ACADEMIC CATALOG COURSES 2024-2025

DIV	CODE	TITLE AT TERM A TIME DIGHT	DESCRIPTION TE RESOLUTION	CREDITS
		ALTERNATIVE DISPU	Catalog Description: This course presents the theory and practice of negotiation, mediation, and arbitration that constitute the foundation	
ADR	6410	Alternative Dispute Resolution	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	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. A JD skills class.	3
ADR	6420	Negotiation	A hands-on introduction to the theory and practice of negotiation. Explores the tension that is created in every negotiation between cooperating to create value with the other side and competing to claim value against the other side. While there is a lecture component of this course, instruction relies heavily on the use of simulations. Class meets for 2 weekends	2
	'	ANIMAL LAW	COURSES	
ANM	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
ANM	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 specifically and animal food production generally. Students will explore the pressures from increased international trade in agricultural products.	3
ANM	5420	Animal Undercover Investigations	This course explores legal considerations relating to undercover investigations of animal operations. It examines criminal law, tort, and ethical issues, as well as what does and does not constitute actionable animal cruelty. The course also address evidentiary issues and the impact of undercover investigations on the legal landscape for animals.	2
ANM	5425	Animal Law in Practice	This course focuses on real-world skills required to run an effective animal law litigation practice. Using case studies, students will learn how to successfully shepherd cases from client interviews through appropriate resolutions. Students will also learn how to build a financially sustainable animal law practice.	2
ANM	5431	Animal Protection Policy	Students will learn how to strategically and effectively advance protections for animals on local, national, and international levels through various policy levers. The course will explore the intersection of animal protection with other social justice movements, the roles of animals in society and emerging developments in animal protection policy. A required course for the MAPP degree.	3
ANM	5433	Science of Animal Law & Policy	Scientific literacy is a cornerstone of advancing legal and policy efforts on behalf of animals. This course will provide an overview of foundational scientific concepts, scientific thinking and culture, and scientific vocabulary, and an introduction to how to use this information to inform effective animal protection law and policy. This course is a requirement for the MAPP degree.	3

ANM	5437	Animal Ethics	This course introduces the main ethical frameworks applied to nonhuman animals. students will learn to evaluate different ethical approaches and apply them to specific facts in various contexts. The course will develop students' ethical (and general) reasoning skills and prepare them to make strong policy arguments. This course is a requirement of the MAPP degree.	3
ANM	5902	Special Topics: Farmed Animal PracFarmed Animal Advocacy Practicum	requirement of the Whit Lagreet	3
ANM	5902	SPTC:Animal Welfare Science & Ethic	Course Description: This course will explore the long, intimate, and ever-evolving relationship between human beings and other non-human animals. The course will delve into the history and evolution of our philosophical perspective on this relationship and our scientific understanding of animal biology, ecology, psychology, and cognition. Students will be introduced to the frameworks, practice, and evolving concepts of animal welfare science and will be provided opportunities to explore their implementation. Evaluating the modern-day animal condition through the lens of various industries in which animals are directly used or indirectly impacted, including in agriculture, entertainment, research, testing, recreation, and conservation. Through this course, students will be equipped with information and tools to help formulate informed and thoughtful ethical positions on the use and management of animals in an increasingly populated world. Understanding how to critically evaluate animal welfare situations and suggest balanced and meaningful improvements in care, management, legislation, and policies to safeguard animal welfare.	1
		BUSINESS COU	URSES	
BUS	6213	Real Estate Practice Lab		1
BUS	6218	Intro to Start Up Law	This course offers an introduction to the legal skills and knowledge needed to provide entrepreneurs and emerging start-ups with legal guidance. Using innovate 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. This course is required for the Small Business Law Clinic	2
BUS	6235	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 regulation. A JD bar course. Formerly "Corporations and Business Assoe".	4
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BUS	6237	Debtor-Creditor Law & Bankruptcy	An exploration of consumer bankruptcy law under Chapters 7, 12, and 13 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and how the law impacts the rights of borrowers and lenders. The course covers the creation of consumer lender-borrower relationships, including promissory notes, security agreements, and mortgages; rights of borrowers under the Truth in Lending Act, RESPA, and other consumer protection laws; creditor remedies; and exemption statutes under state and federal law.	2
BUS	6241	Federal Income Taxation	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 indepth analysis of representative issues. The primary focus will be the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and the regulations.	3
BUS	6250	Adv Corporations/Corporate Finance		3
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. A JD bar class.	2
BUS	6290	Securities Regulation	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 distribution and trading processes, as well as issues regarding "insider" trading.	3
BUS	6305	Non-Profit Organizations	Examines nonprofit law, policy and practice. The course focuses on the issues surrounding the creation of a tax-exempt charitable organization at the state and federal levels, raising money for that organization, unrelated business income, lobbying and political activity, board of directors and managerial liability, and dissolution of the organization.	3
BUS	6901	SPTC: Trends in Employment Law	Classes offered under this designation explore special areas of interest, including newly developing areas of law, or specialties of visiting faculty and fellows. Students should consult registration information specific information on classes presented under this title.	1
		CLINIC COUL	RSES	
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. Clinic credits range from 6 to 12.	3
CLI	9310	South Royalton Legal Clinic FT	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	So. 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.	6

CLI	9312	South Royalton Legal Clinic PT	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.	6
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. 6,9 or 12 credits	6
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: REQ7185 or REQ7186, Recommended Prerequisites: Admin Law, Animals and the Law	4
CLI	9323	Adv 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. A JD skills class. Please see class descriptions by term for registration information.	12
CLI	9333	Advanced South 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. A JD skills class.	3
CLI	9333	Advanced South Royalton Legal Clinic 13	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. A JD skills class.	2
CLI	9348	Adv Env Justice Clinic	Students in the Advanced Environmental Justice Clinic will build on the knowledge and skills they developed in the EJ Clinic. Students will be exposed to new material and concepts as they work on administrative cases and projects, litigation, and legislation on behalf of environmentally overburdened communities of color and low-income communities.	4
CLI	9355	Justice Reform Clinic		4
CLI	9360	Small Business Law Clinic		4
CLI	9361	Advanced Farmed Animal Advocacy Clinic	The Advanced Farm Animal Advocacy Clinic continues the work of the Farmed Animal Advocacy Clinic. Prereq: CLI9321	4
CLI	9365	Adv Justice Reform Clinic		4
CLI	9411	Semester In Practice (SIP)	Places students under the supervision of an experienced lawyer in a government office, NGO, non-profit organization, corporation, or law firm. Students engage in self-directed learning under the guidance of the supervising attorney and learn about the practice of law through observation and participation in practice.	12
CLI	9412	Semester In Practice Class	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

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CLI 9428 Food & Agriculture Clinic Provides an opportunity to obtain field based experience on a part- time basis. A JD skills class. 6 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. CLI 9431 Judicial 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 supervisor. CLI 9433 Transnational Environmental Clinic CLI 9435 Judicial Externship PT The Advanced Energy Clinic explores at an advanced level, the practical aspects of real world energy projects from the stage of conceptualization, development, contracting, financing, regulatory approval and construction. Students will be further exposed to the state and federal statutes, rules, tax codes, and ordinances that apply to the development of energy projects particularly those that promote sustainably at the community level. Students will also review and/or develop purchased power and other commercial agreements governing these projects. Current project areas include community solar development and other alternative energy systems. Advanced 6	CLI	9425	JD Part-Time Externship	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	8
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project teams and interfacing with clients. Classroom instruction will be through IEE faculty, fellows, and guest lecturers. This course is offered in the summer, fall and spring semesters. The Energy Clinic and Energy Policy in a Carbon Constrained World (ENV5226) are prerequisites for this course. Application through the common clinic application and/or instructor approval is required.	CLI	9437	Adv Energy Clinic	practical aspects of real world energy projects from the stage of conceptualization, development, contracting, financing, regulatory approval and construction. Students will be further exposed to the state and federal statutes, rules, tax codes, and ordinances that apply to the development of energy projects particularly those that promote sustainability at the community level. Students will also review and/or develop purchased power and other commercial agreements governing these projects. Current project areas include community solar development and other alternative energy systems. Advanced Energy Clinic students will play a leadership role in managing project teams and interfacing with clients. Classroom instruction will be through IEE faculty, fellows, and guest lecturers. This course is offered in the summer, fall and spring semesters. The Energy Clinic and Energy Policy in a Carbon Constrained World (ENV5226) are prerequisites for this course. Application through the common clinic application and/or instructor approval is	6
CLI 9438 Adv Food & Agriculture Clinic 6	CLI	9438	Adv Food & Agriculture Clinic		6

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
CLI	9442	MERL Externship	Provide MERL students with field experience in the energy 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.	0
CLI	9444	MFALP Externship	Provide MFALP students with field experience in the food and agricultural 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
CLI	9446	MARJ Externship		4
CLI	9447	MAPP externship		4
CLI	9449	MCEP Externship		4
CLI	9451	MPP Externship		4
CLI	9453	Advanced Transnational Env Clinic	Students in the Advanced TEL Clinic will build on the knowledge and skills they developed in the TEL Clinic. Students will be exposed to new material and concepts as they work on transnational practical environmental law projects in partnership with policy advocacy partners supported by the US-Asia Partnerships for Environmental Law. Prereq:CLI9433	3
CLI	9460	Adv. Small Business Law Clinic	·	4
CLI	9500	Simulation I:Transactional Law&ADR	Catalog Description: In a hypothetical simulated scenario, students will act as newly hired associates in a law firm and have a client whom they must assist in negotiating and executing a contract. This course will include hypothetical issues in transactional drafting and alternative dispute resolution. No prior experience in either is required.	3
CLI	9501	Simulation II: Litigation	Catalog Description: In a hypothetical simulated scenario, students act as newly hired law firm associates and have a client whom they must assist in defending against a civil lawsuit and a criminal prosecution. This course asks students to address issues in civil and criminal litigation. No prior experience in either is required.	3
L		CLIMATE CO	URSES	
CLM	5200	Fundamentals of Climate Change		2
CLM	5212	Climate Change & the Law	Description: Climate change is the most profound social and environmental issue of the 21st century. This course focuses on climate change mitigation and domestic law in the United States. The 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 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. Both supply-side and demand-side energy options will be evaluated, along with the transportation and land use sectors.	3
CLM	5300	Climate Justice	This course examines the climate crisis through the lens of the people most impacted by climate change and the social movements emerging from those communities. Students will analyze the root causes and current impacts of the climate crisis and the role of social movements in dealing with the crisis. Prereq: CLM5200 or CLM5212	3
CLM	5343	Climate Change Adaptations in HumanSystems	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. Formerly ENV5343	3

			Description: 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,	
CLM	5365	Climate Change-Power of Taxes	policy, politics, and law andwhile focusing on climate change	2
			provides students with a framework for understanding how and when	
			to use tax measures to address other environmental problems	
			including emissions trading as an alternative.	
CLM	5901	SPTC:Climate and Env Sustainability		1
CLM	5902	SPTC:Int'l Climate Litigation	COMPORE	1
		CRIMINAL LAW (
			A basic course on Constitutional Criminal Procedure, with	
			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	
on.			search and arrest, the warrant requirement and its exceptions, and the	
CRI	7262	Constitutional Criminal Procedure	exclusionary rule; custodial interrogation, confessions and the	3
			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 class. Prerequisite: Criminal Law	
			This graded seminar undertakes an intensive and comprehensive	
			examination of the constitutional, legal, procedural, and public	
			policy issues surrounding a topic in criminal law. The specific topic	
			varies from year to year and is detailed in the class description each	
CRI	7305	Adv. Criminal Law Seminar	semester the course is offered. Topics may range from justice	2
			system alternatives to conditions of confinement within prisons.	
			Although there are no prerequisites for this course, students will	
			derive more benefit from the class if they have taken Criminal	
			Practice or Criminal Procedure: Bail to Jail.	
			Skills-based course focused on the Federal Rules of Criminal	
			Procedure, the 4th, 5th, 6th and 8th amendments to the U.S.	v 4
			Constitution and the corresponding sections of the Vermont and New	
			Hampshire Constitutions. This course will give students the	
CRI	7307	Criminal Practice & Procedure	opportunity to develop insight into the theoretical underpinnings of	4
			constitutional criminal law and procedure while at the same time	
			learning the practical application of theory to practice. A JD bar	
			class. Prerequisite: Criminal Law	
			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	
CRI	7329	Criminal Procedure: Bail to Jail	hearing through plea bargain. Students draft motions, engage in plea	2
			negotiations, and perform bail, plea, and sentencing hearings.	
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CRI	7333	Juvenile Justice and Law		3
			Description: This three-credit course introduces students to	
			alternative approaches within the criminal justice system. The course	
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CRI	7360	Reforming Criminal Justice	Students engage with leading justice reformers then design an	3
			alternative program and present their idea orally. This course fulfills	
			the MARJ writing requirement.	
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DIV	5902	SPTC:Mental Health & Law		2
1 7			Using PBS video series "Eyes on the Prize" and companion readings,	
			this course examines the civil rights movement that began in the	
			years before Brown v. Board of Education and continued throughout	
DIV	7606	Civil Dight- Ci	the 1950's and 1960's. Provides social, cultural, and historical	2
DIV	7606	Civil Rights Seminar	perspectives on the civil rights movement and the legal developments	2
			that grew out of that movement. It is strongly recommended that	
			students complete Constitutional Law prior to this class or have	
			permission of instructor.	
			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-	
DIV	7610	Race & the Law Seminar	Americans, Asian-Americans, Latin-Americans, and Native-	2
1			Americans in American society, with attention to questions	
			concerning critical race theory, class, family, and feminism.	
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DIV	7615	Sexual Orientation & 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 & the Law	Description: This 3-credit course focuses on the constitutional, statutory, and jurisprudential rules of law which make up the field of federal Indian law. It explores the legal and political relationship between the United States and American Indian and Alaska Native Nations, covering principles governing tribal property and treaty rights, tribal sovereignty, Congressional plenary power, the Trust Responsibility, and civil and criminal jurisdiction in Indian County. This course also covers the basics of tribal law and International Indigenous human rights law.	3
		ENVIRONMENTAL JUS	TICE COURSES	
EJU	5100	Understanding DEI Module	An introduction to how individuals, systems organization and structures recognize, interpret and respond to various dimensions of diversity, equity and inclusion including racism and discrimination, microaggressions, cultural competency, white supremacy and accessibility. Students will learn the relationship between DEI concepts and how they affect the world in which we navigate. This course is required for the MCEP, EMEP, MERL, MFALP and MAPP degrees.	0
EJU	5110	Structural Inequality	This course provides students with an intersectional awareness of structural inequality and systemic racism and their relationships to public policy, law and environmental movements. Course is a requirement of MAPP, MCEP and EMEP degrees.	1
EJU	5120	Fundamentals of Env Justice	An examination of the history and evolution of environmental justice social movements in the US and internationally; root causes of environmental racism and its impacts on the social determinants of health; and legal, policy and community-based solutions. It touches on the relationships between the domestic environmental and climate justice movements. This course is a requirement of the MCEP and EMEP degrees.	2
EJU	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 n the U.S. and internationally	2
		ENERGY COU	RSES	
ENG	5220	Environmental Economics & Markets	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. Formerly ENV5220	3
ENG	5226	Energy Law & 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. Formerly ENV5226	3

ENG	5228	Energy Regulation & 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, transmission planning, energy efficiency, demand side management and green markets. Prereq:ENV5226 or ENG5226	3
ENG	5238	Global Sustainability Field Study	The Cuban Farm and Energy Tour.	1
ENG	5402	Offshore Wind Energy	This course will examine the statutory and regulatory frameworks that govern offshore renewable energy leases, and the permitting requirements associated with project development and construction and the ways in which they have been challenged in the courts. Students completing this course will obtain a firm understanding of the permitting framework for offshore wind projects and the potential legal challenges associated with their development, construction and finance.	1
ENG	5469	Oil & Gas Development	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. Formerly ENV5469	3
ENG	5510	Engineering Essentials of the Grid	The engineering realities of energy infrastructure systems can greatly constrain the choices that lawyers and policy analysts might otherwise make. This module will cover the engineering fundamentals inherent in electric power grids and will explain how these engineering realities affect market and regulatory choices.	1
ENG	5511	Business Essentials of the Grid	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
ENG	5512	Legal Essentials of the Grid	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
ENG	5544	Sustainable Transportation	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
ENG	5547	Energy Efficiency Policy	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. Formerly ENV5547	3
ENG	5556	Sustainable Energy Project Finance	This course will provide an in-depth look at the legal and regulatory issues associated with the permitting, development and project financing of renewable energy projects such as wind, hydro, solar and battery storage. The course will also consider the important energy and climate justice issues that are posed by how energy infrastructure is permitted, financed and developed. After completing the course, students will have a solid understanding of how to help vet the economics of renewable projects and get them permitted, financed, built, hooked-up to the grid and operational as well as the important public and environmental policy and justice issues associated with sustainable energy projects. Prereq-ENV5226. Formerly ENV5556	3

ENG	5901	SPTC: Renewable Energy Development		1
ENG	5902	SPTC:Intro. to Global Energy Law		1
		ENVIRONMENTA	L 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	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	5121	Fundamentals of Env Social Governance		2
ENV	5122	Communications, Advocacy & 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 with both ENV and RSJ designation	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	5218	International Climate Change Law	Catalog Description: 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. To learn more, visit the blog, Ridges to Reefs. Register for the course (your status will appear as "waitlisted") and submit an application package to Derek Walker at COP@vermontlaw.edu as soon as possible. The application package should be one pdf document including: a statement explaining interest in and qualifications for the course; writing sample; resume; transcript; and a VLS reference.	3
ENV	5224	Env Govern Field Study	Travel Class for Global Env. Governance. Apply with Courtney	1
ENV	5235	Natural Resources Law	Collins at coollins@vermontlaw.edu. 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	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 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.	3

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	5353	Green Finance:Investment Strategies	This course explores the emerging worlds of sustainable finance including the different sustainable investment strategies and players in the industry. Students will become familiar with legal issues that arise and tools to use, including green banks and bonds, shareholder initiatives, carbon disclosure requirements and ESG (environmental and social governance) programs.	3
ENV	5412	Biodiversity Protection	An examination of what biodiversity is, the growing threats to it, and U.S. and international laws to combat those threats. The course focuses on current controversies to highlight legal, scientific, and political strategies for protecting biodiversity. Particular emphasis is placed on the U.S. Endangered Species Act.	2
ENV	5423	Ocean & 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	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	5462	Public Lands Mgt: Montana Field Study	This is an application class, please contact Courtney Collins to apply at ccollins@vermontlaw.edu. 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. This is an application class, please contact Courtney Collins to apply at ccollins@vermontlaw.edu.	3
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	5556	Sustainable Energy Project Finance& Development	This course will provide an in-depth look at the legal and regulatory issues associated with the permitting, development and project financing of renewable energy projects such as wind, hydro, solar and battery storage. The course will also consider the important energy and climate justice issues that are posed by how energy infrastructure is permitted, financed and developed. After completing the course, students will have a solid understanding of how to help vet the economics of renewable projects and get them permitted, financed, built, hooked-up to the grid and operational as well as the important public and environmental policy and justice issues associated with sustainable energy projects. Prereq-ENV5226	3
ENV	5901	SPT:Federal EnvPolicy under TrumpII	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	SPTC:Prosecuting Enviro. Crimes	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.	1
ENV	5903	SPTC: The Rights of Nature	Classes offered under this designation explore special areas of interest, including newly developing areas of law, or specialties of visiting faculty and fellows. Students should consult registration information specific information on classes presented under this title.	1
ENV	5904	SPTC: Global Env. Governance	Classes offered under this designation explore special areas of interest, including newly developing areas of law, or specialties of visiting faculty and fellows. Students should consult registration information specific information on classes presented under this title.	1
		FOOD AND AGRICULT	URE COURSES	
FAA	5108	Introduction to Food and Agriculture	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. Formerly ENV5108	3
FAA	5130	Farmworkers and the Law	This course will detail farmworkers' current living and working conditions as well as the history of their exclusion from key laws and regulations. It will also explore current tools and strategies used by farmworker advocates at both the state and federal level, including litigation, legislative advocacy, and administrative advocacy.	1
FAA	5370	Food Sys Equity & Critical Race Theory	Significant legislation and institutional policy perpetuate anti-Black racism, which is firmly rooted in disproportionate property dispossession. This course explores the opportunities presented by agriculture system policy to create a model for climinating systemic anti-Blackness. The course will lay an analytical foundation through readings on critical race theory and food system policy.	1
FAA	5380	Food Regulation and Policy	This course explores food law and policy at the federal level with consideration of state and local opportunities to fill in gaps and protect public health. Focusing on how law and policy addresses issues like nutrition, food safety and quality, additives, pesticide residues, and innovations in the food system, this course weaves concepts of food justice throughout.	3
FAA	5411	Federal Regulation of Food and Agriculture	Formerly ENV5411	3

FAA	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. Then, we'll explore international legal frameworks supporting food security and comparative domestic legal frameworks impacting food security, including Constitutional food rights, agriculture subsidies and tariffs, and public food and nutrition assistance programs. The course examines the ownership of the food supply, including transnational corporations impact on the food system, commodities markets impact on global food prices, intellectual property rights with respect to biotechnology/GMO, and the role and impact of the WTO in moderating trade. Formerly ENV5478	3
FAA	5479	Law & Policy of Local Food Systems	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. Formerly ENV5479	3
FAA	5901	SPTC: Intro to Cannabis Law		1
FAA	5902	SPTC: Introduction to the Farm Bill FAMILY LAW C	OURSES	1
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	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, 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	7720	Health Care Law	Description: This survey course will provide an introduction to the broad body of laws governing the provision, organization and financing of health care in the United States and will explore the recurrent policy issues underlying health law. The course will cover the key legal issues regularly confronted by health lawyers: professional liability and regulation; hospital-physician relations; health care reimbursement, fraud and abuse, and health care corporate structures and taxation. There will be a focus on current health law issues, particularly those involving women's health care and reproductive rights, health care gender discrimination, public health regulation of infectious diseases, and expanded access for the uninsured.	3
		INTERNATIONAL	COURSES	
INT	7407	Comparative Law: Comparative LegalSys	Explores how different countries within the Western Legal Tradition understand sources of law, the relationship between codes and cases, and constitutional design, including questions of federalism, judicial review and balance of powers. The course will study selected aspects of legal systems, focusing on France and Germany, with some discussion of "mixed" common/civil law jurisdictions (e.g. Louisiana, South Africa), as well as some aspects of the European Union.	3
INT	7410	French Legal Method	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	7414	European Union 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 emphasizes placed on the immigration consequences of criminal convictions and humanitarian relief under asylum law and under the Violence Against Women Act.	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	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
		LITIGATION CO		
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	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. 4 Students from each year's class are selected to represent VLS in a mock trial competition.	3
L.		LLM COUR	SES	
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

			The thesis must be a substantial piece of written work of publishable quality. A 10-15 page thesis proposal must be approved by the LL.M. candidate's faculty supervisor and the Director of the		
LLM	9650	LL.M. Seminar II (Thesis)	Environmental Law Center before the thesis is begun. A student who writes a thesis must make a public oral presentation of the thesis work.	3	
		MISCELLANEOUS			
MSC	7921	l'Universite de Cergy-Pontoise-dualdegr	Please consult with International and Comparative Law Programs.	14	
MSC	7922	Cambridge MPhil Program	Please consult with the Associate Director Environmental Law Center.	14	
MSC	7928	Trento University-Trento Italy	DOPE	2	
	POLICY COURSES				
POL	5100	Public Participation Module	This module is an exploration of how environmental public policies are influenced by community-led efforts, including case studies of grassroots organizing and community involvement in lobbying and administrative processes. This class is a requirement of the MERL, MCEP, EMEP, MFALP and MAPP degrees.	0	
POL	5200	Professional Identity	This module trains students in professional email etiquette and other communications, as well as how to have respectful conversations about sensitive topics. This course is a requirement of the MCEP, EMEP and MAPP degrees.	0	
POL	5300	Negotiation & Consensus Bldg Module	This module covers negotiation topics from a policy development perspective, particularly consensus-building. This course is a requirement of the MCEP, EMEP and MAPP degrees.	0	
POL	5510	Intro to Policy Research & Writing	This course provides instruction in writing ad social science qualitative research methods (e.g. case studies and interviews). Students will learn to conduct efficient policy and legal research; research, analyze and synthesize statutory, regulatory and public policy information and communicate effectively in writing with different audiences. This course is a requirement of the MCEP. EMEP, MFALP and MAPP degrees. For Masters students only	3	
POL	5515	U.S. Law and Legal Analysis	This course serves as the general review of the U.S. laws and regulations, and teaches the students the basic practical skills needed in the U.S. legal environment, including legal research, legal writing and legal reasoning. Not approved for JD credit. This class is approved as MARJ and LLM elective, A requirement of the MLS degree.	3	
POL	5520	Quantitative Analysis	Social science quantitative techniques such as statistical analysis, survey research, case study research, probability, interpretation of regression analysis results, forecasting and graphical analysis. Emphasis is on public policy applications to help students become effective consumers, producers and critics of evidence supporting policy design, management, implementation and program analysis. This course is a requirement of the MCEP, EMEP and MAPP degrees.	2	
POL	5530	Policy Design	Students will learn policy design fundamentals including how to compare policy options, weigh tradeoffs and write compelling policy recommendations. Students will develop leadership, collaboration and project management skills. Students will learn about the role of affected communities in the policy design process and hot to engage those stakeholders. This is a required course for the MCEP, EMEP, MFALP and MAPP degrees.	3	
POL	5550	Lobbying and Government Affairs	Catalog Description: This class will enhance students' understanding Lobbying and Government Affairs in policy making. Students will learn about the historical foundations of lobbying alongside the moder technique employed by lobbying professionals. Students will gain a better understanding of the various leverage points to affect change in the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government.	3	
POL	5601	Introduction to Public Policy	This class will enhance students' understanding of the US policy- making system. Students will learn about both the historical and contemporary aspects of public policy. The course will focus on several areas of current national policy.	3	

POL	5700	Thesis Seminar I	Students plan, research and draft a significant scholarly paper of publishable quality in the field of environmental public policy; conduct sophisticated policy and legal research; synthesize knowledge from their studies to reflect on important issues; develop advanced writing skills; and communicate professionally with peers to provide and incorporate quality feedback. Part of a 2 course sequence.	3
POL	5710	Thesis Seminar II	This course is the second component of a two-course sequence in which students will plan, research and draft a significant scholarly paper of publishable quality. In this course, students will finish the scholarly paper that they started in Thesis Seminar I. Thesis Seminar I is a non-waivable prerequisite for Thesis Seminar II. Students must take both courses in this sequence.	1
		PUBLIC LAW CO		
PUB	7500	First Amendment Law	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	7545	Sexual Violence & Law	This course addresses the history and law of sexual violence in America. Through readings, small group discussions, mock trial exercises, and speakers, students will gain insight and knowledge into how the law shapes rape culture and how, in turn, rape culture affects the law. Prereq: LIT7210	2
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.	3
PUB	7580	State & Local Government	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 jurisdictions such as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Indian Country.	2
		REQUIRED CO	URSES	
REQ	7107	Civil Procedure		4
REQ	7112	Constitutional Law	Catalog Description: 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." OHJD	4
REQ	7123	LRWLegal 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: Theory & Practice	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	7127	Essay Writing for Exams	For hybrid students only.	1
REQ	7129	Embedded Racism in the Law	This course will explore ways to analyze and dismantle white supremacy present across interlocking power structures embedded in and enabled by U.S. law. The course must incorporate Critical Race Theory concepts and may include Queer Theory; Transnational Feminism; Community and Movement Law; and Critical Perspectives on Property, Criminal Law, Torts, Contracts, Civil Procedure and Constitutional Law.	1
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	7175	Foundations of Legal Analysis	Focuses on building and reinforcing the analytical, writing, and reasoning skills essential for success in law school.	2
REQ	7186	Legislation and Regulation Survey	Catalog Description: 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	7188	Legislation and Regulation	, in the second	2
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
REQ	7591	Special Topics:AI in Legal Practice	An introduction to artificial intelligence's evolving role in legal practice, focusing on both specialized legal tools and general generative AI systems. Through hands-on experience with AI-powered platforms and exploration of practical, ethical, and environmental implications, students will gain the knowledge and skills needed to effectively integrate AI into their future legal work.	1
REQ	7591	Special Topics:AI in Legal PracticeAI in Legal Practice		1
		RESTORATIVE JUSTI	CE COURSES	
RSJ	5122	Communication Leadership and Advocacy	A successful professional should possess the ability to advocate, counsel, investigate, persuade, research, and educate. This course will develop those skills through various writing and oral advocacy projects. In addition to other writing projects, students will compose a Freedom of Information Act request, draft a public comment letter, write a grant proposal letter of inquiry, and create an environmental communication campaign. Different skills will be emphasized through the exploration of these diverse types of writing. Offered with both ENV and RSJ designation	3
RSJ	5122	Communication Advocacy & Leadership	A successful professional should possess the ability to advocate, counsel, investigate, persuade, research, and educate. This course will develop those skills through various writing and oral advocacy projects. In addition to other writing projects, students will compose a Freedom of Information Act request, draft a public comment letter, write a grant proposal letter of inquiry, and create a communication campaign. Different skills will be emphasized through the exploration of these diverse types of writing. Offered with both ENV and RSJ designation	3

RSJ	7115	Principles of Restorative Justice	Catalog Description: 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	7115	Principles of Restorative JusticePrinciples Rest Justice	Catalog Description: 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	Restorative Justice 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 preconference 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, Evolution & Critical Issuein Restorative Justice	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	7125	Motivational Interviewing	Motivational Interviewing, an evidence-based interviewing and communication technique, is a one-credit course with many simulations graded on a High Pass, Pass, Low Pass, Fail basis. Students will learn about the philosophy, principles and skills of this important method of client engagement.	1
RSJ	7130	Restorative Theory & Practice	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.	2
RSJ	7140	Applied Criminal Justice	Course Description: This course will explore the use of the criminal legal system including its historical context, contemporary trends, and opportunities to challenge and change the status quo. We will investigate the origins of the laws, policies, and procures that define the system today, and its impact on race equity. Following an introductory section covering the foundational elements of the criminal legal system, this course will explore conventional and alternative ways to address harm with an eye towards applying a restorative justice lens throughout.	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. Topics will include: 1) the history of victim rights and victim/survivor services in the United States, to include the violence against women and/or Mothers Against Drunk Driving movements, the array of state responses (funding, agency-based direct service, correctional/institutional, etc.); 2) statutory, constitutional, evidentiary, and procedural schemes intended to protect and give voice to crime victims in both traditional and restorative criminal justice processes; 3) the psychology and brain science of trauma and how to competently address trauma in direct service/representation of victims; 4) ethical challenges; 5) interviewing techniques; and 6) theories and strategies for effectively managing vicarious/secondary trauma as a legal or restorative justice practitioner in the field.	3
RSJ	7215	Narrative Writing Seminar	production in the field.	3
RSJ	7230	Restorative Justice Indigenous Comm	This course focusses on how indigenous people from many countries and cultures respond to conflict and harm. The course will consider how contemporary restorative practices find roots in the approaches from indigenous people.	3
RSJ	7250	Global Restorative Justice		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	7315	Peacemaking Courts	This course explores the roots of peacemaking from indigenous nations within our national border. Students will learn about differing world views, tribal justice systems (through Native voices), and tensions between Native justice systems and western model court systems. In addition, students will learn about current efforts to nurture communication, collaboration and common ground between the two. Finally, students will learn about the differences (and similarities) between mediation or facilitation, restorative justice and peacemaking.	3
RSJ	7320	New Approaches 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
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RSJ	7325	Adv Restorative Practices	Course Description: In this course, students will engage in an intensive and interactive practice experience learning about Restorative Justice circles and peacemaking practices. The course is evaluated on a High Pass, Pass, Low Pass, Fail basis	2
RSJ	7330	Restorative Justice Ed Institutions	This course explores how restorative justice approaches can provide important alternatives to more traditional responses to harm within educational settings. Restorative justice has three primary applications in school settings, which includes both K-12 schools and higher education. Restorative circles are commonly used to build and strengthen relationships between students and with their teachers. Restorative practices help develop "social-emotional learning." Restorative conferences are used in response to conflict and misconduct. Cognizant of the "school to prison pipeline," administrators are looking for more effective and less punitive response to school misconduct. Finally, when students are suspended, restorative circles of support and accountability assist with effective reintegration back into the classroom. The course will focus on the restorative justice movement in education, examining the theory behind restorative justice, its various practices, and evidence of effectiveness. The course will also consider the problems of racial bias in K-12 discipline and sexual and gender-based misconduct on college campuses.	3
RSJ	7332	Evidence Based Restorative Justice	In this graded survey course, students will consider a range of research fundamentals including quantitative, qualitative and participatory action research methods and their application to the field of restorative justice. Students will learn from reading, hearing from professional researchers, producing real-world research deliverables and participating in peer review.	3
RSJ	7340	Race, Crimes and Restorative Justice	This course is running as a directed study- not open for registration.	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 Environmental Ethics requirement. Prereq: RSJ7120 or RSJ7115	3
RSJ	7350	Ethics & 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	7355	Police Use of Force	This three-credit seminar explores the constitutional and other implications of police use of force. Students will learn about police training and consider the application of that training in the context of instances of alleged excessive force. Students will write a graded paper and present at the end of the semester. Prereq: REQ7140 or CRI7305	3
RSJ	7360	Advanced Victim Rights Seminar	This course is running as a directed study and not open for registration.	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.	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
RSJ	7901	SPTC:Global Healing - N. Ireland	Course Description: This three-credit course for Masters, ID, and Professional Certificate students is intended to provide an immersive experience learning about how countries other than the United States moved from divisiveness and politicized violence to peace, with a focus on the conflict in Northern Ireland. Students will travel for two weeks to Northern Ireland. The class will focus on Northern Ireland's restorative practices at the national policy level, including the Good Friday agreement and subsequent peace process to heal the conflict called "The Troubles". Students will learn about the country's history, through in-person meetings with individuals who have led restorative practices and policies in the country over time. The course will involve preparatory readings and active engagement in daily trips, activities, and discussions with Northern Ireland people, as well as peer conversations with the class and professor. Course assignments will focus on reflection and applying learnings in Northern Ireland to the United States. Apply to register through the Restorative Justice Department.	3
RSJ	7902	SPC:Reckoning with Legacies of Harm	This course will examine the approaches, considerations, dilemmas and tradeoffs societies and countries face when reckoning with legacies of mass atrocity stemming from conflict, repressive regimes, or long-term structural discrimination. We will explore the meaning and application of truth and reconciliation as part of an effort to move from an unjust past to a more just future—a discipline known as Transitional Justice. Through a combination of theoretical texts and 1-2 case studies, we will analyze different approaches to truth seeking, the politics of memory, victim participation, representation, building legitimacy, and the potential impact of truth and reconciliation efforts. Cases will be drawn from around the world, including from Africa, Australia, and the Americas.	2

RSJ	7903	SPTC: Comparative Justice:Crim & RJ	This interactive course looks at aspects of harm not addressed by our predominant response to crime. Through role play, reflective journaling, a 3-to-5-page paper, and group projects students will explore how more "justice" can be infused into the criminal system. The course will be evaluated on a Pass-Fail basis.	1
RSJ	7903	SPTC:Comparative Justice:Crim & RJ		1
		WRITING CO	URSES	
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. Also meets the writing requirement for MERL, MFALP, LLM-Energy and LLM-Food and Ag.	3
WRI	7320	Multistate PR Exam Preparation	MPRE Preparation is a one credit course designed to prepare students to sit for the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE). MPRE Preparation covers all material necessary to pass the required 60 question ethics portion of the Bar Exam. The course includes Kaplan's full MPRE preparation course and additional instruction by VLS professors.	1
WRI	7342	Bar Exam Test Taking Extra Review	This course prepares students to study for the bar exam by focusing on developing the necessary bar exam skills through the context of working on bar-style problems within the multiple areas of bar-tested law. This online course is administered through the Barbri platform and does not substantively overlap with BEST.	2
WRI	7352	Bar Exam Skills & Tactics	Catalog Description: 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).	1
WRI	7950	Law Review I		2
WRI	7951	Law Review II		2
WRI	7961	Vermont Journal of Environmental Law II		2