I. COURSE CHANGES

ADD

LAW 850 Arbitration (3)  Explores the increasing use of arbitration as a private dispute resolution mechanism in commercial, healthcare, and employment transactions. Class will review the legal framework supporting arbitration, the interaction between state and federal arbitration law, arbitrator selection and ethical standards, and judicial review of arbitration awards. Course activities will incorporate extensive use of exercises on how the arbitration process works in a practical setting, including motion practice and hearings, as well as discussion of issues raised by the controversial uses of arbitration.

Grading Restriction: Numeric grading (JD students); A-F grading (graduate students)
Registration Restriction(s): JD students; other graduate students with instructor permission.

Rationale: Impact on other units: None expected. Financial impact: None expected.

DROP

LAW 507 Contracts II: Legal Analysis and Drafting (MLS) (2)

Rationale: content has been added to Law 506 through another amendment. Impact on other units: None expected. Financial impact: None expected.

LAW 820 Transactional Lawyering Lab (1)

Rationale: Change to 1L curriculum. Impact on other units: None expected. Financial impact: None expected.

LAW 836 Advanced Wills and Trusts (3)
LAW 839 Payment Systems (2)
LAW 868 Animals and the Law (2-3)
LAW 878 Ownership and Justice (2)
LAW 880 Behavioral Economics (2)
LAW 887 International Business Transactions (2-3)
LAW 888 International Religious Freedom (3)
LAW 891 Global Constitutionalism (3)
LAW 894 Employment Law Seminar (2-3)
LAW 910 Non-Profit Corporations (3)
LAW 933 Elder Law (2)
LAW 945 Environmental Practicum (3)
LAW 952 Appellate Litigation Clinic (2-4)
LAW 973 Wealth Transfer Taxation (3)
LAW 985 Workers’ Compensation (2-3)

Rationale: Above dropped courses involves change to upper-division curriculum. Impact on other units: None expected. Financial impact: None expected.
LAW 986 Introduction to Legal Reasoning and Communication (2-3)
Rationale: duplicate of course offered elsewhere in the catalog. Impact on other units: None expected. Financial impact: None expected.

LAW 988 The Structure and Operation of the American Legal System (2-3)
Rationale: duplicate of course offered elsewhere in the catalog. Impact on other units: None expected. Financial impact: None expected.

REVISE TITLE, HOURS, AND DESCRIPTION

LAW 506 Contracts: Legal Analysis and Drafting (MLS) (3) Introduces non-JD students to the basic agreement process and legal protections afforded contract. Topics include issues relating to formation of contracts (offer, acceptance, consideration, and other bases for enforcing promises); the Statute of Frauds; formation defenses (unconscionability, mistake, misrepresentation, fraud, and duress); issues arising after contract formation, including interpretation; duty of good faith; conditions, impracticability and frustration of purpose; remedies; third party beneficiaries; assignment and delegation; and coverage of sales of goods under Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code with respect to remedies, anticipatory repudiation, impracticability, and good faith.

Formerly: Contracts I: Legal Analysis and Drafting (MLS), 2.
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Rationale: combining content of two courses (this course and the now-former Law 507) to better address student needs in the curriculum. Impact on other units: None expected. Financial impact: None expected.

REVISE HOURS AND ADD REPEATABILITY AND COMMENT

LAW 815 Legal Research (0.5)
 Repeatability: May be repeated. Maximum 1 hour.
 Comment(s): Course is to be taken twice. Once in the fall semester and once in the spring semester.

Formerly: 1 Credit Hour
Rationale: When this course was originally submitted, it was erroneously listed as a one-credit course to be taken over the course of two semesters. This change will correct the error and award the credit as intended.

REVISE TO ADD (DE)COREQUISITE AND COMMENT

Law 911 Family Law Mediation Clinic (6)
(DE)Corequisite: Law 814 and LAW 914.
Comment: Law 914 may be waived based on participation in ABA Representation in Mediation Competition or substantial prior mediation training.

Rationale: Corequisites align with other mediation clinic. Impact on other units: None expected. Financial impact: None expected.

REVISE TO REMOVE ONE OF THE (RE)PREREQUISITE

Law 937 Estate Planning Seminar (2)
(RE) Prerequisite(s): 935.

Formerly: (RE)Prerequisite: 935 and 973.
Rationale: Removing 973 as one of the two (RE)Prerequisites. Aligns with changes in the law. Impact on other units: None expected. Financial impact: None expected.
II. PROGRAM CHANGES

REVISE REQUIREMENTS – LAW MAJOR, JD

In the 2023-24 Graduate Catalog, under the Required Courses Heading, in the First Year –Second semester list, revise to delete course Law 820 from the list.

REVISE REQUIREMENTS – LAW MAJOR, JD

In the 2023-24 Graduate Catalog, under the Advocacy and Dispute Resolution Concentration Heading, add the following course number to the list of courses found at the second bullet point, reading “During the Second and Third year, any combination totaling 12 credit hours form the following courses”

Law 850

REVISE CAMPUS CODE – LAW, MASTER OF LEGAL STUDIES, TO ADD DISTANCE EDUCATION CAMPUS CODE

In the 2023-2024 Graduate Catalog, for the Law Major, Master of Legal Studies degree, revise Campus Code to add Distance Education Campus Code.

Campus Code

Distance Education
Knoxville Campus

Formerly: Campus Code: Knoxville Campus

Rationale: The requirements for the degree can be met with the DE option (i.e., all coursework, working with major professor on research topic, and written project in lieu of thesis). In addition, a DE program will allow for recruitment of working professionals and recruitment on a statewide and regional basis. The program has completed a needs assessment and documentation is attached. Jennifer Gramling with Vols Online has been notified that the program is adding a DE option pending approval.

Impact on Other Units: The revision for the DE option will not impact other units. The proposed change does not require courses offered by other programs.

Financial Impact: Revenue derived from the program will be used to support the program and department. This change will not negatively impact the current college or department budget. This change will not increase the workload of existing faculty and will not require additional resources not generated by the program.

REVISE CAMPUS CODE – LEGAL STUDIES GRADUATE CERTIFICATE, TO ADD DISTANCE EDUCATION CAMPUS CODE

In the 2023-2024 Graduate Catalog, for the Legal Studies Graduate Certificate, revise Campus Code to add Distance Education Campus Code.

Campus Code

Distance Education
Knoxville Campus

Formerly: Campus Code: Knoxville Campus

Rationale: The requirements for the certificate can be met with the DE option (i.e., all coursework). In addition, DE Campus Code will allow for recruitment of working professionals and recruitment on a statewide and regional basis. The program has completed a needs assessment and documentation is attached. Jennifer Gramling with Vols Online has been notified that the program is adding a DE option pending approval.

Impact on Other Units: The revision for the DE option will not impact other units. The proposed change does not require courses offered by other programs. Financial Impact: Revenue derived from the program will be used to support the program and department. This change will not negatively impact the current college or department budget. This change will not increase the workload of existing faculty and will not require additional resources not generated by the program.