

Advanced Topics in Law Courses and Seminars for Spring 2023

Advanced Topics in Law courses and 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* banner in Spring 2023. 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

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

Wednesdays 3:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

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: The Role of Race in Criminal Procedure

Professor LeRoy Pernel

Tuesdays 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

2 credits

This course 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.

Seminars

LAW 6934 Advanced Topics in Law Seminar A: Latinos and the Law

Professor Maritza Reyes

Tuesdays 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

2 credits

This seminar examines interdisciplinary materials dealing with the legal and societal struggles, including civil rights of Latina/o/x/Hispanic groups in the United States. The seminar examines the major underlying forces in the development of Latina/o/x/Hispanic history and identity, including conquest, annexation, immigration, language, race, religion, and U.S. domestic and foreign policies. The identification of underlying forces serves as background for the analysis of the shaping of Latina/o/x/Hispanic history, culture, legal status, and the different trajectories that different groups encounter. Some of the themes that may be discussed include the Black-White binary paradigm of race, LatCrit theory, Latina feminist theory, international developments in postcolonial theory, and the contemporary legal and political issues faced by Latinas/os/x/Hispanics living in the United States.

Seminar Goals and Objectives:

- Engage in informed discussions about what it means to be “Latina/o/x/Hispanic” in the United States;
- Provide a forum for students to consider and discuss the topics covered in the seminar in an open, professional, respectful, and thoughtful manner;
- Provide a forum for students who wish to fulfill the law school's writing requirement by writing a paper on a topic related to the seminar;
- Provide opportunities for students who have already fulfilled the law school's writing requirement, but want to write short papers on topics related to the seminar;
- Provide opportunities for all students to perform legal research and analysis beyond the

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reading assignments;

- Examine the theoretical aspects described in the course description against the backdrop of current life in the United States;
- Analyze inter-group and intra-group interactions and consider how demographic changes will impact future interactions and potential coalitions;
- Discuss policy considerations related to the topics covered in the seminar;
- Consider, as relevant, how the issues and policies covered in the materials impact legal representations, the justice system, legal education, and the legal profession; and
- Discuss, when relevant, how the materials in the reading assignments provide future lawyers with an introduction to the cultural competence that should be considered when representing clients.

LAW 6936 Advanced Topics in Law Seminar B: Power, Privilege, and Constitutional Law

Professor Areto Imoukhuede

Wednesdays 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

This advanced seminar in Power, Privilege, and Constitutional Law, affectionately thought of as Con Law III, will focus on race and constitutional law. Students will learn to apply legal theories as tools for analyzing race and intersectional issues - issues at the intersection of race and gender. Some, brief reaction memos to the readings will be required, as will preliminary components for and drafts of the seminar paper. Book excerpts and scholarly articles will be assigned. Please note that the Final Paper must relate to race; it must discuss racial subordination and racial privilege.

LAW 6939 Advanced Topics in Law Seminar C: Martin Luther King, Jr., Human Rights, and the Black World

Professor Jeremy Levitt

Thursdays 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

2 credits

The seminar description will be forthcoming.