Established as the first law school in the southwestern United States, the USC Law School is one of the most prominent law schools in the country. Students possess extraordinary academic credentials and represent a rich diversity of background and experience. Recent classes have included graduates from more than 100 colleges and universities from throughout the country and abroad.

The school is small and informal, which fosters important avenues for discourse and an exciting exchange of ideas. Activity abounds in the halls and classrooms, and students value a collaborative approach to their studies.

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Degree Programs

Juris Doctor

The Juris Doctor (J.D.) is the basic law degree. To obtain the degree, full-time attendance for six semesters is required. During the first year, the student takes a required curriculum of basic courses that examines fundamental legal institutions and addresses legal problems relevant to today's society and the modern practice of law. The second and third years of law study are primarily elective. The student has discretion in course selection, except for writing requirements.

Dual Degrees

The Law School maintains dual degree programs with the graduate programs in accounting, business administration, economics, gerontology, philosophy, public administration, public policy, social work, international relations, religion, real estate development and communications. These programs enable qualified students to earn a law degree (J.D.) and the appropriate master's degree. If the master's degree normally requires one year of study, a student in a dual degree program earns both degrees in only three years. If the master's normally requires two years of post-baccalaureate courses, a total of four years is required. To earn the J.D., all students (including dual degree students) must complete 35 numerically graded law units at USC after the first year. The associate dean may make exceptions to this rule for students enrolled in Law School honors programs.

The goal of these programs is to encourage law students to gain a recognized competence in another discipline which has a direct relevance to the roles lawyers play in society. The dual degree programs are based on the premise that some topics covered in the Law School are also covered in the programs of the cooperating departments, so that some credit toward the law degree may appropriately be given for specified graduate work taken in the cooperating department. Similarly, the cooperating departments have recognized that some credit toward the master's degree may appropriately be awarded for certain work completed in the Law School.
Continuing Legal Education

The Law School’s Continuing Legal Education Program provides the legal community with the greatest variety of offerings of any law school in the West. The Law School has been approved as a provider of Minimum Continuing Legal Education by the State Bar of California.

The institutes and conferences division presents five annual programs: the Probate and Trust Conference, the Institute on Federal Taxation, the Institute for Corporate Counsel, the Entertainment Law Institute and the Computer Law Institute.

For information on institutes, conferences and classes, contact the Law School's Continuing Legal Education Program office at (213) 740-2582.

Tuition and Fees (Estimated)

Students in the Law School’s professional programs pay tuition of $13,907 per semester (13-17 units); for less than 13 units, the tuition is $1076 per unit, and tuition is an additional $1076 for each unit over 17. The university reserves the right to assess new fees or charges as it may determine. The rates listed are subject to change without notice by action of the Board of Trustees.

These fees are based upon current information available at the time of publication and are subject to possible later change.

In addition to the mandatory fees charged to all USC students, law students must also join the Student Bar Association. In 1999-2000, this membership fee was $12 per semester.

Admission Requirements

First-year students must have a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college by the beginning of their Law School classes. The Law School does not require applicants to take any specific college courses, and discourages pre-law students from enrolling in college courses which duplicate the law school curriculum. The faculty recommends college courses that are intellectually challenging and require disciplined study. Training in careful reading and skilled writing is most valuable, as are courses involving seminar discussion and sustained research. The student will find that a broad exposure to such fields as economics, philosophy, history, political science, anthropology, mathematics, and psychology is more useful than narrow exposure to vocationally oriented courses.

All applicants are required to take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) administered by the Law School Admissions Service. Applicants must take the test no later than December if they seek to start law school the following August.

Like most law schools, the USC Law School requires students to use the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS). The LSDAS assembles an applicant’s transcripts and LSAT scores and forwards copies of them to law schools of the applicant’s choosing. An applicant who has previously registered with the LSDAS need only request on the appropriate form that the name of the University of Southern California Law School be added to the list of schools to which the student is applying. Further information about the LSAT and the LSDAS may be obtained from the Law School Admission Council, Box 2000, Newtown, Pennsylvania 18940.

Detailed information regarding admission application procedures is available from the Dean of Admissions, University of Southern California Law School, University Park, Los Angeles, California 90089-0074 and on the school’s Web site (www.usc.edu/law).

Transfer Students and Visiting Students

A student in good standing at a law school which is a member of the Association of American Law Schools may apply for admission with advanced standing either as a transfer student or as a visiting student. Transfer students enter the USC Law School after one year at another law school; they then spend two years at the Law School and earn the J.D. degree from USC. Visiting students spend one or two semesters at the Law School during their third year of law school; they are not eligible for a USC degree. For further information, please request Transfer/Visitor Information from the Admissions Office at the Law School.

Registration

Details of the registration procedure are handled through the Registrar’s Office of the Law School. Registration information will be mailed to accepted applicants approximately two to three weeks prior to the registration date indicated on the Law School calendar.

Grading and Attendance Policies

Grading

Numerical grades are given in most courses. A grade of 90 is equivalent to highest honors and is very rare; from 85 to 89, high honors; from 80 to 84, honors. Grades from 70 to 79 indicate satisfactory work; grades from 66 to 69 are unsatisfactory; and a 65 is failing. Students receiving a grade of 65 will not be given credit for the course toward graduation. A student who fails a first-year course must repeat the course, but both grades will be included in computing that student’s general average. Other courses may not be repeated except on petition to the associate dean. A student with a weighted cumulative average of less than 70 at the end of any year will not be permitted to continue.

Credit/69/65

After the first year, a student may take up to a total of eight units on an elected CR/69/65 basis, chosen from courses otherwise graded in a normal manner. No more than four such units may be taken in a semester. The student must elect to take a course CR/69/65 during the first two weeks of the semester.

Courses or seminars may, at the instructor’s option, be designated prior to registration as not available for CR/69/65 grading. To earn the J.D., all students (including dual degree students) must complete 35 numerically graded law units at USC after the first year. The associate dean may make exceptions to this rule for students enrolled in Law School honors programs.

Students may also take such courses regularly offered on a CR/69/65 basis, in addition to courses taken under this rule.

Withdrawals from Courses

A student may not withdraw from a course later than two weeks after the first day of classes of any semester without permission of both the associate dean and the instructor.

Attendance

Class attendance is an important part of law school education. It assists both the individual and fellow students in making the most of the educational opportunity offered. Students should, therefore, attend class regularly and participate in the discussion. Professors may require attendance and may take attendance into account in evaluating student performance.
Juris Doctor

The Juris Doctor is the basic law degree. To obtain the degree, a student must satisfactorily complete 88 units, be in full-time attendance for six semesters and attempt all required courses. Several options are available through which students may, with appropriate permission, take courses outside the Law School. Except with special permission, however, each student (including a dual degree student) must successfully complete at least 35 units beyond the first year, in law courses, taken at this law school, and graded in the normal manner (65-90). A law student is expected to devote the major portion of his or her time to law studies; any outside employment must therefore be restricted. In compliance with ABA accreditation standards, first-year students are strongly discouraged from holding part-time jobs, and second and third-year students may not hold outside employment requiring more than 20 hours work per week.

First-year students are required to carry the full load of courses which is prescribed for that year, and second- and third-year students are required to carry between 13 and 17 units each semester, unless special permission to carry a reduced load or enlarged schedule is granted by the Associate Dean. After completion of the first full year of law study, students who have children or who are expecting children may be given permission to carry a reduced load in their subsequent years, but they must complete all requirements for the degree within a reasonable period of time (usually within four years). All students must complete six full-time semesters.

Requirements for degrees, as well as the courses offered, may be changed by the faculty at any time. The associate dean may waive some requirements for individual students.

The First Year

During the first year, the student takes a required curriculum of basic courses that examines fundamental legal institutions and addresses legal problems relevant to today's society and the modern practice of law.

In the fall semester, Law, Language and Ethics introduces students to the function of legal rules and concepts in the organizing of society; Drawing on the learning from a broad variety of fields including epistemology, ethics, semantic analysis, aesthetics, sociology and psychoanalysis, the course examines the underlying structure of legal argument and decision.

Torts I explores the individual's obligation to refrain from harming others and studies the bases for compensating persons who suffer injuries — either by holding responsible whomever is at fault for the harm, or by invoking other principles of liability including the efficiency of resource allocation and spreading of losses.

Procedure introduces students to the issues of what constitutes fair, adequate and efficient procedures in resolving legal disputes. Study focuses on the procedures outlined in Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Contracts studies the law regulating consensual arrangements entered into for commercial purposes. It concerns such questions as what promises do and should the state enforce and what remedies are available when enforceable promises are breached.

In the spring semester, students take Criminal Law, which studies issues relating to the decision, by legislature or court, to designate behavior as a “crime.” Significant attention is given to the moral, psychological and philosophical issues involved in ascribing criminal responsibility.

The Legal Profession examines the functions of the lawyer in modern society, the history and organization of the legal profession as well as lawyers’ conflicting duties. It also looks into the adversary system, equal access to justice and other problems of ethics and professional responsibility.

Constitutional Law considers the delineation of spheres of responsibility between the judiciary and legislature, the nation and the state, and the government and the individual. Property analyzes the development of rules dealing with land, water and other natural resources, frequently from historical and economic perspectives.

All students take a year long course, Introduction to Lawyering Skills. The course is coordinated with other first year courses, and provides students an opportunity to draft pleadings as well as to prepare legal memoranda and briefs. Toward the end of the second semester, each student participates in a moot court argument based on work previously prepared for the course.

The Law School also offers entering students the opportunity to take a one-week intensive course of study in legal research during the summer. This program, called “Accelerated Legal Research” satisfies the fall semester course in Legal Research.

Students study basic sources of the law — case reports, constitutions, statutes and interdisciplinary materials. There is no uniform method of teaching, but Socratic dialogue and class discussion are primarily employed to help the students analyze issues, reasons and arguments. Moreover, Law School faculty have traditionally employed interdisciplinary approaches in analyzing legal problems. First-year classes meet in sections of from 60 to 100 students, about half the class size of many law schools.

The Second and Third Years

Requirements

The upper two years of law study are primarily elective, with only one requirement. Students must satisfy the upper division writing requirement, either by completing a major, faculty-supervised writing project, such as a dissertation, or by taking a course with a substantial writing component. Except for this requirement, the student has discretion in course selection.

Course Offerings

The basic courses that most students elect to take — for example, Business Organizations, Evidence, Taxation, Real Estate Transactions — are offered every year and usually twice a year. Other courses listed are offered once a year or in some cases once every several years. Each year the Law School attempts to provide upper-division students with a wide variety of optional specialized courses. Often these reflect the research interests of the faculty. Some examples in recent years have been Biotechnology and the Law, Law and Aging, Rights of Groups, Competency and Control of the Mentally Ill, a Constitutional Theory Workshop, and a seminar in Securities Fraud Litigation. Because there are specialty courses in nearly every major area of the law, upper-division students are able to concentrate in a particular area, or, if they prefer, pursue a broad, basic legal education.

Clinical Offerings

The upper division curriculum includes a variety of opportunities for clinical legal education. “Clinical” courses are of two kinds. First, clinical refers to courses in which the learning of legal principles occurs through actual work on cases in particular subject matter areas. For example, the law of prisoners’ rights and post-conviction remedies is taught in the Post-conviction Justice Project, a course in which students represent inmates in the Federal Correctional Institution in Los Angeles in state and federal court matters.
This representation is under the direct supervision of full-time Law School faculty members. About 40 students participate each semester, traveling to the prison to meet with their clients one evening each week, attending seminars at the Law School, preparing briefs and papers, negotiating and dealing with prosecutors, prison and court personnel, and making court appearances on behalf of clients. This year, in addition to state courts and federal trial courts, students have appeared and argued in the U.S. Court of Appeals.

The second type of clinical course concentrates on specific lawyering skills taught in a classroom setting through the use of hypothetical case materials, with actors and actresses playing the roles of clients. The best illustration of this form of clinical teaching is the three course sequence of Pretrial, Trial and Appellate Advocacy, which covers the stages in the litigation process suggested by the course titles. In these courses, students actually perform, in a simulated courtroom or law office environment, the multiple tasks required of lawyers. Most work is done in small groups; students are videotaped and intensively reviewed by the instructors. A student can take part or all of this sequence.

The three courses together require the student to do at least the following: client interviewing and counseling, legal research, fact-finding, drafting of legal documents, negotiation with opposing counsel, arguing pretrial motions to a judge, preparing witnesses to testify, selecting a jury, conducting direct and cross-examination, proposing and opposing exhibits and testimonial evidence, arguing to a jury, drafting and arguing an appellate brief.

The Post-Conviction Justice Project and the advocacy courses are not the only clinical courses in the curriculum, but they are useful examples of the variety of clinical teaching. A course in a specific area of law, like the Post-Conviction Justice Project, necessarily requires students to acquire basic courtroom, negotiation and client interviewing skills. The skills-oriented advocacy courses require students to be familiar with substantive areas like evidence, procedure and the law in the area of the hypothetical client’s problems. These two kinds of clinical courses supplement each other, just as substantive knowledge and expert skills do in the practice of law. Considered as a whole, USC’s clinical courses provide the foundation of knowledge and skill necessary to begin the practice of law.

Judicial Externships and Clinical Internships

The clinical opportunities listed above are focused primarily within the Law School. In addition, there are two categories of clinical options for students to pursue outside the Law School in the actual environments of courts and law offices.

The first of these, the judicial externship program, enables students to receive credit for full- or part-time work as a clerk to a judge of the state or federal court. Students are selected by the judges themselves. USC students have served as externs in the California Supreme Court, U.S. Court of Appeals, U.S. District Court, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, California Court of Appeal, Superior Court and Municipal Court. During the externship, each student is supervised by the Assistant Dean and a faculty member.

The second program, the clinical internship option, allows USC law students to work in government agencies, legal services programs or other non-profit organizations under the supervision of practicing attorneys and faculty members. Students earn academic credit while providing representation to actual clients, learning important government processes or participating in large-scale impact litigation. Since the program includes more than 50 pre-approved agencies, students may choose from a wide range of clinical internships.

Individual Research Projects

A wide variety of courses and institutes offers opportunities for upper division students to engage in individual research under faculty supervision and often in conjunction with course offerings, as well as to participate in large research projects. Projects presently underway include the uses of ocean and sea resources, the development and regulation of geothermal energy, sentencing practices in felony cases, the effects of real estate taxation, the delivery of legal service to low and middle income persons, the civil commitment of elderly persons, the relationships between corporate law and actual corporate practices, and theoretical studies in law and economics. Such research projects are financed by grants from the Brookings Institution, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, the National Science Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, the National Institute of Mental Health, and the Energy Research and Development Administration.

Courses Outside the Law School

With the concurrence of the Associate Dean, a student may receive up to 12 units of J.D. credit for courses taken outside the Law School. These courses must be on the graduate level and may only be taken at USC. Taking graduate level courses outside the Law School is an alternative to the dual degree program; a student may not pursue both approaches. With the approval of the associate dean, a student may receive a limited number of J.D. credits for undergraduate language courses taken at USC. For purposes of meeting the 35-graded-units rule, all non-law courses are counted as CR/69/65 units.

A student may, with permission of the associate dean, enroll in and transfer the credit from a law course taken at another school which is a member of the Association of American Law Schools, if the course is equivalent to one included in the Law School curriculum that will not be offered here during the semester the student takes the course. Credit will be granted only for courses graded “C” or better.

Course Selection in the Upper Division

With such a variety of courses available, how do second and third year students go about selecting the program that will be best suited to their individual interests and ambitions?

There are no precise rules or proven methods for selecting second and third year courses. To a large extent, these choices reflect each student’s personal assessment at the end of the first year — strengths and weaknesses, developing intellectual interests and first tentative career plans. For this reason, the combination of courses most desirable for one person will not necessarily be best for anyone else. Students are urged to be wary of the notion that there is a specific, recommended curriculum to follow. But reluctance to impose a model course of study does not mean that no guidance is available, for there are at least four ways of thinking about these choices that, in combination, will help each student choose the best array of courses.

One recommended approach to course selection is to choose courses taught by professors the student admires, without regard to subject matter. For each student there are teachers who are particularly able to create intellectual excitement and whose approach to analysis and teaching strikes a responsive note. Students will benefit as much from exposure to a specific professor’s analytic skills and approach to legal issues as from specific course content.

A second approach is to choose courses that look exciting, without worrying about whether such courses are directly related to the student’s current career plans or to some idea of traditional curriculum. If it appears that a course will be intellectually interesting, will expose students to a new area of the law, or provide needed variety, there is already more than enough reason to enroll. Courses taken because of enthusiasm for either the instructor or the subject matter are often the richest academic experience of law school.
The third way to make decisions about taking courses is to classify them according to clusters that emphasize similar issues or themes and then select from each area. For example, a student interested in ideas about family relationships will find them discussed in different contexts in gifts, wills and trusts, family law and juvenile law. Trial Advocacy and Appellate Advocacy are courses which teach practical litigation skills, relating various performance tasks to the underlying skills of legal writing, advocacy, legal counseling, negotiation and factual analysis. A further example is courses involving close work with statutes, such as labor law, securities, regulations and tax, any of which will provide opportunities to develop important and transferable skills.

Finally, students might think about selection as a way of building a wide substantive expertise in an area of particular interest. For example, the following courses are crucial to one anticipating a substantial wills and estate planning practice: Family Law, Community Property, Taxation Seminar, Estate Planning, Real Estate Transactions, and Gifts, Wills and Trusts. This kind of course planning requires some thought and investigation, since a casual examination might omit such courses as Community Property (which may affect one’s legal ability to transfer property by will), and Real Estate Transactions (since various forms of property ownership may dictate a specific will or create planning considerations).

These approaches to course selection describe only some of the ways in which students might make reasoned choices about their academic programs. Formal and informal academic counseling are available from the associate dean, the assistant deans and other faculty. In addition, students are encouraged to follow the written recommendations available in the online Student Handbook (www.usc.edu/law).

**Dual Degrees**

**Admission**

Students may be accepted for a dual degree program when they are accepted to the Law School, although most students do not apply until sometime in the first year. All programs require that students successfully complete the required first year of law school before beginning work toward the master’s degree. Credit toward the law degree may not be given for graduate work completed prior to the completion of the first year of law school, although some credit toward the master’s degree may be allowed by the faculty of the cooperating department of approved work completed prior to the first year of law school. Students are not eligible for either of their dual degrees until they complete the requirements for both degrees. Except with permission of the associate dean, all students (including dual degree students) must complete at least 35 numerically graded USC law units after the first year.

Following are general descriptions of the dual degree programs. Students interested in further information should consult the Law School Admissions Office.

**Juris Doctor/Master of Arts in Economics**

Students are required to complete 89 units of law and economics course work, four units of which must constitute a thesis acceptable to the faculties of the Law School and the Department of Economics. Before enrolling in economics courses, students must have completed an undergraduate course in probability and statistical inference (e.g., BUAD 310). Students with undergraduate degrees in such disciplines as business, economics, mathematics and psychology will usually have taken such a course as part of their undergraduate program.

**First Year:** Required Law School courses.

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Two Additional Graduate Level Courses in Economics (eight units): ECON 680 Industrial Organization and ECON 681 Economics of Regulated Industries are recommended, but the student is free to choose any graduate level courses other than ECON 590 or 790 in consultation with the program advisor. ECON 401 Mathematical Models in Economics may be substituted for one of these courses, and ECON 417 Statistics for Economics or ECON 414 Introduction to Econometrics may be substituted for the other. (These three courses are applicable toward graduate credit.)

**Four Units of Thesis:** The thesis must be acceptable to both the faculty of the Law School and the faculty of the Department of Economics.

**Thirty-nine Units of Law Courses:** including one course in a subject matter related to economics (including but not necessarily limited to Taxation, International Business Transactions, Natural Resources Law, Antitrust Law I, Antitrust Law II, Regulated Industries, Labor Law, Administrative Process, Taxation of Corporations or Land Use Seminar and Land Finance Seminar). In addition to the LSAT, students interested in this dual degree program are required to take the aptitude and advanced economic portions of the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE).

**Juris Doctor/Master of Science in Gerontology**

The J.D./M.S. dual degree combines the knowledge of the older population with understanding of the legal system. The program prepares graduates for a number of roles in both public and private sector organizations. Students are required to complete 110 units of course work, 74 from the Law School and 36 from the School of Gerontology. The first year is devoted to required law courses, and the second, third and fourth years combine gerontology and law courses.

**Gerontology Requirements**

The Master of Science in Gerontology will require 36 units of course and field work which covers the core content of the M.S. program.

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The Davis School of Gerontology will waive 16 units of electives which are required in the regular M.S. program.

Law School Requirements
The Law School requires 74 units of credit.

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Elective Course Work
The second and third year of law study are primarily elective with one requirement. Students must satisfy the upper division writing requirement, either by completing a major, faculty-supervised writing project such as a dissertation, or by taking a course with a substantial writing component.

The Law School will waive 14 units of electives which are required in the regular J.D. program.

Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration
The Marshall School of Business offers a two-year 63-unit program leading to the Master of Business Administration degree. To obtain the M.B.A., all students must complete a minimum of 48 units of course work.

In addition to the LSAT, applicants to this dual degree program are required to take the Graduate Management Aptitude Test. Requirements for the dual degree program are listed in the Marshall School of Business section of this catalogue on page 107.

Juris Doctor/Master of Business Taxation
The Leventhal School of Accounting offers a specialized 45-unit program in taxation leading to the Master in Business Taxation (M.B.T.). However, up to 15 units of preliminary courses in the M.B.T. program may be waived by the Leventhal School of Accounting in light of previous education or completion of a proficiency examination. The total number of units required may thus vary, but all students are required to complete a minimum of 30 units of business courses and maintain an overall grade point average of 3.0 for these courses. Requirements for this dual degree are listed in the Leventhal School of Accounting section of this catalogue on page 135.

Juris Doctor/Master of Public Administration
Students are required to complete 97 units of course work. Candidates for the dual degree must fulfill the statistics requirement of the M.P.A. degree by previous education, proficiency examination, or completion of PPD 404 Statistics for Policy, Planning, and Development. Requirements for this dual degree program are listed in the School of Policy, Planning, and Development section of this catalogue, page 736.

Juris Doctor/Master of Public Policy
The School of Policy, Planning, and Administration and the Law School offer a dual degree that enables qualified students to earn both a Juris Doctor and a Master of Public Policy in approximately four years of study.

The dual degree allows students to acquire a blend of the analytic skills of public policy and an understanding of legal institutions and processes. This combination of knowledge is well suited for law students who want to affect the policy-making process and craft legislation to aid in the achievement of public policy goals. It is equally appropriate for prospective policy analysts who are interested in law and public policy.

Students must apply to, and be accepted by, both schools. They may be accepted to the dual degree at the time of their acceptance to the Law School or at the beginning of their second year of law school. Dual degree students spend the first year of the program completing the required first year of law school. The remaining units of law school courses and the required 36 units of core M.P.P. courses are taken by students in the second through fourth years.

Students are required to complete 112 units of course work, 76 units in the Law School and 36 units in the School of Policy, Planning, and Administration. The M.P.P. program has a statistics prerequisite that can be satisfied either by passing a proficiency examination or by successfully completing PPD 404 Statistics for Policy, Planning, and Development.

The required M.P.P. courses are PUAD 512 Public Sector Economics, PUAD 527 Public Policy Formulation, PUAD 529 Public Policy Evaluation, PUAD 558 Quantitative Analysis I, PUAD 559 Quantitative Analysis II, PUAD 570 Organizations and Public Policy, PUAD 572 Methods for Policy Analysis, PUAD 589 Policy Analysis Practicum and a management competency course approved by the M.P.P. director.

Juris Doctor/Master of Social Work
Students are required to complete 117 units of course work, 74 units in the Law School and 43 units in the School of Social Work.

First and Second Years: Complete both the first year J.D. program of study and the first year M.S.W. course of study.

Third Year: Complete the second year J.D. program.

Fourth Year: Complete the regular third semester of the M.S.W. program in the fall and the final semester of the J.D. program in the spring.

The Law School gives credit for the third semester in the School of Social Work, while the latter recognizes law courses as substitutions for a one-semester practice course, a special topics course, a third semester of social policy and one semester of field instruction (for which a clinical law semester is substituted).

Juris Doctor/Master of Arts, International Relations
The USC Law School and the School of International Relations jointly offer a three-year program leading to the J.D. and M.A. degrees. (Students may extend the dual degree program to four years.) Applicants must apply to both the Law School and the School of International Relations and meet requirements for admission to both. In addition to the LSAT, students interested in this program are required to take the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE). Law students may apply to the School of International Relations during their first year at the Law School.

In the first year students take their course work in the Law School exclusively. The second and third years include 24 units of courses in international relations and 40 units of law. Students pursuing the dual degree must complete LAW 601, LAW 662ab, or LAW 764 and one additional international law course.

Students pursuing the dual degree must complete 24 units within the School of International Relations at the 500 level or above. These students are required to successfully complete IR 500 International Relations Theory, either IR 513 Social Science and Historical Research Methods: Introduction to Research Design or IR 517 International Policy Analysis, and two domain courses selected from among IR 502 Conflict and Cooperation, IR 509 Culture, Gender, and Global Society, IR 521 Introduction to Foreign Policy Analysis, and IR 541 Politics of the World Economy. Like all other master’s students, students in the
dual degree program must complete a substantive paper or alternative project. The requirements, standards and evaluation procedure for the substantive paper are identical to those listed for all M.A. students except that one member of the examining committee must come from the Law School.

Juris Doctor/Master of Arts in Religion and Social Ethics
Students must complete 20 units in the graduate School of Religion, plus four units of thesis.

First Year: Required Law School curriculum.

Second and Third Years: The student will take any two of the three core courses in the School of Religion and a maximum of three elective courses from Areas I and II. The student may substitute the third core course for an elective course. LAW 508 Constitutional Law or such other law course as the schools agree may be substituted for one of the electives. The student must also complete 36 additional law units.

Juris Doctor/Master of Arts in Communication Management
Students must complete 20 units (five courses) of communication courses at USC’s Annenberg School for Communication. Two of the courses must be from Annenberg’s core courses; the remaining three may be from either core or elective offerings.

First Year: Required Law School courses.

Second and Third Years: 20 units of communications courses; 38 units of law courses, of which eight units must be approved as appropriate for acceptance by the Annenberg School for Communication toward its degree.

A comprehensive exam is required of all students in the third year. Admission by the Law School to its J.D. degree will be evaluated as a substitute for GRE scores.

Juris Doctor/Master of Real Estate Development
The Juris Doctor/Master of Real Estate Development dual degree program provides the opportunity for in-depth study of legal issues and real estate development. The increasingly regulatory environment developers work within demands that professionals in the real estate industry have a strong understanding of the legal system. Lawyers who plan to specialize in real estate law will benefit from a thorough understanding of the development process, including financial, planning, marketing and design issues. Application must be made to both the Law School and the School of Policy, Planning, and Development. This program normally requires three years (including one summer) of full-time study in residence to complete.

Students must have use of an approved laptop computer as required by instructors and must demonstrate calculator and spreadsheet skills; a calculator and/or spreadsheet class is offered online via the Internet. Students must pass this course or a diagnostic examination prior to the start of classes in July.

Requirements for completion of the dual degree program are 110 units, including 76 units in law and 34 units in planning.

Juris Doctor/Master of Arts, Philosophy
Students must complete 24 units in the School of Philosophy and 66 units in the Law School.

First Year: Required Law School curriculum.

Second and Third Years: The School of Philosophy prefers that students take at least one philosophy course each semester. During the four semesters, students must take at least 16 units at the 500-level, including PHIL 450 Intermediate Symbolic Logic and 500 Introduction to Contemporary Philosophical Literature; one 400- or 500-level course in ethics or social/political philosophy or aesthetics or philosophy of law; one 400- or 500-level course in metaphysics or epistemology or philosophy of language or philosophy of science or philosophy of mind; one 400- or 500-level course in the history of ancient or early modern philosophy; passage of the second year review which shall include a research paper based on a completed seminar paper and completion of a publishable research paper. Students must also complete 36 additional law units.

Juris Doctor/Master of Arts, Political Science
The Department of Political Science and the Law School jointly offer a dual degree program leading to the J.D. and M.A. degrees. Applicants must apply to both the Department of Political Science and the Law School and meet the requirements for admission to both. In addition to the LSAT, students interested in this program are required to take the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE).

In the first year students take their coursework in the Law School exclusively. The second and third years include 24 units in political science and 40 units of law.

Like all other students in the political science M.A. program, students pursuing the dual degree must pass a master’s screening examination in their field of choice. If they wish to write a master’s thesis, they may do so in lieu of two courses.

Juris Doctor/Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science
The Department of Political Science and the Law School jointly offer a dual degree program leading to the J.D. and Ph.D. degrees. Applicants must apply to both the Department of Political Science and the Law School and meet requirements for admission to both. In addition to the LSAT, students interested in this program are required to take the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE).
In the first year students take their course work in the Law School exclusively. The second and third years include 40 units of courses in political science and 40 units of law. Students must take two methodology courses, POSC 500 Methods of Political Science and POSC 600 Seminar in Advanced Research Methods, and three core courses to be selected from: POSC 510, 512, 520, 530 and 540.

To obtain a Ph.D. in political science, students must pass the master’s screening examination in one field. After the completion of additional course work, students must take a Ph.D. qualifying examination in three fields. If they have written a major research paper of publishable quality, they may submit that in lieu of an examination in the field in which they were tested at the master’s screening examination. The final requirement, following successful completion of the qualifying examination, is a doctoral dissertation.

Other Graduate Courses

Students interested in combining an expertise in another discipline with the law degree may arrange individually to take approved graduate courses for limited credit toward the law degree.

Students may receive up to 12 units for graduate work taken outside the Law School with the prior permission of the Administrative Board. These units may be concentrated in a single appropriate discipline; they may not, however, be applied to another graduate degree in progress unless it is a part of an approved dual degree program.

Courses of Instruction

**LAW (LAW)**

The terms indicated are expected but are not guaranteed. For the courses offered during any given term, consult the Schedule of Classes.

**200x Law and Society (4)** Sources and structure of law; history of Bill of Rights emphasizing effect on criminal justice system; limits of law in solving problems in American society. Not available for major credit to law students.

**201x Law and Politics: Electing a President (4)** Examination of the rules and realities of American politics, and the role politics plays in American life and culture. Not available for major credit to law students.

**202 Mental Health Law (4, Sp)** Issues at the intersection of law and psychology, both civil — e.g., civil commitment — and criminal — e.g., the insanity defense. Emphasis on ethical issues.

**343 Courts and Society (4, Fa)** A focus on the judiciary as an institution and its role in American society.

**444 Civil and Political Rights and Liberties (4)** (Enroll in POSC 444)

**502 Procedure I (4)** Consideration of the participants in litigation — private and public plaintiffs, defendants, and courts. Information exchange, process, outcomes, and costs of law suits.

**503 Contracts (4, Fa)** The interpretation and enforcement of promises and agreements.

**504 Criminal Law (3)** The crime problem and the legislative response to it through substantive criminal law; administration of criminal justice through police, prosecutorial, sentencing, and penological discretion.

**505 Legal Profession (3, Sp)** Functions of the lawyer in modern society; history and organization of the legal profession; the adversary system; equal access to justice; other problems of ethics and professional responsibility.

**507 Property (4)** The idea of property as understood through economic and philosophical concepts. Rights in land, water and other natural resources. Forms of shared ownership (e.g., landlord and tenant), and a survey of mechanisms for controlling land use.

**508 Constitutional Law I (4)** The function of the American Constitution; allocation of authority among branches of the national government; division of authority between the nation and the state; limitations of government control of the individual. The process of constitutional interpretation and the role of the United States Supreme Court.

**509 Torts I (4)** Individual’s obligation not to harm others; bases for compensating persons who are harmed, either by holding responsible whoever is at fault or by invoking other principles of liability, including the efficiency of resource allocation and the spreading of losses.

**510 Legal Research (0)** Examination of the basic sources of law for federal and California jurisdictions; utilizing a vast array of sources from books to computer-assisted research and analyzes research methodology and techniques.

**511ab Introduction to Lawyering Skills (1-4; 1-4)** Two-semester course focuses on developing analytic and communication skills. Lawyers will analyze legal principles and incisively apply them to facts.

**512 Law, Language, and Ethics (3)** Law as the mind’s attempt to define, direct, and administer human experience. Examination of theories of knowledge, language, meaning, mental process, social organization, personal responsibility and freedom which underlie legal thought and judicial decision-making.

**517 Introduction to Criminal Procedure (2)** Issues of conscience, fact, and law in the legal process of investigating crimes, making arrests, and processing criminal offenders.

**568 The Rights of Groups (4)** (Enroll in REL 568)

**600 Taxation (3 or 4)** Federal tax statutes, technical issues and social problems involved in tax planning, tax litigation, and reform of the tax laws.

**601 Taxation of Foreign Persons and Foreign Income (2 or 3)** Application of United States tax laws to transactions which cross national borders; comparison of U.S. and foreign tax policies concerning concepts of residence for tax purposes, source rules, the “effectively connected” concept, the foreign tax credit, tax status of foreign subsidiaries and affiliates of United States persons and the effect of tax treaties.

**602 Criminal Procedure (3)** Criminal procedure in the courts, and the regulation of law enforcement by the courts through rules of evidence and interpretation of the Bill of Rights.

**603 Business Organizations (3 or 4)** Organization of economic activity — especially the modern corporation — as institutions of social power. The roles of managers, owners, and public regulatory agencies in shaping processes of decision-making.
605 Real Estate Transactions (4 or 5) The land transfer process: arrangements between buyers and sellers, brokers, escrows, recorders, title companies. Real estate financing through mortgages and other land security devices.

606 Land Use Controls (3 or 4) The regulation of land development through planning, zoning, subdivision controls and private devices. Mechanisms for coordinating regional development and financing new urban infrastructure.

607 Gifts, Wills, and Trusts (3 or 4) Gratu- itous transfer of wealth, especially the trans- mission of wealth from one generation to the next as a settlement of family affairs. Comparative analysis of the legal mechanisms of gifts, wills, and trusts. Introduction to prob- lems of fiduciary administration.

608 Evidence (3 or 4) The purpose and char- acter of trial. Problems of adversary presenta- tion and the nature of proof. The basis for admission and exclusion of evidence in judi- cial proceedings.

609 Torts II (2 or 3) Remedies of the law for injuries to an individual’s personal integrity or to his reasonable economic expectations, including the torts of misrepresentation, defamation, and assault.

610 Advanced Civil Procedure (2-4, Sp) This course will look at juries and judges as deci- sion-makers during trials. As background, we will examine the constitutional rights to a civil and criminal jury trial, and then focus on such features of the jury as voir dire, perempt- ory challenges, instructions, deliberations and differences in perceptions. The scope of jury authority, including jury nullification, as well as various models for the proper role of the jury in our society.

611 Banking Law (1-4) Law and regulation of banks and other financial institutions. Focus on federal and California banking law.

612 Agency Reading Course (2 or 3) The law concerning the agency relationship, so-called, in which one person, the agent, agrees to rep- resent or act for another, the principal; the principal, by virtue of this agreement, is legally responsible in certain respects for what the agent does. No formal classroom attendance required; the student undertakes directed reading and takes a final examination.

613 Advanced Legal Research (2-4) This course will build upon basic research skills and expose the student to printed and online sources utilized by researchers in several spe- cialized areas of law.

614 Accounting for Lawyers (2) The lawyer’s skills needed to understand the financial affairs of a business client.

615 Election Law (1-4) Consideration of legal regulation of the right to vote and otherwise to participate in the electoral process.

616 Advanced Torts: Products Liability (2-4) Exploration of products liability law with special attention to its historical genesis and nor- mative justification.

617 The History of American Legal Theory (2 or 3) Historical development of the con- temporary American legal system; examina- tion of the relation of law to main currents in political, social and economic thought.

619 Employment Law (2-4) Examination of the evolving role of work in our society and the nature and scope of legal regulation of the employment relationship.

621 Gender Discrimination (1-4) Analysis of the constitutional and statutory debates about the meaning of equality, and the recognition and accommodation of difference.

623 The Family and the Law (3 or 4) Creat- ing, regulating and dissolving family relation- ships. Explore moral and power relations among men, women, children and the state. Develop skills to help clients in families.

625 Legal and Equitable Remedies (3 or 4) Comparison of the remedial goals of con- tracts, torts, and property and the impact of procedural devices in law and equity. Dam- ages, injunctions, specific performance and restitution. Remedial theory and transactional application.

627 Mental Health Law and Criminal Justice Systems (2-4) Examination of the issues at the intersection of the mental health and criminal justice system. Topics discussed will include the insanity defense, disposition of insanity acquittes, competency to stand trial and competency to be executed.

629 Real Estate Finance (2-4) A survey of the major types of financing used for real estate and the basic techniques used to make real estate investment and financing decisions.

630 Uses of Social Science Evidence (2-4) Consideration of both practical and normative issues that arise when lawyers and courts use social science evidence. A systematical review of the variety of methods that are used to generate social science evidence.

631 Feminist Legal Theory (1-4) The first half of the course will survey major argu- ments and key writings of feminist legal the- ory. The second half, seminar participation, will organize discussions that focus on signifi- cant legal decisions to investigate the fit and helpfulness of the various theoretical approaches.

632 What Lawyers Should Know About Business (2-4) This course introduces law students to the tools, concepts, and language of business. It is premised on the belief that to excel as a business lawyer, one must understand the business world from the per- spective of the clients one counsels and assists. The course will cover, in compressed form, the basic subjects from the M.B.A. pro- gram which are most useful to lawyers.

633 Law and Economics (4, Sp) Employs economic reasoning to explain and provide a normative basis for the analysis of property, contract, tort and criminal law and the legal process. Prerequisite: ECON 500, ECON 505.

634 Advanced Torts: Modern Accident Law (2-4) This course will focus primarily on product liability law, with some attention to mass torts, including environmental and toxic torts, and no-fault accident schemes. Moral and economic justifications for, and criticisms of legal rules in these areas will be empha- sized along with the study of formal legal doctrine.

635 Alternative Dispute Resolution (1-4) An introduction to the variety of Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms now in use. Opportunities to observe, critique and partici- pate in actual or simulated dispute resolution proceedings, and to meet with dispute reso- lution practitioners from the L.A. area will be included.

636 Labor Law (3 or 4) The interrelation of labor, business, and government in collective bargaining, federal regulation of union and management practices and pressures, espe- cially through the ‘Taft-Hartley Act.

637 International Trade Policy (1-4) Exam- ination of the institutions and laws that regulate international economic relations. Stu- dents will be introduced to the major interna- tional agreements and national laws that reg- ulate international trade goods, services and capital.

638 Negotiations (2-4) This course is designed to improve students’ negotiating skills through the study of modern negotia- tion theory and by the application of that the- ory in a variety of in-class and out-of-class exercises and simulated negotiations.
639 Law and Literature Pilot (1-4) Exploration of the meaning of basic sociolegal institutions through the double lens of literature and law. Focus will be on institutions associated with the rise of market, including private property, contract, notions of profit and interest and the role of lawyers, litigation and legal forms.

640 Legal Conceptions of Maternity and Paternity (1-4) Exploration of the legal definition of a parent. Who is a parent, according to the law (rather than, what rights does a parent have), will be the fundamental question.

641 Commercial Law (2 or 4) Commercial transactions involving secured financing (other than land). Government regulation of such sales and borrowing through Article 9 of the Uniform Consumer Credit Code and other recent legislation.

642 Secured Transactions (2-4) This is a course on Chattel paper and secured transactions involving personal property under Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code and some related bodies of law.

643 Securities Fraud (2-4, FaSp) Examination of the laws governing fraud in securities markets. Focus on several sections of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 including fraudulent statements and insider trading, fraud in the takeover context, fraud in proxy contests, and controlling personal liability.

644 Corporate Tax (2 or 4, FaSp) Tax principles and practice applicable to business, especially problems of formation, liquidation, and reorganization.

647 Bankruptcy: Debtors and Creditors I (2 or 3) Bankruptcy of the poor, imprudent and unlucky, and of unsuccessful businesses. The mechanisms of our law for distributing the debtor’s property and discharging his obligations.

649 Insurance (2 or 3) The pooling of risks and distributing of losses. Actuarial foundation and contract problems of insurance.

650 Entertainment Law (2-4, Sp) An examination of how the courts are handling selected, “cutting edge” topics in entertainment law. The topics will include the scope of and limitations on the right of publicity; fair use and parody defenses to copyright infringement; future technology clauses in rights contracts; and copyright and defamation issues arising in the online world. Previous entertainment law courses recommended, but not required.

655 Environmental Law (2-4) Focus on environmental law policy and practice. This course is a combination of regulatory and private law, with a special emphasis on disputes and regulations involving contamination in soil, water and air.

656 International Organization (1-4) A study of the work of both legal and international relations scholars. A brief introduction to the nature and recent history of international organizations; understanding of formal structures and rules; and consideration of legal and nonlegal norms that apply in the international community.

657 International Protection of Intellectual Property (1-4) The laws concerning how to enforce and exploit rights protecting media creations, marketing symbols, computer programs, new technologies, designs, know-how, and data across national borders.

658 Merger and Acquisitions (1-4) Problems of integrating the corporate, securities, tax, business, antitrust, accounting and contractual aspects of corporate mergers and acquisitions.

660 Trademark (1-4) A rigorous introduction to a law of trademarks. A trademark can be any word, symbol, design, sound, fragrance or product configuration that is used to distinguish the goods or services of one person from those of another, and to indicate the origin of the goods or services.

662ab Public International Law (3-4) Principles of international law involving relations among governments. The function of international tribunals and organizations.

665 Environmental Law (2-4) Focus on environmental law policy and practice. This course is a combination of regulatory and private law, with a special emphasis on disputes and regulations involving contamination in soil, water and air.

668 Moot Court Participation (2) Preparation of briefs and presentation of oral arguments in the Hale Moot Court honors competition. Graded CR/NC.

669 Moot Court Supervision (2) Evaluation and supervision of the preparation of briefs and oral arguments in the Hale Moot Court honors competition. Graded CR/NC.

670 Advanced Moot Court Oral Arguments (1-3, Sp) Preparation of oral arguments in approved moot court competitions, such as national and state prize rounds (other than Hale Moot Court Program).

671 Advanced Moot Court Briefs (1-3, Sp) Preparation of briefs in approved moot court competitions, such as national and state prize rounds (other than Hale Moot Court Program).

672 Jessup Moot Court (1-3, Sp) Students participate in a competition by writing a brief and arguing orally the issues in a problem that is the basis for the 1996 Jessup International Moot Court Competition. Participation is by faculty selection only.

676 Mental Health Law (1-4) Examination of issues in which psychiatry is relevant to the law. Subjects to be studied include standards of competency, the right to refuse treatment, civil commitment, and the insanity defense.

677 Quantitative Methods in the Law (2-4, FaSp) Introduces students to basic principles of descriptive and inferential statistics, probability, and valuation.

678ab Review of Law and Women’s Studies Staff (1-4) Writing, source-checking, and preliminary editing of articles and comments for publication in the Review of Law and Women’s Studies. For second year students serving as staff members on the Review.

679ab Review of Law and Women’s Studies Writing (1-4) Writing, source-checking, and preliminary editing of articles and comments for publication in the Review of Law and Women’s Studies. For second year students serving as staff members on the Review.

680ab Review of Law and Women’s Studies Editing (1-4) Supervision of research and writing, and final editing of articles and comments for publication in the Review of Law and Women’s Studies. For officers of the Review.

684 Appellate Advocacy (2-4) The primary focus will be on California Civil appeals and Writs. By the end of the course, the students will have prepared a writ petition and supporting papers and will have argued an appeal (brief supplied by instructor) in a moot-court type of setting.

691 Professional Responsibility Lecture and Reading Course (1-4) This combined lecture/reading course will begin with four classroom sessions of two hours each, focusing upon the rules governing the ethical practice of law. The remainder of the course will consist of assigned readings in the field of lawyer’s ethics and professional responsibility.

695 Water Law (2-4, FaSp) A review of the basic principles of western water law, including riparian, appropriative and percolating water rights and the public trust doctrine.

696 Transplantation and the Law (2-4, FaSp) This seminar will cover legal, ethical and economic considerations in transplantation of natural and artificial organs and parts.
697 Foreign Relations and National Security Law (2-4, FaSp) Examination of the statutory, constitutional, and international legal structures that form the base of American diplomacy.

698 Collective Security: Multilateral Response Mechanisms and International Conflict (2-4, FaSp) Examination of the international institutions and legal norms applicable to the use of force.

700 Health Care Regulations (1-4) Regulation of the medical profession; the physician-patient relationship; professional and institutional liability; health care institutions and delivery systems; quality control; access to health care services and problems of distribution and rationing; cost control, including government and private health care programs; patient rights; antitrust.

703ab Children's Legal Issues (1-4; 1-4) Students will work on cases in the following areas: (1) Dependent and neglected children: All children who are wards of the court must have legal counsel. (2) Children with AIDS: Legal implications of such issues as health care and custody. (3) Guardianships or other temporary arrangements for children whose parents are terminally ill or are otherwise unable to care for them.

704 Poverty Law (2-4, FaSp) An introduction to the problem of poverty in the United States and to the response of government and the legal system to the problems of the poor.

705 Community Property (1 or 3) The law of community property, including disposition of property on dissolution of the marriage and questions of conflict of laws. May be offered as a reading course.

706 Conflict of Laws: The Federal System I (2-4) The problem of interstate and intercountry private-dispute resolution: a: who has jurisdiction to make an externally enforceable decision (procedural due process and full faith and credit); b: whose law should be applied (choice of law and full faith and credit); c: the special role of the federal courts, including federal-state choice of law in diversity cases.

707 Construction Law (2-4, FaSp) This course is designed to provide an overview of the real estate development field with a strong emphasis on the construction process. This is a course in law, not in engineering or urban development.

708 Contemporary Problems in Law and Ethics (2-4, FaSp) This seminar will address abortion, the right to die, and affirmative action or preferential treatment. The course will examine these problems from both an ethical and legal perspective.

709 Contract Drafting and Negotiation (2-4, FaSp) Contract Drafting and Negotiation will teach students the mechanics of drafting and negotiating sophisticated contracts from a variety of legal disciplines including entertainment law, real estate law and general corporate law.

710 Corporate Crime Liability Seminar (2-4, FaSp) An examination of corporate and civil liability and director or officer liability. Focus on issues of general concern to corporations and managers contemplating potential liability.

711 Access to Justice Seminar (2-3, FaSp) Tracks the work being performed by the California Access to Justice Commission. This seminar will provide an introduction to the history of legal services.

712 Medicine and Law (2 or 3) The adversary system as a setting for medical-legal issues; examination of the medical expert, malpractice suits, physician-patient privilege. Medical terminology, medical literature, and hospital and physician records. Problems of proving causation.

713 International Human Rights (2-4, FaSp) This course will address the international law and institutions which have developed since World War II for the protection of human rights.

714 Maritime Law (2-4, FaSp) An examination of current maritime law including maritime contracts, injuries to and rights of maritime workers, peculiar maritime lien rights, and admiralty procedures and litigation, with an excursion into marine pollution and government regulation.

715 Mediation and Dispute Resolution (2-4, FaSp) Mediation is an alternative to litigation, that shades off into arbitration in one direction and into negotiation in the other. This seminar will emphasize the lawyering skills useful in these processes for alternative dispute resolution.

716 Race, Gender and the Law (2-4, FaSp) This course will investigate race and gender in the law in two senses: the experience of women and people of color as they have encountered legal institutions and processes; and the role of law in constructing racial and gender identities—defining the very meaning of race and gender in American culture.

717 Estate Planning (3, FaSp) Legal and tax considerations important to the lawyer advising his client on the transmission of wealth from one generation to the next.
729 Enterprise Liability Seminar (2-4, FaSp) Examines the postulates and unexamined assumptions of tort law in greater depth than is usually possible in a conventional first-year torts course.

730 Immigrants and the Constitution (2-4, FaSp) A focus on the constitutional rights of noncitizens. The course will explore the role of immigrants and immigration in American history.

731 Gender, Crime and Justice Seminar (2-4, FaSp) Analyzes various criminal justice issues with a focus on the questions of how gender may shape and inform those issues.


733 Corporate Reorganization (2) Reorganization of failing corporations under Chapter XI of the Bankruptcy Act. Claims, protective committees, plans, tax considerations.

734 Local Government Law (3 or 4) Study and evaluation of the municipal and regional legal institutions. Emphasis on the crises in financing and governing the urban society.

735 Business Legal Advice Clinic (2-4, FaSp) The focus of this clinic will be providing legal advice to business clients in the area of employment law.

736 Advanced Civil Procedure: Juries, Judges and Trials (2-4, FaSp) Looks at juries and judges as decision-makers, but will focus primarily on the jury.

738 Civil Rights Litigation (2-4, FaSp) An examination of issues of class action and other impact civil rights litigation with an emphasis on federal court practice.

739 Role of Taxes in Business Decisions (2-4, FaSp) The objective of this seminar is to learn how taxes affect business decisions. This seminar teaches the conceptual framework for recognizing tax planning opportunities and applying basic principles of tax strategy.

741 Sentencing Law, Practice and Policy (2-4, FaSp) This seminar will explore the law, purposes and practices of sentencing. Students will study and compare the different systems of sentencing and the procedures by which sentences are imposed. Students may also examine some actual pending criminal cases.

746 International Law Seminar (2-4, FaSp) An exploration of contemporary reports and some of the recent and historical legal literature in relevant areas.

747 Constitutional Law in the 20th Century (2-4, FaSp) An examination of the impact of historical events, world wars, cold war and civil rights and understanding the role of the Constitution in American life.

748 Topics in Constitutional Law and Religious Ethics (2-4, FaSp) This seminar will discuss religious views about the meaning and nature of human existence and address contested contemporary issues of constitutional law.

749 Securities Regulation (2-4, Sp) Regulation by state and federal agencies of issuance of, and trading in, stocks, bonds, and other securities. Particular reference to SEC regulations.

750 Securities Regulation II (2-4, Sp) This course will focus on insider trading, public disclosure obligations, proxy and tender offer regulations, SEC enforcement and private actions arising from the liability provisions of the securities laws.

751 Sexual Orientation and the Law (2-4, FaSp) Explores the ways in which American law has responded to the diversity that exists within human sexual orientation.

753 Antitrust Law I (3 or 4) Laws designed to preserve and promote business competition, with heavy emphasis on the federal antitrust laws.

757 Regulated Industries (2 or 4) Conduct of industries regulated by administrative agencies studied in terms of economic and political theory. The role of the market and restraints on the market as strategies for achieving social goals. The practical and theoretical implications of attempts at implementation.

758 Identity Categories (2-4, FaSp) Drawing on feminist legal theory, critical race theory, and lesbian/gay/bisexual and queer theory, this seminar will explore the treatment of identity categories in United States law.

759 Japanese Law (2-4, FaSp) A study of the legal system in Japan and such aspects as the difference in legal consciousness between Americans and Japanese.

760ab Interdisciplinary Law Journal Staff (1-1 or 2, FaSp) Source-checking and preliminary editing of articles and comments for publication in the Interdisciplinary Law Journal. For third year students serving as staff members on the Journal. Graded IP/CR/NC.

761ab Interdisciplinary Law Journal Writing (1-1 or 2, FaSp) Writing of an article for the Interdisciplinary Law Journal. For second year students serving as staff members on the Journal. Graded IP to numeric.

762ab Interdisciplinary Law Journal Editing (3-3, FaSp) Supervision and final editing of articles and comments for publication in the Interdisciplinary Law Journal. Graded IP/CR/NC.

763 Federal Courts: The Federal System II (3-5) Problems of adjudication in a federal system. Allocation of authority between federal and state courts and among Congress, the Executive and the Courts; choice of federal and state law; jurisdiction of federal courts and significant rules of practice.

764 International Business Transactions (3 or 4) Survey of legal aspects of international trade and investment transactions, including tax considerations.

767ab Law Review Staff I (1-1 or 2) Writing, source-checking, and preliminary editing of articles and comments for publication in the Southern California Law Review. For second year students serving as staff members on the Review. Graded IP/CR/NC.

768ab Law Review Writing (1-1 or 2) Writing, source-checking and preliminary editing of articles and comments for publication in the Southern California Law Review. For second year students serving as staff members on the Review, a semester graded IP.

769ab Law Review Editing (3-3) Supervision of research and writing, and final editing of articles and comments for publication in the Southern California Law Review. For officers of the Review. Graded CR/NC.

770 The Political Economy of Technology Policy (2-4, FaSp) Attempts to evaluate, from an economic perspective, and understand, from a political economy perspective, current federal policies that are designed to promote commercial innovation.

772 Intellectual Property (2 or 3) The protection of intellectual property and encouragement of creativity. Explores copyright, trademarks, patents, and selected state law theories.
774 Rights of Groups Seminar (2 or 3, FaSp)
Explores the place of groups (such as racial and ethnic groups, labor unions, family, neighborhood, class and religious groups) in the legal order governed and protected by the Constitution. Asks whether groups have rights comparable in stature to the rights of persons, and, if they do, how conflicts between the group rights and individual rights should be adjudicated.

775 Immigration Law (2 or 5)
The development of immigration law to its present state.

777 Administrative Process (1-3)
Legal principles subject to judicial control and the alternative ways in which agencies can be organized to serve their purposes.

778 Sales (2-4, FaSp)
Analysis of the buying and selling of goods both in domestic and international transactions with a heavy focus on Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

779 Chinese Law (2-4, FaSp)
An introduction to the laws of the People’s Republic of China covering traditional and contemporary legal institutions in China, civil and criminal laws, intellectual property laws, legal professions, contract and dispute resolution.

780 The Role of the Lawyer: Professional Responsibility (2 or 3)
Alternate career patterns; functions of the lawyer in modern society; history and organization of the legal profession; conflicting duties; the adversary system; equal access to justice; other problems of ethics and professional responsibility.

781 Clinical Internship/Internship I (1-10, FaSp)
A clinical internship or judicial externship allows a student to gain hands-on legal experience in legal settings. Students will be assigned to a legal services program, government agency, state or federal judges, under faculty supervision. Graded CR/NC.

782 Clinical Internship/Internship II (1-10, FaSp)
Advanced clinical training/internship. Graded CR/NC.

787 Judicial Law Clerk Internship (2-6 or 10)
Experience in the role of law clerk to a court. Students will be assigned to state and federal judges to do legal research and other related duties. Graded CR/NC. Students are required to enroll concurrently in a dissertation course. 

788 Clinical Internship/Judicial Externship Dissertation (1-4, FaSp)
Students may register for 1-4 units of judicial externship dissertation to engage in supervised research and writing in connection with a clinical internship/judicial externship assignment. Any full-time faculty may supervise students upon agreement.

789 Dissertation (1 or 4)
Students should register for 2 to 4 units of dissertation to engage in supervised research and writing which is expected to result in a paper of publishable quality. Any regular, full-time member of the faculty (including full-time visitors) may supervise students in this course upon agreement by the faculty member and the student. Other persons who teach in the J.D. program may supervise dissertation only upon approval of the Board of Review. A one unit registration for dissertation will be available only where the unit is to be added to the course where a paper is already required, in recognition that the student’s paper will require substantially more work than that expected of other students in the course.

792 Legal Philosophy (2 or 3)
Advanced study of selected schools of jurisprudential thought.

797 Jurisprudence Seminar (2 or 3)
Investigation of selected jurisprudential problems.

808 Pretrial Advocacy (3 or 4)
Examines conceptual and practical aspects of interviewing, counseling, negotiation, settlement, drafting, and formal advocacy in the handling of legal cases.

821 Trial Advocacy (3 or 4, FaSp)
Examines decision-making by counsel in the litigation of cases. Emphasis is given to decisions involving tactics and strategies and their implications for the functioning of legal institutions and substantive doctrine. Extensive use of simulated trial practice exercises.

822 Legislation (2-3, Fa)
The legislative process in Congress and state legislatures; legislative and judicial law making; statutory interpretation and drafting, and judicial activism and restraint.

837 Legal Aspects of Motion Picture Production (2)
Seminar in business and legal issues arising in motion picture production. Class represents hypothetical production company; renders legal advice from acquisition of rights through production.

839 Copyright: Introduction to Entertainment Law (2 or 4)
Basic entertainment law course: study of federal copyright law, analysis of property rights and interests created thereunder. Manner in which these rights can be exploited in the various entertainment media. Study of specific segments of the entertainment industry (motion picture, sports, etc.) is undertaken in separate courses.

840 Regulation of Broadcasting (2)
Legal problems in radio and television broadcasting. Regulation by the Federal Communications Commission and state statutes. Tort liabilities; contract problems; advertising.

842 Partnership Taxation (2-4)

855 Maritime Pollution (2-4, FaSp)
Covers maritime law as it applies to environmental pollution: the history and jurisdictional bases, the various state and federal statutory approaches, and the international legal regime.

857 Employee Benefits (2-4, FaSp)
This course will examine the law governing employer-provided benefits to workers.

859 Regulation of Telecommunications (2-4, FaSp)
Concentration on the regulation of broadcast television, cable television, telephone, and spectrum management.

861 Criminal Justice Seminar (2 or 3)
Investigation of selected problems of international law.

862 Transnational Litigation: The U.S. and Japan (2 or 3)
Japanese legal philosophies and Japanese attitudes toward law and the legal system. Survey and discussion of related cultural foundations.

868 Business Enterprise Taxation (2-4, FaSp)
Examination of the taxation of corporations, partnerships, and limited liability companies.

870 Lawyering Skills Instructorship (1-4, max 4)
Assist in teaching Introduction to Lawyering Techniques course. Responsibilities include drafting and grading writing and analysis assignments; teaching one small section of first year students, and designing first year Moot Court program. Graded CR/NC.
871 Constitutional Law II (2 or 4) The First Amendment, freedom of expression (political speech, symbolic expression, obscenity, commercial speech, defamation), rights of access to the media of expression. The protection of religion and the prohibition of the establishment of religion.

885 Legal Rights in a Multicultural Democracy (2-4, FaSp) This seminar will explore current controversies over "multiculturalism" through the lens of the law.

890ab Directed Research (1-4) Directed Research may be taken only with the approval of the Administrative Board. This course is intended for substantial independent research and study that does not result in a paper of publishable quality. It includes, but is not limited to, preparation of research memoranda for faculty research projects, empirical research for such projects, and supervised independent study. Directed research is to be supervised by a regular, full-time faculty member (including full-time visiting faculty). Students may take a maximum of 4 units of Directed Research during their educational experience at the Law School.

892 Post-conviction Justice Seminar (1-5, FaSp) Weekly seminar examines the substantive rights of federal prisoners with respect to parole, sentencing, validity of conviction and conditions of confinement and the procedural mechanisms by which to enforce those rights. Under faculty supervision, students will provide legal assistance to federal inmates in administrative and judicial proceedings.

893 Advanced Clinical Training (1-5, FaSp) This course is for students who previously enrolled in the Post-Conviction Justice Seminar and Clinical Internship during both semesters of their second year, and who wish to continue their clinical training.

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