

SUMMER 2019 COURSE SCHEDULE



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SCHOOL OF LAW

**Registration Procedures,
Course Listings, and Final
Exam Schedule**

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AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL DURING SUMMER SESSION

Students should consider their academic standing when enrolling for summer courses. Under Academic Standard 9.2.5, any student dismissed for academic deficiency after the spring semester while enrolled in the summer term will be immediately withdrawn from classes (even if the student petitions for probation). Tuition is reimbursed in accordance with state regulations and dismissed students will receive no tuition refund for the summer session. If you have any questions please contact Student Services at the Law School, 817-212-4001, or email law-registrar@tamu.edu.

SUMMER 2019 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

May 15	Graduation application open in Howdy for all students planning to graduate in summer 2019
May 20	Classes begin
May 22	Last day to add a course
May 24	Last day to elect pass/fail option
May 27	Memorial Day holiday
May 31	Last day to drop a course
May 31	Classes held in lieu of May 27 classes
July 4	Independence Day holiday
July 5	Classes held in lieu of July 4 classes
	Last day of class
July 8	Last day to apply for degrees awarded summer 2019 without a late fee
July 10-12	Final Exams
August 9**	Designated summer 2019 JD graduation date

** all dates and times subject to change*

*** please be aware that for a student who has taken and passed the February bar exam and graduates in the summer term, this date could delay their swearing in.*

PRIORITY REGISTRATION DATES & TIMES

Important: Student Services will send notices about registration matters to students by e-mail only—check your law school @*email.tamu.edu* e-mail account frequently.

Student Services will be open at 7:00 am on all designated priority registration days. If you have online registration issues, please contact Student Services at 817-212-4001.

Monday	3L	March 25	7:00 am	(56 or more earned hours by spring 2019)
Tuesday	2L	March 26	7:00 am	(31-55 earned hours by spring 2019)
Wednesday	1L	March 27	7:00 am	(23-30 earned hours by spring 2019)

3Ls

Monday, March 25 – Students who have 56 or more earned hours by the end of spring 2019

Beginning at 7:00 am, Monday, March 25, students with 56 or more earned hours by the end of spring 2019 may register for summer classes.

2Ls

Tuesday, March 26 – Students who have 31-55 earned hours by the end of spring 2019

Beginning at 7:00 am, Tuesday, March 26, students with 31–55 earned hours by the end of spring 2019 may register for summer classes.

1Ls

Wednesday, March 27 – Students who have 23-30 earned hours by the end of spring 2019

Beginning at 7:00 am, Wednesday, March 27, students with 23–30 earned hours by the end of spring 2019 may register for summer classes.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

There are several ways to register. (We cannot take telephone or faxed registration requests.)

1. **[Howdy \(click for link\)](#)** Available under the My Records tab. (*This cannot be used for limited enrollment courses or courses requiring professor approval.*) A registration tutorial can also be found there for your convenience.
2. **[Electronic Registration Form. \(click for link\)](#)** This form should be used primarily for limited enrollment courses. It is available through the law school website Student Services page. If you choose to submit an electronic registration form for non-limited enrollment courses, please be aware that it could take up to 24-48 hours to process these forms.
3. **[Paper Registration Form. \(click for PDF\)](#)** This form should be used primarily for limited enrollment courses or courses requiring professor approval. It is available through the law school website Student Services page and in the Student Services office. If you choose to submit a hard copy registration form for non-limited enrollment courses, please be aware that it could take up to 24-48 hours to process these forms.

Other Important Registration Rules

- You must register for limited enrollment courses and courses requiring professor approval either electronically through the law school website Student Services page or by submitting a hard copy to Student Services. Howdy registration is not available.
- Student Services will e-mail your @email.tamu.edu account if your registration request cannot be processed for any reason.

Adding and Dropping Classes

Students may add and drop classes from March 25–May 22. After May 22, students may add classes only with the permission of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

Limited Enrollment Classes & Waitlists

You must submit an Electronic or Paper Course Registration form to Student Services to register for limited enrollment classes (identified as such in the schedule). Student Services will register students for these classes prioritized by each student's earned hours. Students should submit the Course Registration form to Student Services on the day of their priority registration. Waitlisting for these classes will be prioritized by each student's earned hours. 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 law school e-mail or contact Student Services to inquire about your waitlist status.

Important message about waitlists: If you are waitlisted for a 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.

Enrollment Limits and Enrollment Certification

Full-time students may take up to 8 credit hours. Part-time students may take up to 6 credit hours. The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs must approve requests for overloads. Such requests are granted only under exceptional circumstances. Students must enroll in a minimum of four credits to be eligible for financial aid.

Students who work more than 20 hours a week may take no more than 6 credit hours, including non-classroom courses such as externship, moot court, and law review. Students enrolled in more than 6 credit hours must certify that they are not employed more than 20 hours per week. Students who increase employment hours during the term must decrease their academic load to part time.

Clinic Applications and Registration

Students can find applications for each clinic on the law school's [Clinic webpage](#). Clinic applications are reviewed throughout the year and students are accepted during the registration period on a rolling basis. Priority is given to applications received by March 22. Students are encouraged to apply as early as possible in order to secure a seat in the clinic of their choice for the semester they would like. Students who are admitted to a clinic will be notified and enrolled by the Clinical Program Office. Students are advised to review the [Clinic Registration & Application Information Packet](#). Questions about the clinics or the application process can be answered by emailing experiential@law.tamu.edu.

Students interested in continuing their clinic experience may enroll in Advanced Clinic, a second semester two to four-credit clinic, with the consent of the clinic faculty member.

Please note:

- You can find information about each clinic at www.law.tamu.edu/clinics.
- Most clinical courses meet in the Clinical Program Office located in the Star-Telegram Building at 307 W. 7th Street, Fort Worth, Texas. It is a 0.6 mile walk from the Law School building to the clinical space.
- All 3 and 4 unit clinic courses require that students spend a minimum of 6-8 hours per week at the clinical space.
- Per our Academic Standards, students are expected to submit logs of their time to their supervising attorneys to receive credit. Your instructor will provide you with direction of how to keep track of your time.
- In order to provide all of our students with a clinical opportunity, you cannot enroll in more than one clinic in any one semester without the consent of the Associate Dean for Experiential Education.
- To avoid conflicts of interests, you may not enroll in an externship and a clinic in the same semester. Limited exceptions can be granted by the Associate Dean for Experiential Education if no actual or potential conflicts exists and the clinic director consents.
- If you plan to work in a law firm, government agency, or other unit engaged in providing legal services during the semester, you must disclose the employer's information so the clinical program can determine if there are any conflicts that prevent the student from enrolling in the clinic. A student enrolled in a clinic is required to report any employment or internship to both their clinic director and the Associate Dean for Experiential Education.
- **Students will not be allowed to drop clinics after the full first week of the semester.**
- Unless a special accommodation is necessary, free student parking is not available in the clinic space. The cost to valet in the Star-Telegram Building is \$10. There is additional parking in the area that ranges from \$6 to \$10. Street metered parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Externship Applications and Registration

There are opportunities part-time and full-time, both locally and around the nation or across the globe. Students can obtain a placement in any field of practice or can specialize in public policy. You can find information about externships on the law school website's [Externships page](#).

Only students registering for their first externship will attend the course at the times listed in these materials. Students registering for a second externship will participate in two group and two individual meetings, which will be scheduled by the Director of Externships.

- [Application Required](#). Deadline to apply: May 1. Students interested must apply by deadline even if placement is not confirmed.
- Prerequisites: At least 29 completed hours; minimum 2.33 GPA; no honor code violations.
- This is a Pass/Fail course.
- This course counts toward the experiential requirement.

Distance Education Learning (online)

A student may not earn more than a total of 15 credit hours toward the J.D. degree for approved distance education courses. All distance education courses have a prerequisite of 28 completed credit hours in addition to any other prerequisite.

Students are expected to know how to manage computer issues and to have reliable technologies to fulfill course requirements. An up-to-date PC or Mac-based computer with access to high-speed internet is required.

Courses delivered online may be either synchronous or asynchronous. Synchronous online classes require students and instructors to be online at the same time. Lectures, discussions, chats, etc. occur at a specific time. All students must be online at that specific hour in order to participate.

With asynchronous online courses, lectures, assignments, and other materials are posted online and students may access the material at any time, although the instructor generally sets a definite time period in which students may participate in each online class.

Hybrid courses (also known as blended courses) include both face-to-face classroom meetings and an online component. The online component may be either synchronous or asynchronous.

Independent Study

Independent Study is a one-credit course graded on a pass/fail basis. To receive credit, the student must spend at least 60 hours during the semester in which the student enrolls in Independent Study. Students are responsible for keeping a log of their hours and submitting the log to the supervising faculty member at the end of the semester.

A student may satisfy an independent study by researching and writing a paper of at least 10 pages or reading materials assigned by the sponsoring faculty member. Assigned readings must relate to a particular theme, and the student must produce either a single descriptive paper illustrating a thorough understanding of the subject or a series of papers summarizing the contents of the assigned reading materials. A student may earn no more than two credits through Independent Study.

Students may not enroll in an Independent Study without the consent of a faculty sponsor, who must be a full-time faculty member. The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs may approve Independent Study credit with an adjunct faculty member if a full-time faculty member acts as a co-sponsor for the student and reviews the student's work product.

Changing Status (Part-Time or Full Time)

Students who have not completed their lockstep courses may change status only under the conditions set out in Academic Standard 11.1 found in the [Student Handbook](#). *Students who have completed their lockstep classes may change status only with the approval of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs before registration for the semester or session in which the change would be effective.*

Cancellation of Classes

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

Pass/Fail Election

Students must designate the election of the pass/fail option by submitting an [Electronic](#) or [Paper](#) Pass/Fail Request Form to Student Services no later than Friday, May 24, 2019. You will not be able to elect the pass/fail option when you register online. You must obtain the pass/fail election form from Student Services or the law school web site and submit the completed form to Student Services. To preserve anonymity, students must not communicate a pass/fail election to the professor.

A student may not elect to take a lockstep course, a required course, a course taken to satisfy a rigorous writing requirement, a course taken to satisfy the upper-level experiential requirement, or a course taken to satisfy the requirements for a concentration program on a Pass/Fail basis, unless the course is offered only on a Pass/Fail basis.

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.

Students who began law school in 2015 or later may count up to 18 credit hours earned in courses graded on a pass-fail basis towards the total numbers of hours required for graduation and, within those 18 hours, may elect to take up to 3 credit hours of letter-graded courses pass-fail. To receive a P in these elected courses, student will need to receive a C or better. A student who receives below a C will receive the actual grade earned. This does not apply to courses graded only pass/fail.

Attendance Policy

Students on academic probation or academic warning who exceed 15% of the regularly scheduled class meetings (including make-ups) will be administratively withdrawn and receive no credit for the class. Students not currently on academic probation or academic warning who exceed 25% of the regularly scheduled class meetings (including make-ups) will be administratively withdrawn and receive no credit for the class. Any student withdrawn from a lockstep course will also be withdrawn from law school, pursuant to Academic Standard 5.4 found in the [Student Handbook](#).

Students are expected to adhere to special attendance requirements for some classes, including, but not limited to, law clinics, intensive weekend classes, condensed format classes, and externships as published in these registration

materials. Law clinics may have office attendance requirements in addition to classroom attendance requirements. Special attendance requirements are explained in the description of the courses to which they apply.

Official days and times for make-ups for cancelled classes:

All day classes	Monday-Friday	12:00 noon
All evening classes	Friday evening	

These are the official make-up times. An absence from a make-up scheduled during the official make-up time IS counted toward the maximum number of allowable absences for the class. An absence from a make-up scheduled at a time other than the official make-up time IS NOT counted.

Tuition and Fee Refund Policy

The tuition and refund policy can be found on the Current Students page of the law school website. Click [here](#) to view the policy.

Please contact Student Business Services at 817-212-4081 with any additional questions.

Warning: If you drop a summer session class you may no longer be eligible for financial aid. Contact the financial aid office at 817-212-4090 for more information.

CREDIT HOUR POLICY

A complete copy of the law school's [credit hour policy](#) is available on the law school's website. The following excerpt summarizes the relevant provisions of the credit hour policy for this term.

The Law School adheres to the federal¹ and ABA² definitions of a credit hour. ABA Standard 310(b) provides:

A "credit hour" is an amount of work that reasonably approximates:

- (1) not less than one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction³ and two hours of out-of-class student work⁴ per week for fifteen weeks, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time; or
- (2) at least an equivalent amount of work as required in subparagraph (1) of this definition for other academic activities as established by the institution, including simulation, field placement, clinical, co-curricular, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours.⁵

The academic calendar at the Law School includes two fifteen-week semesters, the fall and spring terms, each of which includes a one week reading period/break from classes, and a two-week examination period. The summer term includes one seven week class session and a one-week examination period. The winter session is a one-week term with an examination, paper or project.

Credit for Classroom Instruction

Students are required to complete 90 credit hours to graduate. Each hour of classroom credit is based on at least 50 minutes of direct faculty instruction. For each credit hour of classroom instruction, students shall spend, on average, a minimum of 2 hours (based on a 60-minute hour) on out-of-class work during the semester. Clinics and externship hours are calculated differently. See below for further explanation on the credit hour policy for clinics and externships.

Summer Term

A four-credit course will ordinarily meet for 400 minutes each week for 7 weeks, followed by an examination period. Students are expected to spend, on average, a minimum of 16 hours on out-of-class work per week during the term.

A three-credit course will ordinarily meet for 300 minutes each week for 7 weeks, followed by an examination period. Students are expected to spend, on average, a minimum of 12 hours on out-of-class work per week during the term.

A two-credit course will ordinarily meet for 200 minutes each week for 7 weeks, followed by an examination period. Students are expected to spend, on average, a minimum of 8 hours on out-of-class work per week during the term.

A one-credit course will ordinarily meet for 100 minutes each week for 7 weeks, followed by an examination period. Students are expected to spend, on average, a minimum of 4 hours on out-of-class work per week during the term.

¹ 34 C.F.R. § 600.2 (2015), Regulations of the Offices of the Department of Education

² ABA Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools (2018-2019), Standard 310(b)

³ "...fifty minutes suffices for one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction." Interpretation 310-1, ABA Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools (2018-2019).

⁴ "An 'hour' for out-of-class student work is sixty minutes." Interpretation 310-1, ABA Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools (2018-2019).

⁵ ABA Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools (2018-2019), Standard 310(b)

If a class does not meet every week or does not have an examination, an equivalent amount of time will be allocated during the term to direct classroom instruction and student out-of-class work per week.

Credit for Clinics and Externships

Each Law School clinic and externship placement includes a classroom component. The amount and level of credit awarded in each clinic or externship placement depends on the amount of time allocated to the classroom component and to student clinical and extern work. Depending on the clinic or extern placement, students will spend at least 42.5 hours in and out-of-class during the term for each hour of academic credit earned. In addition, students enrolling in a clinic or externship for the first time must attend a required orientation. Students are responsible for keeping a log of their hours for review by a faculty member at the end of each semester.

Clinics

Students enrolled in a clinic for the first time are required to attend weekly class sessions as set forth in the chart below and must devote, on average, a minimum of the following hours of out-of-class work per week over a seven-week term.

# of Credits	Class Meeting Hours	Out-of-Class Work
3	2 hours per week	20 hours per week Class counts toward the Total of 20 hours.

Continuing Clinic Students

Students who have completed one semester of a clinic may continue in that same clinic for a subsequent semester for two, three, or four credits, with the approval of the clinic instructor. The number of credits is to be determined by the student and instructor. Students enrolling as a continuing clinic student must devote, on average, a minimum of the following hours of out-of-class work per week, over a seven-week term:

<u>No. of Credits</u>	<u>Out-of-class work</u>
2 credits	12 hours
3 credits	18 hours
4 credits	24 hours

Externships

Students enrolled in externships for the first time must attend a seminar. Students enrolled in externships for a second time must attend individual and group meetings led by the Externship Program Director. Students enrolled in Residency Externship-Public Policy attend a corresponding seminar. Please see registration materials for the externship seminar or meeting schedule.

Students enrolled in an externship must devote, on average, the following hours of out-of-class work for the externship placement per week:

<u>No. of Credits</u>	<u>Hours at Placement</u>
2 credits	12 hours (over 7 weeks)
3 credits	18 hours (over 7 weeks)
4 credits	23 hours (over 7 weeks)

Travel time does not count for hours. Academic credit is awarded on a pass/fail basis.

Credit for Independent Study

Students enrolled in Independent Study are eligible to receive one hour of academic credit for performing at least 60 hours on the assignment during the term in which the student is enrolled. Students are responsible for keeping a log of their hours and submitting the log to the supervising faculty member at the end of the semester. Academic credit is awarded on a pass/fail basis.

Credit for Student-Edited Law Journals

Student members of law journals are eligible to receive one hour of academic credit per semester for performing at least 60 hours of academically-related work, which may include completion of a note or comment, reading and evaluating journal submissions, and editing and cite-checking articles. Students on the board of editors who are performing editorial functions for the law journals are eligible to receive up to two credits per semester for performing at least 100 hours of academically-related work. Students are responsible for keeping a log of their hours for review by the faculty advisor of the journal at the end of each semester. Academic credit is awarded on a pass/fail basis.

Credit for Moot Court, Mock Trial, and ADR Competitions

Depending on the competition, students who participate in Mock Trial, Moot Court and ADR competitions are eligible to receive up to two hours academic credit per semester for each 45 hours of academically-related work, including brief writing, appellate advocacy, trial advocacy, negotiation, mediation, or arbitration (and excluding time to travel to competitions). Students are responsible for keeping a log of their hours for review by a faculty member at the end of each semester. Academic credit is awarded on a pass/fail basis.

Credit for Teaching Assistants

Students who serve as teaching assistants in the Academic Support Program, the Legal Writing Program, or the Professional Identity Program are eligible to receive one hour of academic credit per semester for performing at least 50 hours of academically-related work, including mentoring students in study skills, time management, exam preparation, legal writing, or other critical academic skills. Students are responsible for keeping a log of their hours for review by a faculty member at the end of each semester. Academic credit is awarded on a pass/fail basis.

JURIS DOCTOR REQUIREMENTS

J.D. students are advised to consult the [Student Handbook](#) for the applicable academic standards governing the students' graduation requirements at the law school. The following summary provides guidance to students based on the requirements set forth in the Student Handbook, but is not a substitute for the official requirements contained in the Student Handbook.

No required courses may be elected as pass/fail.

Lockstep Classes

The lockstep courses for students who began law school in fall 2016 are: Civil Procedure; Constitutional Law; Contracts; Criminal Law; LARW I & II; Legislation & Regulation; Professional Identity; Property; and Torts. Please see the [Student Handbook](#) for a more detailed explanation of the sequence of the lockstep curriculum.

The lockstep courses for students who began law school in or after fall 2017 are: ADR Survey; Civil Procedure; Contracts; Criminal Law; LARW I & II; Legislation & Regulation; Professional Identity; Property; and Torts. Please see the [Student Handbook](#) for a more detailed explanation of the sequence of the lockstep curriculum.

Upper Level Requirements for Graduation

Students who began law school in or before fall 2016 must successfully complete these upper-level courses before graduation:

- Business Associations I
- Criminal Procedure
- Evidence
- LARW III
- Professional Responsibility
- Wills and Estates

Students who began law school in or after fall 2017 must successfully complete these upper-level courses during their second year of law school and before graduation:

- Constitutional Law
- Professional Responsibility

In addition, students who began law school in or after fall 2017 must successfully complete a LARW III course before graduation.

Important Note on Upper Level Required Courses:

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For course rotations and to assist in your academic planning, please review "[Planning Your Course of Study](#)," available on the law school website. (Please note that this document is updated in the spring of each year.) The document includes a listing of when advanced required and core courses will generally be offered by semester and division.

Experiential Requirement

Students who began law school in fall 2016 must successfully complete a minimum of six hours of experiential coursework.

Students who began law school in or after fall 2017 must successfully complete a minimum of six hours of experiential coursework. As part of the six credit hours, students must successfully complete an approved externship or clinic that involves advising or representing one or more actual clients or serving as a third-party neutral.

The following fall classes count toward the overall experiential requirement:

- Borderlands Law - Contemporary Legal Issues Relating to the U.S.-Mexico Border (2)
- Deposition Skills Workshop (1)
- Externship (2-4)
- Externship II (2-4)
- Externship: Laredo, TX (4)
- Summer Clinic (3)

The following fall classes count toward the live client component of the overall experiential requirement:

- Externship (2-4)
- Externship II (2-4)
- Externship: Laredo, TX (4)
- Summer Clinic (3)

Rigorous Writing Requirement

Students must satisfy the rigorous writing requirement by completing a law journal comment; or by taking a seminar, completing the required paper, and earning a grade of at least a B- on the paper. Please review section 3.4 of the law school's Academic Standards found in the [Student Handbook](#) for rules and limitations on the rigorous writing requirement.

CONCENTRATION PROGRAMS

A concentration is a specialized course of study analogous, in part, to a major in college. Earning a concentration is an official acknowledgment, and a representation to employers, that a student has developed a certain expertise in a particular area of the law.

Certificates of concentration will be available to students once they have satisfied the requirements for the applicable concentration program. Generally, each concentration requires a grade point average of at least 2.33 in at least 14-16 hours of related, qualifying courses. Questions about the law school's concentrations, including the course requirements for each, should be directed to the faculty supervisor for the particular concentration:

Business Law	Prof. William Magnuson
Criminal Law, Justice, & Policy	Prof. Cynthia Alkon
Dispute Resolution	Prof. Nancy Welsh
Energy Law	Prof. Gabriel Eckstein
Environmental Law	Prof. Gabriel Eckstein
Estate Planning	Prof. Terri Helge
Family Law	Prof. Celestina Flores (Contreras)
Intellectual Property	Prof. Peter Yu
Public Policy (Domestic)	Prof. Lisa Rich
Public Policy (International)	Prof. Charlotte Ku
Water Law	Prof. Gabriel Eckstein
Workplace Law	Prof. Michael Green

[Concentration requirements](#) and [applications](#) can be found on the law school website.

BORDERLANDS LAW: LAREDO, TX

Borderlands Law - Contemporary Legal Issues Relating to the U.S.-Mexico Border (Special Topics)

Laredo Course:	LAW-7900-	CRN
2 Credits	Professor: Alton	
Laredo Externship:	LAW-7835-604	CRN
4 Credits	Professor: Becker	

This course counts toward the experiential requirement.

The U.S.-Mexico borderlands have loomed large in the mythology of Texas. Come experience the power of the borderlands, as the myth collides with the reality of the 21st century in Texas A&M University School of Law's collaborative summer program with Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) in Laredo, Texas. Laredo is the largest port of entry in Texas and is the third-largest port of entry in the United States. Laredo's annual import-export trade topped \$280 billion in 2015. Total trade back and forth across the U.S.-Mexico border amounts to almost \$1.5 billion *each day*.

This collaborative program with TAMIU consists of two parts, totaling six credits over seven weeks. The first part is a two-credit, two-week course called "Borderlands Law," which will be held on the Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) campus in Laredo and will include guest speakers and field trips. Six TAMIU students will participate in this class.

The second part of this summer program will be a five-week, four-credit externship placement in Laredo, immediately following the two-week Borderlands Law course (May 28 – June 28, 2019). The externship will place students in a public interest setting or private law firm setting in Laredo.

Preference for enrollment in the Borderlands Law course and the associated Laredo externship will be given to those students who enroll in both courses (i.e., the Borderlands Law course and the Laredo externship). Preference also will be given to students who are currently enrolled in the full-time 1L program.

Enrollment limited to six (6) law students. [An application](#) and professor approval are required. No Howdy registration.

Prerequisites: Successful completion of all lockstep courses is required for the Borderlands Law course and the Laredo summer externship placement. The Borderlands Law course is a prerequisite for the Laredo summer externship. A student must have a cumulative law school GPA of at least 2.67 through his or her most recent semester of law school in order to apply for the Borderlands Law course and the Laredo summer externship placement.

Class sessions: Borderlands Law class meetings will be held at TAMIU in Laredo, Texas.

Attendance requirements: Borderlands Law is a condensed "short" summer course that will have all of its class meetings from May 12 – May 27, 2019. Students will have classroom sessions, field trips, and/or other activities each day. Students must attend all classes, field trips, and other daily activities to be counted present for that day. Students may miss no more than 1 day (or any class, field trip, or activity in one day). Students with excessive absences will be withdrawn from the course and receive no credit. A student who is administratively withdrawn from the prerequisite Borderlands Law class will not be eligible to participate in the Laredo summer externship placement.

NOTE: Borderlands Law is designed to be an "experiential course" for purposes of Academic Standard 3.5.2; it is a "simulation course." As an externship, or field placement, the Laredo summer externship placement is an "experiential course" for purposes of Academic Standard 3.5.2; it has a live client component.

NEW COURSES

Corporate Finance (Special Topics)

LAW-7900-
3 Credits

CRN
Professor: Morriss

This course is designed to provide students with an understanding of the funding sources and the structure of corporate financial transactions. The course will focus on the tools necessary for a lawyer to render legal opinions in the financial sector; and will help students understand the finances behind transactions such as negotiating a merger, taking a client private through a leveraged buyout (LBO) or public through an initial public offering (IPO), or securing capital for expansion or operations. Topics covered include: valuation, debt securities, preferred stock, convertible securities, and distributions in respect of equity securities.

This is a distance education online course and will be delivered asynchronously over 7 weeks and will include students from other law schools. Registered students will receive orientation and training in how to participate in this course. Students are expected to meet basic technology requirements to successfully participate in this online course. Failure to meet these requirements may result in problems accessing the course materials. It is the student's responsibility to ensure all requirements are met prior to the start of the course.

Prerequisites: (1) One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; (2) 28 completed hours.

Economics for Lawyers (Special Topics)

LAW-7900-
3 Credits

CRN
Professor: Butler

Economics for Lawyers will provide you with an overview of basic tools involved in microeconomic analysis (including game theory, and some basic financial and statistical concepts), and an application of these tools to various areas of the law, including property, contracts, tort, and antitrust. This course will prepare you to think critically about the economic implications of legal rules. The ability to draw on economic arguments to shape legal arguments will make you more effective advocates.

This is a distance education online course and will be delivered asynchronously over 7 weeks and will include students from other law schools. Registered students will receive orientation and training in how to participate in this course. Students are expected to meet basic technology requirements to successfully participate in this online course. Failure to meet these requirements may result in problems accessing the course materials. It is the student's responsibility to ensure all requirements are met prior to the start of the course.

Prerequisites: (1) One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; (2) 28 completed hours.

Summer Clinic (Special Topics)

LAW-7900- **CRN**
3 Credits Professor: Flores (Contreras) and Probasco

The Summer Clinic course offers students the opportunity to develop their skills in the general areas of interviewing, counseling, dispute resolution, law practice management, legal research and other core lawyering skills that advances their career development. As a primarily experiential course, this course focuses on teaching professional skills and integrates doctrine, theory and legal ethics. Students in the summer clinic will be assigned cases from either the Family and Veterans Advocacy Clinic or the Low-Income Tax Clinic. Students enrolling with an interest in Family and Veterans issues will learn about divorce, custody, child support, family violence, protective orders, veterans' benefits and other issues, plus preparing for trials. Students enrolling with an interest in tax will learn how to dispute additional taxes imposed by the IRS (during audits, administrative appeals, or Tax Court litigation) and how to settle tax debts for less than the full amount owed.

In lieu of the Professional Responsibility requirement for clinics, the Summer Clinic will include an intensive training on ethics.

This course counts toward the experiential and live client component requirements.

Prerequisite: One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.
[Application Required](#), priority for applications submitted by March 22. No Howdy registration.

Summer Advanced Clinic (Special Topics)

LAW-7900- **CRN**
2-4 Credits Professor: Flores (Contreras) and Probasco

Students who have completed one semester of a clinic may continue in that same clinic for a subsequent semester for two, three, or four credits, with the approval of the clinic instructor. The number of credits is to be determined by the student and instructor. **Students continuing in the summer semester will not receive experiential credit** but must devote, on average, a minimum of the following hours of out-of-class work per week, over a seven-week term:

<u>No. of Credits</u>	<u>Out-of-class work</u>
2 credits	12 hours
3 credits	18 hours
4 credits	24 hours

Prerequisite: Professional Responsibility.

[Application Required](#), priority for applications submitted by March 22. No Howdy registration.

DISTANCE EDUCATION (ONLINE) COURSES

Classes will be delivered online asynchronously and may include students from other law schools. Students are expected to meet basic technology requirements to successfully participate in this online course. Failure to meet these requirements may result in problems accessing the course materials. It is the student's responsibility to ensure all requirements are met prior to the start of the course. Registered students will receive orientation and training in how to participate in this course. Final exam will be online. Students will be graded according to the School of Law Academic Standards.

Attendance requirements: All distance education course activities run on a weekly schedule that runs Monday through Sunday. Students have weekly deadlines to turn in assignments and to post in discussion boards. Students who have viewed each lecture in its entirety and met these weekly deadlines are counted as present. Students may miss no more than 1 weekly requirement (e.g. view each lecture in its entirety, participate substantively in the discussion boards, and submit weekly assignments) for completion of the course. Students with excessive absences will be withdrawn from the course and receive no credit.

Corporate Finance (Special Topics)

LAW-7900- CRN
3 Credits Professor: Morriss

This course is designed to provide students with an understanding of the funding sources and the structure of corporate financial transactions. The course will focus on the tools necessary for a lawyer to render legal opinions in the financial sector; and will help students understand the finances behind transactions such as negotiating a merger, taking a client private through a leveraged buyout (LBO) or public through an initial public offering (IPO), or securing capital for expansion or operations. Topics covered include: valuation, debt securities, preferred stock, convertible securities, and distributions in respect of equity securities.

Prerequisites: (1) One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; (2) 28 completed hours.

Economics for Lawyers (Special Topics)

LAW-7900- CRN
3 Credits Professor: Butler

Economics for Lawyers will provide you with an overview of basic tools involved in microeconomic analysis (including game theory, and some basic financial and statistical concepts), and an application of these tools to various areas of the law, including property, contracts, tort, and antitrust. This course will prepare you to think critically about the economic implications of legal rules. The ability to draw on economic arguments to shape legal arguments will make you more effective advocates.

Prerequisites: (1) One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; (2) 28 completed hours.

Healthcare Compliance (Special Topics)

LAW-7900-

CRN

3 Credits

Professor: Crossley

Healthcare Compliance provides an understanding of the complexities of the healthcare compliance process from practical, business, and legal perspectives. Students will become familiar with the components of an effective compliance plan and program as well as the issues that arise in the implementation and administration of a compliance plan. Discover the many roles the compliance staff fulfill in encouraging compliance with laws, regulations, and ethical principles, and gain familiarity with some of the more significant issues that arise when allegations of noncompliance come to the attention of the federal and state governments.

Prerequisites: (1) One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; (2) 28 completed hours.

National Security: Counterterrorism (Special Topics)

LAW-7900-

CRN

3 Credits

Professor: Guiora

National Security: Counterterrorism is an in-depth look at counterterrorism in the United States. Examines the competing conceptions and definitions of terrorism at the national level and the institutions and processes designed to execute the national security on terrorism. Includes the study of the balance between national security interests and civil liberties found in the following topical areas: relevant Supreme Court decisions, legislative provisions in response to acts of terrorism, operational counter-terrorism considerations (including targeted killing), intelligence gathering (including interrogations), policy recommendations, the use of military tribunals or civil courts in trying suspected terrorists, the emerging law regarding enemy combatants and their detention, and the arguable need for new self-defense doctrines at the global level.

Prerequisites: (1) One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; (2) 28 completed hours.

Secured Transactions (Special Topics)

LAW-7900-

CRN

3 Credits

Professor: Henning

This course examines the rules governing transactions in which personal property and fixtures are used as collateral to secure an obligation. The primary source of authority is Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code, but students will also be introduced to other applicable laws, including primarily the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. This body of law addresses not only the rights of the debtor and creditor inter se but also the rights of third parties with an interest in the collateral.

Prerequisites: (1) One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; (2) 28 completed hours; (3) Property.

Taxation of Business Entities (Special Topics)

LAW-7900-

CRN

3 Credits

Professor: Lucas

This course studies the federal income tax treatment of C corporations and pass-through entities such as partnerships, S corporations, and limited liability companies. The course examines the formation, operation, and sales and liquidations of these entities.

Prerequisites: (1) One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; (2) 28 completed hours; (3) Federal Income Tax.

COURSE LISTINGS

COURSE TITLE	COURSE #	CRN	HRS	DAYS	START TIME	END TIME	PROFESSOR
Borderlands Law - Contemporary Legal Issues Relating to the U.S.-Mexico Border (Special Topics)	LAW-7900- Prerequisite:	TBA	2	M-SU*	TBA	TBA	Alton
		<p>All lockstep courses. This course counts toward the experiential requirement. Enrollment limited to 6 law students. Application required. <i>No Howdy registration.</i></p> <p>*Condensed course meets May 12-May 27 in Laredo, TX. See the Borderlands section for more information.</p>					
Corporate Finance (Special Topics) (Distance Education Online Course)	LAW-7900- Prerequisite:	TBA	3	Online			Morriss
		<p>(1) One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; (2) 28 completed hours.</p> <p>Online Schedule: May 20–July 5. This class will be delivered asynchronously over 7 weeks and will include students from other law schools. Registered students will receive orientation and training in how to participate in this course. Final Exam: Online July 10-12.</p> <p>Attendance Requirements: See the Distance Education (Online) section for more information.</p>					
Courthouse Perspectives	LAW-7890-601 Prerequisite:	TBA	1	M-F*	9:00AM	12:00PM	McCoy
		<p>One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program. <i>Limited enrollment course. No Howdy registration.</i></p> <p>*Condensed course meets May 13-17 from 9:00am-12:00pm. Final Exam May 17 at 11:00am at the law school.</p>					
Deposition Skills Workshop	LAW-7887S-601 Prerequisite:	TBA	1	T-S*	Various*	Various*	Dennie
		<p>One year of law school in the fulltime or part-time program. Pass/Fail course. This course counts toward the experiential requirement. <i>Limited enrollment course. No Howdy registration.</i></p> <p>*Condensed course meets: July 9 from 12:00-2:00pm July 10 from 12:00-2:00pm July 11 from 12:00-2:00pm July 12 from 12:00-2:00pm July 13 from 9:30am-2:00pm</p>					

COURSE TITLE	COURSE #	CRN	HRS	DAYS	START TIME	END TIME	PROFESSOR	
Economics for Lawyers (Special Topics) (Distance Education Online Course)	LAW-7900-	TBA	3	Online			Butler	
	Prerequisite:	(1) One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; (2) 28 completed hours.						
		Online Schedule: May 20–July 5. This class will be delivered asynchronously over 7 weeks and will include students from other law schools. Registered students will receive orientation and training in how to participate in this course.						
		Final Exam: Online July 10-12.						
		Attendance Requirements: See the Distance Education (Online) section for more information.						
Externship: Laredo, TX	LAW-7835-604	TBA	4	W	5:00PM online*	6:15PM online	Becker	
	Prerequisite:	(1) All lockstep courses. (2) Borderlands Law (may be taken concurrently). Pass/Fail course. This course counts toward the experiential and live client component requirements. Enrollment limited to 6 law students. Application required. <i>No Howdy registration.</i> *Placement will be in Laredo, Texas from May 28–June 28 with weekly online class meetings. See the Borderlands section for more information.						
Externship (in-class orientation and online meetings)	LAW-7835-601	TBA	2	W*	5:00PM	6:15PM	Becker	
	LAW-7835-602	TBA	3		online*	online		
	LAW-7835-603	TBA	4					
	Prerequisite:	At least 29 completed hours; no honor code violations; 2.33 minimum cumulative GPA. Pass/Fail course. This course counts toward the experiential and live client component requirements. Application and professor approval required. <i>No Howdy registration.</i> Summer Externships must start no later than June 7 and end by July 12. Students must complete at least 5 weeks at their placement. *Class Meetings will be online. Additional mandatory online classes on Monday, May 20 and Tuesday, May 21 from 5:00-6:30pm.						
Externship II (online meetings)	LAW-7842-601	TBA	2	T*	5:00PM	6:00PM	Becker	
	LAW-7842-602	TBA	3		online	online		
	LAW-7842-603	TBA	4					
	Prerequisite:	(1) Externship; (2) At least 29 completed hours; no honor code violations; 2.33 minimum cumulative GPA. Pass/Fail course. This course counts toward the experiential and live client component requirements. Application and professor approval required. <i>No Howdy registration.</i> *Must attend two online classes on June 11 and June 25 from 5:00-6:00 online. Students will also be responsible for scheduling two individual meetings with their faculty supervisor at week 1 and mid-term of externship.						

COURSE TITLE	COURSE #	CRN	HRS	DAYS	START TIME	END TIME	PROFESSOR
Healthcare Compliance (Special Topics) (Distance Education Online Course)	LAW-7900-	TBA	3	Online			Crossley
	Prerequisite:	(1) One year of law school in the fulltime or part-time program; (2) 28 completed hours.					
<p>Online Schedule: May 20 – July 5. This class will be delivered asynchronously over 7 weeks and will include students from other law schools. Registered students will receive orientation and training in how to participate in this course.</p> <p>Final Exam: Online July 10-12.</p> <p>Attendance Requirements: See the Distance Education (Online) section for more information.</p>							
Independent Study	LAW-7816	TBA	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	Arranged
	Prerequisite:	This course must be arranged with a full-time professor. <i>No Howdy registration. Pass/Fail course.</i>					
National Security: Counterterrorism (Special Topics) (Distance Education Online Course)	LAW-7900-	TBA	3	Online			Guiora
	Prerequisite:	(1) One year of law school in the fulltime or part-time program; (2) 28 completed hours.					
<p>Online Schedule: May 20 – July 5. This class will be delivered asynchronously over 7 weeks and will include students from other law schools. Registered students will receive orientation and training in how to participate in this course.</p> <p>Final Exam: Online July 10-12.</p> <p>Attendance Requirements: See the Distance Education (Online) section for more information.</p>							
Secured Transactions (Special Topics) (Distance Education Online Course)	LAW-7900-	TBA	3	Online			Henning
	Prerequisite:	(1) One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; (2) Property; (3) 28 completed hours.					
<p>Online Schedule: May 20 – July 5. This class will be delivered asynchronously over 7 weeks and will include students from other law schools. Registered students will receive orientation and training in how to participate in this course.</p> <p>Final Exam: Online July 10-12.</p> <p>Attendance Requirements: See the Distance Education (Online) section for more information.</p>							

COURSE TITLE	COURSE #	CRN	HRS	DAYS	START TIME	END TIME	PROFESSOR
Summer Clinic (Special Topics)	LAW-7900-	TBA	3	M-F*	9:30AM	11:30AM	Flores (Contreras) and Probasco
	Prerequisite:	One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program. No honor code violations. Application required , priority for applications submitted by March 22. No Howdy registration. This course counts toward the experiential and live client component requirements. Due to ethical obligations in representing clients, students may not drop the course after May 24. *Course meets Monday-Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for the first two weeks of classes, May 20-31 (except for Memorial Day).					
Summer Advanced Clinic (Special Topics)	LAW-7900-	TBA	2	TBA	TBA	TBA	Flores (Contreras) and Probasco
	LAW-7900-	TBA	3				
	LAW-7900-	TBA	4				
	Prerequisite:	Professional Responsibility. No honor code violations. Application Required , priority for applications submitted by March 22. No Howdy registration. Due to ethical obligations in representing clients, students may not drop the course after May 24.					
Taxation of Business Entities (Special Topics) (Distance Education Online Course)	LAW-7900-	TBA	3	Online			Lucas
	Prerequisite:	(1) One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program; (2) Federal Income Tax; (3) 28 completed hours. Online Schedule: May 20 – July 5. This class will be delivered asynchronously over 7 weeks and will include students from other law schools. Registered students will receive orientation and training in how to participate in this course. Final Exam: Online July 10-12. Attendance Requirements: See the Distance Education (Online) section for more information.					

Course Grid

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
						May 12 <u>TBA</u> Borderlands Law (2) Alton
May 13 <u>TBA</u> Borderlands Law (2) Alton <u>9:00am-12:00pm</u> Courthouse Perspectives McCoy	May 14 <u>TBA</u> Borderlands Law (2) Alton <u>9:00am-12:00pm</u> Courthouse Perspectives McCoy	May <u>TBA</u> Borderlands Law (2) Alton <u>9:00am-12:00pm</u> Courthouse Perspectives McCoy	May 16 <u>TBA</u> Borderlands Law (2) Alton <u>9:00am-12:00pm</u> Courthouse Perspectives McCoy	May 17 <u>TBA</u> Borderlands Law (2) Alton <u>9:00am-12:00pm</u> Courthouse Perspectives McCoy Final Exam at 11:00 am	May 18 <u>TBA</u> Borderlands Law (2) Alton	May 1 <u>TBA</u> Borderlands Law (2) Alton 9
May 20 <u>TBA</u> Borderlands Law (2) Alton <u>9:30-11:30am</u> Summer Clinic (3) Flores (Contreras) and Probasco <u>5:00-6:30pm</u> <u>Mandatory online</u> Externship (2-4) Becker Externship: Laredo, TX (4) Becker	May 21 <u>TBA</u> Borderlands Law (2) Alton <u>9:30-11:30am</u> Summer Clinic (3) Flores (Contreras) and Probasco <u>5:00-6:30pm</u> <u>Mandatory online</u> Externship (2-4) Becker Externship: Laredo, TX (4) Becker	May 22 <u>TBA</u> Borderlands Law (2) Alton <u>9:30-11:30am</u> Summer Clinic (3) Flores (Contreras) and Probasco <u>5:00-6:15pm</u> <u>online</u> Externship (2-4) Becker Externship: Laredo, TX (4) Becker	May 23 <u>TBA</u> Borderlands Law (2) Alton <u>9:30-11:30am</u> Summer Clinic (3) Flores (Contreras) and Probasco	May 24 <u>TBA</u> Borderlands Law (2) Alton <u>9:30-11:30am</u> Summer Clinic (3) Flores (Contreras) and Probasco	May 25 <u>TBA</u> Borderlands Law (2) Alton	May 26 <u>TBA</u> Borderlands Law (2) Alton
May 27 <u>TBA</u> Borderlands Law (2) Alton Memorial Day Holiday	May 28 <u>9:30-11:30am</u> Summer Clinic (3) Flores (Contreras) and Probasco	May 29 <u>9:30-11:30am</u> Summer Clinic (3) Flores (Contreras) and Probasco <u>5:00-6:15pm</u> <u>online</u> Externship (2-4) Becker Externship: Laredo, TX (4) Becker	May 30 <u>9:30-11:30am</u> Summer Clinic (3) Flores (Contreras) and Probasco	May 31 <u>9:30-11:30am</u> Summer Clinic (3) Flores (Contreras) and Probasco	June 1	June 2

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
June 3	June 4	June 5 <u>5:00-6:15pm</u> <u>online</u> Externship (2-4) Becker Externship: Laredo, TX (4) Becker	June 6	June 7	June 8	June 9
June 10	June 11 <u>5:00-6:00pm</u> <u>online</u> Externship II (2-4) Becker	June 12 <u>5:00-6:15pm</u> <u>online</u> Externship (2-4) Becker Externship: Laredo, TX (4) Becker	June 13	June 14	June 15	June 16
June 17	June 18	June 19 <u>5:00-6:15pm</u> <u>online</u> Externship (2-4) Becker Externship: Laredo, TX (4) Becker	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23
June 24	June 25 <u>5:00-6:00pm</u> <u>online</u> Externship II (2-4) Becker	June 26 <u>5:00-6:15pm</u> <u>online</u> Externship (2-4) Becker Externship: Laredo, TX (4) Becker	June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30
July 1	July 2	July 3 <u>5:00-6:15pm</u> <u>online</u> Externship (2-4) Becker Externship: Laredo, TX (4) Becker	July 4 <i>Independence Day Holiday</i>	July 5	July 6	July 7

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
July 8	July 9 <u>12:00-2:00pm</u> Deposition Skills Workshop (1) Dennie	July 10 ONLINE FINAL EXAMS <u>12:00-2:00pm</u> Deposition Skills Workshop (1) Dennie	July 11 ONLINE FINAL EXAMS <u>12:00-2:00pm</u> Deposition Skills Workshop (1) Dennie	July 12 ONLINE FINAL EXAMS <u>12:00-2:00pm</u> Deposition Skills Workshop (1) Dennie	July 13 <u>9:30am-2:00pm</u> Deposition Skills Workshop (1) Dennie	July 14

SUMMER 2019 FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

These courses require a paper, project, or the equivalent instead of a final exam:

Borderlands Law - Contemporary Legal Issues Relating to the U.S.-Mexico Border
Deposition Skills Workshop
Externship: Laredo, TX
Externship
Externship II
Summer Advanced Clinic
Summer Clinic

In-Class Final Exams:

Courthouse Perspectives – Friday, May 17 at 11:00 am

Distance Education Online Final Exams July 10-12:

Corporate Finance
Economics for Lawyers
Healthcare Compliance
National Security: Counterterrorism
Secured Transactions
Taxation of Business Entities

SCHEDULE REVISIONS

3-15-19

Summer Clinic -Prerequisite updated to: One year of law school in the full-time or part-time program.
Professor updated to: Celestina Flores (Contreras) and Robert Probasco