

## **HARRISBURG COURSE DESCRIPTIONS MENU COURSES**

### **LAW 784: ADVANCED CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (3 CREDITS)**

This course surveys the criminal justice process from arrest through appeal. Constitutional provisions, statutes, rules of criminal procedure, and practice strategies concerning prosecutorial discretion, initial appearance, pre-trial release or detention, preliminary hearing, grand jury procedure, plea bargaining and selected trial and appellate issues are considered.

**Pre-requisites: Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure.**

### **LAW 738: BANKRUPTCY (3 CREDITS)**

This course will address state law creditor collection remedies such as garnishment and execution, and state law priorities among competing creditors. After examining state law remedies and priorities, we will focus on the federal Bankruptcy Code. We will discuss elements common to all (business and consumer) bankruptcies, and the principal focus of the course will be Chapter 7 liquidations in the consumer context and Chapter 13 wage-earner payout plans. At the end of the course, we will discuss some issues particular to Chapter 11 business bankruptcies.

### **LAW 700: CONFLICT OF LAWS (3 CREDITS)**

This course examines important issues peculiar to civil actions with multi-state elements, in both the state and federal courts. The principal topics include choice-of-law (determining which state's law applies), the *Erie* doctrine (determining whether state or federal law applies in federal diversity cases), personal jurisdiction, and recognition of sister-state judgments.

### **LAW 734: COPYRIGHT AND TRADEMARK (3 credits)**

This course surveys primarily the laws and policies of copyright and trademark law, with a secondary emphasis on related areas of law such as trade secret, rights of publicity, unfair competition, contractual protection of ideas and patent protection of inventions in varying degrees. Topics to be covered include the subject matter of copyright and trademark; ownership and transfer of copyrights and trademarks; the rights afforded to copyright and trademark owners; duration of protection; infringement; and remedies.

### **LAW 765: DISABILITY LAW (2 OR 3 CREDITS)**

The course includes an overview of the major federal statutes governing the field, such as the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Rehabilitation Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Fair Housing Act Amendments, the Air Carrier Access Act, and the Architectural Barriers Act. The course will also focus on the application of these acts to such areas of life as employment, education, public accommodations, public services and programs, and housing.

### **LAW 832: EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION LAW (3 CREDITS)**

This course studies federal law governing discrimination in employment on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, and disability. The course explores theories of discrimination and covers litigation under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, as well as selected topics under other employment discrimination and civil rights statutes.

**LAW 831: ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (3 CREDITS)**

This course surveys the federal and state statutes and regulatory programs which attempt to limit water pollution, air pollution, environmental degradation, species extinction, hazardous waste, and chemical regulation problems. The course will examine how and why these statutes and programs are structured the way that they are, how the laws work, and the extent to which our environmental laws achieve their goals.

**LAW 636: FAMILY LAW (2 OR 3 CREDITS)**

This course considers state and constitutional issues relating to the regulation of sexual and family relationships. Among the areas that may be covered are defining what constitutes a family, entry into marriage, divorce, and its economic consequences (alimony, property distribution and child support) and child custody. The course draws on constitutional principles, statutes, and the common law to study the family in the legal system.

**LAW 747: FEDERAL COURTS (3 CREDITS)**

This course explores the role of the federal judiciary in our system of government. First, it examines the tensions inherent in the separation of powers between the political branches of the federal government and the judiciary. Second, the course explores the complicated issues of federalism presented by the existence of two sets of courts – state and federal. This course combines the study of constitutional theory with the reality of politics and jurisdictional practice in the federal courts. Topics that may be covered include standing, mootness, ripeness, the political question doctrine, Congressional power to limit federal court jurisdiction, the Eleventh Amendment, abstention, habeas corpus, 1983 civil rights actions, and other important jurisdictional doctrines not covered in the basic Civil Procedure courses.

**LAW 610: FEDERAL INCOME TAX (3 CREDITS)**

This course surveys and analyzes the federal system of income taxation. Topics include gross receipts, gross income, exclusions, gain-seeking and personal deductions, CREDITS, rates and tax accounting.

**LAW 810: FIRST AMENDMENT (2 or 3 CREDITS)**

This course focuses on constitutional rights involving speech, press, and religion. Rights of political participation, wartime limits on civil liberties, state action, associational freedoms, and constitutional and prudential limits on judicial powers are also potential topics.

**Pre-requisite: Constitutional Law.**

**LAW 703: IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION LAW (3 CREDITS)**

This three-credit course is a survey of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Title 8 of the U.S. Code, and related case law and regulations. The course includes an introduction to the historical and statutory evolution of current immigration law as well as a review of the major subtopics within the law, such as legal immigration, immigration and employment, non-immigrant classifications, inadmissibility and deportability, constitutional issues and limitations,

refugee and asylum matters, citizenship, illegal immigration and employer sanctions. The course addresses current issues and controversies as well as the political and public policy factors reflected by U.S. immigration law.

**LAW 758: LABOR LAW (2 or 3 CREDITS)**

This course examines the legal framework for collective bargaining, including establishment of the collective bargaining relationship, negotiation and enforcement of the collective bargaining agreement, and union and employer self-help (strikes, boycotts, lockouts, and picketing). Additional topics to be considered include labor and the anti-trust laws, Federalism and labor Relations, and the Individual and the Union.

**LAW 645: LEGISLATION (2 or 3 CREDITS)**

This course studies the enactment and interpretation of statutes, principally on the national level. As such, the course is one of separation of powers, as we consider the exercise of governmental power by, and the relationship between, the legislative, executive, and judicial branches. Students will learn tools for interpreting statutes and for arguing in favor of one interpretation over another; the course is not designed to teach doctrinal lessons. Students should have a basic familiarity with the legislative process and the separation of powers before beginning the course, which one can learn by reading an introductory text.

**LAW 650: PAYMENT SYSTEMS (3 CREDITS)**

This course introduces the student to the law of negotiable instruments, primarily checks and promissory notes, and other methods of payment, including electronic checks, credit and debit cards and electronic funds transfers. The course will cover Uniform Commercial Code Articles 3 (Negotiable Instruments); 4 (Bank Deposits and Collections) and Article 4A (Electronic Funds Transfers) and other state and federal statutes covering electronic payments. Topics covered will include negotiability of instruments and holder-in-due course doctrine; liability for payments; loss allocation for forgery, credit and debit card theft and check fraud schemes; availability of deposits; and relationships between banks and their customers.

**LAW 760: REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (2 OR 3 CREDITS)**

This course covers real estate conveyancing and financing. Principal topics include the roles of the attorney and broker in a real estate transaction, conveyancing issues, mortgage financing, and title protection. The course may also cover several of the following topics: environmental issues, bankruptcy issues, shared facilities ownership (condominiums, co-ops and homeowner associations) and shopping center development.

**Pre-requisites: Property I and II.**

**LAW 655: REMEDIES (3 CREDITS)**

This course examines the various forms of relief available to prevailing parties in civil actions, primarily actions based in contract or tort. Thus, it covers damages, restitution, and equitable relief (specific performance and injunctions). The course also treats the use of the contempt power to enforce court orders.

**LAW 600: SECURED TRANSACTIONS (3 CREDITS)**

This course provides an introduction to the law governing contractually created interests in personal property used to secure payment or performance of obligations. The course involves a study of the creation, perfection, priority and enforcement of security interests in personal property under Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code. The course also includes an examination of relevant provisions of the Bankruptcy Code and some other state and federal statutes that affect security interests.

**LAW 773: STATE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW (2 OR 3 CREDITS)**

This course examines the significance of state constitutions, their role in our federal system, and competing approaches to their interpretation. Particular emphasis is placed on the importance of state declarations of rights in providing guarantees in addition to, and different from, federal guarantees of individual rights, and on separation of powers issues. Other topics include local government, public education, state and local taxation, limits on debt and expenditures, and the processes of amending or revising state constitutions.

**Pre-requisite: Constitutional Law**

**LAW 834: WILLS & TRUSTS (4 CREDITS)**

The course covers in testate succession; testamentary capacity; execution, revocation and component parts of wills; interpretation of wills; constructive trusts; will substitutes; creation and interpretation of inter vivo and testamentary trusts; future interests; the Rule Against Perpetuities; and ethical and practical considerations in drafting wills and trusts. The course may cover charitable trusts; powers of appointment; fiduciary responsibility; administration of trusts and estates; introduction to estate and gift tax law.