

Advanced Topics in Law Courses, Advanced Topics in Law Seminars, and Law Policy and Social Justice Seminar Offerings for Spring 2024

Advanced Topics in Law courses and seminars and Law, Policy, and Social Justice seminars cover topics of current interest not covered by the College of Law's standard curricular offerings. The subject matter of these courses and seminars varies each semester.

The College is pleased to offer several interesting topics under the *Advanced Topics* and *Law, Policy, and Social Justice* banners in Spring 2024. Descriptions are provided below. If you would like more information, please feel free to reach out to the professors teaching these courses and seminars or to Associate Dean Cooper. For Judge Kidd, please check first with Associate Dean Cooper.

Courses

LAW 6932 Advanced Topics in Law A: Federal Practice Workshop

LAW 6932-6175-301

Adjunct Professor Embry J. Kidd, United States Magistrate Judge, Middle District of Florida

Wednesdays 3:45 pm-5:45 pm

2 credits

This is a course on civil and criminal practice in the federal courts. We will discuss, chronologically, the major stages of civil and criminal cases. Students will have an opportunity to observe civil and criminal hearings and will become familiar with many of the recurring issues that arise during litigation. We will also discuss ethical considerations facing civil litigators, prosecutors, and criminal defense attorneys.

LAW 6933 Advanced Topics in Law B (section 301): Land Use Planning

LAW 6933-7457-301

Professor Kara Consalo

Mondays and Wednesdays 1:15 pm – 2:45 pm

3 credits

This course is a study of significant legal concepts in land use law, including its legal foundations in federal and state constitutional provisions, state statutory foundations, common law, and local government powers of planning, zoning, and building regulation. Study will include the interplay of private property rights and government control, the role of the local community in land use decision-making, the effect of land use laws on our quality of life and the environment. Florida laws and Florida-specific land use issues will be studied in depth. Legal concepts learned in property law and constitutional law will be reinforced.

LAW 6933 Advanced Topics in Law B (section 302): Human Trafficking Workshop

LAW 6933-7459-302

Professor Lundy Langston

Wednesdays 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

3 credits

Course description is forthcoming.

LAW 6935 Advanced Topics in Law C: Amicus Brief Writing/Advanced Appellate Advocacy

LAW 6935-7458-301

Professor Patricia Broussard

Thursdays 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

2 credits

The Amicus Briefing Writing /Advanced Appellate Advocacy course is designed to provide law students with a comprehensive understanding of the art and science of drafting amicus curiae briefs. Amicus curiae briefs, or "friends of the court" briefs play a vital role in shaping legal arguments and influencing judicial opinions. This course will equip students with the skills and knowledge to excel in this specialized area of legal advocacy.

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Seminars

LAW 6934 Advanced Topics in Law Seminar A: Gender Equity Issues in Sports

LAW 6934-7450-301

Professor Peter Goplerud

Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

2 credits

Current and provocative topics and issues related to gender equity in sports, both collegiate and professional, will be discussed and analyzed during the semester. Topics will include a look at the history of gender equity in sports, constitutional issues, application of Title IX to athletic participation, application of Title IX to sexual misconduct on campus, issues related to transgender participation in athletics and gender-based discrimination in athletics employment.

The format will focus on student presented responses to pre-assigned problems. Each student will make at least one presentation during the semester. On the day before class, by 6:00 p.m., the student assigned the problem will transmit to the rest of the class and the instructor a summary or bullet point listing of the matters to be discussed the next day. At the time the assignments are distributed each week, the remainder of the class will be directed to a short reading assignment on the same topic in order to provide them with adequate background to question the presenters the following week.

A research paper will also be required, with presentations scheduled for late in the semester. The paper may be used to satisfy the upper-class writing requirement. The course content will be adjusted as current events in the sports law area dictate. The course grade will be based on a combination of the periodic class presentations, class participation, the research paper, and presentation of the paper. The paper will count for 70%, the Problem Presentation 20%, and class participation and paper presentation 10%.

LAW 6931 Law, Policy, and Social Justice Seminar: Sexual Orientation and the Law

LAW 6931-7443-301

Professor Jeffery Brown

Thursdays 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

This seminar surveys the core legal foundations that broadly drive questions surrounding sexual orientation and gender identity. The transitioning legal frameworks surrounding sexual orientation and gender identity rank amongst the most rapidly evolving areas of the law, both domestically and in many foreign jurisdictions. This course examines these issues from multiple perspectives which include basic litigation strategies, federal privacy, due process, and equal protection jurisprudence and state efforts to regulate matters related to one's sexual orientation and/or gender identity.

Matters related to sexual intimacy and privacy, marriage equality, family law considerations such as same-sex adoptions, resolution of property disputes involving same-sex marriages, and related questions are explored. Additionally, the seminar examines the law and politics surrounding the LGBTQ+ struggle for equality, emerging points of normative and ideological contention, and established and emerging theories related to human sexuality and identity.