



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF LAW



Winter 2015 Course Schedule

Registration Procedures and Course Listings

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Winter 2015 Academic Calendar

Priority Registration 22 or more earned hours by the end of Fall 2014	Monday, October 20, 2014 through Tuesday, October 21, 2014
Last Day to Add or Drop Classes	Friday, December 19, 2014 by 5:00 p.m.
First Day of Classes	Monday, January 5, 2015
Last Day to Elect Pass/Fail	Tuesday, January 6, 2015
Last Day of Classes	Saturday, January 10, 2015

Winter 2015 Priority Registration

All classes for the winter term are limited enrollment. Registration for these classes will be prioritized by each student's earned credits, not by the date and time the registration form is submitted.

Priority registration forms for winter term may be submitted to Student Services on **Monday, October 20 and Tuesday, October 21**. You may register for winter term classes either by submitting an electronic registration form through the law school website Student Services page (click [here](#) for a link) or by submitting a paper hard copy to Student Services. **No registration through Howdy will be available for winter term classes.** Do not submit electronic or paper registration forms before October 20. Student Services will not accept early requests and will not be responsible for forms dropped off early.

On Wednesday, October 22, Student Services will begin enrolling students in winter term courses in priority based on each student's anticipated earned hours at the end of the fall 2014 semester. Registration notifications will ONLY be sent to your @email.tamu.edu e-mail, so please check it frequently.

Registration for the winter term will continue through 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 19.

Limited Enrollment Classes & Waitlists

Waitlisting for these classes will be prioritized by each student's earned credits. Student Services will notify by e-mail all students who have requested registration in these classes to let them know whether they are registered or waitlisted. If you do not see your registration on [Howdy](#), check your @email.tamu.edu e-mail account for messages or contact Student Services to inquire about your waitlist status.

Important message about waitlists:

If you are waitlisted for a winter term class, you must submit a course drop form to be removed from that waitlist. If a seat becomes available at any time and you have not submitted a course drop form, you will be registered for that class accordingly. If a seat becomes available and we cannot register you due to a time conflict or overload, and we cannot reach you, we will move to the next person on the waitlist. Please monitor your e-mail frequently if you are on a waitlist.

Evening Classes (6:00pm or later)

Part-time evening students will be given priority to register for evening classes during priority registration.

Enrollment Limits

Students may enroll in up to 2 classes for the winter term.

Adding and Dropping Courses

Students may add or drop classes at Student Services from October 20 until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 19. After December 19, registration forms will no longer be accepted or processed.

If you are submitting a hard copy registration form after hours, please use the drop box located outside the Student Services door.

Attendance Policy

Due to the collaborative and condensed nature of Winter Term classes, class attendance is mandatory. **Any absence for any reason will result in administrative withdrawal from the course.**

Cancellation of Classes

Classes may be cancelled for low enrollment. This decision is made by the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Pass/Fail Election

To elect a course pass/fail, you must make that designation on a paper pass/fail request form. Such designations must be turned in to Student Services by the end of the day of the second class meeting. To preserve anonymity, students must not communicate a pass/fail election to the professor. Doing so is a violation of the code of conduct.

Student Services must first verify your eligibility for pass/fail credit. Please review section 8.5 of the law school's Academic Standards found in the [Student Handbook](#) for rules and limitations on pass/fail credits.

New Courses

Special Topics: Due Diligence for the Professional

LAW-7900-608 CRN-26397

This course teaches practical skills in performing due diligence in business and financial transactions. Students will learn how to analyze documents like financial statements to uncover red flags for fraud. Students will receive a certification from the International Organization of Due Diligence.

*No absences are allowed. Grading for this course will be on a Pass/Fail basis.
This course **does not** count toward the oral skills requirement.*

Instructor: Dean and Professor Andrew Morriss
Prerequisite: One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.
 Recommended: Business Associations I
Cap: 20

Special Topics: Pre-Suit Patent Litigation

LAW-7900-601 CRN-26071

Learn how to develop a litigation plan through the lens of a patent infringement suit. The course explores issues that attorneys should take into account when considering whether to file a patent infringement case. Covered topics include: (1) the market for patent enforcement; (2) attorney fee and litigation finance arrangements; (3) assessment of cases, including likelihood of success and ethical considerations; (4) valuation of cases; and (5) strategic considerations in drafting and filing the complaint.

*No absences are allowed. This is a graded course.
This course **does not** count toward the oral skills requirement.*

Instructor: Staff
Prerequisite: (1) One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program;
 (2) Intellectual Property (Survey) or Patent Law
Cap: 20 students

Course Descriptions

Civil Evidence Workshop

LAW-7891S-601 CRN-26070

This skills practicum focuses on practical subjects related to courtroom evidence. The workshop provides instruction, demonstration, and practice in offering common forms of evidence in civil and criminal trials; common objections and responses to courtroom evidence; depositions, statements, and sworn testimony; and preserving the record and offers of proof.

This workshop is open to all students and is recommended for all law students interested in law school mock trial competition or careers in trial advocacy.

No absences are allowed. Grading for this course will be on a Pass/Fail basis.

This course counts toward the oral skills requirement.

Instructor: Joe Spence

Prerequisite: (1) One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program;
 (2) Evidence

Cap: 30 students

Civil Motion Workshop

LAW-7888S-601 CRN-26068

This class will focus not on civil trials (which are becoming increasingly rare) but on civil motion practice (which is still a very active component of a trial lawyer's work). Students will be provided with written motions and responses that were filed in actual, non-active lawsuits. Students will then prepare to argue the motions and responses. At each session, students will be called on to either argue either the response or the motion, within appropriate time constraints, in front of a sitting District Court judge in Tarrant County. Afterwards, each student will receive critique and feedback from fellow students and the professor. Students will be exposed, and must quickly understand, the law related to each motion. However, the focus of this course will be on oral argument skills and developing a level of comfort arguing motions in an actual courtroom.

No absences are allowed. Grading for this course will be on a Pass/Fail basis.

This course counts toward the oral skills requirement.

Instructor: Judge Bonnie Sudderth

Prerequisite: One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program, including Civil
 Procedure.

Cap: 12 students

Deposition Skills Workshop

LAW-7887S-601 CRN-26066

This course gives students the opportunity to learn the art of deposition practice and the strategy behind taking depositions. Students will learn and practice fundamental depositions skills; rules pertaining to depositions in federal and state court; how to properly notice a deposition; and how to depose parties, fact witnesses, and experts. The course will conclude with a final deposition performance class in which each student will be provided the opportunity to take and defend a deposition.

No absences are allowed. Grading for this course will be on a Pass/Fail basis.

This course counts toward the oral skills requirement.

Instructor: Christian Dennie

Prerequisite: One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program, including Civil Procedure.

Cap: 16 students

Labor Negotiations Workshop

LAW-7390S-601 CRN-26067

Students will learn the process of contract negotiations in the labor setting in both the private and public sectors. Topics covered will include who has the right to bargain contracts, what can be bargained, bargaining in good faith and legal remedies. Bargaining techniques including data-driven proposals will be discussed. On the final day of the course, students will be involved in a labor bargaining simulation. Class grades are based on class participation and the final simulation exercise.

No absences are allowed. This is a graded course.

This course counts toward the oral skills requirement.

Instructor: Justin Zartman

Prerequisite: One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program, including Contracts.

Cap: 18 students

Scientific Criminal Evidence Workshop

LAW-7889S-601 CRN-21778

Students in this class will learn the theory and practice of using scientific evidence in criminal trials. Specific topics to be covered may include the value and use of DNA, mental health, polygraph, and autopsy evidence. Particular attention will be paid to understanding, preparing for, and conducting “Daubert hearings,” which involve challenges to the admissibility of scientific expert testimony. The format of the class will include lecture by the professor and guest speakers, as well as simulations involving students who will be required to assume the roles of both prosecutors and defense lawyers.

*No absences are allowed. This is a graded course.
This course counts toward the oral skills requirement.*

Instructor: Chuck Mallin

Prerequisite: (1) One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program;
 (2) Evidence

Cap: 20 students

Course Schedule

COURSE NAME	COURSE #	HRS	DAYS	START TIME	END TIME	START DATE	END DATE	FACULTY NAME	RM
Civil Evidence Workshop	LAW-7891S-601 CRN - 26070 Prerequisite:	1	M - F	4:15PM	7:15PM	1/5/15	1/9/15	Spence, Joe	106
	(1) One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; (2) Evidence No absences allowed. Pass/Fail course. Counts toward the oral skills requirement. Hard-copy or Electronic registration only.								
Civil Motion Workshop	LAW-7888S-601 CRN - 26068 Prerequisite:	1	M - F S	5:00PM 9:00AM	7:00PM 1:00PM	1/5/15 1/10/15	1/9/15	Sudderth, Bonnie	Off Site
	One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program, including Civil Procedure. No absences allowed. Pass/Fail course. Counts toward the oral skills requirement. Hard-copy or Electronic registration only.								
Deposition Skills Workshop	LAW-7887S-601 CRN - 26066 Prerequisite:	1	M - F S	12:00PM 9:30AM	1:45PM 1:30PM	1/5/15 1/10/15	1/9/15	Dennie, Christian	207
	One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program, including Civil Procedure. No absences allowed. Pass/Fail course. Counts toward the oral skills requirement. Hard-copy or Electronic registration only.								
Labor Negotiations Workshop	LAW-7390S-601 CRN - 26067 Prerequisite:	1	M - F	1:15PM	4:00PM	1/5/15	1/9/15	Zartman, Justin	107
	One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program, including Contracts. No absences allowed. Graded course. Counts toward the oral skills requirement. Hard-copy or Electronic registration only.								
Scientific Criminal Evidence Workshop	LAW-7889S-601 CRN - 21778 Prerequisite:	1	M - F S	6:30PM 9:30AM	8:30PM 1:30PM	1/5/15 1/10/15	1/9/15	Mallin, Charles	107
	(1) One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; (2) Evidence No absences allowed. Graded course. Counts toward the oral skills requirement. Hard-copy or Electronic registration only.								
Special Topics: Due Diligence for the Professional	LAW-7900-608 CRN – 26397 Prerequisite:	1	R – F S	9:30AM 9:00AM	3:30PM 1:00PM	1/8/15 1/10/15	1/9/15	Morris/ Fields	106
	One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program. <i>Recommended:</i> Business Associations I No absences allowed. Pass/Fail course. Does not count toward the oral skills requirement. Hard-copy or Electronic registration only.								
Special Topics: Pre-Suit Patent Litigation	LAW-7900-601 CRN -26071 Prerequisite:	1	M -T W S	9:30AM 9:30AM 2:00PM	3:00PM 12:30PM 3:00PM	1/5/15 1/7/15 1/10/15	1/6/15	Staff	104
	(1) One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; (2) Intellectual Property (Survey) or Patent Law No absences allowed. Graded course. Does not count toward the oral skills requirement. Hard-copy or Electronic registration only.								

Course Grid

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