

## Advanced Topics in Law Courses and Seminars for Fall 2021

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

The College is pleased to offer several interesting topics under the *Advanced Topics* name in Fall 2021. Descriptions are provided below. If you would like more information, please feel free to reach out to the professors teaching *Advanced Topics*.

### **Advanced Topics in Law A: The Role of Race in Criminal Procedure**

Professor: LeRoy Pernell

Friday, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

2 credits

**Advanced Topics in Criminal Procedure: The Role of Race in Criminal Procedure** is a 2-credit course which addresses the emerging national concern over the unwanted, but often ignored, role of race in American criminal justice. Legal scholars have long noted that race plays a role in how our criminal process works. This course systematically traces the role that race played, at each major stage of the criminal process including the application of Equal Protection and Due Process principles.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

At the conclusion of the course, students should have acquired knowledge on the significance that race has played in criminal procedure and the United States Constitutional issues raised.

### **Advanced Topics in Law B: White Collar Crime**

Professor: Benjamin Priester

Tuesday, Friday 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

3 credits

This course will examine some of the challenging and complex issues presented in the theory and practice of white collar crime. We will begin with basic principles of white collar crime: criminal *mens rea* and criminal liability of corporate entities and their agents. We then will consider selected substantive offenses in federal white collar prosecutions, such as conspiracy, perjury, false statements, and obstruction of justice. We also will discuss several important procedural aspects of white collar criminal cases, including plea bargaining and cooperation agreements with the government and the Fifth Amendment Self-Incrimination Clause and grants of immunity to individuals. We will conclude by examining the representation of white collar clients and defendants, including the application of the attorney-client privilege in corporate entity contexts and multiple representation and joint defenses in multi-defendant cases.

### **Advanced Topics in Law Seminar A: Consumer Protection Law**

Professor: Ronald Griffin

Thursday, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

2 credits

The consumer law seminar covers leases, sales contracts, and security agreements under the UCC. There are statutes subjected to review (Federal Trade Commission Act, Odometer Fraud Act, Fair Credit Reporting Act, Equal Credit Opportunity Act, Fair Credit Billing Act). Students are taught how to use them with problems. There is a textbook for the seminar (Michael Greenfield's Consumer Law) and a West Law Supplement (Selected Statutes and Regulations) to help the students to divine what's going on. Seminararians must write papers. They select topics (e.g., the virtue of binding arbitration in contracts, products liability, enterprise liability, unconscionability, and so on); do basic research; brief fellow seminararians in a class setting; and tender a final paper for the course.