, not by the date and time the registration form is submitted.

Priority registration forms for winter term may be submitted to Student Services on **Monday, October 19 and Tuesday, October 20**. You may register for winter term classes either by submitting an electronic registration form through the law school website Student Services page (click [here](#) for a link) or by submitting a paper hard copy to Student Services. **No registration through Howdy will be available for winter term classes.** Do not submit electronic or paper registration forms before October 19. Student Services will not accept early requests and will not be responsible for forms dropped off early.

On **Wednesday, October 21**, Student Services will begin enrolling students in winter term courses in priority based on each student's anticipated earned hours at the end of the fall 2015 semester. Registration notifications will **ONLY** be sent to your **@email.tamu.edu** e-mail, so please check it frequently.

Registration for the winter term will continue through 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16.

Limited Enrollment Classes & Waitlists

Waitlisting for these classes will be prioritized by each student's earned credits. Student Services will notify by e-mail all students who have requested registration in these classes to let them know whether they are registered or waitlisted. If you do not see your registration on [Howdy](#), check your **@email.tamu.edu** e-mail account for messages or contact Student Services to inquire about your waitlist status.

Important message about waitlists:

If you are waitlisted for a winter term class, you must submit a course drop form to be removed from that waitlist. If a seat becomes available at any time and you have not submitted a course drop form, you will be registered for that class accordingly. If a seat becomes available and we cannot register you for any reason, and we cannot reach you, we will move to the next person on the waitlist. Please monitor your e-mail frequently if you are on a waitlist.

Evening Classes (6:00pm or later)

Part-time evening students will be given priority to register for evening classes during priority registration.

Enrollment Limits

Students may enroll in only one class for the winter term.

Adding and Dropping Courses

Students may add or drop classes at Student Services from Monday, October 19 until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16. After December 16, registration forms will no longer be accepted or processed.

Attendance Policy

Due to the collaborative and condensed nature of Winter Term classes, class attendance is mandatory. **Any absence for any reason will result in administrative withdrawal from the course.**

Cancellation of Classes

Classes may be cancelled for low enrollment. This decision is made by the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Pass/Fail Election

To elect a course pass/fail, you must make that designation on a paper pass/fail request form. Such designations must be turned in to Student Services by the end of the day of the second class meeting. To preserve anonymity, students must not communicate a pass/fail election to the professor. Doing so is a violation of the code of conduct.

Student Services must first verify your eligibility for pass/fail credit. Please review section 8.5 of the law school's Academic Standards found in the [Student Handbook](#) for rules and limitations on pass/fail credits.

New Spring 2016 course offered during the first week of January.

Registration for the following course will begin November 2-6 during spring 2016 priority registration.

Introduction to Law & Economics Seminar

Introduction to Law & Economics Seminar, taught by Professor Glynn Lunney, is not a winter term course but a condensed “short” spring course that will have all of its class meetings during the first week of January. The course requires a paper that will satisfy the rigorous writing requirement that will be due in the spring semester. You will be able to register for this course during the spring 2016 registration period in November. ***Please note that if you plan to register for this spring term course, you will not be allowed to register for a winter term course as you can only register for one credit hour for classes held during the first week of January.***

Course Description: Economics conceives of laws as incentives for changing behavior (implicit prices) and as instruments for policy objectives (efficiency and distribution). Law and Economics provides a theory to predict the effects of legal rules on behavior. Efficiency and distribution concerns are used to evaluate legal policy. The course starts with basic economics, including the Coase Theorem, and covers classical topics such as property, contracts, torts, legal process and litigation, criminal law. Advanced topics include corporate law and family law.

Winter Course Descriptions

Civil Evidence Workshop

LAW-7891S-601 CRN-27081

This skills practicum focuses on practical subjects related to courtroom evidence. The workshop provides instruction, demonstration, and practice in offering common forms of evidence in civil and criminal trials; common objections and responses to courtroom evidence; depositions, statements, and sworn testimony; and preserving the record and offers of proof.

This workshop is open to all students and is recommended for all law students interested in law school mock trial competition or careers in trial advocacy.

No absences are allowed. Grading for this course will be on a Pass/Fail basis.

This course counts toward the oral skills requirement.

Instructor: Joe Spence

Prerequisite: (1) One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; (2) Evidence (may be taken concurrently).

Cap: 30 students

Civil Motion Workshop

LAW-7888S-601 CRN-27080

This class will focus not on civil trials (which are becoming increasingly rare) but on civil motion practice (which is still a very active component of a trial lawyer's work). Students will be provided with written motions and responses that were filed in actual, non-active lawsuits. Students will then prepare to argue the motions and responses. At each session, students will be called on to either argue either the response or the motion, within appropriate time constraints, in front of a sitting District Court judge in Tarrant County. Afterwards, each student will receive critique and feedback from fellow students and the professor. Students will be exposed, and must quickly understand, the law related to each motion. However, the focus of this course will be on oral argument skills and developing a level of comfort arguing motions in an actual courtroom.

No absences are allowed. Grading for this course will be on a Pass/Fail basis.

This course counts toward the oral skills requirement.

Instructor: Justice Bonnie Sudderth

Prerequisite: One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program, including Civil Procedure (may be taken concurrently).

Cap: 12 students

Courthouse Perspectives

LAW-7890-01 CRN-27075

This course does not count toward the oral skills requirement.

This course will provide students with a practical, hands-on study of various courts in the Tarrant County area, including the Court of Appeals, District Courts (civil, criminal, and family), County Courts (civil, criminal, and probate), and Justice of the Peace courts. Students will learn about the function, jurisdiction, and personnel of each court. Each day will begin with a lecture at the Court of Appeals by Justice McCoy, which will be followed by visits to the various courts. During the various visits, students will be introduced to judges, court coordinators, and court reporters. If possible, students will be allowed to observe proceedings in each court they visit. This course will also stress proper courtroom etiquette and nuts-and-bolts procedural training on topics such as how to actually file a document with a court.

An initial lecture each day will take place at the Second Court of Appeals in Fort Worth; however, the exact schedule of court visits will not be available until the week before classes start, due to the unpredictability of court dockets.

A short test will be administered on the last day of class at the law school.

Exam time is 11:00 am on Friday, January 8, 2016.

No absences are allowed. This is a graded course.

Instructor: Justice John R. "Bob" McCoy
Prerequisite: One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.
Cap: 15 students

Deposition Skills Workshop

LAW-7887S-601 CRN-27078

This course gives students the opportunity to learn the art of deposition practice and the strategy behind taking depositions. Students will learn and practice fundamental depositions skills; rules pertaining to depositions in federal and state court; how to properly notice a deposition; and how to depose parties, fact witnesses, and experts. The course will conclude with a final deposition performance class in which each student will be provided the opportunity to take and defend a deposition.

*No absences are allowed. Grading for this course will be on a Pass/Fail basis.
This course counts toward the oral skills requirement.*

Instructor: Christian Dennie
Prerequisite: One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program, including Civil Procedure.
Cap: 16 students

Due Diligence for the Professional (Special Topics)

LAW-7900-602 CRN-27077

This course does not count toward the oral skills requirement.

This course teaches practical skills in performing due diligence in business and financial transactions. Students will learn how to analyze documents like financial statements to uncover red flags for fraud. Students will receive a certification from the International Organization of Due Diligence.

No absences are allowed. Grading for this course will be on a Pass/Fail basis.

Instructor: Dean and Professor Andrew Morriss and L.B. Files
Prerequisite: One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.
Recommended: Business Associations I
Cap: 20

Government, Ethics, & the Public Sector Externship (Special Topics)

LAW-7900-603 CRN-27105

This is a required prep course for students in the spring 2016 Residency Externship Program. The course provides a review of federal and state governance, explores the extern's role in the policymaking process, introduces students to ethical issues within government, and allows students to research a topic related to their REP placement.

No absences are allowed. This is a graded course

Instructor: Lisa Rich

Prerequisite: Admission to Residency Externship Program. Only students in the Residency Externship Program may enroll in this course.

Labor Negotiations Workshop

LAW-7390S-601 CRN-27079

Students will learn the process of contract negotiations in the labor setting in both the private and public sectors. Topics covered will include who has the right to bargain contracts, what can be bargained, bargaining in good faith and legal remedies. Bargaining techniques including data-driven proposals will be discussed. On the final day of the course, students will be involved in a labor bargaining simulation. Class grades are based on class participation and the final simulation exercise.

*No absences are allowed. This is a graded course.
This course counts toward the oral skills requirement.*

Instructor: Justin Zartman

Prerequisite: One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program, including Contracts.

Cap: 18 students

Pre-Suit Patent Litigation (Special Topics)

LAW-7900-601 CRN-27076

This course does not count toward the oral skills requirement.

Learn how to develop a litigation plan through the lens of a patent infringement suit. The course explores issues that attorneys should take into account when considering whether to file a patent infringement case. Covered topics include: (1) the market for patent enforcement; (2) attorney fee and litigation finance arrangements; (3) assessment of cases, including likelihood of success and ethical considerations; (4) valuation of cases; and (5) strategic considerations in drafting and filing the complaint.

No absences are allowed. This is a graded course.

Instructor: Henson/Puckett

Prerequisite: (1) One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program;
(2) Intellectual Property (Survey) or Patent Law

Cap: 20 students

Scientific Criminal Evidence Workshop **Cancelled 12-8-15**

~~LAW-7889S-601 CRN-27082~~

~~Students in this class will learn the theory and practice of using scientific evidence in criminal trials. Specific topics to be covered may include the value and use of DNA, mental health, polygraph, and autopsy evidence. Particular attention will be paid to understanding, preparing for, and conducting "Daubert hearings," which involve challenges to the admissibility of scientific expert testimony. The format of the class will include lecture by the professor and guest speakers, as well as simulations involving students who will be required to assume the roles of both prosecutors and defense lawyers.~~

~~*No absences are allowed. This is a graded course.*~~

~~*This course counts toward the oral skills requirement.*~~

~~Instructor: Chuck Mallin~~

~~Prerequisite: (1) One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program;
(2) Evidence (may be taken concurrently).~~

~~Cap: 20 students~~

Course List

COURSE NAME	COURSE # CRN	HRS	DAYS	START TIME	END TIME	START DATE	END DATE	FACULTY NAME	RM
Civil Evidence Workshop	LAW-7891S-601 CRN - 27081 Prerequisite:	1	M - F	6:00PM	9:00PM	1/4/16	1/8/16	Spence, Joe	104
	(1) One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; (2) Evidence (may be taken concurrently). No absences allowed. Pass/Fail course. Counts toward the oral skills requirement. Paper or Electronic registration only. No online registration.								
Civil Motion Workshop	LAW-7888S-601 CRN - 27080 Prerequisite:	1	M - F S	5:30PM 9:00AM	7:30PM 1:00PM	1/4/16 1/9/16	1/8/16	Sudderth, Bonnie	Off Site
	One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program, including Civil Procedure (may be taken concurrently). No absences allowed. Pass/Fail course. Counts toward the oral skills requirement. Paper or Electronic registration only. No online registration.								
Courthouse Perspectives	LAW-7890-601 CRN - 27075 Prerequisite:	1	M-F	9:00AM	12:00PM	1/4/16	1/8/16	McCoy, John R.	Off Site
	One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program. No absences allowed. Final exam on Jan. 8 at 11:00am at the law school. Paper or Electronic registration only. No online registration.								
Deposition Skills Workshop	LAW-7887S-601 CRN - 27078 Prerequisite:	1	M - F S	12:00PM 9:30AM	2:00PM 1:30PM	1/4/16 1/9/16	1/8/16	Dennie, Christian	207
	One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program, including Civil Procedure. No absences allowed. Pass/Fail course. Counts toward the oral skills requirement. Paper or Electronic registration only. No online registration.								
Due Diligence for the Professional (Special Topics)	LAW-7900-602 CRN - 27077 Prerequisite:	1	R - F S	9:30AM 9:00AM	3:30PM 1:00PM	1/7/16 1/9/16	1/8/16	A. Morris/ L.B. Files	104
	One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program. <i>Recommended:</i> Business Associations I No absences allowed. Pass/Fail course. Does not count toward the oral skills requirement. Paper or Electronic registration only. No online registration.								
Government, Ethics, & the Public Sector Externship (Special Topics)	LAW-7900-603 CRN - 27105 Prerequisite:	1	M - F	12:00PM	3:00PM	1/4/16	1/8/16	Rich, Lisa	216
	Admission to Residency Externship Program. Only students in the Residency Externship Program may enroll in this course. No absences are allowed. Graded course. Paper or Electronic registration only. No online registration.								

Labor Negotiations Workshop	LAW-7390S-601 CRN - 27079 Prerequisite: One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program, including Contracts. No absences allowed. Graded course. Counts toward the oral skills requirement. Paper or Electronic registration only. No online registration.
Pre-Suit Patent Litigation (Special Topics)	LAW-7900-601 CRN - 27076 Prerequisite: (1) One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; (2) Intellectual Property (Survey) or Patent Law No absences allowed. Graded course. Does not count toward the oral skills requirement. Paper or Electronic registration only. No online registration.
Scientific Criminal Evidence Workshop Cancelled 12-8-15	LAW-7889S-601 CRN - 27082 Prerequisite: (1) One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; (2) Evidence (may be taken concurrently). No absences allowed. Graded course. Counts toward the oral skills requirement. Paper or Electronic registration only. No online registration.

Course Grid

MONDAY Jan. 4	TUESDAY Jan. 5	WEDNESDAY Jan. 6	THURSDAY Jan. 7	FRIDAY Jan. 8	SATURDAY Jan. 9
<u>9:00AM-12:00PM</u> Courthouse Perspectives Judge McCoy Off Campus	<u>9:00AM-12:00PM</u> Courthouse Perspectives Judge McCoy Off Campus	<u>9:00AM-12:00PM</u> Courthouse Perspectives Judge McCoy Off Campus	<u>9:00AM-12:00PM</u> Courthouse Perspectives Judge McCoy Off Campus	<u>9:00AM-12:00PM</u> Courthouse Perspectives Judge McCoy Off Campus & Exam at 11:00AM at the law school	
<u>9:30AM-3:00PM</u> Pre-Suit Patent Litigation (Special Topics) Henson/Puckett	<u>9:30AM-3:00PM</u> Pre-Suit Patent Litigation (Special Topics) Henson/Puckett	<u>9:30AM-12:30PM</u> Pre-Suit Patent Litigation (Special Topics) Henson/Puckett			<u>2:00-3:00PM</u> Pre-Suit Patent Litigation (Special Topics) Henson/Puckett
			<u>9:30AM-3:30PM</u> Due Diligence for the Professional (Special Topics) Morriss/Files	<u>9:30AM-3:30PM</u> Due Diligence for the Professional (Special Topics) Morriss/Files	<u>9:00AM-1:00PM</u> Due Diligence for the Professional (Special Topics) Morriss/Files
<u>12:00-2:00PM</u> Deposition Skills Workshop Dennie	<u>9:30AM-1:30PM</u> Deposition Skills Workshop Dennie				
<u>12:00-3:00PM</u> Government, Ethics, & the Public Sector Externship (Special Topics) Rich					
<u>1:15-4:15PM</u> Labor Negotiations Workshop Zartman					
<u>5:30-7:30PM</u> Civil Motion Workshop Justice Sudderth Off Campus	<u>9:00AM-1:00PM</u> Civil Motion Workshop Justice Sudderth Off Campus				
<u>6:00-9:00PM</u> Civil Evidence Workshop Spence					

CONTENT REVISIONS

- 10/14/2015 **Government, Ethics, & the Public Sector Externship (Special Topics) - Rich**
- Time changed from 12:00-5:00pm to 12:00-3:00pm.
- 12/8/2015 **Scientific Criminal Evidence Workshop – Mallin**
- Course cancelled
- 12/21/2015 **Introduction to Law & Economics Seminar**
- Professor changed to Glynn Lunney

