

SPRING 2021 CLASSES FOR PRE-LAW STUDENTS

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C.H.= Credit Hours

CLASS TITLE	C.H.	DESCRIPTION
AAS 215: US Citizenship Comparatively <i>Same as AFRO 215, AIS 295, GWS 215, and LLS 215.</i>	3	Examines the racial, gendered, and sexualized aspects of US citizenship historically and comparatively. Interdisciplinary course taught from a humanities perspective. Readings draw from critical legal studies, history, literature, literary criticism, and ethnography.
AAS 343: Criminalization and Punishment <i>Same as AFRO 343, AIS 343, GWS 343, and LLS 343. See LLS 343</i>	3	Topic: "U.S. - Central America a Transnational Perspective." Examines how populations are criminalized due to race/ethnicity, gender, sexuality, class, and immigration status. Readings analyze why youth join gangs? Where the gangs originated? What are the relationships between U.S. security policies, neoliberalism, violence, and migration? To effectively engage in critical inquiry, students will be asked to suspend moral judgments so that they can analytically approach the study of criminalized populations, criminals, and criminal activity.
ACCY 312: Principles of Taxation	3	Introduction to the United States federal income tax system with an emphasis on income tax determination and the taxation of property transactions. Topics include the tax environment, tax provisions relevant to businesses, employees and business owners. Projects facilitate self-discovery of knowledge and envelopment of a variety of professional skills and attitudes.
ACE 240: Personal Financial Planning	3	Examines principles of financial planning applied to individuals and households, with attention to organizing and analyzing financial information, budgeting, acquiring financial assets, managing credit, planning for taxes, investments, risk management, retirement, and estate planning.
ACE 306: Food Law	3	Explores the legal and political dimensions of food law, policy and trade in the United States and major trading partners. Examines the development of major national and state laws that apply to production, distribution and retail sale of food. Evaluates current issues in food regulation, including: biotechnology, organics, health labeling claims, food safety and products liability litigation.
ACE: 403 Agriculture Law	3	Relation of common-law principles and statutory law to land tenure, farm tenancy, farm labor, farm management, taxation, and other problems involving agriculture.
ADV 310: Intro to Public Relations	3	Introduces the student to the practice and profession of public relations. Course material covers topics such as the history of public relations, the role of law and ethics in public relations, and theories that guide public relations research and practice.

ADV 350: Writing for Public Relations	3	Focuses on strategy of crafting and delivering PR messages to various audiences with special emphasis on pre-writing, preparation, revision, and presentation.
AGCM 330: Environmental Communications	3	Basics of communicating about environment issues to various audiences, emphasizing communication to lay publics. Gathering information about a current environmental issues, analyzing interests of groups involved, and examining strategies for communicating clearly to different groups.
ANTH 246: Forensic Science	4	Forensic science is the application of science to the law and encompasses a wide variety of scientific disciplines. This course introduces students to general laboratory practice, molecular biology and DNA analysis skill that are commonly used by forensic DNA scientists. Students will learn using a “hands on” and interactive approach with many of the same tools use by professional forensic DNA scientists.
BADM 300: The Legal Environment of Business	3	Introduction to law and the legal system, litigation, contracts, business organizations, intellectual property, employment law and governmental regulation of business.
BADM 314: Leading Negotiations	3	Aims to advance students' ability to negotiate formal and informal business agreements and resolve conflicts effectively. Because leaders depend on others to accomplish goals, leaders need to be skilled negotiators to generate solution that are acceptable, valuable, and able to be implemented. Students will engage in a series of negotiations that provide practice and impart a framework for planning for, conducting, and analyzing negotiations.
BADM 340: Ethical Dilemmas of Business	3	Examines business decision making and the role ethics plays in that process. Analysis of how managers behave and whether ethical choices are knowingly made or only realized thereafter. The object is to increase awareness of the moral dimension of business activity.
BADM 403: Corporate and Commercial Law	4	Advanced discussion of corporate and commercial law, including topics tested on the CPA exam, agency contracts, debtor-creditor relationships, governmental regulation of business and business organizations.
BTW 263: Writing in the Disciplines	3	Teaches students to apply the principles of successful professional writing to a range of realistic cases in technical communication. Emphasizes flexible problem-solving skills and a clear style for communicating technical information to a range of readers. Assignments will include correspondence, instructions, proposals and a technical report or similar projects.
BTW 271: Persuasive Writing	3	Students will study principles of persuasion as applied to writing and designing written communications for business and the professions. Included are ads, direct-mail campaigns, argumentative essays, proposals, and other types of writing designed to move readers to action.
CHLH 100: Contemporary Health	3	Examines concepts of health and health promotion in contemporary society with emphasis on a healthy lifestyle for individuals and groups. Topics include self-care, health insurance, exercise, nutrition and weight control, sexuality, contraception, tobacco, alcohol, cardiovascular health, infectious diseases, and cancer.
CHLH 101: Intro to Public Health	3	Introduction to the nation's public health system; includes an overview of the basic concepts and core functions of public health practice, the scope of applications, and the variety of service organizations (both public and private) that shape public health.
CHLH 210: Community Health Organizations	2	Overview of institutions and agencies which provide health information, education, services, and care. Includes historical foundations, constituencies, organizational goals and structure, funding and expenditures, modes of service delivery, political and ethical issues.
CMN 101: Public Speaking	3	Preparation and presentation of short informative and persuasive speeches; emphasis on the selection and organization of material, methods of securing interest and attention, and the elements of delivery.

CMN 210: Public Comm in Everyday Life	3	Introduces concepts useful for the critical analysis of public communication in everyday life. Drawing on communication theory and practice, especially theories of rhetoric, the course investigates techniques of persuasion, offers tools for critical analysis of public discourse, and considers the political and ethical implications of various forms of public communication.
CMN 220: Communicating Public Policy	3	Study of the nature of policy-oriented communication; analysis and formulation of positions on issues of professional, personal, or public interest; design and presentation of public policy messages addressed to varying tasks and audiences, with special emphasis on advanced writing skills.
CMN 232: Intro to Intercultural Communication	3	Introduction to the study of intercultural communication in a variety of contexts, including domestic and international; examines theory and research to explain what happens when people from different cultural and linguistic backgrounds interest.
CMN 321: Strategies of Persuasion	3	Studies of powerful instances of public persuasion; students examine key means of public influence.
CMN 323: Argumentation	3	Study of the theory of argument, e.g., evidence, reasoning, and construction of briefs; practice in formal and informal forms of debate and public discourse on current public questions.
CMN 340: Visual Politics	3	Explores the role of visual images in U.S. culture, paying special attention to the ways that images function persuasively as political communication. Provides tools for analyzing historical and contemporary images and artifacts, such as photographs, prints, paintings, advertisements, and memorials. Emphasis on how visual images are used for remembering and memorializing; confronting and resisting; consuming and commodifying; governing and authorizing; and visualizing and informing.
CS 210: Ethical & Professional Issues	2	Ethics for the computing profession. Ethical decision-making; licensing; intellectual property, freedom of information, and privacy.
ECE 316: Ethics and Engineering	3	Ethical issues in the practice of engineering: safety and liability, professional responsibility to clients and employers, whistle-blowing, codes of ethics, career choice, and legal obligations. Philosophical analysis of normative ethical theories. Case studies.
ECON 484: Law and Economics	3	Applications of economic theory to problems and issues in both civil and criminal law and the effect of legal rules on the allocation of resources; includes property rights, liability and negligence assignment, the use of administrative and common law to mitigate market failure, and the logic of private versus public law enforcement.
EDUC 202: Social Justice, School and Society	3	Examines the nature of justice and the dynamics of a pluralistic society to derive a conception of social justice. Working with this conception, it asks how schools function to perpetuate and/or remediate social injustice.
ENGL 301: Introduction to Critical Theory	3	Introduction to the critical frameworks and methods that have had the greatest impact on the field of literary studies. Students will read, discuss, and write about numerous theoretical approaches, including (but not limited to) critical race studies, ecocriticism, feminism, Marxism, postcolonialism, poststructuralism, psychoanalysis, queer theory, and structuralism. No previous background with theory is required.
ENGL 360: Environmental Writing	3	Equips students to write about the environment for various audiences, with a focus on specific current efforts to promote sustainability on the Urbana-Champaign campus.
EPS 310: Race and Cultural Diversity	4	Study of race and cultural diversity from Colonial era to present; the evolution of racial ideology in an ethnically heterogeneous society; the impact of race on the structures and operations of fundamental social institutions; the role of race in contemporary politics and popular culture.

EPS 423: Politics of Education	3 or 4	Overview of the political structure and processes through which many of the major issues in education are treated; analyzes nature of the policymaking process in education and discusses the roles of principal participants in the process of educational decision making, but focuses on fundamental recurring issues in education and the ways these issues have been resolved or not resolved by the overall system. Particular attention to the role that both the federal and state judiciary as well as legislative authority have had in shaping educational policy.
ESE 210: Social and Environmental Issues	3	Introduction to the complex relationship between people and the natural environment from a social science perspective.
ESE 360: Environmental Writing	3	Equips students to write about the environment for various audiences, with a focus on specific current efforts to promote sustainability on the Urbana-Champaign campus. We will practice effective techniques for each stage of the writing process—from defining topics, to gathering information, to crafting active, engaging prose. Readings will include models of effective environmental writing and “how to” pieces by experts.
FIN 241: Fundamentals of Real Estate	3	A survey of real estate finance, appraisal, investment, law, brokerage, management, development and economics. Special attention is given to the analysis of aggregate real estate and mortgage markets, to the individual transactions within these markets, and to the legal and institutional factors which affect these markets.
FIN 443: Legal Issues in Real Estate	3 or 4	Overview of legal concepts, issues, and principles involving real estate.
GEOG 101: Global Development and Environment	3	Introduces geographical perspectives on environment and development studies with case studies drawn from Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Investigates the origins of the global South in relation to the global North, especially the historical and contemporary processes driving environmental, economic, and cultural change.
GEOG 210: Social and Environment Issues	3	Introduction to the complex relationship between people and the natural environment from a social science perspective. Explores different approaches to environmental issues, and examines the role of population change, political economy, technologies, environmental policymaking, and social institutions in causing and resolving contemporary social and environmental global issues.
GLBL 100: Intro to Global Studies	3	Foundation course for understanding a range of contemporary issues and learning to analyze them from multiple disciplinary perspectives. Students consider globalizing trends within themes of wealth and poverty; population, cultures, and human rights; environment and sustainability; and governance, conflict, and cooperation.
GLBL 200: Foundations of Research	3	Introduction to the foundations of interdisciplinary social science research. Topic include understanding the purpose for research, identifying researchable issues, finding evaluating and using sources effectively, recognizing methods associated with different types of data and disciplines, and writing a literature review. Prepares students for course-based research papers and advanced research methods courses. Guest faculty present their Global Studies-relevant research as students (b)log their own research interests.
GLBL 260: Global Human Rights	3	Examines how ideas about human rights are defined and how they are differentially deployed. Looks at human rights claims and crises, and examines how governmental and non-governmental individuals and organizations have sought to deal with human rights violations in order to address problems of justice, retribution, and reconciliation at personal, national, and international levels.
HDFS 120: Intro to Family Studies	3	Overview of current concepts, theories, and substantive issues in family studies from an interdisciplinary perspective. Gives attention to variation in family form and function across different social/cultural contexts and how family experience is structured by gender. Examines issues of family development (marriage, parenting, divorce, remarriage, aging family) and explores the links between families and other social institutions.

HDFS 420: Inequality, Public Policy, and U.S. Families	3 or 4	Examines influence of economic, demographic and social changes on families in the U.S. and on the opportunities of individual family members. Explores interactions of social class, poverty, race and gender and their effects on family life and on child and adolescent development. Includes critical analysis of health care, employment, immigration, family leave, welfare and other social policy options that affect family life and well-being.
HDFS 426: Family Conflict Management	3 or 4	Examines processes of conflict management in family and community disputes; emphasizes negotiation and mediation as modes of dispute settlement.
HDFS 444: LGBT Individual, Family & Community	3 or 4	Examines contemporary sexual and gender minority experiences in the context of societal inequality. Of particular interest to students pursuing educational, human service, legal, and/or health profession careers.
HIST 100: Global History	3	Broad introduction to global history, by exploring the global structures and transnational forces that have shaped human history, from the emergence of agriculture and urban centers to our contemporary global village.
HIST 281: Constructing Race in America	3	Interdisciplinary examination of the historical, cultural, and social dimensions of race and ethnicity in the United States.
INFO 303: Writing Across Media	3	The ability to communicate effectively in multiple types of media is a crucial part of literacy in our society. In this course, students will explore the intersections of various media: print, film, images, sound, etc. Students will consider the ways in which writing--as an object and as a practice--is shaped by multimodal interactions.
IS 467: Ethics and Policy for Data Science	3 or 4	The course will address common ethical challenges related to data including privacy, bias, and data access. These challenges will be explored through real-world cases of corporate settings, non-profits, governments, academic research, and healthcare. The course emphasizes the complexity of ethical decision-making and that trade-offs between priorities are often necessary. The course also considers how the burdens of addressing ethical concerns should be distributed among stakeholders. Students will be introduced to a range of relevant policy responses at the organizational, institutional, governmental ,and supranational levels.
IS 464: Information Assurance	3 or 4	The course provides an introduction to the concepts, technologies, practices and challenges of Information Assurance. It takes a broad view of Information Security and Privacy and covers the essential principles for the protection of information systems; the relevant technologies; organizational concerns; policies, human aspects; legal approaches; criminology; and ethical issues. Students will gain an appreciation for the difficulty of designing, developing, deploying and maintaining information systems, services and software products that are secure and comply with expectations of security and privacy.
JOUR 311: Media Law	3	Detailed analysis of the theories of freedom of expression, the legal doctrines of greatest concern to mass communicators, and contemporary issues related to free speech and press, including libel, copyright, and news-gathering in a digital age.
Law 303: Living the Law	3	This course first applies the legal understanding developed in LAW 301 to situations in the real world, and then explores how the law is viewed through different social science lenses. Students interested in deepening their knowledge of how the law operates in today's world, and how the law is studied in the social sciences will benefit from this class.
Law 305: Art and Cultural Property Law	3	This course concerns the emergence of "art" and "cultural property" law as a distinct field of legal inquiry and practice. Still, this subject draws from nearly the entire spectrum of traditional legal subjects – intellectual property, free speech, contracts, crime, treaties, tax, etc. Art and Cultural Property Law deals with the relationships, rights, transactions and disputes among collectors, artists (and their heirs), dealers, auction houses, museums and other art world participants (including local and foreign governments, sovereign nations and indigenous peoples, the entertainment industry, sports franchises and social media). Among the dozens of important relevant issues in this

		field are the successes and failures of law in policing cultural heritage crimes, the rise of artistic nationalism, cultural heritage as a casualty of war, censorship, and provenance studies.
LER 100: Introduction to Labor Studies	3	Provides an overview of workers and unions in American society. Looks at economic, political, and workplace issues facing working people, why and how workers join unions, how unions are structured and function, and how unions and management bargain a contract.
LER 120: Contemporary Labor Problems	3	Focuses on problems and challenges facing American workers and the U.S. labor movement. Topics include the deterioration of the labor-management “social contract” in recent decades; a review of labor and employment law; the health care crisis; globalization and cross-border union alliances; and union democracy.
PHIL 102: Logic and Reasoning	3	Practical study of logical reasoning; techniques for analyzing and criticizing arguments, with emphasis on assessing the logical coherence of what we read and write.
PHIL 104: Intro to Ethics	3	Some basic questions of ethics, discussed in the light of influential ethical theories and with reference to specific moral problems.
PHIL 107: Intro to Political Philosophy	3	Introduction to core ideas in political and legal philosophy, for example, rights, equality, political obligations, legitimacy of states, nationalism, and oppression.
PHIL 436: Philosophy of Law and of the State	3	Examination of issues in the philosophy of law, such as the nature of law, law and morality, justice, liberty and authority, punishment, and legal responsibility.
PS 101: Intro to US Government and Politics	3	Examines the organization and development of national, state, and local governments in the U.S.; the federal system; the U.S. Constitutions; civil and political rights; the party system; and the nature, structure, powers, and procedures of national political institutions.
PS 220: Intro to Public Policy	3	Surveys the policy process including adoption, implementation, and evaluation. Topics may include reviews of substantive policy issues such as crime, energy, environment, poverty, foreign policy, civil liberties, or economic regulation.
PS 280: Intro to International	3	Structure and processes of international relations, trends in international politics, and the future of the international system.
PS 301/302: US Constitution I & II	3	Analyzes issues related to judicial interpretation of the constitution; the separation of governmental powers; federalism; checks and balances among the three branches of the national government; and the jurisdiction of federal courts.
PS 370: Justice in the Law	3	Explores fundamental questions about the ideal of a just society. Introduces students to the close connection between theories of justice and legal reasoning used by courts. Court cases and topics include enforcing sexual morality, protecting free expression, religious liberty, regulating labor markets, guaranteeing the rule of law, ensuring equal opportunities through schools and elections, establishing group rights, and regulating reproductive rights.
PS 491: Internship with the Champaign County Public Defender’s Office	3	Students follow a program of study and research related to an approved internship under the direction of the internship director and/or a faculty sponsor.

RST 354: Legal Aspects of Sport	3	A study of legal principles and their impact on the sport industry; the course examines the application of different areas of law including tort, contract, constitutional, anti-trust, and intellectual property law to professional, amateur and recreational sport.
SE 400: Engineering Law	3	Nature and development of the legal system; legal rights and duties important to engineers in their professions; contracts, uniform commercial code and sales of goods, torts, agency, worker's compensation, labor law, property, environmental law, intellectual property.
SOC 275: Criminology	3	Nature and extent of crime; past and present theories of crime causation; criminal behavior in the United States and abroad, and its relation to personal, structural and cultural conditions; the nature of the criminal justice system and the influences of the exercise of discretion among actors in the criminal justice system.
SOC 375: Criminal Justice System	3	Exploration of the actors, institutions, and processes that make up the criminal justice system. We review sociological and other social scientific research on topics including the police, prosecutors, the courtroom work-group, forensic evidence, juries, sentencing, and the impact of mass incarceration.
SOC 378: Sociology of Law	3	Examination of law and legal institutions sociologically. We begin with an introduction to theoretical perspectives on the problem of order, illustrated by juxtaposing formal law with other means of achieving order.
SOC 479: Law and Society	3	Examination of the social and political organization of the legal system, including the development of disputes, the role of gatekeepers to the legal system, and the political significance of litigation. Examines the role of law in sustaining and dismantling structural forms of inequality, as well as the relationship between law and social change.
SOCW 200: Intro to Social Work	3	Broad survey of the field of social work; introduction to social services, social welfare organizations, major social problems and target population groups, and the methods used in working with individuals, groups, and communities.
TE 450: Startups: Incorporate, Fund, Contracts, Intellectual Property	3	Explore legal tools used in constructing and operating companies.
UP 211: Local Planning, Government and Law	3	Provides students with a basic understanding of the governmental structure, legal aspects, and practice of local municipal planning, with special emphasis on case law, constitutional principles, zoning, subdivision regulations and comprehensive planning.
WS 100/HDFS 140/SOC 130: Intro Gender and Women's Studies	3	Interdisciplinary introduction to the study of gender, women, and sexuality. Addresses issues such as social experience, representation and popular culture, femininities and masculinities, family structure, education, employment, economics, literature and the arts, religion, history, and technology. Explores interrelationships of race, ethnicity, sexuality, gender, ability, and age from a transnational perspective.