

Academic Catalog Courses 2022-2023				
Alternative Dispute Resolution				
Div	Code	Title	Description	Credits
ADR	6410	Alternative Dispute Resolution	This course presents the theory and practice of negotiation, mediation, and arbitration that constitute the foundation of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) through lecture and simulations. Examines the different theories and approaches to ADR, as well as the wide range of issues that arise in the selection and application of these dispute resolution techniques.	3
ADR	6412	Mediation	Examines the nature of mediation and explores theoretical and practical aspects of the process. The course analyzes each component of the mediation process and provides students with the opportunity to apply theories and skills in simulation exercises.	2
ADR	6413	Mediation Advocacy	Designed to teach students how to be effective advocates in the mediation setting. Students will learn to counsel clients for mediation, how to prepare a mediation plan, select a mediator, as well as effective participation in mediation.	2
ADR	6415	Environmental Dispute Resolution	Explores the range of processes that are used to resolve environmental disputes with particular emphasis on consensual processes such as negotiation and mediation. Instruction will be based on lectures and discussions of the theory of dispute resolution and environmental law and simulations to practice the skills needed to resolve environmental disputes.	3
ADR	6420	Negotiation	This interactive workshop examines the dynamics, constraints, and skills of the negotiation process. It focuses equally on the use of negotiation in planning and dispute resolution. Students learn specific techniques through simulation experiences, and issues related to the use of negotiation are addressed through classroom discussions.	2
Business				

BUS	6218	Introduction to Start Ups	This course offers an introduction to the legal skills and knowledge needed to provide entrepreneurs and emerging start-ups with legal guidance. Using innovative legal tools and processes, the course simulates the legal guidance considerations necessary to launch an enterprise through simulated exercises with triple bottom line companies. The concentration on triple bottom line companies that impact environmental issues and social justice creates the opportunity to explore public benefit enterprise concepts that bring both mainstream and distinct legal concerns to light. A focus on providing innovative legal solutions and tools for offering affordable legal services will deepen students' understanding of legal practice and business as catalysts for environmental and social change.	2
BUS	6219	Entrepreneur Practice Lab	Vsell Practicum. Prerequisite: BUS6218. Enrollment by application	2-12
BUS	6235	Corporations and Other Business Associations	Provides a basic understanding of the different organizational forms for businesses, including corporations, limited liability companies and partnerships, general partnerships, and sole proprietorships. The course also examines the law of agency, and surveys selected topics, such as basic accounting principles, business formation, financing, dissolution, and securities regulations.	4
BUS	6237	Debtor-Creditor Law & Bankruptcy	Examines the nature of the arbitration process, rules governing hearings, the relationship between arbitration and the court system, the enforceability of agreements to arbitrate, and judicial review of arbitration award. This course also explores the controversial areas of arbitration such as requiring arbitration in employment and consumer contracts.	3
BUS	6241	Federal Income Tax	This course is designed to teach the fundamentals of federal income taxation, including concepts of gross income, exclusions from income, gains from the sale of exchange or property, the character of income, business and personal deductions, credits, and tax policy. Coverage is selective, rather than comprehensive, to facilitate in-depth analysis of representative issues. The primary focus will be the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and the	3

			regulations. The sections selected represent basic principles and representative models.	
BUS	6245	Employment Law	Examines areas of federal and state labor law which regulate the employment relationship, and which provide minimum protection outside of collective bargaining. Major topics considered include wrongful discharge, post-employment liability, employee privacy, genetic and drug testing, and employee welfare and retirement benefits (ERISA).	3
BUS	6246	Employment Law Practice	Employment Law Practicum is a one credit simulation-based module designed to provide students with opportunities for transactional learning in addition to those already contained in Employment Law. It will also include a professional development component that focuses on the employment law practitioner.	1
BUS	6255	Income Taxation	An introduction to federal income taxation. Topics include: the concept of income; exclusions from income; deductions and credits available to individual non-business taxpayers and business taxpayers; sales and other dispositions of property; capital gains and losses.	4
BUS	6260	Intellectual Property	A basic introduction to the law of patents, copyrights, trademarks, and trade secrets.	2
BUS	6280	Sales	Covers primarily Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code governing the sale of goods, including formation and modification of contracts for sale, Article 2's statute of frauds, warranties, parole evidence, risk allocations when goods are stored or transported, breach, remedies for sellers and buyers, and contractual limitations on remedies. The course includes references to consumer rights as well as comparisons between the common law of contract and the Code's rules and concepts.	2
BUS	6290	Securities Regulations	A study of federal law and the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission concerning the registration, distribution and trading of securities, and legal and regulatory aspects of the securities industry. The course considers the responsibilities and liabilities of issuers of securities, its officers and directors, brokers, attorneys, and other participants in the	3

			distribution and trading processes, as well as issues regarding "insider" trading.	
BUS	6360	Introduction to eLawyering	Focuses on how new technologies affect legal drafting and surveys the historical background of law and technology; the logical basis for such legal documents as contracts, wills, statutes and regulations; and the theory of embedding law in code. The course also considers the secondary effects on law, lawyering, and the legal profession likely to arise from the digitization of many legal tasks. In addition to the reading and class discussions, students will create a demonstrative virtual law practice and undertake drafting projects.	3
BUS	6361	eLawyering: eDiscovery Data	Litigation often involves the collection, production, management, and analysis of electronically store information (ESI). An enormous amount of data (Big Data) exists that may help make a case or predict the outcomes of approaches and legal rulings. This course considers the legal and operational issues associated with managing electronic information.	3
BUS	6362	eLawyering: Practice Management	Legal practices are using practice management and litigation software. Courts have also moved in the direction of e-filing and calendaring. Students will gain the theoretical and practical background to understand these changes and to positively impact their employer's responses to such change. Students will use matter management software, prepare e-filings, and use technology to strengthen and present a closing argument.	2
BUS	6371	eLawyering: Cyber Security	Organizations and individuals face a multitude of complex threats to the confidentiality, availability, and integrity of their information in today's cyber environs. Against the backdrop of recent cyber warfare efforts, data breaches, FISA courts and Snowden revelations eLawyering: Cybersecurity provides in-depth examination of the law dealing with the security of information and data and its corresponding technology.	3
Clinics				

CLI	9302	Environmental Advocacy Clinic	The ENRLC is a public interest environmental law firm. Student clinicians work on behalf of environmental and conservation organizations under the supervision of clinical faculty. In addition to work on cases, students attend weekly staff meetings and a weekly seminar.	12
CLI	9310	South Royalton Legal Clinic Full Time	An on-campus clinic dedicated to serving Vermont residents who cannot afford private counsel. Students work under supervising attorneys representing real clients in civil cases in state and federal courts in Vermont and before administrative agencies.	12
CLI	9311	South Royalton Legal Clinic Summer	An on-campus clinic dedicated to serving Vermont residents who cannot afford private counsel. Students work under supervising attorneys representing real clients in civil cases in state and federal courts in Vermont and before administrative agencies.	4-8
CLI	9312	South Royalton Legal Clinic Part Time	An on-campus clinic dedicated to serving Vermont residents who cannot afford private counsel. Students work under supervising attorneys representing real clients in civil cases in state and federal courts in Vermont and before administrative agencies.	4-8
CLI	9318	Environmental Justice Clinic	This clinic works on behalf of community-based organizations on administrative cases and projects: administrative complaints, petitions, and comments; litigation; and legislation. The docket includes cases under civil rights and environmental statutes and supports community based movements challenging the impacts of industrial agriculture and other contamination on communities of color and low-income communities.	6-12
CLI	9319	Climate Justice Practicum	The Climate Justice Practicum is a collaboration between VLS and Yale School of Public Health and the Yale School of Environment Studies. Students work in interdisciplinary teams, with partner organizations, on applied projects involving law, public policy, and public health that address the full range of climate justice issues.	4
CLI	9321	Farmed Animal Advocacy Clinic	Students in the Farmed Animal Advocacy Clinic work under the close supervision of clinical faculty to develop and execute legal strategies to further the interests of farmed animals. Prereq:	6-12

			REQ7185 or REQ7186, Recommended Prerequisites: Admin Law, Animals, and the Law	
CLI	9326-9329	Advanced Environmental Advocacy Clinic	Students will further develop their understanding of law, broad philosophical, economic, and scientific underpinnings of their work, and lawyering skills introduced in their initial ENRLC experience. Students will be expected to take greater responsibility for cases and to mentor novice clinicians. Enrollment is by permission of the clinic director. Credits awarded are appropriate for the number of clinic hours worked.	6-12
CLI	9333-9339	Advanced So. Royalton Legal Clinic	Students will further develop their understanding of law, broad philosophical, economic, and scientific underpinnings of their work, and lawyering skills introduced in their initial SRLC experience. Students will be expected to take greater responsibility for cases and to mentor novice clinicians. Enrollment is by permission of the clinic director. Credits awarded are appropriate for the number of clinic hours worked	6-12
CLI	9411	Semester in Practice	A full-time external clinic, appropriate for students interested in self-directed learning under the supervision of an experienced mentor. Field-mentors are experienced lawyers who work with and within government, NGO's, non-profit organizations, corporations and law firms.	12
CLI	9412	Semester in Practice Seminar	The first (a required orientation) of the 10 seminar classes that make up the classroom component of the SiP/ESW is held at the end of the semester prior to that in which the student is enrolled. Other classes are conducted on-line during the practicum semester.	2
CLI	9425	JD Part Time Externship	Provides an opportunity to obtain field-based experience on a part-time basis. Students must work three hours per week for 15 weeks for each credit earned and may earn from four to six credits depending on the time committed. Students meet regularly with their faculty sponsors for evaluation and reflection of their experience.	4-8
CLI	9427	Energy Clinic	Provides an opportunity to obtain field-based experience on a part-time basis.	4

CLI	9428	Food and Agriculture Clinic	Provides an opportunity to obtain field-based experience on a part-time basis.	4-10
CLI	9430	Judicial Externship	Places students in judges' chambers, where students learn about the process of judicial decision making by observing the function of a court. Students work with the supervising judge to develop legal skills such as writing, research, and analytical skills. All judicial externship students complete an Academic Component which concentrates on judicial and legal ethics, judicial philosophy, and history; decision making and judicial discretion and judicial opinion writing.	12
CLI	9431	Judicial Externship Seminar	Required companion course for all students enrolled in CLI9430.	2
CLI	9432	LLM Externship	Provides students with a first-hand field experience in the environmental area. Non-profit groups; international, federal, state, and local government agencies; law firms, and consulting firms are among the many organizations from all over the world to sponsor LLM internships. All internships are supervised by a faculty sponsor and an on-site supervisor.	4-10
CLI	9437	Advanced Energy Clinic	Provides an opportunity to obtain field-based experience on a part-time basis.	4-8
CLI	9438	Advanced Food and Agriculture Clinic	Provides an opportunity to obtain field-based experience on a part-time basis.	4-8
CLI	9440	MELP Externship	Provide MELP students with field experience in the environmental area. Under the supervision of a faculty sponsor and an on-site supervisor, students can intern in non-profit groups; international, federal, state, and local government agencies; law firms, and consulting firms all over the world.	4-10
CLI	9442	MERL Externship	Provide MERL students with field experience in the environmental area. Under the supervision of a faculty sponsor and an on-site supervisor, students can intern in non-profit groups; international, federal, state, and local government agencies; law firms, and consulting firms all over the world.	4-10
CLI	9444	MFALP Externship	Provide MFALP students with field experience in the environmental area. Under the supervision of a faculty sponsor and an on-site supervisor, students can intern in non-profit groups; international, federal, state, and local	4-10

			government agencies; law firms, and consulting firms all over the world.	
CLI	9446	MARJ Externship	Provide MARJ students with field experience in the environmental area. Under the supervision of a faculty sponsor and an on-site supervisor, students can intern in non-profit groups; international, federal, state, and local government agencies; law firms, and consulting firms all over the world.	4
Criminal Law				
CRI	7262	Constitutional Criminal Procedure	A basic course on Constitutional Criminal Procedure, with a comprehensive consideration of topics under the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Eighth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Among the topics considered are search and seizure law including probable cause to search and arrest, the warrant requirement and its exceptions, and the exclusionary rule; custodial interrogation, confessions, and the privilege against self-incrimination; double jeopardy; the right to counsel and effective assistance of counsel; the death penalty and the Eighth Amendment prohibition against cruel and unusual punishments; lineups and other forms of pretrial identification. A JD Bar course	3
CRI	7305	Advanced Criminal Law Seminar	This seminar will focus on Alternative Criminal Justice Programs and Responses. Using a national template known as the Sequential Intercept Model, students will be introduced to evidence-based approaches and programs at every stage of the criminal justice system that provide effective alternatives to the traditional model from arrest through release from incarceration. Students will not only gain an in-depth knowledge of regional, national and international alternative criminal justice approaches, they will also meet with and learn from leading alternative justice practitioners. An AWR course.	2
CRI	7307	Criminal Practice & Procedure	Skills-based course focused on the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the 4th, 5th, 6th and 8th amendments to the U.S. Constitution and the corresponding sections of the Vermont and New Hampshire Constitutions. This course will give students the opportunity to develop insight into the theoretical underpinnings of constitutional	4

			criminal law and procedure while at the same time learning the practical application of theory to practice. A JD Bar course.	
CRI	7313	Capital Punishment	This seminar examines capital punishment as a legal process, using interdisciplinary materials and theory, litigation documents including briefs and recordings of oral arguments, and appellate opinions. The seminar also employs written narratives, movies and popular culture images and artifacts to explore this subject matter.	2
CRI	7318	White Collar Crime	White Collar Crime balances black letter law with current, high-profile examples of corporate felonies and fiascos. Topics include conspiracy, mail fraud, wire fraud, securities fraud, perjury, obstruction of justice, RICO, tax fraud, money laundering, and environmental crimes. In addition, administrative investigations, grand jury investigations, pleas, trials, and sentencing will be covered.	3
CRI	7333	Juvenile Justice	Explores the historical and current administration of juvenile justice in the US, including the legal and policy justifications for having a separate system for young offenders, and whether this division continues to make sense today	3
CRI	7360	Reforming Criminal Law	This three-credit seminar introduces students to alternative approaches within the criminal justice system. The course considers new approaches from arrest through prison release. Students engage with leading justice reformers then create an alternative program and present their idea orally, supplemented by a paper which can serve as an AWR. (AWR with full time faculty and on campus only) Students cannot take CRI7360 and CRI7305. REQ7140 is recommended as prerequisite.	
CRI	7380	Pleas, Sentencing and Accountability	This course combines statutory and rule-based explorations of plea bargaining and criminal sentencing in Vermont with an experiential component interviewing and writing background biographical reports about actual defendants for courts and community justice boards. Students will be assessed on their course engagement and the quality of their prepared reports. Prerequisites: Crim Law and either Adv Criminal Law Seminar or Applied Criminal Justice	3

Diversity Courses				
DIV	7606	Civil Rights Seminar	This seminar examines the civil rights movement that began in the years before Brown v. Board of Education and continued throughout the 1950's and 1960's. This examination is based on the PBS video series "Eyes on the Prize" and additional readings. The videos and the readings provide social, cultural, and historical perspectives on the civil rights movement and the legal developments that grew out of that movement.	2
DIV	7610	Race and the Law Seminar	Provides an introduction to race as it relates to and is reflected in the law. The seminar focuses on the role and experience of African-Americans, Asian- Americans, Latin-Americans, and Native-Americans in American society, with attention to questions concerning critical race theory, class, family, and feminism.	2
DIV	7615	Sexual Orientation and the Law Seminar	A look at the way law and the legal systems affect the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered people. The class will explore domestic and international laws that sanction discrimination against the LGBT community and the struggle for equality by this community.	2
DIV	7620	Native Americans and the Law	This course focuses on the constitutional, statutory, and jurisprudential rules of law which make up the field of Federal Indian Law. Attention will be given to the historical framework from which the rules were derived. The course will consider subject-specific areas of Indian Law like hunting and fishing rights, stewardship of natural resources, economic development and protection of religion and cultural lifestyles.	3
Environmental Courses				
ENV	5105	Administrative Law	Provides students with a working knowledge of the general principles of administrative law; implementation of legislative policy through administrative agencies, including the role of administrative agencies in the governmental process, rulemaking, adjudication, and judicial review of agency actions.	3

ENV	5108	Introduction to Agriculture & Food	Feeding a growing global population—9.6 billion by 2050—without destroying our planet is one of the critical challenges of our time. Overlay the impacts of climate change, international trade, and the influence of corporations on agricultural production, and this is one of the most complex areas of the law and policy. It is also one of the fastest growing areas, fueled by the food movement both domestically and internationally, greater public awareness of food issues and concerns related to the healthfulness of our food. Indeed, this is an exciting time to be studying food systems law. Food and agriculture touch everyone in a multitude of ways. Because of this, students can access the study of food systems from different legal disciplines such as animal welfare, social justice (including immigration and labor), health, environment, and trade.	3
ENV	5112	Science for Environmental Law	Introduces students to the science critical to environmental law and policy, including climate science, air pollution, toxicology, and natural resource management. It also introduces students to scientific thinking and culture and explores some of the challenges involved in effectively using science in legal and policy decision-making.	3
ENV	5113	Legal & Policy Writing Seminar	This course will introduce students to key principles of clear and precise writing, familiarize them with legal organization and IRAC (Issue, Rule, Analysis, Conclusion), and teach them the basics of legal research. These basic skills help students succeed in their other classes, as well as in their professional careers. For Masters Students Only	1
ENV	5115	Environmental Law	An introduction to the broader categories of protecting human health and the environment to both assess the successes and failures of environmental protection in the U.S. and gain more detailed substantive knowledge of several key statutes.	3
ENV	5122	Communication, Advocacy and Leadership	Designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills to operate effectively in a variety of careers. Topics include communications to achieve public policy aims; development and implementation of legislative and policy campaigns; and management of enterprises. Offered as both ENV and RSJ	3

ENV	5125	Land Use Regulation	A basic course in land use law. Covers planning and all manner of private and public land use regulation from common interest communities to subdivisions, to zoning, to variances, to planned development districts, to transit-oriented development, to traditional neighborhood design, to form-based codes, to growth management.	3
ENV	5205	Air Pollution Law and Policy	An exploration of the major programs and regulatory strategies embodied in the Clean Air Act that are used to address conventional air pollution, toxic air pollution, and greenhouse gas pollution.	3
ENV	5209	Law of Toxics and Hazardous Waste	Examines CERCLAs broad liability and cost recovery provisions, emergency response and cleanup requirements that extend beyond the usual Superfund sites. Brownfields, natural resources damages, community involvement, recent Supreme Court decisions and statutory amendments will also be addressed. The course will examine how parties escape or limit liability through due diligence, defenses, pollution prevention, settlement, and cost allocation.	3
ENV	5212	Climate Change & the Law	Climate change is the most profound social and environmental issue of the 21st century. This course will integrate the emerging science and law of climate change along with economic and inter-generational equity aspects of the problem. We will consider how existing federal laws such as the Clean Air Act and NEPA may be used to address climate change as well as how new more comprehensive laws may be fashioned. Different policy instruments will be considered including carbon taxes and emissions trading. State and regional approaches will be considered along with questions of federalism and preemption. Both supply-side and demand-side energy options will be evaluated, along with the transportation and land use sectors. Measures to reduce tropical deforestation and wetland loss will be included. Corporate responsibility, risk disclosures, and the role of socially responsible institutional investors will be examined.	3
ENV	5214	Climate Change Mitigation	Addresses current legal, policy, and economic incentives and problems in our attempt to mitigate our carbon footprint and reduce greenhouse gasses to a more tolerable level. Examines on-going controversies and initiatives	3

			at the local, state, regional, national, and international level.	
ENV	5218	International Climate Change Law	This 3-credit hybrid classroom/experiential course demystifies the international climate treaty regime through critique of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Kyoto Protocol, and the Paris Agreement. Sitting at the intersection of science, law and practice, the course provides an opportunity to support a partner delegation from another part of the world, contribute to the development of international climate policy, and inform the ongoing process of building out a framework for operationalizing commitments under the Paris Agreement.	3
ENV	5220	Environmental Economics and Marketing	Introduces students to the discipline of environmental economics and expose them to debates over the use of market-based instruments in environmental and energy policy. It also introduces students to basic economics and finance concepts, examines key principles, and applies these basic elements and concepts to common environmental problems and actual case studies.	3
ENV	5223	Environmental Governance in the Developing World	This course is designed to introduce students to the unique challenges regarding the development, implementation, and enforcement of good environmental governance systems in the developing world. To that end, this course will generally eschew discussions of international environmental law and multilateral environmental agreements, and will instead focus on the domestic environmental law of developing countries, with a focus on China and Southeast Asia. Due to our work at the US-Asia Partnerships for Environmental Law, this course will draw from a variety of case studies from China and the lower Mekong region to illustrate key points. That said, students will be encouraged to research other areas of the world as part of the research they will conduct in this course. An AWR course.	2
ENV	5225	Environmental Governance Field Study	This course can only be taken in conjunction with ENV5223.	1

ENV	5226	Energy Law and Policy in a Carbon Constrained World	Examines key issues in American energy policy and searches for ways to ease the strains which that policy puts upon environmental sustainability. The course reviews fundamental facts about our energy demands and sample regulatory orders and legal writings that address many of those elements from the perspective of a legal review. Background readings will include ethical issues of social justice in siting projects and meeting or limiting energy demand, the statutory schemes underlying traditional regulation, and an introduction to wholesale electric markets.	3
ENV	5228	Energy Regulation and the Environment	Builds on the course Energy Law and Policy in a Carbon-Constrained World by exposing students to the legal, economic, and structural issues involved in energy regulation and energy markets, focusing on electricity. The course examines the evolution, theory and techniques of monopoly regulation; the current processes for rate setting; and the development of competitive, market-based alternatives. The course exposes students to the latest approaches to managing the electric grid, to renewable energy strategies and procurement, energy efficiency, demand side management and green markets.	3
ENV	5229	Environmental Issues in Business Transactions	An exploration the types of environmental risks and issues that are commonly confronted in a variety of business-related transactions such as the acquisition of all of the stock of a company, asset purchases, real estate deals, leases, and financings. Special focus on how the environmental issues in transactions are identified and managed in the course of a deal. The unique environmental issues associated with the purchase and redevelopment of contaminated properties or so-called Brownfield sites are also covered.	2
ENV	5230	Global Energy Law	Global Energy Law and Policy explores the current policy framework in a particular region outside of the United States with a focus on clean energy policies. The course will explore the regions policy development process, the current energy policy framework, policies implementing global and regional climate commitments and emerging issues.	2

ENV	5235	Natural Resources Law	Examines the statutes and regulations governing the management of the federal lands and their resources. Considers the historical, political, and ecological influences on the law and management of these resources and includes an introduction to the agencies with jurisdiction over the components of the federal estate.	3
ENV	5238	Global Sustainability Field Study	The Cuban Farm and Energy Tour.	1
ENV	5239	Land Transactions and Finance	An introduction to land transaction and finance, covering the study of the title system, title insurance and land contracts, the private development process, and modern real estate financing, including private financing and public financing. The course also introduces the public-private development process including redevelopment, military base conversion and Brownfield's redevelopment.	3
ENV	5242	Resilience and Sustainability	There is a rapidly growing global movement to integrate "resilience" and/or "sustainability" into decision making at all levels in the public and private sectors. In this course, we will explore the law's role in this movement, and how it can serve as a mechanism for positive change. We will see how far we can push the law to help promote a more resilient and sustainable future. We have three primary objectives (and six core competencies described below), 1) to understand the theory and concept of resilience and sustainability, including their applicability to many disciplines, 2) to learn a set of broadly applicable skills necessary to apply the theory of resilience and sustainability to real world legal situations, and 3) to hone your writing and presentation skills as future lawyers and advocates.	3
ENV	5245	Water Resources Law	Water is the planet's most precious natural resource. Deciding how it will be shared among competing demands is one of a society's most challenging questions. Water Resources Law is a review of the law and policies concerned with the allocation of water resources in the United States. This course will examine the three main systems of water law in the United States: Eastern riparian systems, the prior appropriation doctrine of the West, and the nationally diverse laws regulating the use of groundwater. The	3

			course will also review federal water allocation issues, interstate water disputes, tribal water rights matters, and will highlight contemporary water allocation dilemmas throughout the country.	
ENV	5246	Water Quality	An in-depth analysis of the Clean Water Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Ocean Dumping Act, along with relevant regulations, policies and case law. Other federal statutes are covered more selectively, along with state laws. Regulation of groundwater contamination is included as well as tort claims for damages.	3
ENV	5304	Comparative Environmental Law Research	A research and writing seminar that provides a framework and faculty supervision for students to engage in comparative environmental law research. While the seminar is designed primarily to support VLS students participating in the US-China joint student research projects and will focus generally on China, the seminar is sufficiently broad to accommodate students interested in researching the environmental law systems of other countries. An AWR class.	2
ENV	5305	Environmental Ethics Seminar	Explores the ethical foundations of environmental reasoning, including: intrinsic value, biocentrism, utilitarianism, eco-feminism, deep ecology, social ecology, and religious/spiritual foundations of environmental reasoning. These theoretical approaches are applied to concrete environmental policy issues. A central goal of the course is to assist students in developing a personal and professional environmental ethic.AWR.	2
ENV	5307	Animals and the Law	This course considers the tensions inherent in trying to serve the needs of humans and animals, plus constitutional limitations of justifiability, due process, and First Amendment guarantees. Students become familiar with litigation tools commonly used in animal law practice.	3
ENV	5310	Environmental Health Law Seminar	Using federal environmental law and state public health law this seminar addresses human health impacts resulting from exposure to physical, chemical, biological, and social factors in the environment. Coverage includes toxic torts, lead poisoning prevention, food protection, and	2

			pesticides. Public policy, and the role of government as policymaker and regulator, are emphasized. AWR	
ENV	5322	Public Lands and Tribal Rights	This course provides a specialized field setting in which students will learn about the statutes, regulations, and other legal mechanisms (like tribal treaty rights and governmental rights) that govern protected public lands, such as National Parks and National Monuments. It will also give students an in-depth legal, cultural, and historical perspective on the various rights and interests held by the indigenous peoples who ancestors occupied these lands for thousands of years prior to European settlers arriving on the Colorado Plateau. The readings and other course materials will prepare students for a week in the field, visiting various sites on protected and unprotected public lands (around Moab, Utah, and points south), and meeting with tribal advocates and their representatives on the “front line” of the battle to protect irreplaceable public lands and natural resources in the (current and former) Bears Ears National Monument, which was partially rescinded by President Trump in 2017. Prerequisite: ENV5235 Natural Resources	1
ENV	5324	Conservation Agriculture		3
ENV	5335	Extinction and Climate Change	Examines the ecological, social and ethical consequences of biological impoverishment and considers various legal and policy options to address the phenomenon of climate change. The course addresses the extent to which laws like the Endangered Species Act of 1973 and some international laws can be used to address both conventional threats to species as well as the threat of climate change. An AWR class.	2
ENV	5336	Climate Change, Extinction & Adaptation	Students examine the ecological, social and ethical consequences of climate change impacts on the natural world. After reviewing climate disruption's potential to invoke significant habitat modification and biological impoverishment, students consider various legal and policy options to address both the phenomenon of climate change and its effects.	3

ENV	5342	Legal Adaptation to Global Warming	Using global warming adaptation as an example of how the law and legal institutions evolve in response to major social changes, the course examines the legal challenges raised by the need for our society to adapt to the impacts of global warming. Topics include the need for alternative tools for dealing with eroding coastal shores and higher flooding risks, strategies for relocating urban populations to higher ground, modifications to the Endangered Species Act and other wildlife laws, federal and state property insurance policies, and techniques for reallocating water supplies. An AWR Class.	2
ENV	5343	Climate Change Adaptation in Human Systems	Examines the legal challenges raised for society to adapt to the impacts of climate change. Students will examine the confusion and inadequacy of current legal and policy structures to address new risks, and the need for alternative tools in light of rapidly changing circumstances.	3
ENV	5344	Alternative Fuels and Renewable Energy	With an eye toward the impacts of climate change on both natural systems and possible interference on current energy production, this course considers emerging distributed generation models, surveys the range of emerging energy technologies, and examines the local, state and federal laws and policies that govern transition to renewable energy sources.	3
ENV	5346	New Frontiers in Environmental Policies	Explores the proposition that successfully coping with current environmental threats requires deeper challenges to our prevailing system of political economy than mainstream environmentalism in the United States has been willing to mount. The course develops the idea that a new American environmentalism is needed and with it new environmental policy and law that go beyond the traditional realm of environmental affairs.	2
ENV	5349	Regulating the Marine Environment	Examines the interaction of state, federal, and international regimes in the regulation of the marine environments through the examination of issues such as the marine environment as a source of energy; the nonrenewable resources of the seabed; and the winds, waves, currents, and temperatures of the sea itself. An AWR class.	2

ENV	5361	Forest Policy & Law	This course will introduce students to the significant policy and legal issues affecting forests and forest management, using the forests of New England as a case study. Topics to be discussed include the management of forests on private and public lands, forest fragmentation and biodiversity loss, the impact of invasive species, recreational and other evolving forest uses, and the implications and impact of climate change.	1
ENV	5365	Climate Change and the Power of Taxes	This seminar explores the ways in which tax systems can effect change in the energy consumption behavior of business, industry, and consumers. The seminar addresses issues of theory, policy, politics, and law and --while focusing on climate change-- provides students with a framework for understanding how and when to use tax measures to address other environmental problems. An AWR class	2
ENV	5380	Food Regulation and Policy	Presently, the United States is experiencing a resurgence in public concern over the safety of our food supply due to biotechnology, pesticide use, and unsafe food packaging, etc. This course will introduce students to the laws and policies that govern food regulation and policy in the United States.	3
ENV	5381	Local Farm/Food Law in Practice	Teaches the nuts and bolts of providing legal services to farmers and food entrepreneurs (producers/retailers/restaurants) drawing from the rich examples of farmer and food entrepreneurs locally. Such skills are needed to equip students with real world legal knowledge for those students seeking to provide legal services in this area or who wish to start an entrepreneurial career in food and agriculture.	3
ENV	5401	Agriculture and the Environment	Land used for agricultural purposes (timer land excepted) accounts for nearly 53% of the total land area of the United States - the largest category of land use by far. This course addresses the complex and interconnected relationship of environmental and agricultural law, its historical roots and modern developments.	3
ENV	5408	Law of Animals in Agriculture	Covers the evolution and regulation of animal agriculture in America, contrasted with farmed animal welfare policies in other developed nations. Will evaluate the long-term sustainability of CAFO food production	3

			specifically and animal food production generally. Students will explore the pressures from increased international trade in agricultural products.	
ENV	5410	The Farm Bill	Introduces students to the breadth of policies and legal authorities included in the Farm Bill that Congress re-evaluates every 5 years. Time will be spent on farm safety nets, conservation, and nutrition policies. This course will also demonstrate the depth that a modern farm bill reaches with impacts on private working lands and consumers. International trade, clean energy, forestry, rural development, and overall food policies will be reviewed.	2
ENV	5411	Federal Regulation of Food and Agriculture		3
ENV	5422	Animal Welfare	A broad and rapidly evolving field of law has developed concerning the welfare of animals that are used for a variety of human purposes, including food, entertainment, research, and companionship. Animals used for these purposes often endure a wide range of abuses that diminish animal welfare while also having an impact on humans. Public views about such uses of animals are rapidly changing. The class will combine traditional principles of animal welfare laws and advocacy with laws typically applied in the wildlife conservation context, such as the Endangered Species and Marine Mammal Protection Act. This class will examine the role of law in understanding and reforming the relationship between humans and animals and improving the condition of animals maintained for human profit and entertainment.	2
ENV	5423	Ocean and Coastal Law	A review of domestic and international laws and treaties relating to coastal management, pollution, protected areas, endangered species, fish, marine mammals, wetlands, and seabed mineral and hydrocarbon resources. The course considers how effectively these legal authorities blend together to provide rational and comprehensive management and protection of marine resources.	3

ENV	5424	Current Issues in Western Resource Litigation	The vast majority of the United States' public lands – National Parks, National Forests, National Wildlife Refuges – are located in the West. Increasing conflicts over resource use, such as extraction versus preservation and motorized versus non-motorized recreation, has led to thousands of court cases in the last three decades. Courts play a major role in public land management. This class explores the intersection of environmental and administrative law with public land management. We take a close look at how NEPA, the ESA, judicial review under the APA, and judicial interpretation of statutes that govern specific public lands (e.g., National Park Service Organic Act, National Forest Management Act) shape and control how public lands are managed and used.	2
ENV	5425	Clean Transportation Law & Policy	Transportation is the leading source of climate pollution in the United States. This course focuses on a key pathway to reduce those harmful emissions: the electrification of our cars, trucks and buses. We will examine the current federal landscape for regulation of tailpipe emissions and the range of clean transportation policy options, with a particular focus on the role of electric utilities and how electric vehicles can support a smarter, cleaner electricity grid.	2
ENV	5430	Ecology	Explores the principles of ecology using an interdisciplinary approach and field-based work. Course work stresses the inventorying of biotic and physical components of a landscape, examining how these components are distributed, and determining what forces drive these patterns. Topics include interpreting the natural and cultural histories of a landscape, biodiversity conservation, and the scientific method, among others.	3
ENV	5442	Human Rights and the Environment	Explores the links in theory and in law between the enjoyment of internationally recognized human rights and protection of the environment through the study of case law finding environmental degradation to constitute a breach of established human rights, and through the analysis of the value and limits of procedural rights and remedies in environmental law.	2

ENV	5446	Environmental Justice	Examines the issues of environmental justice from an environmental law perspective and from a civil rights law perspective. Explores how environmental justice issues are framed, addressed, and resolved through litigation and mediation in the U.S. and internationally.	2
ENV	5447	Environmental US Injustice	Examines the issues of environmental justice from an environmental law perspective and from a civil rights law perspective. Explores how environmental justice issues are framed, addressed, and resolved through litigation and mediation in the U.S. and internationally.	3
ENV	5462	Public Lands Mgt-Montana Field Study	A comparative approach to competing legal mandates and diverse philosophies that make federal land management a lively topic not only in the West, but throughout the country. Resource extraction, preservation, and sustainable/multiple-use concepts are addressed.	3
ENV	5469	Oil and Gas Development & and the Environment	Examines the legal and regulatory framework of domestic and international upstream and downstream oil and gas activities. Explores key domestic statutory and common law sources, regulations, and industry standards. Surveys selected international and comparative materials such as oil spill prevention agreements, arbitral decisions, and technical regulations.	3
ENV	5472	Law of Ecosystem Development	The concept of ecosystem management is sweeping through federal and state resource agencies, altering their orientation toward resource use and conservation issues, but what is the law of ecosystem management? This course explores that question beginning with an introduction to the concept of ecosystem management-its history, principles, and current state of play in concrete policy settings. The course then explores laws and regulations relating to the six types of ecosystems often described in ecosystem management literature-forests, grasslands, freshwater, coastal and marine, fragile and human dominated. Perspectives of agencies, resource users, environmental groups and other interest groups will be explored.	2

ENV	5474	Land Conservation Law	Examines the tools available to preserve ecological diversity, historic places, working lands, scenic viewsheds, and open space, such as conservation easements, purchase of sensitive lands, and private/public partnerships for land conservation. The course provides a practical understanding of both the legal and nonlegal dimensions of land conservation transactions involving conservation easements.	2
ENV	5478	Global Food Security & Social Justice	This course addresses the legal landscape of global hunger, and the ways in which climate change, population growth and economic inequality intersect with food security law and policy challenges. We'll address how "food security" and "hunger" are defined and measured for policy-making purposes.	3
ENV	5479	Law and Policy of Local Food	This course explores state and local policies that impact distribution of food, restaurant regulation, and comparisons of state-level initiatives to bolster local food markets. Students will be exposed to specific skills for small and mid-size producers and entrepreneurs working in the agricultural and food industries. Finally, students will examine the state and local food laws and emerging entrepreneurial trends in food production.	3
ENV	5547	Energy Efficiency	This course provides an overview of the energy efficiency policies, programs and measures at the federal and state levels. It covers systems, policies and legal frameworks enabling energy efficiency to serve as an energy resource to the energy system and electric grid. It also highlights new approaches to program design.	3
ENV	5510	Essentials of the Grid:Engineering	The engineering realities of electric power grids and natural gas pipelines greatly constrain the choices that lawyers and policy analysts might otherwise make. This module covers the engineering fundamentals inherent in the current and expected energy infrastructure.	1
ENV	5511	Essentials of the Grid:Business	Introduces the major financial and economic factors that energy companies use in making production and investment decisions, and how emerging environmental regulations might affect these decisions. The module will also cover deregulated market structures in the petroleum, natural gas, and electric power industries.	1

ENV	5512	Essentials of the Grid:Legal	Provides an overview of the fundamentals of energy law in both the U.S. and the European Union and addresses some of the most important problems faced by energy project development, including facility siting, environmental issues, and authority fragmentation.	1
ENV	5535	Transnational Environmental Practicum	This course will combine substantive classroom instruction with project implementation where students are teamed up to work on an environmental-related legal or policy research project for a partner organization in China or one of developing countries in the Mekong Region – Myanmar, Cambodia, Vietnam or Laos. The projects, which are drawn from the work of the U.S.-Asia Partnerships for Environmental Law (PEL), support PEL's partnering organizations' environmental advocacy and legal reform work on the ground.	4
ENV	5544	Sustainable Transportation Lw & Policy	Electric vehicles (EVs) including buses and other forms of transit, are an emerging and disruptive technology and a key piece of the climate puzzle. This course explores the rapidly changing electricity and transportation sectors, including how EVs fit into the utility business model and can support a smarter, cleaner, more efficient "grid of the future".	3
ENV	5547	Energy Efficiency	This course provides an overview of the energy efficiency policies, programs, and measures at the federal and state levels. It covers systems, policies and legal frameworks enabling energy efficiency to serve as an energy resource to the energy system and electric grid. It also highlights new approaches to program design.	3
ENV	5550	Renewable Energy Project Finance & Development	An in-depth look at the legal and regulatory issues associated with the development and project financing of renewable energy projects such as wind, hydro, solar, and geothermal, and the basic terms and conditions of the contracts that are necessary for a successful project financing, such as power purchase agreements, engineering contracts, fuel supply arrangements, and operation and maintenance agreements.	2
ENV	5901	ENV Special Topics	Classes offered under this designation explore special areas of interest, including newly developing areas of law, or specialties of visiting faculty and fellows.	1

ENV	5902	ENV Special Topics	Classes offered under this designation explore special areas of interest, including newly developing areas of law, or specialties of visiting faculty and fellows.	2
ENV	5903	ENV Special Topics	Classes offered under this designation explore special areas of interest, including newly developing areas of law, or specialties of visiting faculty and fellows.	3
ENV	6122	Communication, Leadership and Advocacy-China	This course is designed to introduce students to the broad spectrum of strategies and institutions through which public and environmental policy are developed and changed in China, with a special focus on how civil society organizations can play effective roles to enable changes to protect social public interest. Nonprofit environmental nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) experienced rapid growth during China's reform and opening-up era.	2
ENV	6223	Ecological Governance in China	This course will introduce students to current ecological governance, law and operational regulatory requirements in China and Chinese government's idea and efforts to transform economic development to a more green, just, innovative and inclusive growth.	2
ENV	6225	Ecology in Practice-China	Ecology is the study of living organisms and their environments — and the interrelationships between the two. This course aims to enhance students' knowledge on ecological principles and applications through online and classroom teaching on key ecological concepts and integrative field investigations of the Dianchi Lake, Yunnan Province, or Beihai Wetland Ecosystem in Tengchong Country, Yunnan Province of China.	2
ENV	6310	Environmental Law Practice-China	This course teaches the actual practice of environmental law in China, focusing on mechanisms for raising and resolving controversies and disputes through administrative and judicial processes. This course aims to prepare students to be able to work as a staff attorney for an environmental NGO in China, but it can also equip students to work as a private attorney or public environmental law officer.	2
ENV	7380	Advanced Environmental Legal Research	Provides in-depth exposure to the most useful, efficient strategies and resources for environmental law research, including highly	1

			specialized information databases, advanced administrative law research, legislative history, and environmental news/updating services.	
Family Law Courses				
FAM	7705	Estate and Gift Taxation	Examines the fundamental principles of federal gift, estate, and generation skipping taxes, including an introduction to basic estate planning techniques.	3
FAM	7710	Estates	This course examines gratuitous transfers by intestate succession, wills, trusts, and other techniques; execution and revocation of wills; will substitutes; administration of estates; family survivors' rights; the nature of trusts and fiduciary relationships; powers of appointment; and future interests. A JD bar class. Prerequisite: REQ7160-Property.	4
FAM	7711	Estates Lab		1
FAM	7715	Family Law	This course will examine the roles of law and of private ordering in family law contexts. Topics which may be included are marriage and divorce, child custody and support, alimony, property division, tax consequences of divorce, and family violence. The course will also look at various means of dispute resolution in the domestic relations area, including negotiation, mediation, and litigation. The course will include simulations and other exercises designed to develop practical skills and to consider substantive law through skill exercises.	3
FAM	7717	Family Law Practice Lab	Family Law Practice is a one-credit simulation-based module designed to provide students with opportunities for transactional learning in addition to those already contained in Family Law. It will also include a professional development component that focuses on the family law practitioner.	1
FAM	7719	State, Families and Child Protection	This three-credit course considers the rules, policy and procedures of child abuse and neglect cases. The course explores the interplay between family independence and autonomy and the state's obligation to protect children. Students will be graded on their class engagement, responses to prompts and/or short quizzes and a final paper.	3

FAM	7720	Health Care Law	This survey course focuses on the core of current health care litigation and regulation in the United States, namely the issues surrounding liability and quality, and health care organization and finance. By examining common law, state and federal statutes, and interdisciplinary sources, this course covers public health care programs like Medicaid and Medicare; private health care finance and insurance system, including managed care; liability of health care providers and institutions, and its relationship to quality control; information privacy and physician-patient confidentiality; tax status and business forms; and the international context for the unique United States health care system.	3
General Practice Program Courses				
GPP	7810	Commercial Transactions	A simulation-based introduction to the negotiation, drafting, performance, and enforcement of such agreements in a simulation context, with a particular emphasis on the interpretation and understanding of Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code, and an overview of the impact of U.C.C. Articles 9 (secured transactions) and 3 (negotiable instruments) as they impact on these transactions.	2
GPP	7813	Real Estate Practice Lab	A simulation-based survey of real estate transactions. Students search, review, and analyze titles; counsel clients; negotiate real estate transactions; and draft of documents for real estate closings.	1
GPP	7815	Municipal Law	A simulation-based introduction to the various issues faced by lawyers representing local government entities. Students will participate in and become familiar with the procedures for challenging or defending actions taken by municipalities.	2
GPP	7817	GPP:Criminal Law Bail to Jail	This simulation-based course provides exposure to the process and procedure of criminal trial court. Students act as prosecutors and defense attorneys in a criminal matter, from arraignment and bail hearing through plea bargain. Students draft motions, engage in plea negotiations, and perform bail, plea, and sentencing hearings.	2

GPP	7823	GPP:Bankruptcy Lab	A simulation-based introduction to consumer bankruptcy. Students interview prospective bankruptcy client, prepare bankruptcy schedules, learn about the role of the bankruptcy trustee, determine the appropriate bankruptcy chapter for each client; discern whether any litigation may arise within the bankruptcy case; and argue motions on behalf of their clients. A hands-on introduction to Landlord/Tenant law is also offered. Students will complete several tasks, such as negotiating a lease agreement, and exchanging eviction pleadings.	1
International Law Courses				
INT	7410	French Legal Methods	Taught by a French law professor (in English), this course provides an introduction the French law and legal system, and French legal methodology.	1
INT	7411	French Corporate Law	Taught by a French law professor (in English), this course addresses the substantive law and underlying policies of the law of French business corporations and the ways in which the law differs from U.S. corporate law.	1
INT	7412	Law of the European Union	Provides a basic introduction to the institutional architecture and jurisprudence of the European Union, with special focus on key treaty provisions and important judgments of the European Court of Justice.	2
INT	7413	EU Law Trento	Optional component to European Union Law I taught in Italy during the semester break by European Union law experts at the University of Trento Faculty of Law. Classes address selected topics in European Union law such as labor law, environmental law, criminal law and procedure, and non-discrimination law.	1
INT	7415	Immigration Law	Covers the basics of immigration law; family and employment-based immigration categories; citizenship issues, grounds of inadmissibility/deportability; detention; removal and relief from removal. Special emphasis placed on the immigration consequences of criminal convictions and humanitarian relief under asylum law and under the Violence Against Women Act.	3

INT	7420	International Criminal Law	Explores International Criminal Law, broadly defined to include criminal issues that arise in the international setting and international issues that arise in the context of national criminal law. This broad definition encompasses the prosecution of crimes in international tribunals as well as transnational crimes such as terrorism, organized crime, trafficking in drugs and persons, and cybercrimes, which will be prosecuted in domestic/national courts.	3
INT	7421	International Environmental Law & Policy	Provides an overview of the structure and basic principles of international environmental law and policy. The course considers the challenge of addressing global environmental problems; the regulatory limitations of U.S. law; and the basic structure and principles of international environmental law. The course examines in detail the structure of the Montreal Protocol regime and covers other areas, including treaties related to climate change, biodiversity and wildlife protection, and the intersection of international trade and the environment.	3
INT	7424	International Human Rights	This seminar provides an introduction to international human rights law and procedures. It examines what are "human rights" and explores the law of treaty interpretation, how human rights law is incorporated into domestic legal systems, and the role of international governmental organizations, international and regional courts, and non-governmental organizations in protecting human rights. Students gain experience in researching international law and in international legal analysis. An AWR class.	3
INT	7425	International Law	This course provides an introduction to international law and the international legal system. Using real-world examples, it examines the processes through which international law is made, interpreted, and applied, exploring the role of states as well as that of international bodies, non-governmental organizations, and corporations. The application of international law in domestic legal systems is examined, as is the reach of domestic law in the international arena.	3

INT	7428	Trade Law and Policy	An introduction to trade law and policy, with particular focus on how U.S. trade policy affects, among other things, jobs for American workers, global prosperity and income distribution, access to needed medicines, and indigenous cultures. We will examine how current WTO rules either advance or sabotage progress toward establishment of a more prosperous and egalitarian world economic order and consider proposed reforms of the investor protection provisions in NAFTA and other regional free trade agreements. AWR class.	3
INT	7432	Applied Human Rights	Students engage in research and advocacy on cutting-edge issues in international human rights law, working directly with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and inter-governmental organizations under the supervision of the professor. The course has two components: a classroom component of two hours per week, and regular meetings with each student.	3
INT	7443	Forced Migration Crisis	This course will take as its focus the greatest instance of forced migration in Europe since the immediate aftermath of World War II. More than just an examination of the protection of migrants and refugees in general, this course will consider how the enormity of this particular migrant crisis has revealed the considerable fault lines in the law of this area. Students will be introduced to the overall international law framework for dealing with migrants and refugees, the regional frameworks that work in conjunction with that international law, and domestic laws that implement these international and regional norms.	3
INT	7451	Human Rights and the United Nations	An optional addition to the International Human Rights course: Field study of a week at the United Nations in Geneva, to observe first-hand the work of the Human Rights Council, and meet with Special Rapporteurs, NGOs, state delegations to the UN, and UN human rights treaty body members.	1
INT	7455	International Comparative Environmental Law		3
INT	7491	Special Topics International Law	Classes offered under this designation explore special areas of interest, including newly	1

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INT	7492	Special Topics International Law	Classes offered under this designation explore special areas of interest, including newly developing areas of law, or specialties of visiting faculty and fellows.	2
INT	7493	Special Topics International Law	Classes offered under this designation explore special areas of interest, including newly developing areas of law, or specialties of visiting faculty and fellows.	3
Juris Prudence Law Courses				
JUR	7303	Federal Courts	An analysis of the sources of and limitations on the federal judicial power. Particular emphasis is placed upon the relationship between the state and federal judicial system.	3
JUR	7307	Culture and the Environment	Interdisciplinary seminar that combines the study of cultural ecology with legal anthropology. The course examines the historical roots of the current environmental crisis in the development of agriculture, urbanization, and industrialization. The course focuses on the political and cultural challenges of climate change in other historical periods and the challenges that global warming presents in different parts of the world. AWR	2
JUR	7320	Judicial Opinion Writing	Explores the opinion-writing process from several theoretical and practical perspectives. Students draft law clerk memos and judicial opinions based on the briefs and records in actual state and federal cases.	2
JUR	7323	Law and Popular Culture	Explores images of law and lawyers in popular films as well as the influences of popular film upon legal practice. Topics studied through the films include Legal Actors and Institutions --such as Law Students, Lawyers and Legal Ethics, Clients, Witnesses, Judges and Juries-- and legal subject matter areas, such as Tort Law, Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, Family Law, Business Law, International Law, and Military Law. An AWR	2
Litigation Courses				
LIT	7210	Evidence	Considers the rules governing the admissibility of testimonial, physical, documentary, and demonstrative evidence in trials and other formal legal proceedings. Topics considered include relevance, prejudice, competency, hearsay, opinion, impeachment, and privilege.	4

LIT	7211	Evidence Lab	A required component of on campus Evidence during the Fall and Spring semesters, the lab requires students to apply the rules of Evidence in a courtroom simulation.	0
LIT	7220	Trial Practice	This skills course covers the important aspects of a trial, including jury selection, opening statements, direct and cross examination, exhibits, objections, expert witnesses, and closing arguments. The course culminates in a full, simulated trial.	3
LIT	7318	Intensive Trial Practice	Simulates the experience of preparing for trial under the supervision of experienced trial lawyers. Involves intensive review of the Federal Rules of Evidence and applicable trial practice concepts, as well as significant factual analysis, focus, preparation, and practice on one detailed problem in order to best replicate the experience of a real trial. A number of students will be selected to compete in extramural trial competitions.	3
LLM Courses				
LLM	9606	L.L.M. Seminar	Explores diverse advanced topics and viewpoints over environmental law and policy, through discussion and lectures from environmental scholars who will present their scholarship to the seminar.	3
LLM	9610	L.L.M. Research Project	Provides an individual student with an opportunity to undertake a research project in an area of law in which the student has a particular interest. Projects require intensive research and the completion of a major piece of legal writing under the supervision of a faculty sponsor.	1-6
LLM	9620	L.L.M. Teaching Practicum		1-6
Miscellaneous Courses				
MSC	7905	Dean's Fellows	This program allows a group of selected third-year students to teach Legal Writing I under the supervision of legal writing faculty. The program requires attendance to a weekly training seminar.	4
MSC	7914	Howard University Exchange		14
MSC	7920	Yale University Exchange		14
MSC	7921	University Cergy-Pontoise Exchange		14

	7922	Cambridge Mphil Exchange		14
MSC	7926	McGill Exchange		14
Public Law Courses				
PUB	7500	First Amendment	Covers the core issues of First Amendment law: free speech, free press, free exercise of religion, the establishment clause, and freedom of association. A JD bar class.	3
PUB	7510	Legislation	Examines legislative law and the legislative process. Topics include: the nature and history of legislative power, legislative structure and procedure, legislative advocacy, drafting statutory law, statutory construction, legislative history, legislative oversight, and the role of legislative attorneys in the process and the development of public policy.	3
PUB	7522	Election Law	This seminar examines legislative and judicial regulation of the political process. It stresses two main themes: 1) the ways in which Congress and the state legislatures regulate campaigns, elections, and participants in the political process and 2) the ways in which courts can justifiably intervene in that process.	2
PUB	7525	Legislative Clinic	Provides an opportunity for students to work in a standing committee of the Vermont General Assembly under the supervision of the committee's chair and a legislative counsel. Students are required to be in attendance at the General Assembly in Montpelier and to complete legal research and drafting projects relating to their committee's pending legislation.	10
PUB	7550	National Security Law	Explores lawyers' involvement in the formulation and implementation of United States foreign and national defense policy through the examination variety of domestic, constitutional, and international law issues such as authority for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, intelligence gathering at home and abroad, detention and interrogation of terrorist suspects, planning for the next terrorist attack, protection of sensitive government information, and other current topics. An AWR	3
PUB	7580	State and Local Governments	Examines the interaction between federal, state and local governments, with particular attention to resource management, pollution control, and human rights. The course also covers non-state	2

			jurisdictions such as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Indian Country. An AWR	
Required Courses				
REQ	7102	Civil Procedure I	Covers the procedural rules governing civil actions in the state and federal courts, from commencement through appeal, including jurisdiction over parties, joinder of parties and claims, contents of pleadings, pretrial motions and discovery, conduct of trial, post-trial motions, res judicata, collateral estoppel, and conflicts between the state and federal judicial systems.	3
REQ	7105	Civil Procedure II	Continues the study of the procedural rules governing civil actions in the state and federal courts, from commencement through appeal, including jurisdiction over parties, joinder of parties and claims, contents of pleadings, pretrial motions and discovery, conduct of trial, post-trial motions, res judicata, collateral estoppel, and conflicts between the state and federal judicial systems.	2
REQ	7112	Constitutional Law	This course focuses on the historical development of major constitutional doctrines, including the Commerce, Due Process, and Equal Protection Clauses. The course also studies the process of constitutional decision-making and explores major techniques of constitutional interpretation."	4
REQ	7120	Legal Analysis and Writing	Introduction to the building blocks of legal analysis and legal writing. Students are taught to read critically, and how to apply critical reading and thinking skills to common law and statutory analysis. Students also learn the fundamentals of legal writing - accuracy, brevity, and clarity - through a series of typical exercises typical of assessments given to new lawyers.	1
REQ	7122	Legal Research	Introduction to legal research tools and strategies relevant for law school as well as legal practice. Topics include legal authority, the use of primary and secondary sources, effective use of LexisNexis, Westlaw, and other electronic databases, the role of the Internet in legal research, and a brief introduction to environmental and international legal research.	1

			Emphasis is placed on appropriate and effective research strategies and evaluation of sources, both print and electronic.	
REQ	7123	Legal Research & Writing	This required course introduces students to the fundamental skills of legal research and writing. It is the first of the required research and writing courses at VLS.	2
REQ	7125	Legal Writing II	Develops fundamental legal writing, reasoning, and research skills in the context of the analysis of a specific subject matter. This course also provides the transition from predictive to persuasive legal writing and advocacy and an introduction to other legal problem-solving skills.	3
REQ	7130	Contracts	This course examines the requisite elements of a valid contract, while analyzing the effects of contracts on third parties and the impact of outside forces on contracting parties.	4
REQ	7140	Criminal Law	This course focuses on the foundation of our system of substantive criminal law, with emphasis upon mental state, responsibility, justification and excuse, inchoate crimes, and liability for the conduct of another.	3
REQ	7150	Torts	This course presents the study of the legal protection afforded against interference by others with the security of one's person, property, or intangible interests.	4
REQ	7160	Property	An introduction to the concept of ownership and its legal implications: rights to control, enjoy, and transfer real and personal property, including public and private restrictions on use; estates in land; concurrent ownership; adverse possession; easements and licenses; and landlords and tenants.	4
REQ	7170	Legal Methods	Focuses on building and reinforcing the analytical, writing, and reasoning skills essential for success in law school.	3
REQ	7175	Foundations of Legal Analysis	Focuses on building and reinforcing the analytical, writing, and reasoning skills essential for success in law school.	3
REQ	7185	Legislation/Regulation	This course will provide students an introduction to the legislative process, regulatory agencies, and agency law-making. Students will learn to navigate modern U.S. government institutions and processes, with a particular emphasis on the legislative process and the administrative state.	3

			Key topics include the structure and animating principles of the U.S. For JD students only.	
REQ	7186	Legislation/Regulation Survey	This course will provide students an introduction to the legislative process, regulatory agencies, and agency law-making. Students will learn to navigate modern U.S. government institutions and processes, with a particular emphasis on the legislative process and the administrative state. Key topics include the structure and animating principles of the U.S. For Masters students only.	3
REQ	7255	Appellate Advocacy	An exercise in appellate brief writing and oral argument using a case pending before the United States Supreme Court. Classes focus on the appellate process, complex research and analysis, preparation of briefs, critical writing skills, and oral argument.	3
REQ	7265	Professional Responsibility	The study of a lawyer's professional obligations based on the ABA's Model Rules, ethical rules from selected jurisdictions, and other laws and traditions governing professional conduct. Students develop the knowledge and skills necessary to identify ethical dilemmas and acquire the tools to help resolve them.	3
Research Courses				
RES	7355	Advance Legal Research Practice	Students will conduct practice area specific research in the following areas: client background and development; litigation preparation; business and industry trends; and federal and state legislative and regulatory history. Students will evaluate online legal research databases and make recommendations for use in their selected practice area and jurisdiction.	3
Restorative Justice Courses				
RSJ	5122	Communication, Advocacy and Leadership	Designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills to operate effectively in a variety of careers. Topics include communications to achieve public policy aims; development and implementation of legislative and policy campaigns; and management of enterprises. Offered as both ENV and RSJ	3

RSJ	7115	Principles of Restorative Justice	This highly participatory course will explore restorative justice and the ideas that form its foundation, question its strengths and shortcomings, examine restorative practices, and investigate opportunities to put the theory into practice. Students will be graded on their class engagement and presentation of a final project.	3
RSJ	7117	RSJ Facilitation	This one credit course will prepare students to facilitate a restorative justice conference and understand the complex dynamics involved in facilitating. Students will practice the role of the facilitator in the pre-conference and conference stages and will hone essential facilitation skills including formulating open-ended, affective questions, reflective statements and reframing. Prereq: Principles of RSJ or Origins of RSJ	1
RSJ	7120	Origins and Evolution of RSJ	This course covers the evolving definitions and history of restorative justice and related regulatory and relational practices and approaches. Faculty and students will consider the ways concepts and debates in restorative justice are evolving and being used to tackle some of society's most challenging problems.	3
RSJ	7140	Applied Criminal Justice	This course explores the use of criminal legal systems to address social and environmental harms. After an introductory section on criminal law and procedure, the course explores conventional and alternative criminal justice approaches to address harms against people, animals, and the environment.	3
RSJ	7210	Adversity, Trauma Victimization	This course will explore the legal, historical, cultural, and psychological frameworks underlying victim rights law, as well as best practices for effective victim/survivor engagement across the American criminal justice system.	3
RSJ	7215	Narrative Writing Seminar		3
RSJ	7230	RSJ in Indigenous Communities		3
RSJ	7250	Global RSJ		3
RSJ	7260	Truth & Reconciliation	This course explores how institutions, municipalities, states and countries seek to make amends for historical and wide-ranging harm using a truth and reconciliation process. The course is suitable for JD, Master and Professional Certificate students who will be graded on	3

			written assignments, class engagement, a presentation and a final paper.	
RSJ	7270	Clemency Pardon Expungement		3
RSJ	7280	Drug Policy Reform	This seminar looks at the history and evolution of drug laws in this country, the science and physiology of substance use disorders and the historical, contemporary and anticipated new direction in drug policy. Students will be evaluated on their class engagement, submission of a final paper and a presentation.	3
RSJ	7320	New Approaches to Domestic/Sex Violence	This course will address how we respond to domestic and sexual violence, the shortcomings to our current approach, and explore meaningful alternatives to our current responses. The course will consider the political, cultural, and legal factors that are influencing shifting attitudes toward crimes of interpersonal violence. Combining cases, with book chapters, law review articles, and online and other material, students will learn about the history of legal responses to crimes of interpersonal violence as well as the current prevailing approach and visions for future approaches.	3
RSJ	7325	Advanced Restorative Practices		2
RSJ	7330	Restorative Justice in Education Institutions	This course explores how restorative justice approaches can provide important alternatives to more traditional responses to harm within educational settings.	3
RSJ	7340	Race, Crimes and Restorative Justice	This course focuses on race, the criminal justice system, and the potential role of restorative justice in healing racial divides and discriminatory injustice. Beginning with our founding documents, the course traces the disparate impact of the criminal justice system on people of color. No prerequisite but Criminal Law is highly recommended.	3
RSJ	7342	Environmental Restorative Justice	This course considers how restorative justice theory and practice can be applied to environmental crimes, conflicts, and harms. Students will be introduced to cutting edge thinking and knowledge both at the theoretical and practical level. Course can also fulfill the	3

			Environmental Ethics requirement. Prereq: RSJ7120 or RSJ7115	
RSJ	7350	Ethics and Restorative Justice	This course provides a brief review of ethical codes of conduct applicable in various professional disciplines and analyzes the possible tension between modern codes of conduct and a pure restorative approach to harm and conflict. Students will be presented with a series of ethical dilemmas by guest practitioners across various disciplines and will be asked to analyze the ethical issues in each problem. The course will draw upon philosophical underpinnings and will analyze and explore how to discern a proper path in complex ethical situations.	3
RSJ	7360	Advanced Victim Rights	This course builds upon the foundation of Adversity, Trauma and Victimization to explore deeply the legal interplay between victim rights and the criminal justice system. Students will engage in detailed analysis of victim rights law and their juxtaposition with constitutional and other protections for criminal defendants.	3
RSJ	7365	Teaching Restorative Justice	This experiential course considers how restorative justice can be taught in a way that is in alignment with restorative values while preparing students to share restorative justice with others through effective teaching and training. Students will learn experientially through teaching two courses on RJ at a correctional facility.	3
RSJ	7371	Youth Justice Reimagined	This three-credit course considers the shortfalls of current juvenile justice approaches and invites students to explore an alternative set of overarching juvenile justice goals, endeavoring to better serve the needs of youth, their families, and their broader communities and consider what practical strategies accomplish these goals.	3
Writing Courses				
WRI	7301	Advanced Writing Seminar	This Seminar provides students an opportunity to produce a significant written paper based on sophisticated research and thinking about a key area in policy and law related to the student's degree and/or certificate requirement. AWR class. Also meets the writing requirement for MERL, MFALP, LLM-Energy and LLM-Food and Ag.	3

WRI	7352	Bar Exam Skills	Skills-development course designed to provide students with the analytical, test-taking, writing, and study skills that are critical to students' success on the bar exam and in the practice of law. The course consists of an intensive substantive and analytical review of major multistate bar exam subjects and of numerous writing and practice assignments.	3
WRI	7360	Advanced Appellate Advocacy	Refines and strengthens the written and oral advocacy skills acquired in Appellate Advocacy and prepares students to represent VLS in extramural moot court competitions. Successful participants will become members of competing teams and/or members of VLS's Moot Court Advisory Board.	2
WRI	7900	Independent Research Project	Working under the supervision of working faculty sponsor, the IRP provides an individual student with an opportunity to research and write about an area of law in which the student has a particular interest. Students must follow the guidelines for Independent Research Projects contained in the Academic Regulations (see Student Handbook). An AWR class	1-3
WRI	7950	Law Review I		2
WRI	7951	Law Review II		1
WRI	7960	Environmental Law Journal I		2
WRI	7961	Environmental Law Journal II		1
WRI	7970	February Early Bar	February Early Bar ("FEB") Course is a six-credit course designed to prepare students to sit for the Vermont (UBE) February bar exam prior to graduating in May. No additional commercial bar preparation class will be needed. FEB covers the 12 subjects tested on the UBE and Kaplan's full bar prep course and VLS professors provide additional instruction and practice.	6
WRI	7975	July Early Bar	July Early Bar ("JEB") Course is a six-credit course designed to prepare students to sit for the Vermont (UBE) July bar exam prior to graduating. No additional commercial bar preparation class will be needed. JEB covers the 12 subjects tested on the UBE and Kaplan's full bar prep course and VLS professors provide additional instruction and practice.	6