

LAW-GRAD LAW (LAWG)

500 Level Courses

LAWG 500: *Intro to LRWA*. 2 credits.

This course introduces students to research methods, analysis of legal concepts, and the art of legal writing. Students learn the research, analysis and writing process through an assigned series of open and closed memoranda. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Law level students.

Students in a Juris Doctor degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Law Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

LAWG 501: *Introduction to United States Law & Professional Responsibility*. 1 credit.

This course teaches argumentation in writing from an intercultural perspective, practices drafting arguments using American style persuasive writing techniques, and prepares students for how these skills will be used in future legal education classes. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

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Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Law Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

LAWG 502: *Intro to US Law*. 1-3 credits.

This course is designed to provide LL.M. students who did not receive their legal education in the United States with an overview of U.S. law. Students will develop basic research and writing skills necessary for the study and practice of law in the U.S., while covering substantive areas of law, including contracts, torts, and Constitutional law. This course will not provide an exhaustive survey of each topic, but rather exposure to a large amount of foundational information in a short period of time. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Law level students.

Students in a Juris Doctor degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Law Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

LAWG 503: *Legal Research & Writing*. 2 credits.

This course is designed to introduce JM students to legal research methods, knowledge of general legal concepts, and the art of reading and interpreting legal writing. Students will learn the

research, analysis and writing process through an assigned series of open and closed memoranda. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in a Juris Master degree.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Law Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

LAWG 505: *Economics for Lawyers*. 1-3 credits.

This course exposes students to a broad survey of economic, statistical, finance and accounting concepts in which those concepts play a crucial role in determining the outcome of legal disputes. Students will not become expert in these technical areas but will be exposed to both the mechanics and subtleties of these tools. The goal is to educate and train students so that they will be better prepared to understand a dispute, craft an argument, or prepare a witness. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Law level students.

Students in a Juris Doctor degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Law Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

LAWG 506: *Contracts*. 2-3 credits.

This course introduces the principles of contract law, including contract formation, consideration and other bases for enforcing promises, invalidating causes, contract terms, conditions, anticipatory breach, and remedies. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Law level students.

Students in a Juris Doctor degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

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LAWG 507: *Torts*. 2-3 credits.

This course examines the fundamental principles of legal obligation in the absence of voluntary contract or family relationship. In such circumstances, why, when, and to what extent should one person ever be financially liable to another? The legal rules and doctrines are considered in themselves and in relation to moral philosophy, political theory, and economics. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

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Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

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LAWG 508: *Property*. 2 credits.

This required course is a survey of the law of property. It emphasizes the process and rationale for the creation of private interests in tangible, intangible and intellectual property; the Anglo-American system of estates in land (including landlord-tenant law and future interests); transfers of land (including the real estate contract and deed); and methods for title assurance (including deed covenants, the recording system, and title insurance). Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

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Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

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LAWG 511: *Criminal Law*. 2-3 credits.

General principles of the substantive criminal law and its major processes are derived from study of its common law origins and the effects of such variables as societal values, legislation, and judicial activity. Inquires into uses of the coercive power of the state, the federal-state relationship, and the concepts of group criminality, liability for uncompleted crimes, and rationale for punishment. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

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Schedule Type: Lecture

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LAWG 512: *Civil Procedure*. 3 credits.

This basic course is for the study of the legal process, with emphasis on the powers and operations of courts deciding disputes between private parties. Examines the organization of state and federal courts and the relations between them; the processes by which courts resolve disputes; and the extent to which judicial decisions are conclusive of subsequent disputes. Among the topics studied are jurisdiction of courts over persons, property, and subject matter; the finality of judgments; the choice of applicable law; the scope of litigation as to claims, defenses, and parties; the processes of stating claims and exchanging information in discovery; trials and the division of functions between judge and jury; the right to jury trial; a brief introduction to the law of evidence; summary methods of decision without trial; and appellate review. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

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Schedule Type: Lecture

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LAWG 520: *Constitutional Law*. 3-4 credits.

This course will introduce students to some of the foundational concepts and questions of United States constitutional law. Students will first consider the nature and function of a constitution in general, along with methods of constitutional interpretation that have played an important role in U.S. constitutional jurisprudence. The majority of the term will be spent examining two core aspects of the U.S. Constitution: its provision for government structure and the distribution of power, and its protections for individual rights. Students will learn how to read constitutional cases to understand their holdings and arguments, trace the development of legal rules, and analyze and critique the Supreme Court's constitutional interpretations. Additionally, the course will address how such concepts are tested on the bar exam. Course enrollment is limited to LLM students at the law school. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

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Schedule Type: Lecture

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LAWG 521: *Professional Responsibility*. 2 credits.

This course is a study of the activities and responsibilities of lawyers and their relationships with clients, the legal profession, the courts, and the public. Problems of professional responsibility are treated in several contexts, e.g., the lawyer's duty to the client, the provision of adequate legal services to all, and the reconciliation of the lawyer's obligations to the client with the demands of justice and the public interest. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

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Schedule Type: Lecture

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LAWG 522: *Conflict of Laws*. 2-3 credits.

Focuses on choice of law problems, particularly in relation to property, family law, contracts, torts, trusts, and the administration of estates. Consideration is given to acts of jurisdiction, effects of judgments, special problems of federalism, and transnational regulation. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

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Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

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LAWG 526: *Business Associations*. 2 credits.

Provides a detailed introduction to the law and economics of agency, partnerships, limited partnerships, and corporation law. The second half of the course focuses on publicly traded corporations. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

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Schedule Type: Lecture

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LAWG 527: *Secured Finance*. 2-3 credits.

Explores the law and economic consequences of secured finance. The principal focus is on the Uniform Commercial Code's Article 9 (on security interests in personal property) and its influence on financial transactions between debtors and creditors. Includes examination of how bankruptcy law affects secured credit. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

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Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

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LAWG 528: *Family Law*. 2-3 credits.

This course focuses on the formation of families, marriage, marital dissolution and the division of marital assets, cohabitation, issues connected with children, and contemporary directions in the reform of family law. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

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Schedule Type: Lecture

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LAWG 529: *Trusts & Estates*. 2 credits.

This course examines the law and practice of private wealth management and transmission, typically within the family, and often across generations. Among the topics covered are:

(1) the policy basis of inheritance and the changing character of intergenerational wealth transfer; (2) intestate succession; (3) the evolving definitions of "spouse" and "child" and their effect on the interpretation of wills and trust instruments; (4) the execution and revocation of wills; (5) the rise of will substitutes, including revocable trusts, life insurance, and pension and retirement accounts; (6) spousal protection against disinheritance; (7) the creation, modification, and termination of trusts; (8) the fiduciary duties of trustees; (9) the nature of a beneficiary's interest in trust, the range of the trustee's discretion, and the rights of a beneficiary's creditors; and (10) the particular rules applicable to charitable trusts. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

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Schedule Type: Lecture

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LAWG 530: *Evidence*. 2-3 credits.

This course examines legal rules governing the proof of disputed issues of fact during adversary proceedings. The emphasis is on rules determining the admissibility of various types of evidence, including testimonial evidence (hearsay rules and impeachment of witnesses), documentary evidence, and scientific and expert evidence. The course also considers judicial notice as substitute for evidence, burdens of proof, and the effect of jury trial on rules of evidence. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: (LAW 112^{D-} or 512^{D-}).
D- Requires minimum grade of D-.

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Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

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LAWG 535: *Antitrust Economics*. 2-3 credits.

This course focuses on the role of economists and economics in competition policy and enforcement, the economic theory applicable to antitrust issues, and to apply economic theory to the facts of real antitrust and merger cases. Each week we will study and discuss at least one major case. We will also read relevant economic literature. We will cover the following subjects including introduction to antitrust economics, estimation of cartel damages, economics of cartels, abuse of dominance: rebates, monopolies: market power and loss estimation, market definition, joint venture economics, vertical restraints, free-riding, and intellectual property. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: LAW 108^{D-} or LAWG 505^{D-}.
D- Requires minimum grade of D-.

Enrollment is limited to Law level students.

Students in a Juris Doctor degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Law Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

LAWG 536: *Antitrust I: Principles*. 3 credits.

This course examines judicial doctrines, enforcement guidelines, and policies relating to competition as a means of ordering private economic behavior. Specific topics include agreements involving competitors, dominant firm behavior, joint ventures, mergers, distribution, practices, and international competition policy. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: Law 108: Economics for Lawyers is a recommended prerequisite.

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Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

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LAWG 537: *Antitrust II: Applications*. 3 credits.

This course examines advanced topics in antitrust law. Specific topics include vertical restraints, innovation markets, exemptions and immunities, the territorial scope of U.S. antitrust law, and remedies. We will examine Supreme Court doctrine, influential modern lower court decisions, and government enforcement guidelines. Economic concepts and thinking characteristic of modern antitrust analysis are integrated throughout the course. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: (LAW 156^{D-} or 536^{D-}).

^{D-} Requires minimum grade of D-.

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Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

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LAWG 538: *Statistics for Lawyers*. 3 credits.

This course considers the principles of statistics and econometrics and their application to a wide range of legal applications. Topics include statistical evaluation of forensic and economic evidence and their relationship to the rules of procedure, to the rules of evidence, and to burdens of proof. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

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Schedule Type: Lecture

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LAWG 539: *Law & Economics*. 2 credits.

This course studies how legal systems, and subsequent decisions, promote economic efficiency. In this course we first examine the process of inter-temporal voluntary exchange as an important source of market inefficiency. We then examine how private treaty solutions, such as reputations, sanctions and exclusion, attempt to overcome this inefficiency. The course then proceeds from the assumption that the law should act incrementally to maximize the gains from exchange by working with and improving on private solutions. At the same time, we assume that the legal process is subject to rent seeking, within, by legal professionals, and without, by regulatory capture. This susceptibility implies a need for checks and balances on how the law is used and leads to the recognition that society must be willing to limit the scope of the law as an instrumental tool for social justice. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

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Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

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LAWG 540: *Patent Law I*. 2 credits.

Provides an introduction to the basic principles of the law of patents in the United States. Covers the history, origin and function of the patent system; the nature of patents as property and as legal instruments; comparisons with other forms of intellectual property; subject matter eligible for patenting; the conditions for patentability of an invention; and the disclosure requirements for a patent application. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

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Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

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LAWG 541: *Patent Law II*. 2 credits.

This course is a continuation of Patent Law I. This course focuses on the meaning and function of patent claims as property definitions; patent prosecution, including conduct giving rise to the unenforceability of a patent; post-grant procedures; infringement of a patent, including claim interpretation and acts giving rise to infringement; equitable defenses to a charge of infringement; remedies; patent enforcement; and patent misuse. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: (LAW 284^{D-} or LAWG 540^{D-}).

^{D-} Requires minimum grade of D-.

Enrollment is limited to Law level students.

Students in a Juris Doctor degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Law Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

LAWG 542: Trademark Law. 3 credits.

Covers procedural and substantive law in obtaining trademark registrations in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and enforcement and licensing of federal and state registrations after they are obtained. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Law level students.

Students in a Juris Doctor degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Law Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

LAWG 543: Copyrights Law. 3 credits.

This course covers the basics of copyright law, including determinations of what is copyrightable, formalities for obtaining protection, and copyright registration practices and procedures. The substantive and procedural elements of infringement actions are examined, including defenses. Technological developments affecting copyright are also addressed, including issues related to computer software and the Internet. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Law level students.

Students in a Juris Doctor degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Law Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

LAWG 544: Legal & Economic Theory of IP. 2 credits.

A survey of the legal and economic theory of intellectual property including the common law premises for the protection of ideas and their embodiments and the evolution of statutory and judge-made law. The first half of the course concentrates on the underlying economic and property theory and law, and the second half develops the application to the statutory and common law classes of intellectual property: patents, copyright, trademarks, mask works, and trade secrets. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Law level students.

Students in a Juris Doctor degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Law Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

LAWG 545: National Security Law. 3 credits.

This lecture course will explore the distribution of national security powers amongst the three coordinate branches of government and engage students in understanding the laws and policies that govern the legality of war, military operations in wartime, intelligence collection, protection of national security information, foreign intelligence surveillance, covert action, special military operations, offensive counterterrorism operations, the detention, interrogation, and prosecution of terrorism suspects, including military commissions, the domestic use of the military, homeland security, cybersecurity, and other current issues in the national security area. The class will also include discussion of materials declassified in recent months relating to foreign intelligence collection and offensive counterterrorism operations, as well as materials previously declassified, and will examine the legal analysis supporting these specific efforts and the policy questions raised by them. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Law level students.

Students in a Juris Doctor degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Law Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

LAWG 547: Intelligence Law. 2 credits.

This course will provide students with an overview of the U.S. Intelligence Community (IC) and its sources of legal authority. Students will engage in exercises (both written and oral) to analyze and draft practical guidance on relevant legal issues for the IC. Although questions of policy will inevitably be part of any analysis of the IC, this course is not a policy class. The main point is to develop a strong understanding of the establishment and evolution of the IC's legal authorities, how the IC agencies interact with one another and the other branches of government, the respective oversight roles and responsibilities of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the federal government, and the role of the private sector in the IC. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Law level students.

Students in a Juris Doctor degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Law Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

LAWG 548: Patent Law. 4 credits.

This course provides an introduction to the basic principles of the law of patents in the United States. The course covers the history, origin and function of the patent system; the nature of patents as property and as legal instruments; comparisons with other forms of intellectual property; subject matter eligible for patenting; the conditions for patentability of an invention;

the disclosure requirements for a patent application; the meaning and function of patent claims as property definitions; patent prosecution, including conduct giving rise to the unenforceability of a patent; post-grant procedures; infringement of a patent, including claim interpretation and acts giving rise to infringement; equitable defenses to a charge of infringement; remedies; patent enforcement; and patent misuse. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Law level students.

Students in a Juris Doctor degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Law Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

LAWG 550: PreLaw: Written Argumentation. 1-2 credits.

This course provides an introduction and overview of the United States legal system including court structure, the federal and state legal systems, and the basics of constitutional law as well as an introduction to Professional Responsibility. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Law level students.

Students in a Juris Doctor degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Law CR (CN) scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

LAWG 551: Government Contracts. 2 credits.

This course examines the processes by which private parties establish and perform contracts with the federal government. Specific subjects include the appropriations mechanism; the authority of government agents, sealed-bid and negotiated procurement methods; competition requirements, contract pricing, award protests; inspection, acceptance, and warranties; changes; termination; the prosecution and defense of claims; and civil and criminal sanctions for fraud. For factual illustrations, the course draws heavily upon the procurement activities of major purchasers such as the Department of Defense. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Law level students.

Students in a Juris Doctor degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Law Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

LAWG 552: Perspectives on Regulation. 2 credits.

This course introduces students to regulatory institutions and the political economy of regulatory processes. With this foundation, students will examine current or proposed regulation and the costs, benefits, and incentives they create. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Law level students.

Students in a Juris Doctor degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Law Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

LAWG 553: Homeland Security Law. 3 credits.

This course provides an introduction to the policy, strategy and practical application of homeland security through an understanding of the authorizing laws, regulations, and policies that established DHS. This is a multi-faceted course that will expose students to complex intergovernmental and public-private sector policymaking, operational planning, and crisis management. The course is designed to promote subject matter understanding, critical analysis of issues, and insight into senior leader decision making. It also includes a practical examination of stakeholder interaction and key subject matter areas through an interactive tabletop exercise as well as other interactive opportunities throughout the course. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

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Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Law Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

LAWG 554: Immigration Law. 3 credits.

Examines fundamental issues in immigration law of inadmissibility and deportability, relief from removal, asylum and refugee status, citizenship, nonimmigrant and immigrant visas, including labor certification, and administrative and judicial review. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Law level students.

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Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

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LAWG 555: AI and Legal Tech. 2 credits.

This course explores the intersection of artificial intelligence (AI), technology, and the legal profession. Students will gain a foundational understanding of how emerging technologies are transforming legal practice, related ethical considerations, and the future of law. Through lectures, case studies, and practical exercises, participants will also develop the crucial skills needed to navigate and leverage AI and other technologies in legal contexts. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisite: LAW 096^{*D-}.

* May be taken concurrently.

^{D-} Requires minimum grade of D-.

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Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

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LAWG 556: *Criminal Procedure I: Investigations*. 3-4 credits.

This course introduces students with the criminal justice system, its procedures, and the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Fourteenth Amendment rights. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Law level students.

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Schedule Type: Lecture

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LAWG 557: *International Law*. 2-3 credits.

This course considers traditional public international law issues and analyzes them in an economic and game-theoretic perspective. Emphasis is on basic concepts of public international law, including sources and evolution of international law; relation of international law to municipal law; subjects of international law; peaceful settlement of disputes; international agreements; jurisdictional competence; state responsibility and treatment of aliens; the use of force; and the evolving role of international organizations. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Law level students.

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Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Law Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

LAWG 558: *Litigation & Dispute Resolution Theory*. 3 credits.

This course introduces the theory and practice of litigation and other forms of dispute resolution, and draws upon the basic tools of decision theory, game theory, and economic analysis to address some of the key features of the litigation process and its institutions. Among the topics addressed are the decision to commence litigation and whether to settle or go to trial; settlement negotiations; strategic behavior as affecting decision making by both private actors and the courts; economic analyses of litigation; agency or moral hazard problems presented by both lawyers and courts; the impact of attorney's fee arrangements, fee-shifting rules, and court-imposed sanctions; party versus court control of proceedings; and the effect of enforcement costs on competing substantive legal rules. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

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Schedule Type: Lecture

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LAWG 559: *European Union Competition Law*. 2-3 credits.

The primary focus of this course will be on the control of multi-lateral and unilateral anti-competitive conduct. The course will focus on the operation of the EU Competition Law regime, based on articles 101 and 102 of the TFEU, and procedural and implementing legislation. The course will also consider the main provisions of American Antitrust Law, as enshrined in Sections 1 and 2 of the Sherman Act 1890, and Section 5 of the FTC Act. In both cases the outline of the institutional processes, and the relationship between public and private enforcement will be considered. The course will also consider the context within which the law operates, focusing on the relevant economic principles and theories, as well as the tensions in the economics debate, underpinning the application of the law. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: (LAW 156^{D-} or LAWG 536^{D-}).

^{D-} Requires minimum grade of D-.

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600 Level Courses

LAWG 610: *Antitrust III: Advanced Antitrust Seminar*. 2 credits.

This course will cover advanced topics in modern antitrust law, including recent Supreme Court cases and developments involving the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice Antitrust Division. The course will examine selected topics, such as the controversies surrounding dominant firms and exclusionary conduct, as well as such areas as the interface between the antitrust laws and intellectual property, health care, efforts to limit antitrust immunity, the Noerr-Pennington doctrine and state action, and merger policy (including the treatment of efficiencies and measurement of entry), as well as an overview of EU competition law. The course will emphasize contemporary topics in antitrust analysis, with guest lecturers providing presentations on a range of topics, focusing on both US and European antitrust law. The course will conclude with the presentation of student research papers. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: (LAW 156^{D-} or LAWG 536^{D-}).

^{D-} Requires minimum grade of D-.

Enrollment is limited to Law level students.

Students in a Juris Doctor degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar**Grading:**

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LAWG 611: *Global Antitrust Law Seminar*. 2 credits.

The seminar will cover hot topics in global antitrust, including international due process; multinational case coordination and cooperation; efforts at international convergence, such as soft law recommendations by multilateral organizations like ICN and OECD; the use of non-competition factors in competition analysis, extraterritorial application of antitrust laws; and the intersection of antitrust and trade policy. The seminar will also provide an overview of competition law and major investigations and cases in key jurisdictions, such as Brazil, Canada, China, the European Union, India, Japan, and Korea. The course will include guest speakers, including from the U.S. antitrust agencies and leading practitioners. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Law level students.

Students in a Juris Doctor degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar**Grading:**

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LAWG 612: *Public Choice & Public Law Seminar*. 2-3 credits.

Provides students with a critical introduction to and analysis of public-choice and social-choice literature and relates covered concepts to actual cases, statutes, and legal doctrines. Covered topics will include structural and evolutionary analyses of state and federal legislative decision-making processes; structural and evolutionary analyses of judicial decision-making processes, including the doctrines of stare decisis and justiciability; evaluating public choice and social choice based proposals to expand the reach of federal judicial review; examining the proper role, if any, of interest group theory in constitutional and statutory interpretation; delineating the spheres of public and private law; examining the role of public choice and social choice in developing a structural analysis of separation of powers and federalism; and evaluating the competing roles of efficiency and cycling on the evolution of legal doctrine. Specific coverage may vary from year to year. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Law level students.

Students in a Juris Doctor degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar**Grading:**

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LAWG 620: *Cybersecurity Law Seminar*. 2 credits.

This seminar course will provide students exposure to the key legal and policy issues related to cybersecurity, including the legal authorities and obligations of both the government and the private sector with respect to protecting computer

systems and networks, as well as the national security aspects of the cyber domain including authorities related to offensive activities in cyberspace. The course will include a survey of federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and cases related to surveillance, cyber intrusions by private and nation-state actors, data breaches, and privacy and civil liberties matters, among other things. The course will also explore the legislative and technology landscape in this dynamic area and will provide students with opportunities to discuss cutting-edge issues at the intersection of law, technology, and policy. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Law level students.

Students in a Juris Doctor degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar**Grading:**

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LAWG 621: *Homeland Security & Law Seminar*. 2 credits.

This course provides an introduction to the policy, strategy and practical application of homeland security through an understanding of the authorizing laws, regulations, and policies that established DHS. This is a multi-faceted course that will expose students to complex intergovernmental and public-private sector policymaking, operational planning, and crisis management. The course is designed to promote subject matter understanding, critical analysis of issues, and insight into senior leader decision making. It also includes a practical examination of stakeholder interaction and key subject matter areas through an interactive tabletop exercise as well as other interactive opportunities throughout the course. This course is identical to LAW 388 and LAWG 553 Homeland Security Law with the exception that it is conducted as a seminar and requires a seminar paper. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Law level students.

Students in a Juris Doctor degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar**Grading:**

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LAWG 622: *Intelligence Law Seminar*. 2 credits.

This seminar will provide students with an overview of the U.S. Intelligence Community (IC) and its sources of legal authority. Students will engage in exercises (both written and oral) to analyze and draft practical guidance on relevant legal issues for the IC. Each class will involve an overview of the specific topic followed by either the drafting of a short memorandum addressing a hypothetical client question or a simulated inter-agency meeting. No security clearance is required since all materials and discussions will be at the unclassified level. Although this seminar is focused on issues most relevant to IC agencies, each week's practical exercise will focus on drafting and/or negotiating skills useful and relevant to any government attorney. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Law level students.

Students in a Juris Doctor degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Law Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

LAWG 630: *Emerging Law of Internet Seminar*. 2 credits. Increasingly technology has served as a disruptive force which challenges society to make important decisions about what privacy is and how it should be respected and/or protected. Students will survey the historical, policy and technological bases of privacy and information governance. Particular attention will be paid to notions of "relationship dependent context" as it relates to the collection, use and disclosure of information. Leading legal academic scholarship in the field of information privacy will be discussed and students will apply knowledge of the law of privacy and technology to current legal and policy problems. Each student will apply their acquired knowledge both in class as well as through the preparation of a scholarly student paper. Issues such as Do-Not-Track and Online Advertising, Security Breaches, Workplace Monitoring, Comparative International Approaches, Ownership of Facts and Information, Health and Financial Privacy and more will be covered. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Law level students.

Students in a Juris Master degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Law Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

800 Level Courses

LAWG 810: *Capstone*. 3 credits.

This course is designed to provide students with an avenue to draw upon the legal knowledge they have received, and to further develop the problem solving orientation and skills to interact with attorneys, recognize legal issues and flag applicable law. As a "capstone," students will select their own topic within their field of employment and directly related to their profession on which they will write a thesis under faculty supervision. Offered by Law. May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: (LAWG 500^{D-}, LAW 096^{D-} or 071^{D-}).
^{D-} Requires minimum grade of D-.

Enrollment is limited to Law level students.

Students in a Juris Doctor degree may **not** enroll.

Students with the Korea attribute may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Law Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)