

**ACADEMIC CATALOG COURSES 2025 - 2026**

<b>DIV</b>	<b>CODE</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Course Description</b>	<b>Credit</b>
<b>ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION</b>				
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	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
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<b>ANIMAL LAW</b>				
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	<p>Course Description:</p> <p>What are undercover investigations? Why do animal advocacy organizations conduct them? In this course, students will explore a variety of legal considerations as they relate to conducting undercover investigations of animal operations. Specifically, students will examine the intersection of criminal law, tort, and ethical issues, as well as what does and does not constitute actionable animal cruelty.</p> <p>We will discuss evidentiary issues, taking action, pursuing litigation, and corporate liability. We will examine how undercover investigations have changed the legal landscape for animals as well as the methods by which the industry has pushed back at this animal advocacy tactic. Throughout the course, we will discuss the ways in which undercover investigations and resultant prosecutions implicate social justice issues, assessing whether the stated goal of deterrent effect outweighs the potential disparate impact on individual low-wage workers.</p>	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
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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	5435	International Animal Law	This course introduces students to current and emerging international legal frameworks that provide incentives and restraints for implementing animal protection policies by public and private entities.	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	5438	Wildlife Law and Policy	This course examines legal mandates and policy considerations for wildlife protection. Students learn wildlife and habitat "management" strategies considering science, law, and policy. The course focuses on several statutory schemes. Indigenous rights relating to wildlife, the impacts of climate change, and international efforts to protect biodiversity.	3
ANM	5439	Animal Law and Policy Practicum	Course Description: In the Animal Law and Policy Practicum, students will work to develop and execute legal and policy strategies to further the interests of companion animals, wildlife, and animals used for food, entertainment, and research. The course will focus on professionalism, research and drafting, and developing skills while working with experienced advocates on real-world matters.	3

ANM	5440	Rights of Nature	<p style="text-align: center;">Course Description:</p> <p>This course examines the emerging legal paradigm of the Rights of Nature through a decolonial and ecological justice lens. Taught collaboratively by environmental lawyer Jose Maldonado Andreu and curator-researcher Camila Marambio, the course bridges legal theory, environmental humanities, and territorial advocacy. Grounded in case studies from Puerto Rico and the Caribbean—regions deeply marked by colonial histories and ecological vulnerability—students will engage with legal ethnography, creative practice, and rights-based approaches to environmental protection.</p> <p>The course invites students to critically interrogate the human-nature divide entrenched in dominant legal systems, explore alternatives rooted in Indigenous and community-based worldviews, local ecological knowledge and imagine the transformative potential of legal frameworks that recognize nature as a subject with inherent rights. Through readings, field-informed discussions, and interdisciplinary methods, participants will explore how law, art, and activism converge to envision more relational, just, and regenerative futures.</p>	1
ANM	5445	Animal Welfare Science and Ethics	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	1

ANM	5902	SPTC:Aquaculture Law	<p>This course introduces the core legal structures governing aquaculture in the United States, with attention to how those frameworks interact with environmental protection, animal welfare, and food systems. Students will examine federal authorities, state permitting, and siting regimes. The course will explore emerging issues, including offshore finfish farming, Aquaculture Opportunity Areas, land-based systems, disease and escape risks, pollution and chemical use, and the legal treatment of aquatic animals. The course is designed for students interested in environmental law, animal law, food systems, administrative law, and public interest law. It will provide a foundation for engaging with aquaculture law as it continues to develop in the United States and beyond.</p>	1
<b>BUSINESS</b>				
BUS	6213	Real Estate Practice Lab	<p>Course Description: As a one-credit course, Residential Real Estate Transactions will focus on a “typical” residential real estate transaction from the first contact with a client to the closing of the sale. The course will touch on legal doctrine and theory where necessary, but the classroom discussions and assignments will center on the practical aspects of a typical residential real estate transaction. The goal of the course is to instill the skills necessary to manage the process from negotiation to closing. The sale, and, more particularly, the purchase of a home represents a major investment and commitment in the lives of ordinary clients. This course will help future lawyers develop the skills necessary to help clients through this stressful and, sometimes, difficult venture. The class will focus primarily on Vermont law as a means of creating basic skills that may transfer to other venues.</p>	1

BUS	6218	Intro to Start Up Law	<p>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. This course is required for the Small Business Law Clinic</p>	2
BUS	6235	Business Associations.	<p>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 Assoc".</p>	4
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BUS	6237	Debtor-Creditor Law & Bankruptcy	<p>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.</p>	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 in-depth analysis of representative issues. The primary focus will be the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and the regulations. The sections selected represent basic principles and representative models.	3
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 in-depth analysis of representative issues. The primary focus will be the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and the regulations.	3
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, Federal and State Wage and Hour Laws and mandatory arbitration of employment disputes.	3
BUS	6250	Adv Corporations/Corporate Finance	This course examines legal and financial challenges faced by businesses across their lifecycle, from early-stage formation through maturity. Students will explore how corporate governance, securities regulation and competition law shape capital formation, investor relationships, and business strategy. Our semester-long study will integrate practical aspects of finance, securities regulation, antitrust, and related topics. Prior enrollment in Business Associations or equivalent experience is very strongly recommended.	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
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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
<b>EXPERIENCIAL</b>				
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. AWR class.	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. AWR class.	12
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. An AWR class.	6
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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	3
CLI	9323	Adv Environmntal 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 Clini	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 Royatton 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.	3
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.	3
CLI	9355	Justice Reform Clinic		4
CLI	9360	Small Business Law Clinic		4
CLI	9365	Adv Justice Reform Clinic		3
CLI	9410	J.D. Externship	Catalog Description: Students learn about theory and practice of law through a semester spent immersed in practice as an apprentice. Course meets online and serves as both a foundation for, and complement to, the placement work. Provides opportunity for professional identify formation, feedback and support, and critical reflection.	6
CLI	9420	Externship for J.D. Students	Catalog Description. The Externship for J.D. Students provides substantial lawyering experience reasonably similar to the experience of a lawyer advising or representing a client or engaging in other lawyering tasks. Students learn about theory and practice of law through a semester spent immersed in practice as an apprentice. The corresponding coursework is taught by a VLGS professor and serves as both a foundation for, and complement to, the placement work. The professor facilitates ongoing, contemporaneous reflection to deepen learning. For JD Hybrid students only.	3
CLI	9420	Externship for J.D. Students	Catalog Description: Students learn about theory and practice of law through a semester spent immersed in practice as an apprentice. Course meets online and serves as both a foundation for, and complement to, the placement work. Provides opportunity for professional identify formation, feedback and support, and critical reflection. For OHJD students only.	3

CLI	9422	Adv. Externship for J.D. Students	Catalog Description: Students learn about theory and practice of law through a semester spent immersed in practice as an apprentice. Course meets online, mostly asynchronously, and serves as both a foundation for, and complement to, the placement work. Provides opportunity for professional identify formation, feedback and support, and critical reflection. For OHJD students only.	3
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CLI	9427	Energy Clinic	Provides an opportunity to obtain field based experience on a part-time basis.	3
CLI	9428	Food & Agriculture Clinic	Provides an opportunity to obtain field based experience on a part-time basis. A JD skills class.	6
CLI	9432	L.L.M. 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
CLI	9437	Adv Energy Clinic		6
CLI	9446	MARJ Externship		4
CLI	9449	MCEP Externship		4
CLI	9451	MPP Externship		4
CLI	9460	Adv. Small Business Law Clinic		3
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
<b>CLIMATE</b>				
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
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CLM	5250	Climate Risk and Resilience	This course 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
CLM	5343	Climate Change Adaptations 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. Formerly ENV5343	3

CLM	5365	Climate Change-Power of Taxes	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, 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 including emissions trading as an alternative. An AWR with permission of instructor.	2
CLM	5370	Climate and Env. Sustainability	Course Description: This course will provide an in-depth look at current climate and sustainability regulation, as well as the issues arising from voluntary climate pledges and sustainability policies. Although the course will focus on laws in the United States, it will consider them within the broader context of international efforts. Students will develop a strong understanding of current legal requirements, the factors driving companies to develop and implement climate and sustainability policies, laws governing "greenwashing," and best practices for complying with and anticipating legal requirements in this area.	1
CLM	5372	International Climate Litigation	Course Description: This course examines the rapidly evolving field of international climate litigation. Students will explore legal actions addressing climate change across various jurisdictions and tribunals, including the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS). A focal point of the course will be an in-depth examination of the International Court of Justice's advisory opinion on the obligations of states in respect of climate change, currently under advisement with a judgment expected in 2025. The course also addresses structural attributes and examples of climate litigation in foreign jurisdictions such as the Netherlands, Colombia, Pakistan, Germany, and Australia. The course emphasizes skill development, enabling students to effectively address emerging issues in this dynamic field. It will likely include a simulated argument before an international tribunal, providing practical experience in international legal proceedings. No prior exposure to international law, climate law and policy, comparative law, or international tribunals is expected or required.	1
<b>CRIMINAL LAW</b>				

CRI	7262	Constitutional Criminal Procedure	<p>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 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.</p> <p>A JD bar class. Prerequisite: Criminal Law</p>	3
CRI	7305	Adv. Criminal Law Seminar	<p>Course Description: This graded seminar taught by an elected State's Attorney (DA) undertakes an examination of the constitutional, procedural, and public policy issues surrounding a progressive prosecutor's role in our justice system.</p>	2
CRI	7307	Criminal Practice & Procedure	<p>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 criminal law and procedure while at the same time learning the practical application of theory to practice. A JD bar class. Prerequisite: Criminal Law</p>	4
CRI	7329	Criminal Procedure: Bail to Jail	<p>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.</p>	2
CRI	7333	Juvenile Justice and Law	<p>Course Description: This course will explore 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. This course will also explore contemporary alternatives to the more traditional juvenile justice responses to include the use of restorative practices.</p>	3

CRI	7370	Criminal Procedure II:Adjudications	This course examines the processes that affect people accused of crimes—in particular, it covers the constitutional requirements for the adjudicative phase of the criminal legal process. It is a continuation of Constitutional Criminal Procedure and Criminal Practice and Procedure, focusing on this later phase in the criminal legal process. Prerequisite Criminal Law and Constitutional Law.	3
<b>DIVERSITY</b>				
DIV	5902	SPTC:Mindful Lawyering	Course Description: Mindful Lawyering explores the crisis of meaning in the legal profession and the emotional and psychological toll it takes on attorneys. Despite their societal prestige, lawyers suffer from disproportionately high levels of depression, anxiety, and substance abuse, yet the profession offers little in the way of systemic solutions. This course seeks to address that gap by integrating contemplative techniques—including meditation, journaling, and Jungian practices for meaning-making—to help students develop resilience, self-awareness, and a more profound sense of purpose in their legal careers. Through readings, discussions, and experiential exercises, students will critically examine the underlying assumptions of the legal profession, the stressors inherent in lawyering, and the ways in which law has lost touch with its deeper, more soulful ideals	3
DIV	7606	Civil Rights Seminar	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 the 1950's and 1960's. Provides social, cultural, and historical perspectives on the civil rights movement and the legal developments that grew out of that movement. It is strongly recommended that students complete Constitutional Law prior to this class or have permission of instructor.	2
DIV	7610	Race & 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. AWR.	2

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. Perspective & AWR. Please see class descriptions by term.	2
DIV	7620	Native Americans & the Law	Course Description: This course will focus on the constitutional, statutory and jurisprudential rules that make up the field of Federal Indian Law. The course begins with the historical framework from which the rules were derived, then traces the development of the underlying legal doctrines that are prominent today, including tribal sovereignty, tribal jurisdiction, treaty rights, and state authority over tribal lands. The second half of the course focuses on subject-specific areas: hunting and fishing rights, reserved water rights, stewardship of natural resources, economic development (including tribal gaming and natural resource development), protection of tribal religious and cultural practices, and the laws related to cultural harms caused by mascots, theft of cultural belongings (including human remains), and cultural appropriation.	3
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DIV	7621	Disability Civil Rights	Course Description: This course introduces students to the history and movement of disability rights. How we integrate people with disabilities is important in every aspect of justice including in criminal justice, employment, housing, access to services, and education. This graded course will examine how our legal systems empower and disadvantage people with disabilities.	3

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<b>ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE</b>				
EJU	5300	Equity and Environmental Justice	Catalog Description: An examination of the history and evolution of environmental justice movements in the U.S. and internationally; root causes of environmental racism and its impacts; and legal, policy, and community-based solutions. Provides an intersectional awareness of structural inequality and systemic racism and their relationships to public policy, law, and environmental movements.	3
EJU	5446	Environmental Justice	<p style="text-align: center;">Course Description:</p> <p>Since 1979, the environmental justice movement is aimed at avoiding, minimizing, or mitigating its proportionately adverse human health and environmental impacts, including social and economic impacts, on minority, indigenous, and/or low-income communities, and for those communities to be engaged meaningfully in environmental decision-making processes. This course examines this environmental and public health problem. It explores how environmental justice concerns are framed and addressed/resolved through, among other things, acts of civil disobedience; federal, state and local government initiatives; litigation; citizens' suits; public comment letters; collaborative problem solving; and alternative dispute resolution. This course examines the extrinsic link between environmental justice and sustainable development, and how the EPA, the ABA, and NGOs have been engaged in a number of initiatives to secure sustainable communities for all in the U.S.</p>	2
<b>ENERGY</b>				
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, energy efficiency, demand side management and green markets. Prereq:ENV5226 or ENG5226 Formerly ENV5228	3
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ENG	5232	Global Energy Law & Policy	Course Description: 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 region's policy development process, the current energy policy framework, policies implementing global and regional climate commitments, and emerging issues.	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	This module will explore the key aspects related to the finances of the electric grid with a particular focus on understanding energy project finance and economics, including how they relate to a utility's revenue requirement. The course will introduce students to basic financial statements, the importance of understanding tax impacts, and how to construct and evaluate a basic financial model for a distributed energy project, such as a solar or energy storage resource.	1
ENG	5512	Legal Essentials of the Grid	With the rise of AI and recognizing the urgency to address the climate crisis, the U.S. will need to address both resource adequacy and the transition to a low-carbon economy. This module will examine current state and the transition in the electric power sector, exploring in practice how the power of law and policy can be used to meet specific goals. Through classroom discussion and exercises, this course will examine "hot" issues for today's electricity regulators, stakeholders, and market participants and explore substantive policy and skills-based knowledge.	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 sector's, 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	5552	Renewable Energy Project Finance & Development	This course will provide 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 battery storage. After completing this 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.	1
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:Decarbonizing	Thermal energy use in the building sector is one of the largest sources of air pollution emissions. Our current reliance on fossil fuels exposes families and businesses to global fuel price volatility while disproportionately burdening low-income households. Transitioning to lower carbon alternatives can substantially mitigate air emissions and reduce the export of building heating dollars, stimulate local employment, and strengthen state economies. Decarbonizing the Building Sector will be a fast look at the major factors underlying the changes that need to occur in the building sector in the legislative, energy planning, procurement, and program management areas. After completing this course, students will be familiar with the sector's major thermal transformation issues and be better prepared to engage on this important policy topic. Some material will be covered through asynchronous modules.	1
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL</b>				
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	5125	Land Use Regulation	This course reviews and evaluates traditional American legal controls available to regulate the use of land at the local level, including zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations, as well as more innovative techniques. It examines the relevant statutory basis for these controls, constitutional limitations on their use, the rights of local decisionmakers and landowners, and the relative roles of state and local government. It explores how local land use regulations address key issues, such as sprawl, climate change, and affordable housing.	3
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ENV	5209	Law of Toxics & Hazardous Waste	Examines CERCLA's 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	5218	International Climate Change Law		3

ENV	5221	Env. Governance Develop World	<p>This course introduces students to the challenges faced by developing countries in creating, implementing and enforcing effective environmental laws and policies. It compares systems of environmental governance in developing countries with a particular focus on countries in Asia and Africa. Many of these countries, despite accounting for only small shares of global environmental problems like climate change, are among the principal victims of them. Building on the work of Vermont Law's U.S.-Asia Partnership, this course examines several case studies that illustrate how environmental law and policy is evolving in the developing world.</p>	1
ENV	5224	Env Govern Field Study		1
ENV	5235	Natural Resources Law	<p>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.</p>	3
ENV	5245	Water Resources Law	<p>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.</p>	3
ENV	5246	Water Quality	<p>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.</p>	3
ENV	5353	Green Finance:Investment Strategies	<p>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. AWR class.</p>	3

ENV	5412	Biodiversity Protection	<p>Course Description:</p> <p>Across the globe, wildlife and its habitat are increasingly threatened by human-caused habitat destruction, exploitation, poaching, illegal trade, invasive species, disease, and climate change. This course examines what biodiversity is, the growing threats to it, and U.S. and international laws to combat those threats. The course focuses on statutes, case law, environmental ethics, and current controversies to highlight legal, scientific, and political strategies for protecting biodiversity. Particular emphasis is placed on the U.S. Endangered Species Act.</p>	2
ENV	5423	Ocean & Coastal Law	<p>Course Description: This course examines the laws we use to manage human use of natural resources found in the ocean and along our coasts. These resources include, among other things, fish, marine mammals, marshes, and beaches, and they are located within some of the most interesting and threatened ecosystems on Earth. The course begins with an introduction to the International Law of the Sea and to U.S. law regulating commercial and recreational marine fisheries. The oceans are the quintessential public space, and the laws governing their use illustrate the challenges of managing publicly owned resources that have traditionally been open to all. Unlike the oceans, the coasts are a dense mix of public and private lands and resources. The second part of the course covers coastal law – the common law doctrines and modern statutes that attempt to balance the rights of private and public landowners in a way that is fair, efficient and sustainable. Understanding these rules and the policies behind them is critical to the effective practice of real estate and environmental law in coastal states such as California, New York, Massachusetts, Florida, and Texas.</p>	3
ENV	5430	Ecology	<p>Course Description: Ecology is an integrative science that can provide insight into many contemporary environmental problems. Through visits to a variety of field sites in central Vermont, readings, and lectures, this course will explore the principles of ecology using a hands-on, interdisciplinary approach. Course work stresses the inventorying of biotic and physical components of a landscape (pieces), examining how these pieces are distributed (patterns), and determining what forces drive these patterns (processes). Topics will include interpreting the natural and cultural histories of a landscape, biodiversity conservation, and the scientific method, among others. This course requires minimal previous scientific understanding. This is a limited enrollment course.</p>	3

ENV	5461	Public Lands Mgt: Montana Field St	The Montana Field Study is a unique experiential learning opportunity. This class focuses on National Forest Management. Students experience forest management, wilderness, recreation, and roadless issues first-hand in the wilds of Montana and Idaho. Almost the entire class is held in the field; we camp and hike into remote places.	2
ENV	5474	Land Conservation Law	<p>Course Description: Increasingly important in our efforts to protect ecological diversity, climate resiliency, historic places, working lands, scenic viewsheds, open spaces, and public uses of land are conservation tools and processes such as donation of conservation easements, purchase of sensitive lands, and private/public partnerships for land conservation. Students will research and review the swiftly developing body of law and legal issues accompanying the use of conservation easements and will gain a practical understanding of both the legal and nonlegal dimensions of land conservation transactions involving conservation easements. In addition, students will actively engage in the progression of a conservation easement transaction, beginning with early negotiations, drafting, and financial/ tax analysis, and proceeding along a spectrum to donation, amendment and termination evaluation, violation, and enforcement. Each student will be responsible for engaging in role-playing exercises throughout the conservation transaction process to assess various financial/tax scenarios, identify and resolve disputes related to the conservation transaction, and negotiate and draft a conservation easement.</p>	2
ENV	5600	Federal Env Policy Under Trump II	<p>Course Description:</p> <p>In this course, we will survey the second Trump Administration's ongoing efforts broadly to alter federal environmental policy, including its efforts to undo numerous Biden Administration rules and broadly to reverse or terminate numerous federal climate policies. We will examine the roles of legislation, litigation, rulemaking and public advocacy for supporters and opponents of these efforts. Course requirements will include readings, participation in class discussions, and a short paper.</p>	1

ENV	5901	SPTC: Disaster Law	<p>Course Description: Climate change is intensifying the impacts of disasters, making legal and policy questions increasingly urgent. This course explores how law shapes disaster management in the U.S. and globally, framing disaster law as a broad field spanning public and private law. It will first introduce disasters as socio-natural phenomena. It will then examine U.S. public law frameworks, including federalism and emergency powers, and highlight the private law implications of disasters, including torts and property law. The course concludes by surveying public international law's role in promoting national legal preparedness globally. Learning is reinforced through case studies and interactive exercises.</p>	1
ENV	5901	STC:Managing Env. and Energy Disput	<p>Course Description:</p> <p>It is not what you say, it is what they hear! This insight is one of the key discoveries of the last century. From marketing strategies to neuroscience research, we have come to realize that what we communicate is not received as basic facts. This class explores how best to lift audiences from entrenched positions, and rethink the best alternatives to hotly disputed issues.</p> <p>The above claims are particularly true to resolving public disputes on energy and the environment. One of the most effective ways to resolve disputes is through stories and fables. We will attack this problem through reading two books, Donald Phillips' "Lincoln on Leadership" and Bruce Piasecki's "Wealth and Climate Competitiveness." Both short, but full of cases about communication and result.</p> <p>Both books share an emphasis on the known successful paths of resolving disputes, namely, refocusing conflicted audiences thru hinting, encouraging risk taking, and using humor as a strategy to deflect criticism. People are more influenced by illustration and storytelling than first thought. This week-long discussion group focuses on the take aways of sequencing these skills in resolving disputes. Lincoln is the master at all this, and the second book is to apply it to troubling modern myths making the disputes more tense.</p>	1

ENV	5901	STPC:Wetlands Law and Regulation	<p>Course Description: Wetlands are among the most valuable and most contested landscapes in environmental law and policy. This one-credit, compressed-format course examines the legal and policy frameworks that govern wetlands protection and development in the United States. Students will explore federal jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act, the Section 404 permitting program, and the respective roles of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Environmental Protection Agency and state agencies. The course also addresses wetlands delineation, mitigation, enforcement, and recent Supreme Court and agency actions redefining the scope of “waters of the United States.” The course is designed for both law students and environmental policy students seeking to understand how environmental law operates at the intersection of science, land use, and governance. Some background material will be covered through asynchronous modules.</p>	1
ENV	6250	Regulation of Toxic Substance Risk	<p>Catalog Description: The course examines the federal government’s control of the risks associated with the production and use of toxic substances and chemicals and the management of hazardous waste. The course describes the tools of risk assessment management, explores how federal statutes address risk from toxics, and contrasts and compares their approaches.</p>	3
<b>FOOD AND AGRICULTURE</b>				
FAA	5108	Introduction to Food and Agricultur	<p>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.</p>	3

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FAA	5130	Farmworkers and the Law	<p>Course Description:</p> <p>There are over two million farmworkers growing, tending, harvesting, and packing agricultural products in the United States yet they have long been excluded from core labor protections. This course looks at the ways law and policy have failed these essential workers and the movements, campaigns, and worker-led initiatives seeking to address these deficits. The course materials bring together sociological insights with legal analysis to ensure students understand the context in which law and policy operate. Focus areas include wage and hour law, the H-2A visa program, the joint employer standard, occupational health and safety, and worker-led organizing efforts.</p>	1

FAA	5370	Food Sys Equity & Critical Race Th	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 eliminating 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		3
FAA	5411	Federal Regulation of Food and Agriculture	This course provides an overview of the federal laws that impact growing policy, animal husbandry, and food production. Students will examine federal farm, food, and agriculture law with a special emphasis on the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and the Farm Bill. This course will explore the manner in which the Farm Bill, the single largest funding source for everything from childhood nutrition to land trust acquisition impacts everything from the U.S. international policy stances to the availability of local food resources. Students will also examine the Food and Drug Administrations role in managing food and agriculture systems in the United States.	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	STPC: Urban Ag	<p>Urban agriculture has been practiced by humans for millennia, from the near-mythical hanging gardens of Babylon to the advanced irrigated farming systems of early indigenous cultures in the American Southwest. Beginning in the twentieth century, urban agriculture became an important way for historically othered groups in U.S. cities – whether immigrant populations or disenfranchised racial communities – to practice food sovereignty and access culturally important foods. In recent years, urban agriculture has been recognized as a valuable climate resilience strategy and a consumer-friendly local food source. In this course, we will explore how the government has developed and implemented law and policy to regulate and/or promote urban agriculture. In particular, we will cover basic concepts of local government and land use law, with additional material related to federal and state legislation and administrative law. In addition to reading and in-class discussion, the course will incorporate workshop-style practical exercises and guest speakers from the field.</p>	2
FAA	5901	SPTC: Ultra-Processed Food & Law	<p>Ultra-processed foods (UPFs) are a hot topic right now as the federal government considers whether and how to regulate this category. We have seen the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Roberts F. Kennedy Jr., call out UPFs as a target for regulation, linking these food products to chronic disease, and the Food and Drug Administration request comment on creating an official definition for ultra-processed foods. We have seen state action with California passing the first bill defining and regulating some UPFs and numerous other states introducing bills to regulate the category or specific additives. There has been litigation against food manufacturers filed by the San Francisco City Attorney, and market action too, as manufacturers make voluntary agreements and retailers make pledges to their customers. Meanwhile, the food industry is starting to push back against this groundswell.</p> <p>This class will look at the domestic and international history of the category of UPFs, place this category into the context of food regulation, and discuss how these changes may affect the American food supply. Moreover, we will think about the story of UPFs as a lens into the regulation of food more broadly, looking at how various levers move to change policy. Some material will be covered through asynchronous modules.</p>	1

FAA	5901	SPTC: Agriculture and Environment	<p>Course Description:</p> <p>Held on a working farm at the Mountain School of Milton Academy in Vershire, Vermont, this course examines the legal frameworks that shape the U.S. agricultural sector and how government regulation of food production influences farm resilience, natural resources, sustainability, and social welfare. Through an introduction to key agricultural and environmental policies, students will develop a nuanced understanding of the complex intersections between law, agriculture, and the environment. By the end of the course, students will be able to critically articulate informed perspectives on the major policy issues that define modern agricultural governance.</p>	1
<b>FAMILY LAW</b>				
FAM	7710	Estates	<p>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.</p>	4
FAM	7715	Family Law	<p>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.</p>	3
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<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>				

INT	7407	Comparative Law: Comparative LegalSys	<p>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.</p> <p>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. AWR class.</p>	3
INT	7410	French Legal Method	<p>Taught by a French law professor (in English), this course provides an introduction the French law and legal system, and French legal methodology.</p>	1
INT	7411	French Corporate Law	<p>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. A JD perspective class.</p>	1
INT	7412	Law of the European Union	<p>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.</p>	2
INT	7414	European Union Law Trento	<p>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.</p>	1
INT	7415	Immigration Law	<p>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 is placed on the immigration consequences of criminal convictions and humanitarian relief under asylum law and under the Violence Against Women Act.</p>	3
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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
INT	7444	Internat'l & Comparative Environmntl Law	In the international arena, students study treaties that may provide remedies for harm caused to humans and to natural resources by activities such as transporting oil in tankers, burning fossil fuels, and exporting hazardous substances. They also study many efforts to prevent harm rather than to remedy it. Comparative law issues range from how similar, environmentally based disputes between private parties might be resolved in a wide variety of legal and social systems, to a detailed comparison of environmental legislation in two federal systems and their member states-the U.S. and the European Community.	2
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
<b>LITIGATION</b>				
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	7310	Advanced Civil Procedure	Catalog Description: This course will undertake an in-depth examination of issues presented by "real world" complex civil litigation in federal courts, with emphasis on civil rights and mass tort proceedings. Students will develop practical skills, such as preparing court filings, representing clients in court hearings, and pursuing alternative dispute resolution options.	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
<b>LLM</b>				
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
<b>POLICY</b>				
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	Quan	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	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	5520	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.	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 how to engage those stakeholders. This is a required course for the MCEP, EMEP, MFALP and MAPP degrees.	3
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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 modern 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	5600	Research Methods and Design	Catalog Description: This course offers students an overview of how the social sciences, and political science in particular, decide which questions to ask and how they go about designing the research projects that will help them to get satisfactory answers to those questions.	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	5650	Legal Research for Policymakers	Catalog Description: This course provides instruction in legal and law-adjacent research and writing skills. Students will learn to identify different legal materials and their authoritative values, conduct efficient legal research; synthesize statutory, regulatory, and policy information; and communicate effectively in writing using a common legal format. - This is a Masters only class.	1
POL	5660	Systems of Advantage & Disadvantage	Catalog Description: This course foregrounds the systems and structures that shape the life-course trajectories of people in the US. We pay particular attention to the ways in which historical legacies have created durable structures that limit individual opportunities to thrive and inhibit reform-minded policymaking.	3
POL	5800	Capstone Project in Public Policy I	Catalog Description: The Capstone Project in Public Policy is a two-semester, 6-credit sequence designed to offer students comprehensive, practical application of their Master of Public Policy education. The course provides significant flexibility, allowing students to choose between a research based project, an externship, or to engage with a research center or clinic. (Part I)	3
POL	5801	Capstone Project in Public PolicyII	Catalog Description: The Capstone Project in Public Policy is a two-semester, 6-credit sequence designed to offer students comprehensive, practical application of their Master of Public Policy education. The course provides significant flexibility, allowing students to choose between a research based project, an externship, or to engage with a research center or clinic. (Part II) POL5800 prerequisite.	3
<b>PUBLIC LAW</b>				
PUB	5901	SPTC:Health Law		1
PUB	5901	SPTC:State & Local Gov Law		1
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. An	2
PUB	7593	PUB SPTC:Mass Media Law	Catalog Description: Mass Media Law covers the laws governing mass media, in its various forms, such as internet, cable, broadcasting, and print media, entertainment law principles, media liability for defamation, invasion of privacy, and violence, prior restraints, media access to government information and institutions, journalists and their sources, sexually explicit media, media advertising, copyright and other intellectual property principles, Section 230 internet immunity, internet content moderation, foreign media ownership, media antitrust and taxation issues, content aimed at children, and practicalities in media litigation, including litigation strategy and tactics.	3
<b>JURIS DOCTOR REQUIRED</b>				
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."	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		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	7170	Legal Methods	Focuses on building and reinforcing the analytical, writing, and reasoning skills essential for success in law school.	2
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		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
<b>RESEARCH</b>				
RES	7344	Advanced Legal Research	This seminar focuses on statutory law including legislative history, administrative law, municipal law, and case law as well as secondary sources not covered in the introductory research course. The seminar will review specialized resources for topics such as international law, tax law, and interdisciplinary research.	1
<b>RESTORATIVE JUSTICE</b>				
RSJ	7115	Principles of Restorative Justice	Course 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.	3
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RSJ	7115	Principles of Restorative Justice	The course examines the foundations and current uses of restorative justice, paying attention to both its possibilities and its tensions. The structure includes discussion, community-building circles, and assignments that ask students to apply restorative principles in concrete situations. The final project involves a research paper that looks closely at a particular issue in restorative justice.	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 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	7117	Restorative Justice Facilitation	This course looks at what it means to facilitate restorative processes. Students engage in structured role-play, planning, and reflection to examine how facilitation unfolds in practice, with particular attention to trauma and cultural context. This facilitation course has a focus on working with youth but the skills are widely applicable.	1
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	The course looks at restorative justice as a response to harm that centers on responsibility, repair, and dialogue. We will consider situations where it is constructive, the challenges it faces, and how it fits within the legal system.	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	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. Students will submit a graded paper and presentation.	3

RSJ	7210	Adversity Trauma Victimization	<p>Course Description: 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.</p> <p>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. This course will benefit aspiring restorative justice practitioners in the Master's and Professional Certification Programs, as well as J.D. students interested in victim rights litigation, criminal and family law, and personal injury practice.</p>	3
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RSJ	7215	Narrative Writing Seminar	<p>Course Description: Today, being an advocate requires more than knowing how to write a brief. Fluency in a variety of written forms – memorandums, op-eds, letters, emails, blog posts – is all but required. This course will cover these forms and others. Students will be graded on regular written assignments and a final paper.</p>	3

RSJ	7230	Restorative Justice Indigenous Comm	The course looks at the resurgence of Indigenous legal systems and restorative practices as forms of self-determination and nation rebuilding. It considers how ideas like balance, harmony, and healing influence responses to harm, and how Indigenous approaches interact with federal and state frameworks, sometimes raising points of tension.	3
RSJ	7250	Global Restorative Justice	Course Description: This course will consider how other places and countries have adopted and utilized restorative practices to address systemic harm. The location or locations that form the basis of the semester will depend on the expertise of the professor.	3
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RSJ	7260	Truth and 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 written assignments, class engagement, a presentation and a final paper.	3
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	7315	Peacemaking Courts	The course examines how tribal and community-based courts incorporate restorative principles into legal proceedings. The structure alternates between courtroom simulations and peacemaking circles, focusing on how justice systems address healing as well as due process.	3
RSJ	7320	New Approaches Domestic/Sex Violence	Course Description: 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.	3

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RSJ	7325	Adv Restorative Practices	<p>Course Description: The Advanced Restorative Practices course teaches students how to design, prepare for, and facilitate a variety of restorative practices. Students will learn from restorative justice experts and then design and lead . The course is evaluated on a High Pass, Pass, Low Pass, Fail basis</p>	2

RSJ	7330	Restorative Justice Ed Institutions	<p>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.</p>	3
RSJ	7340	Race, Crimes and Restorative Justice	<p>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. Final assessment is a graded paper. No prerequisite but Criminal Law is highly recommended.</p>	3
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RSJ	7342	Environmental Restorative Justice	<p>Course Description: 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.</p>	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	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	Course Description: 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	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	7375	Global Healing in Policy and Action	This is a travel-based course to Northern Ireland, with online work before and after the trip. Students will learn about how a divided Northern Ireland has come to greater peace through both restorative policy and community practices. Students will meet with multiple guest speakers and visit historical sites	3
RSJ	7379	RestorativeOrganizationalLeadership	The course examines how restorative principles can shape leadership, workplace culture, hiring, conflict mediation, and community engagement in nonprofits, public agencies, and other mission-driven organizations.	3
RSJ	7380	Comparative Justice: Criminal & RJ	This one-credit interactive Pass-Fail course looks at aspects of harm not addressed by our predominant responses to crime. Through simulated trial exercises, reflective discussion posts, a short paper, a video upload, and group projects students pursuing any degree will explore how more “justice” can be infused into the criminal system.	1
RSJ	7440	Advocating for Change	Course Description: Successful professionals should possess the ability to advocate, educate, present, and persuade. This highly interactive graded course will develop those skills through written, oral, and visual advocacy projects with detailed feedback. The class will focus extensively on the craft of writing, speaking, and presenting well to diverse audiences and venues.	3

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RSJ	7902	SPTC: Truth and Reconciliation Comm	The course examines how truth and reconciliation and transitional justice processes address systemic injustice in settings ranging from faith-based institutions and schools to municipalities and entire countries. Using case studies from South Africa, Rwanda, Canada, New Zealand, and the United States, students consider how public truth-seeking efforts acknowledge genocide, racial violence, forced assimilation, and other large-scale harms.	2
RSJ	7903	SPTC: Comparative Justice	The class examines how punishment-based responses differ from those that focus on accountability, dialogue, and repair.	1
<b>WRITING</b>				
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	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
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WRI	7352	Bar Exam Skills & Tactics	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	7352	Bar Exam Skills & Tactics	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	7362	Supplemental Performance Exam Review	Catalog: This course prepares students to study for the bar exam by focusing on developing the necessary bar exams skills for the performance task portions of the bar. Students will work on bar-style performance tasks to learn and practice the skills necessary to successfully complete this component of the bar exam.	1
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
WRI	7950	Law Review I	Course Description: Develops critical thinking, research, and writing skills through engagement with academic legal writing, including intensive work preparing environmental and general academic articles for publication.	2
WRI	7951	Law Review II	Course Description: Refines critical thinking, research, and editing skills through engagement with environmental and general academic legal writing. Develops leadership and professionalism skills through opportunities for staff management, content selection, work with authors and publishers, and other tasks.	2