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## A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Welcome to the SMU Dedman School of Law! We are absolutely delighted that you are here and hope this catalog will give you some idea of the quality, richness and excitement of a legal education at Southern Methodist University. With an outstanding student body, a faculty with superb credentials and excellent physical facilities on a beautiful tree-lined campus just minutes from the heart of vibrant downtown Dallas, the Dedman School of Law seeks to give each student a personal educational experience of the highest order. In addition to the full-time day and part-time evening J.D. programs, the school has some of the oldest and most outstanding graduate legal programs in the country, including a Master of Laws in taxation, a Master of Laws in comparative and international law, a General Master of Laws and a Doctor of the Science of Law. We also offer joint degree programs with other colleges in the University, including the J.D./M.B.A. program with the SMU Cox School of Business.

As you will see in the following pages, the school has a diverse and highly talented faculty whose members are dedicated to teaching. Not only do they hold outstanding academic credentials, but virtually all of them also have had practical experience before entering their teaching careers. Consequently, they provide the invaluable link between the theory of classroom instruction and the reality of legal practice. Dedman School of Law enjoys a national and international reputation, with its graduates practicing in every state in the union and in many foreign countries.

We take pride in offering our students a total educational experience. Students have the opportunity to participate in five respected law journals; a summer program in Oxford, England; various externship programs; and several legal clinics, including one of the very few in taxation. While our curriculum is extremely rich, we are still small enough to take a personal interest in each student. The school's Law Quadrangle provides a beautiful setting for learning and includes the Underwood Law Library, a modern and comprehensive research facility equipped with state-of-the-art instructional technologies. Our Office of Career Services sponsors numerous programs throughout the year, including on-campus interview programs and off-campus job fairs, seminars and workshops, to provide a broad range of employment opportunities.

Our student body is diverse, intelligent and inquisitive. Students come from a variety of backgrounds and from all over the United States, although the majority is from Texas and surrounding regions. The student body is enriched by the addition of students from many other countries who participate in the graduate legal programs. Upon graduation, students enter private practice, government practice and the corporate sector, or they may engage in public interest work, serve as prosecutors or defense attorneys, or obtain judicial clerkships.

I hope that you will visit our campus, interact with our students and experience SMU Dedman School of Law in a way that the pages of a catalog can only suggest. We wish you the best in your pursuit of a legal career.

JENNIFER M. COLLINS  
Judge James Noel Dean and  
Professor of Law

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# ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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## *Summer Session 2015*

**May 25, Monday:** University Holiday, Memorial Day  
**May 26, Tuesday:** Classes Begin; Payment Due Date  
**May 29, Friday:** Last Day to Add/Drop Without Receiving a Grade of W  
**July 3, Friday:** University Holiday, Independence Day  
**July 13, Monday:** Classes End; Last Day to Withdraw Without Receiving a Grade of W  
**July 14–15, Tuesday–Wednesday:** Reading Days  
**July 16, Thursday:** Examinations Begin  
**July 21, Tuesday:** Examinations End

## *Fall Term 2015*

**August 17–21, Monday–Friday:** International LL.M. Orientation  
**August 19–21, Tuesday–Thursday:** J.D. Evening and Day Program Orientation  
**August 21, Friday:** Tax LL.M. Orientation  
**August 21, Thursday:** Transfer and Visitor Orientation  
**August 24, Monday:** Classes Begin  
**August 28, Friday:** Last Day to Add/Drop Without Receiving a Grade of W; Payment Due Date  
**September 7, Monday:** University Holiday, Labor Day  
**October 20, Tuesday:** Follow Friday Class Schedule  
**November 25, Wednesday:** No Classes  
**November 26–27, Thursday–Friday:** University Holidays, Thanksgiving  
**December 3, Thursday:** Classes End; Last Day to Withdraw With a Grade of W  
**December 4, Friday:** Reading Day  
**December 7, Monday:** Examinations Begin  
**December 17, Thursday:** Examinations End  
**December 19, Saturday:** University Commencement for December Graduates  
**December 24–January 1, Thursday–Friday:** University Holidays, Winter Break

## *Spring Term 2016*

**January 1, Friday:** University Holiday, New Year's Day  
**January 7, Thursday:** Classes Begin  
**January 13, Wednesday:** Last Day to Add/Drop Without Receiving a Grade of W; Payment Due Date  
**January 18, Monday:** University Holiday, Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.  
**March 14–18, Monday–Friday:** Spring Break  
**March 25, Friday:** University Holiday, Good Friday  
**April 7, Thursday:** Follow Monday Class Schedule  
**April 2, Friday:** Classes End; Last Day to Withdraw With a Grade of W  
**April 25, Monday:** Reading Day  
**April 26, Tuesday:** Examinations Begin  
**May 5, Thursday:** Examinations End  
**May 14, Saturday:** Commencement and Dedman School of Law Hooding Ceremony

Offices of the University will be closed September 7, 2015; November 26–27, 2015; December 24, 2015–January 1, 2016; January 18, 2016; Mar 25, 2016; and May 30, 2016.

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# GENERAL INFORMATION

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## SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

### The Vision of Southern Methodist University

To create and impart knowledge that will shape citizens who contribute to their communities and lead their professions in a global society.

### The Mission of Southern Methodist University

Southern Methodist University will create, expand and impart knowledge through teaching, research and service, while shaping individuals to contribute to their communities and excel in their professions in an emerging global society. Among its faculty, students and staff, the University will cultivate principled thought, develop intellectual skills and promote an environment emphasizing individual dignity and worth. SMU affirms its historical commitment to academic freedom and open inquiry, to moral and ethical values, and to its United Methodist heritage.

To fulfill its mission, the University strives for quality, innovation and continuous improvement as it pursues the following goals:

Goal One: To enhance the academic quality and stature of the University.

Goal Two: To improve teaching and learning.

Goal Three: To strengthen scholarly research and creative achievement.

Goal Four: To support and sustain student development and quality of life.

Goal Five: To broaden global perspectives.

### Description of the University

As a private, comprehensive university enriched by its United Methodist heritage and its partnership with the Dallas Metroplex, Southern Methodist University seeks to enhance the intellectual, cultural, technical, ethical and social development of a diverse student body. SMU offers undergraduate programs centered on the liberal arts; excellent graduate and continuing education programs; and abundant opportunities for access to faculty in small classes, research experience, international study, leadership development, and off-campus service and internships, with the goal of preparing students to be contributing citizens and leaders for our state, the nation and the world.

SMU comprises seven degree-granting schools: Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences, Edwin L. Cox School of Business, Dedman School of Law, Bobby B. Lyle School of Engineering, Meadows School of the Arts, Perkins School of Theology, and Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development.

Founded in 1911 by what is now the United Methodist Church, SMU is non-sectarian in its teaching and is committed to the values of academic freedom and open inquiry.

At its opening session in 1915, the University had two buildings, 706 students, a 35-member faculty and total assets of \$633,540.

Today, the University has more than 100 buildings, a total enrollment that has averaged more than 10,000 the past 10 years, a full-time faculty of 736 and assets of \$2.6 billion – including an endowment of \$1.5 billion (market value, May 31, 2014).

Offering only a handful of degree programs at its 1915 opening, the University presently awards baccalaureate degrees in more than 90 programs through six undergraduate schools and a wide variety of graduate degrees through those and one professional school.

Of the 11,272 students enrolled for the 2014 fall term, 6,391 were undergraduates and 4,881 were graduate students. The full-time equivalent enrollment was 6,363 for undergraduates and 3,490 for graduate students.

Nearly all the students in SMU's first class came from Dallas County, but now more than 50 percent of the University's undergraduate student body comes from outside Texas. In a typical school year, students come to SMU from every state; from more than 100 foreign countries; and from all races, religions and economic levels.

Undergraduate enrollment is 50 percent female. Graduate and professional enrollment is 45 percent female.

A majority of SMU undergraduates receive some form of financial aid. In 2014–2015, 72 percent of first-year students received some form of financial aid, and 28 percent of first-year students received need-based financial aid.

Management of the University is vested in a Board of Trustees of civic, business and religious leaders – Methodist and non-Methodist. The founders' first charge to SMU was that it become not necessarily a great *Methodist* university, but a great *university*.

### Academic Accreditation

Southern Methodist University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award bachelor's, master's, professional and doctoral degrees. Students should contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Southern Methodist University. Note: The commission is to be contacted only if there is evidence that appears to support an institution's significant noncompliance with a requirement or standard.

Individual academic programs are accredited by the appropriate national professional associations.

In Dedman College, the Department of Chemistry is accredited annually by the Committee on Professional Training of the American Chemical Society, and the Psychology Department's Ph.D. program in clinical psychology is accredited by the American Psychological Association.

The Cox School of Business is accredited by AACSB International, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (777 South Harbour Island Boulevard, Suite 750, Tampa, Florida 33602-5730; telephone number 813-769-6500). The Cox School was last reaccredited by AACSB International in 2012.

The Dedman School of Law is accredited by the American Bar Association. The ABA conducted its inspection in 2012, and the Dedman School of Law was reaccredited in 2013.

In the Linda and Mitch Hart eCenter, SMU Guildhall's Master of Interactive Technology is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design for two specializations in art creation and level design.

The Lyle School of Engineering undergraduate programs in civil engineering, computer engineering, electrical engineering, environmental engineering and mechanical engineering are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, [www.abet.org](http://www.abet.org). The undergraduate computer science program that

awards the degree Bachelor of Science is accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET. The undergraduate computer science program that awards the degree Bachelor of Arts is not accredited by a Commission of ABET. ABET does not provide accreditation for the discipline of management science.

In the Meadows School of the Arts, the art and art history programs are accredited through the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, the Dance Division is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Dance, the Music Division is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music, the music therapy program is approved by the American Music Therapy Association, and the theatre program is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theatre.

Perkins School of Theology is accredited by the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (10 Summit Park Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15275-1110; phone 412-788-6505) to award M.Div., M.A.M., M.S.M., M.T.S., Th.M. and D.Min. degrees.

Accredited programs in the Simmons School of Education and Human Development include the teacher education undergraduate and graduate certificate programs, which are accredited by the State Board of Educator Certification and the Texas Education Agency. The undergraduate program is approved annually by TEA. The SBEC and the TEA also accredit the M.Ed. in educational leadership's Accelerated School Leadership Program and the M.Ed. in educational leadership with urban specialization. The M.S. in counseling program meets the licensure standards of the Licensed Professional Counselors State Board and the Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist State Board. The Learning Therapist Certificate Program is accredited by the International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council.

## **DEDMAN SCHOOL OF LAW**

### **Programs and Instruction**

#### *Juris Doctor Degree*

The Juris Doctor is the first law degree normally obtained in three years (full-time) or four years (part-time) of study. The primary purpose of the J.D. program is preparation for the practice of law, private or public. The curriculum combines training in the science and method of law, knowledge of the substance and procedure of law, understanding of the role of law in society and practical experience in handling professional problems. It also explores the responsibility of lawyers and their relations to other segments of society. Detailed discussions of the J.D. program and the variety of courses offered are found in this catalog under The Juris Doctor Program and The Curriculum.

Most courses are national or international in scope, although emphasis on Texas law is available for those who plan to practice in Texas. In addition to traditional academic study, the school sponsors several clinical programs that provide students with an opportunity to earn academic credit while engaging in the actual practice of law. For this work, the school provides administrative assistants and offices conveniently located on the Dedman School of Law campus. All clinical programs are under the supervision of full-time faculty members and a part-time staff of practicing attorneys. The clinics serve clients from Dallas County in civil, child advocacy, consumer advocacy, criminal, small business and tax cases. Students interview clients, prepare pleadings and present cases in court with the assistance of the clinic faculty and staff attorneys. Clinic students also attend classes dealing with techniques of the

practice of law. This work is open to upper-division students. Individual descriptions and requirements for each clinic are found in this catalog under The Curriculum.

Many graduates choose to practice in the Southwest, but more than 12,000 SMU Dedman School of Law graduates are found in all 50 states and the District of Columbia and in more than 77 foreign countries. Similarly, although most students come from the Southwest, students are enrolled from all parts of the country.

### ***Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration Program***

The Dedman School of Law and the Graduate Division of the SMU Cox School of Business offer a joint program leading to the J.D. and the M.B.A. in four years of full-time study or in five years (including summers) of part-time study. Students must be admitted to both programs as joint J.D./M.B.A. or part-time J.D./professional M.B.A. students. The joint program is designed to prepare students for law practice with a business emphasis or for business careers with a legal emphasis. A detailed description is found in this catalog under Joint Degrees.

### ***Juris Doctor/Master of Arts in Economics Program***

This program allows for joint study in law and economics following the first year of required legal study. Students must be admitted to both programs separately. A detailed description is found in this catalog under Joint Degrees.

### ***Advanced Degrees***

The Master of Laws (taxation) and general LL.M. degrees for U.S.-trained law graduates, the LL.M. degree for foreign law school graduates and the Doctor of the Science of Law advanced research degree for both U.S. and foreign law school graduates are described in this catalog under Graduate Legal Studies. Approximately 50 full-time and 20 part-time students are enrolled in these graduate programs.

### ***Nondegree Enrollment and Auditing***

Attorneys holding valid U.S. law licenses or graduates from American Bar Association-approved law schools may enroll in or audit courses offered at the Dedman School of Law on a space available basis. Additional information is found in this catalog under The Juris Doctor Program in the Nondegree Enrollment and Auditors section.

### **The Law School Quadrangle**

The Law School Quadrangle, a four-building complex, occupies 6 acres on the northwest corner of the SMU campus. Storey Hall houses administrative, faculty, law review and student organization offices and a clinical facility. Florence Hall contains class and seminar rooms and a state-of-the-art trial courtroom. Carr P. Collins, Jr. Hall contains a dining facility, career services offices, admissions offices, financial aid office, public service and academic support offices, student lounges and seminar rooms. Underwood Law Library contains open stacks for its collection, computer facilities, carrels and comfortable seating for students. Two large lecture halls, including one that serves as a magnificent grand appellate courtroom, are also located on the main floor of Underwood. Consistent with the entire SMU campus, the buildings are modified Georgian architecture. The Law School Quadrangle is served by a wireless network. Student housing is available on campus in areas close to the quadrangle. Additional information is found in this catalog under University Services in the Residence Accommodations section.

## **The Underwood Law Library**

Participation in the legal profession requires knowledge and skill in the discovery and manipulation of information. Familiarity with the materials and services of a law library is essential to effective performance as a law student and as an attorney.

The Underwood Law Library contains more than 640,000 volumes and access to numerous legal databases and is one of the major legal information resources in the United States. American legal materials, federal and state, include constitutions, legislative compilations, administrative regulations and the reported court decisions of all jurisdictions. The treatise holdings cover all areas of the law with special strength in corporate, securities and tax matters. Periodical titles, Texas and United States government documents, appellate papers for cases in the Texas Supreme Court and the Supreme Court of the United States and related digests, encyclopedias and indices round out a comprehensive current information resource.

The collection includes primary source material, treatises and journals from Great Britain, the European Union, the Commonwealth of Nations and selected jurisdictions from Western Europe, Latin America and the Pacific Rim.

International law materials are a strong resource that includes documentation from the United Nations and relevant publications from a number of other international organizations.

The library also houses a student computer lab and two classrooms. The library has a wireless network throughout the building.

### **Student Conduct**

Students are expected to conduct themselves as prospective members of the legal profession. A copy of the Student Code of Professional Responsibility is provided in this catalog. The code currently in effect was drafted by a student/faculty committee, approved by the faculty and ratified by the student body. By enrolling in the school, students are deemed to have notice of the code's contents and therefore should familiarize themselves with its standards and disciplinary procedures. In addition, students are expected to comply with the policies and procedures established by the administrative offices at the Dedman School of Law and the University. Matriculation in the University constitutes a declaration of compliance with all University rules and regulations.

The Dedman School of Law strongly discourages full-time students, especially those in the first year, from working more than 20 hours a week.

Students are not permitted, without the written consent of the dean, either individually or collectively to use the name of the University or of the Dedman School of Law in any activity outside the regular work of the school.

### **Policy on Nondiscrimination**

Southern Methodist University's notice of nondiscrimination is found in this catalog on the second page. This nondiscrimination policy applies to the activities of the Dedman School of Law in admission, placement, housing, facilities, scholarships, grants and all other academic and nonacademic opportunities, including those that are honorary. Further, the Office of Career Services is available only to employers who sign a statement of compliance with nondiscriminatory practices in hiring as defined by the Association of American Law Schools.

## Scholarly Publications

Students have the opportunity to receive academic credit for and participate in the publication of five law reviews – the *SMU Law Review*, the *Journal of Air Law and Commerce*, the *International Lawyer*, the *Law and Business Review of the Americas* and in the State Bar of Texas' *SMU Science and Technology Law Review*. The *SMU Law Review* and the *Journal of Air Law and Commerce* are published by the SMU Law Review Association. The *International Lawyer* and *Law & Business Review of the Americas* are published by the International Law Review Association of SMU. The law reviews select their editorial staffs on the basis of academic performance and a writing competition. The writing competition is open to students who have completed all first-year required courses (found in this catalog under The Curriculum) and generally is held during the summer.

The operation and management of each publication is vested in an elected board of editors. The board is selected from those students who have served at least one year on the staff of the law review and who have exhibited a strong ability in legal research and writing. The work of students on the school's publications has produced periodicals of permanent value to the legal profession.

The *SMU Law Review*, formerly the *Southwestern Law Journal*, is published four times each year and reaches law schools, attorneys and judges throughout the United States and abroad. Each issue includes articles by prominent legal scholars and practitioners dealing with significant questions of local, national and international law. In addition, articles by students analyze recent cases, statutes and developments in the law. Each year one issue of the *SMU Law Review* is devoted to an annual survey of Texas law and contains articles by attorneys, law professors and judges concerning current developments in the law of Texas. All editing is done by student members of the board of editors and the staff. Members of the *SMU Law Review* receive academic credit for their work. The *SMU Law Review* also sponsors the annual SMU Corporate Counsel Symposium on current developments in corporate law. Selected papers from the symposium may be published in one of its issues. The symposium attracts corporate practitioners from throughout the United States.

The *Journal of Air Law and Commerce*, a quarterly publication of the Dedman School of Law, was founded at Northwestern University in 1930 and moved to SMU in 1961. The oldest scholarly periodical in the English language devoted primarily to the legal and economic problems affecting aviation and space, it has a worldwide circulation of more than 2,300 subscribers in some 54 countries. Articles by distinguished lawyers, economists, government officials and scholars deal with domestic and international problems of the airline industry, private aviation and outer space, as well as general legal topics that have a significant impact on the area of aviation. Also included are student commentaries on a variety of topical issues, case notes on recent decisions, book reviews and editorial comments. The *Journal of Air Law and Commerce* sponsors an annual symposium on selected problems in aviation law and publishes selected papers from that symposium in one of its issues. More than 500 aviation lawyers and industry representatives annually attend.

The *International Lawyer* is the quarterly publication of the Section of International Law and Practice of the American Bar Association. The ABA published the inaugural issue in 1966, and SMU has been the proud home of this prestigious journal since 1986. With a worldwide circulation in excess of 13,000 in 75 countries, *The International Lawyer* is the most widely distributed U.S. international law review

in the world. *The International Lawyer* focuses primarily on practical issues facing lawyers engaged in international practice. Addressing issues such as international trade, licensing, finance, taxation, litigation and dispute resolution, it has become an authoritative reference for practitioners, judges and scholars concerned with current legal developments throughout the world. The dean of the Dedman School of Law and another member of the faculty serve as co-editors-in-chief of *The International Lawyer*. The student editorial board is drawn from highly qualified law student members of the International Law Review Association of SMU. In addition to editing *The International Lawyer*, student editors prepare comments on relevant international business law topics. *The International Lawyer* also sponsors an annual international symposium.

*The Law and Business Review of the Americas* (formerly *NAFTA: The Law and Business Review of the Americas*) is an interdisciplinary publication addressing the legal, business, economic, political and social dimensions of the North American Free Trade Agreement, as well as its implementation, its evolution and expansion, and its overall impact on doing business in the Americas. This journal is a quarterly publication produced by the Dedman School of Law (and its Law Institute of the Americas) in association with the Section of International Law and Practice of the American Bar Association, the Cox School of Business, the SMU Department of Economics and Political Science, and the Centre for Commercial Law Studies (Queen Mary and Westfield College, University of London). A group of highly qualified and committed law student members of the International Law Review Association assist a group of faculty and outside experts in editing the journal. The students also prepare comments on relevant topics.

The *SMU Science and Technology Law Review*, formerly the *Computer Law Review and Technology Journal*, is SMU's newest scholarly publication. This journal is published three times a year. The journal is also published online, allowing worldwide access to its articles. Students from the Dedman School of Law serve as the editorial board and staff members. The journal focuses on national and international technology-based legal issues, including the legal use and limits of hardware and software and patent, copyright and intellectual property law.

### Student Activities and Organizations

Students are encouraged to involve themselves in the life of the Dedman School of Law community through participation in activities and organizations. The following activities and organizations are currently active:

**SMU Student Bar Association.** The SBA is composed of all students in the Dedman School of Law. Officers and upper-division class representatives are elected in the spring term of each academic year. Class representatives for first-year students are elected approximately one month after the fall term has commenced. The primary function of the SBA is to represent the concerns and interests of the school's student body. The SBA sponsors a variety of extracurricular events. All students are urged to serve on one or more of the SBA committees.

**Barristers.** The Barristers is a general service organization of 15 law students elected on the basis of scholarship, leadership, achievement and personality.

**Board of Advocates.** The SMU Board of Advocates is the umbrella student organization that oversees advocacy programs at the Dedman School of Law. It also coordinates with faculty SMU's participation in national and international advocacy

competitions. The board's administrative committee promotes development of the school's advocacy programs, and publicizes and coordinates the various intraschool competitions. Its Interscholastic Competition Board has coordinated participation in a number of mock trial and moot court competitions in which SMU law students compete against students from other law schools across the country.

**Inn of Court.** The William M. "Maci" Taylor, Jr. Inn of Court is a chapter of the American Inns of Court, in which federal and state judges, senior and junior lawyers, and law students participate. Members of the inn meet monthly for dinner and an educational program dealing with an issue of practice and professional responsibility.

**Legal Fraternities.** The school has two legal fraternities – the Roger Brooke Taney Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta and the Monteith Inn of Phi Delta Phi. Legal fraternities are open to men and women.

**Moot Court Board.** This student organization administers a program to instruct first-year students in oral advocacy. The board, which is sponsored by Jackson Walker LLP, Dallas, organizes a moot court competition that is mandatory for all first-year students.

**Oxford Program.** Approximately 30 students spend six weeks in the summer studying law in Oxford, England. Students earn five hours of credit by taking one course from an SMU professor and one Oxford-style tutorial from an Oxford tutor. Participants live and take their meals in historic University College, Oxford. The program also includes visits with English lawyers and a trip to the Royal Courts of Justice.

**Student Bar Association Mentor Program.** This is a peer-mentor program available to all first-year law students. First-year students are paired with upper-class peers who meet with them throughout the academic year to discuss issues of general interest to first-year students.

**Other Student Organizations.** In addition to those listed above, the following law student organizations are currently active on the SMU campus: Aggie Law Students, American Constitution Society, Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, Association of International Petroleum Negotiators – Student Chapter, Association of Public Interest Law, Black Law Students Association, Christian Legal Society, Corporate Law Association, Delta Theta Phi Legal Fraternity, Energy Law Association, Environmental Law Society, Family Law Association, Federalist Society, Health Law Association, Hispanic American Law Students Association, Intellectual Property Organization, International Law Review Association, International Law Society, Jewish Law Students Association, Labor and Employment Law Students Association, Longhorn Bar Association, Muslim Law Students Association, Real Estate Law Association, Red Raider Law Student Association, OutLaw (Lesbian and Gay Law Students), Older and Wiser Law Students, Science and Technology Law Review, SMU Law Review Association, SMU Veterans Law Association, Student Animal Legal Defense Fund, Sports and Entertainment Law Group, Tax Law Society, and Women in Law.

# THE JURIS DOCTOR PROGRAM

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## ADMISSION

### Dates of Admission

Beginning J.D. students are admitted only for the fall term.

### Application for Admission

Applications should be submitted using the Law School Admission Council application service. Applications must be submitted by November 1 to be considered for early decision and by February 15 to be considered for regular decision. The applicant must file transcripts from all undergraduate institutions attended with LSAC's Credential Assembly Service.

### Application Fee

Each applicant must submit a \$75 application fee. This fee is not refundable and will not be credited against tuition in the event of enrollment. Waivers of the fee will be considered upon request submitted to [lawadmit@smu.edu](mailto:lawadmit@smu.edu).

### Law School Admission Test

Applicants for admission to the J.D. program must take the Law School Admission Test. Applicants are urged to take the LSAT no later than the February testing date preceding the fall term in which they seek admission.

### Prelaw Studies

Although exceptions may be made in special circumstances, an entering student is required to have received a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university prior to enrollment in the Dedman School of Law. Admitted students must provide the school with an official transcript showing receipt of a bachelor's degree before enrollment. The copy of the transcript supplied to the school by the CAS is adequate for preliminary determination of admission but is not an official transcript.

Dedman School of Law does not prescribe a fixed course of prelegal study, but does examine the record of each applicant to determine whether the undergraduate courses taken reflect adequate preparation for the study of law. The student should pursue a well-rounded course of study, with particular attention devoted to the development of analytical skills and facility and style in the use of the English language.

### Admission by Selection

The purpose of the J.D. program is to train students for competent and ethical practice of law on behalf of both private and public clients and for intelligent use of law in business, government and other pursuits. The course of study requires reading and analysis of difficult legal materials, training in effective advocacy of positions in both oral and written form and the acquisition of other legal skills, such as the drafting of instruments, the counseling of clients and the negotiation of disputes. Only those applicants who have the capacity to acquire these skills will be admitted. In deciding whether an applicant has this capacity, Dedman School of Law relies heavily upon LSAT scores and undergraduate grades. The school also considers the types of courses taken, the schools attended, letters of recommendation, the amount of time the applicant has been required to work during his or her undergraduate

career, and extracurricular activities and other maturing experiences. In the evening program, work and/or life experiences, as well as graduate studies, will be weighed more heavily in the selection process.

Each year the number of applicants with the requisite capacity far exceeds the number of places in the entering class. In choosing among these applicants, the admissions committee looks for those whose performance at Dedman School of Law will be outstanding; those who, because of their backgrounds, will bring to the school different and unusual perspectives; and those whose homes are in areas of the country underrepresented in the student body. Applications from members of minority groups are encouraged.

### **Admission Deposit and Medical History**

Admitted applicants must make their deposit(s) with the Dedman School of Law as set forth in their admissions packet. The due date for any deposit is not earlier than April 1. The deposit is credited toward tuition charged upon enrollment. It will be forfeited if the student fails to enroll that fall.

All students must have a Report of Medical History on file at the Memorial Health Center prior to their enrollment at SMU. In order to comply with state law, all students must provide proof of certain immunizations.

### **ADMISSION WITH ADVANCED STANDING**

**(Transfers From Other Law Schools)**

#### **Students Eligible**

A student who has successfully completed the traditional first-year curriculum (usually 27–30 hours) at another law school that was at the time of the student's study a member of the Association of American Law Schools or approved by the Section on Legal Education of the American Bar Association may apply for admission with advanced standing. On a limited basis, a student who has successfully completed at least 20 hours in a part-time program at another law school that was at the time of the student's study a member of the Association of American Law Schools or approved by the Section on Legal Education of the American Bar Association may apply for admission with advanced standing. Admission is selective. A student who has been excluded from or who is on probation at another school will not be admitted.

#### **Dates of Admission**

A transfer applicant may be admitted in any term or session.

#### **Application**

Application for admission with advanced standing must be made using the LSAC's online application. It must be supported by a CAS report including transcripts from all colleges and law schools previously attended. Good standing in the law school last attended must be established by a letter from the administration of that school. The application must be supported by two letters of recommendation and accompanied by a \$75 nonrefundable application fee. The committee cannot consider any application until all law school grades have been received.

### **Advanced Credit**

The amount of advanced credit given for work completed in another law school will be determined by the assistant dean for student affairs. Credit for work completed at another law school transfers as pass/fail credit.

### **Minimum Hours Requirement**

A student admitted with advanced standing may not qualify for a degree from Southern Methodist University until the student satisfactorily completes at least 58 term hours at the Dedman School of Law.

### **WAIVER OF FIRST-YEAR MINIMUM HOUR REQUIREMENT**

A limited number of qualified applicants who show good cause why they are unable to take the standard number of full-time credit hours required in the first year may obtain a waiver of this requirement. Students permitted to take a reduced course load will take seven to nine hours per term (excluding the summer) until they have completed all first-year required courses (found in this catalog under The Curriculum). These students must meet all other requirements of the J.D. program. Applicants interested in the reduced load option should contact the Office of Admissions for additional information.

The admission procedure for applicants seeking a waiver of the first-year minimum credit-hour requirement is the same as that for the J.D. program except that applicants should submit a written statement explaining why they are unable to satisfy the standard course load requirement.

# JOINT DEGREES

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## JURIS DOCTOR AND MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Nature of the Programs

The Dedman School of Law and the SMU Cox School of Business offer two joint-degree programs: the combined J.D./M.B.A. program and the combined J.D./professional M.B.A. program. The programs are designed for law practice with a strong business background and for business careers with a strong legal background. Through the J.D./M.B.A. program, the combined degrees may be obtained in four academic years instead of the five academic years required, if pursued separately. Through the J.D./P.M.B.A. program, the combined degrees may be obtained in five academic years instead of the six academic years required, if pursued separately.

These programs have been established so that an individual may integrate his or her educational experience in law and business. Since management, personnel and corporate attorneys have their individual considerations and goals, by taking law and business courses simultaneously, the student may achieve an understanding of commercial affairs from two different points of view.

### Structure of the Programs

#### *General*

For the two degrees, the programs require that the student satisfactorily complete the following term hours of coursework:

	<i>Law</i>	<i>Business</i>	<i>Total</i>
Required courses	39	24	63
Electives	36	24	60
<b>Totals</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>123</b>

With the exception of students who are admitted to Dedman School of Law after matriculating in the Cox School of Business M.B.A. program, full-time students enrolled in the J.D./M.B.A. program will spend the first full year enrolled in Dedman School of Law. Part-time evening students enrolled in the J.D./P.M.B.A. program will spend the first two years enrolled in Dedman School of Law, with the exception of students who are admitted to Dedman School of Law after matriculating in the Cox School of Business M.B.A. program.

#### *Cross-Credit*

Under the structure of the dual program, the Dedman School of Law will award 12 hours of academic credit toward the J.D. degree (87 hours) for satisfactory completion of the academic requirements of the M.B.A. program or the P.M.B.A. program. Similarly, the Cox School of Business will award up to 12 hours of academic credit toward the M.B.A. or the P.M.B.A. degree for satisfactory completion of the academic requirements of the J.D. program.

## Other Requirements

Except as modified by the above, a student in either program must meet all the requirements of both schools for admission, performance, graduation, etc. Students enrolled in either joint degree program also must complete all noncredit-bearing requirements of the programs.

To be admitted to the J.D./M.B.A. program, law students must apply before beginning their law studies or during their first year of law school. To be admitted to the J.D./P.M.B.A. program, law students must apply before beginning their law studies or during their first two years of law school. Admission applications should be made to both schools, with the selection that they are for the combined J.D./M.B.A. program or the combined J.D./P.M.B.A. program, as applicable. Students who wish to pursue the joint program after starting their first year of law school for the J.D./M.B.A. or during their first two years of law school for the J.D./P.M.B.A. must obtain permission from the Dedman School of Law's assistant dean for student affairs and then should consult with the M.B.A. Admissions Office.

Law School applications should be submitted using the LSCA Application Service. M.B.A. applications should be submitted through the Cox School of Business Admission's website.

## JURIS DOCTOR AND MASTER OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN ECONOMICS

### Nature of the Program

The combined J.D./M.A. in economics, law and economics track program, is offered jointly by the Dedman School of Law and the SMU Department of Economics in Dedman College. The program is designed for law students who have some prior background in economics and who wish to develop further their abilities to deal with complex economic issues. Through the program, the combined degrees can be obtained in four academic years or even in as little as three years and one additional term if classes are taken during at least one summer term.

### Structure of the Program

The M.A. in economics, law and economics track, is a 36-hour nonthesis program that can be completed in part-time evening and summer study. For students in the combined J.D./M.A. program, the Economics Department will accept up to nine hours of law school credit toward the M.A. degree. Dedman School of Law will accept up to six hours of graduate economics credits toward the 87 hours required for the J.D. degree. Thus, the student in the combined J.D./M.A. program will be able to receive both degrees with a total of 108 hours of credit.

The first year of the program consists entirely of law school courses, and students may apply for the joint degree plan at any time during their first year of law school. The economics curriculum consists of six required courses (18 credits), of which one may be the Dedman School of Law course LAW 6423 Economic Analysis of Law; three elective courses (nine credits), of which one must be a 6000-level course; and up to three additional law school courses (nine credits). These economics courses will be taken along with law school courses during the remainder of the student's period of residency after the first year. Many of the economics classes are taught in the evening or during the summer term, and generally are small classes (fewer than 20 students).

*The required economics courses and the available electives are*

ECO 5341 Strategic Behavior

ECO 5353 Law and Economics *or* LAW 6423 Economic Analysis of Law

ECO 5380 Computing for Economics

ECO 6352 Applied Econometric Analysis

ECO 6372 Econometrics I

ECO 6381 Economic Analysis I

ECO 6383 New Approaches to Managerial Economics

The M.A. program also is available to those who have received the J.D. degree. Credit from law courses, however, cannot be counted toward the M.A. degree once the J.D. degree has been conferred. Likewise, a student who has completed the M.A. degree or the joint B.A./M.A. degree cannot receive credit toward the J.D. degree for any courses prior to entering the Dedman School of Law.

### **Other Requirements**

Except as modified by the above, a student must meet all the requirements of both schools for admission, performance, graduation, etc. In particular, the student must satisfy the law requirements outlined in this catalog in the Juris Doctor Program section, and the student must earn a grade of *C* or better, with an overall *B* cumulative average maintained in the degree program. Students enrolled in the joint degree program also must complete all noncredit-bearing requirements of the program.

Students must be admitted separately into the Dedman School of Law and the M.A. in economics program.

Additional information may be obtained from the Dedman School of Law: Office of Admissions, SMU Dedman School of Law, PO Box 750110, Dallas TX 75275-0110; 214-768-2550. Applications should be submitted using the LSAC Application Service.

Applications and additional information may be obtained from the Economics Department: Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Economics, Southern Methodist University, Dallas TX 75275-0496; 214-768-4335.

# GRADUATE LEGAL STUDIES

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## OBJECTIVES OF GRADUATE LEGAL STUDIES

SMU's School of Law established graduate degree programs more than 50 years ago to enhance careers in the private practice of law, in teaching and in public service by providing the opportunity for graduate level education and training. The programs are designed to increase the student's understanding of legal theory and policies, broaden the student's legal horizons and encourage the development of legal research and writing skills.

The Master of Laws degree programs are open to lawyers who are graduates of approved law schools and whose academic and professional records indicate a likelihood of successful graduate legal study. While most classes are scheduled during the day, selected courses (primarily in the tax, business and international law fields) may be offered in the early morning and in the evening.

## GRADUATE DEGREES OFFERED

Among Dedman School of Law's graduate degree programs, the main focus is on its Master of Laws in taxation degree for those holding a J.D. degree and on its Master of Laws degree for foreign law school graduates. However, the school also offers (on a limited basis) a general Master of Laws degree and (on a very limited basis) a Doctor of the Science of Law degree.

### Master of Laws in Taxation

Dedman School of Law has a long tradition of strength in the area of federal taxation. The LL.M. (taxation) program, for full-time or part-time students, is a comprehensive, advanced-degree program designed for attorneys intending to specialize in tax practice. It focuses not only on technical mastery of the tax laws but also on wider issues of tax and fiscal policy. Most of the courses in the curriculum provide survey-level instruction in subjects typically not addressed in J.D.-level tax courses. In addition, advanced courses develop in-depth, practice-oriented expertise.

Courses are taught by Dedman School of Law faculty and by adjunct professors and lecturers who are experienced, practicing tax specialists in Dallas area law firms and corporate law departments. To accommodate employed students, many tax courses are offered in the early morning, the late afternoon and the evening.

### *Admission Criteria*

Admission to this program is by selection. An applicant for admission to the LL.M. (taxation) degree program must hold a J.D. degree from an American Bar Association-accredited law school. Students may attend either full time or part time, but admission for the full-time program is effective only for the fall term.

### *Application Procedure*

Applicants must include with their applications a letter stating why they are interested in entering the graduate degree program, two letters of recommendation and official transcripts from both their undergraduate and law schools. Applications for the full-time program beginning in the fall term should be received by the admissions office by April 15 of the year of intended enrollment.

Applications for the part-time program beginning in the fall term should be received by the Office of Graduate Legal Studies by April 15 of the year of intended enrollment and for the part-time program beginning in the spring term by December 1 of the year preceding enrollment.

#### ***Financial Aid***

The Robert Hickman Smellage, Sr. Memorial Fund provides scholarship assistance to a limited number of graduate students. In addition, the SMU Office of Financial Aid is available to assist U.S. students in obtaining student loans.

#### ***Specialized Courses***

The following listing (abstracted from the full list of courses found in this catalog under The Curriculum) illustrates the diversity and depth of courses offered at the Dedman School of Law in taxation and related fields. Applicants should note, however, that Dedman School of Law does not offer all of these courses and seminars each term or even each year. In addition, some courses have limited enrollments or prerequisites that a student may not satisfy. The school's Registrar's Office publishes a schedule of courses before the beginning of each term. Students must consult these schedules for actual course offerings. The credit hours for each course are given at the beginning of each course description included under The Curriculum in this catalog. Other related courses not listed may also be offered each year on a one-time-only basis.

LAW 7204 Advanced Corporate Taxation  
LAW 6232 Corporate Planning  
LAW 6220, 7336 Corporate Taxation  
LAW 6136, 6236, 6336 Directed Research (topic: taxation)  
LAW 6343 Estate Planning and Practice  
LAW 8252 Estate, Gift, and Income Taxation  
LAW 7207 Federal Tax Procedure I  
LAW 7216, 7302 International Tax I  
LAW 7255 International Tax II  
LAW 7392 Partnership Taxation  
LAW 6267 Principles of Accounting and Finance for Lawyers  
LAW 6293 State and Local Taxation  
LAW 7227 Tax Accounting  
LAW 7294 Tax Practice and Professional Responsibility  
LAW 7284 Taxation and Fiscal Policy  
LAW 7290 Taxation of Deferred Compensation  
LAW 7291 Taxation of Property Dispositions  
LAW 8395 Wills and Trusts

#### ***Degree Requirements***

To receive the LL.M. (taxation) degree the student must meet all of the following requirements:

A. Residence in the Dedman School of Law for no fewer than two terms if a full-time student and no fewer than three terms if a part-time student. Except with special permission of the Committee on Graduate Legal Studies, all full-time students in this program must begin their studies in the fall term.

B. Completion of 24 term hours in courses, seminars or research and writing. Of these 24 term hours, 18 hours must be in the taxation area. Mandatory courses are **LAW 7227 Tax Accounting**, **LAW 7284 Taxation and Fiscal Policy**, and **LAW 7294 Tax Practice and Professional Responsibility**.

With prior approval of the Committee on Graduate Legal Studies, a student may take four of the required 24 term hours in graduate programs of Dedman College (SMU's school of humanities and sciences), in Perkins School of Theology or in the Cox School of Business. The student will receive Dedman School of Law credit on completion of all work to the instructor's satisfaction, but the grades will not be computed into the student's Dedman School of Law average.

The student may be permitted to undertake directed research for a one-hour to three-hour graded paper if he or she can obtain a faculty sponsor.

C. A student entering the program must have a GPA of *C* or 2.0 on all courses taken. The requisite GPA of *C* or 2.0 must be obtained in the first 24 credit hours. A student will not receive credit for a course or seminar in which his or her grade is below *D* or 1.0.

D. Completion of all requirements within 36 months from the date of initial enrollment as a graduate law student. However, a candidate continuously enrolled as a part-time student has 60 months to complete all requirements.

### **Master of Laws for Foreign Law School Graduates**

The graduate program for international students is rooted in the efforts of SMU's School of Law in the early 1950s to make the school a leading international legal center. More than 1,400 international graduates of the school from more than 75 countries now occupy prominent positions in government, legal practice, business, the judiciary and legal education around the world.

The primary goal of the program is to enhance the international student's legal skills so that he or she may become a more effective lawyer and member of society. In this respect, the program seeks to develop

- An appreciation of the role of law in national and international development.
- The ability to identify, through comparative and international studies, policy considerations of various legal rules.
- An appreciation of the role of the lawyer in social and economic change.
- Legal analysis and problem-solving abilities to enable the student to meet the complex needs of the modern world.
- A basic understanding of the U.S. legal system, as studied from a comparative perspective.
- A frame of reference for dealing with business and legal interests in a transnational setting.

This LL.M. degree does not qualify a person to take the bar examination in Texas or in most other U.S. jurisdictions.

### ***Admission Criteria***

An applicant for admission to this LL.M. degree program must be a graduate of a recognized foreign law school. The applicant's undergraduate record must demonstrate scholarly legal aptitude. An applicant for whom English is a second language must present evidence of a TOEFL English language proficiency test, with an Inter-

net-based score of 90 or written score of 575 or IELTS band score of 6. U.S.-trained law students may not apply to this degree program.

### ***Application Procedure***

An applicant must include with the application: a short curriculum vitae; evidence of proficiency in English (normally a TOEFL English language proficiency test score of 90 on the Internet-based test or 575 on the written test); a certified transcript in English of grades received in law school; letters of recommendation in English (or translated into English) from the dean of the applicant's law school and from a law professor; evidence of financial ability to pay tuition, fees and all other expenses during the applicant's stay in the United States; and a recent head-and-shoulders photograph of the applicant.

### ***Financial Aid***

The Robert G. Storey Memorial Fund provides scholarship support to an outstanding foreign graduate law student who undertakes an intensive course of study in comparative and international law. The Sohmen Endowed Scholarship Fund and Sohmen Chinese Scholars Program Endowment provide full tuition and fees and a monthly living stipend for up to four students from China. In addition, a limited number of additional scholarships may be available.

International applicants should note that the Dedman School of Law has no funds to grant for travel expenses, either to or from the United States or within the United States, nor does it have any administrative influence through which governmental or private agencies can be persuaded to assist in travel.

### ***Specialized Courses***

The following listing illustrates the diversity and depth of courses offered at the Dedman School of Law in comparative and international law. Applicants should note, however, that school does not offer all of these courses and seminars each term or even each year. In addition, some courses have limited enrollments or prerequisites that a student may not satisfy. The school's Registrar's Office publishes a schedule of courses before the beginning of each term. Students must consult these schedules for actual course offerings. The credit hours for each course are given at the beginning of each course description included under The Curriculum in this catalog. Other related courses not listed may also be offered each year on a one-time-only basis.

**LAW 6318** Banking Law and Regulation: Domestic and International

**LAW 7321** Comparative Law I

**LAW 7122, 7222, 7322** Comparative Law II

**LAW 6353, 8258** Immigration Law

**LAW 8345** International and Comparative Health Law

**LAW 8312** International and Foreign Legal Research

**LAW 7315** International Business and Financial Transactions

**LAW 6327** International Commercial Arbitration

**LAW 7356** International Crimes

**LAW 8219, 8319** International Economic Law and Development

**LAW 6276** International Environmental Law

**LAW 7231** International Franchising Law

**LAW 6226** International Intellectual Property

LAW 6355 International Law  
LAW 7214, 7314 International Litigation and Arbitration  
LAW 6224, 6324 International Protection of Human Rights  
LAW 7216, 7302 International Tax I  
LAW 7255 International Tax II  
LAW 6228, 7269, 7369 Oil and Gas Contracts  
LAW 7277 Perspectives of American Business Law  
LAW 7293 Perspectives of the American Legal System

### *Degree Requirements*

- A. Except with special permission of the Committee on Graduate Legal Studies, all students in this program must begin their studies in the fall term. In addition, they must participate in an extensive orientation program held at the Dedman School of Law in mid-August of each year before the start of classes in the fall term.
- B. Students pursuing the LL.M. degree for foreign law school graduates must complete 24 hours of credit from courses or seminars selected in consultation with the student's faculty adviser, who is assigned during orientation. Faculty members advising candidates for this degree will make every effort to tailor a student's study plan to his or her specific graduate objectives. However, all students are required to take LAW 7293 Perspectives of the American Legal System. They will normally also take one basic J.D. course such as LAW 8290 Contracts I. In addition, many students take LAW 7227 Perspectives of American Business Law and/or LAW 7315 International Business and Financial Transactions.

The Dedman School of Law awards the LL.M. degree to those students who complete their coursework with an average grade in all courses equivalent to a grade of C- or 1.7. A student will not receive credit for a course or seminar in which his or her grade is below D or 1.0. Students for whom English is a second language are allowed additional time to complete written final examinations.

### *Admission to the Juris Doctor Program*

The J.D. is the basic law degree for U.S. law students. For this reason, Dedman School of Law does not normally consider the degree appropriate as a graduate degree for international students already possessing a basic law degree within their home countries. However, in a very limited number of instances, international students who have graduated with distinction in the LL.M. program of the Dedman School of Law and who can demonstrate legitimate graduate study objectives for furthering their careers may be considered for admission to the J.D. program without being required to take the Law School Admission Test. Admission under such conditions to the J.D. program and the award of advanced credit, if any, is solely within the discretion of the admissions committee (taking into consideration any recommendations of the graduate committee). Advanced credit, if any, will be based upon an evaluation of the student's grades in J.D. equivalent courses in the LL.M. program and the student's record in the home country law degree, and will normally range from zero credit hours to 24 credit hours. In exceptional cases, such as a strong home common law degree or pursuant to a particular exchange agreement

that the Dedman School of Law may have with the student's home law school, up to 29 credit hours may be awarded.

### **Master of Laws (General)**

The general LL.M. program offers law graduates an opportunity to broaden their backgrounds in certain specialized areas of law by enrolling in advanced courses and seminars and by engaging in specialized research. Although the Dedman School of Law awards no specific subject-designated LL.M. degrees under this program, most students seeking this degree concentrate in areas such as corporate and commercial law, international law, legal practice and procedure, natural resources law or property law.

#### ***Admission Criteria***

Admission to this program is by selection. An applicant for admission to the general LL.M. degree program must hold a J.D. degree from an American Bar Association-accredited law school. Full-time students are strongly preferred, and admission for the full-time program is only in the fall. Part-time applicants must demonstrate special academic reasons or circumstances for choosing a part-time track.

#### ***Application Procedures***

Applicants must include with their applications a letter setting out their interest in entering the graduate degree program, two letters of recommendation and certified transcripts from their undergraduate and law schools. Each applicant must have, in advance of acceptance, the commitment of a Dedman School of Law faculty member to serve as the applicant's academic adviser. The application, along with all supporting documentation, must be received in the Office of Graduate Legal Studies by April 15 of the year of intended enrollment.

#### ***Financial Aid***

The SMU Office of Financial Aid is available to assist students in obtaining student loans. No scholarship funds are available for general LL.M. students.

#### ***Degree Requirements***

To receive the general LL.M. degree, the student must meet all of the following requirements:

- A. Residence in the Dedman School of Law for no fewer than two terms if a full-time student and no fewer than three terms if a part-time student.
- B. Completion of 24 term hours in courses, seminars or research and writing recommended by the student's academic adviser. A student entering the program must have a GPA of *C* or 2.0 on all courses taken. The requisite GPA of *C* or 2.0 must be obtained in the first 24 credit hours. A student will not receive credit for a course or seminar in which his or her grade is below *D* or 1.0.

With prior approval of the Committee on Graduate Legal Studies, a student may take four of the required 24 term hours in graduate programs in Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences, Perkins School of Theology or the Cox School of Business. The student will receive Dedman School of Law credit on completion of all work to the instructor's satisfaction, but the grades will not be computed into the student's law school average.

The student may be permitted to undertake directed research for a one-hour to three-hour graded paper if the student can obtain a faculty sponsor.

A student has the option of writing a master's thesis (for four to six credit hours). This thesis must be written under the direction of a professor at the Dedman School of Law and must be approved by both the professor and the Committee on Graduate Legal Studies. After the supervising professor approves the thesis, the student must submit four copies of the thesis to the Committee on Graduate Legal Studies at least 60 days before the date on which the student seeks to receive the degree. In writing the thesis, the student must comply with committee instructions. A thesis is either approved or disapproved; it is not graded.

- C. Completion of all requirements within 36 months from the date of initial registration as a graduate law student. However, a candidate continuously enrolled as a part-time student has 60 months to complete all requirements.

### **Doctor of the Science of Law**

The degree of Doctor of Juridical Science is the highest postgraduate law degree offered by the Dedman School of Law. The S.J.D. primarily is a research and writing degree (as opposed to a course-oriented degree such as the LL.M. degree) during which the S.J.D. candidate conducts extensive postgraduate-level legal research with a view toward submitting an acceptable doctoral dissertation of publishable quality within a five-year period. Additional information is found in this section under Requirements for the Degree.

#### ***Nature of the Degree***

The S.J.D. is not a professional degree, such as the Dedman School of Law's J.D. degree; it is intended to be an intense postgraduate, academic research experience.

#### ***Admission Requirements***

The S.J.D. is a highly limited access postgraduate degree. The following are criteria for admission:

1. Career goals. The S.J.D. is primarily intended for highly qualified candidates seeking a legal academic career or a high-level, policy-oriented governmental or intergovernmental position, and the candidate must demonstrate such a career goal.
2. Academic achievement. An applicant must demonstrate outstanding achievement in previous academic programs.
3. Research and writing. An applicant must demonstrate the ability to conduct graduate-level legal research and writing in English. Preference is given to Dedman School of Law LL.M. students who have excelled in their LL.M. degree and have shown an ability to conduct graduate-level legal research and write in English as evidenced by a course paper or a directed research paper submitted as an LL.M. candidate at SMU. Applicants who hold an LL.M. degree or equivalent from another law school and who demonstrate excellent legal research and legal writing abilities in English may be considered for admission. Also, individuals who have an established academic, legal professional, governmental or intergovernmental career, who have suitable career objectives for pursuing the S.J.D. degree and who have demonstrated significant legal research and legal writing abilities in

English may be considered for direct admission into the S.J.D. (with or without an LL.M. degree).

4. Primary supervisor. The applicant must obtain as a primary supervisor a faculty member of the SMU Dedman School of Law. The primary supervisor must have particular expertise in the S.J.D. candidate's general area of doctoral research. Additional information is found in this section under Role of Primary Supervisor.
5. Statement of subject of dissertation. The applicant, with the assistance of the primary supervisor, must submit a document of no more than 2,000–3,000 words explaining the research topic the applicant will undertake for the purpose of preparing the dissertation.

### ***Admission to the S.J.D. Program***

An applicant who is granted admission to the S.J.D. program initially is admitted in a probationary status. The S.J.D. candidate must demonstrate progress toward completion of the requirements for the degree to continue as an S.J.D. candidate. The S.J.D. candidate is matriculated as of the first day of the first term in which the S.J.D. candidate commences the S.J.D. program. The date of matriculation is relevant for purposes of the various time periods.

### ***Probationary Status for First Two Years***

The S.J.D. candidate must be in residence at the Dedman School of Law for not less than two academic years, during which time the S.J.D. candidate is in probationary status. During the first probationary year, the S.J.D. candidate (subject to the overall direction of the primary supervisor) will be concerned primarily with conducting extensive research for the purpose of identifying all relevant legal and other materials in the dissertation subject matter. In addition, the S.J.D. candidate will prepare and submit to the primary supervisor (in the following order): 1) a suitable research abstract indicating the thematic and analytical framework and proposition(s) to be proved, and the objectives to be achieved by the dissertation; 2) a detailed subject-matter outline for the dissertation; 3) an extensive working bibliography; and 4) an introductory draft chapter (or equivalent writing) that is at least 10,000 words and that indicates doctoral-level legal research and legal writing abilities.

During the first probationary year, the S.J.D. candidate may be required or advised by the primary supervisor to take selected Dedman School of Law or other University courses, classes, seminars, etc., that are directly related to enhancing the S.J.D. candidate's prospects for completion of the degree. As a general proposition, however, the S.J.D. candidate should be engaged in doctoral research and writing, not taking courses. If the S.J.D. candidate is pursuing other time-consuming objectives (such as, studying for a bar examination or for other professional qualifications) at the same time as pursuing the S.J.D., the S.J.D. candidate must advise the primary supervisor and the Committee on Graduate Legal Studies. The Committee on Graduate Legal Studies looks with disfavor on such activities, as they generally are detrimental to the S.J.D. candidate's prospects for completing the degree. In any case, an S.J.D. candidate cannot be pursuing two degree programs at the same time.

### ***Annual Progress and Reports to Graduate Committee***

An S.J.D. candidate must submit an annual report to the Committee on Graduate Legal Studies. The report must be submitted within two months after the anniversary date of matriculation as an S.J.D. candidate. The report is to inform the committee of the progress of the S.J.D. candidate and is to include a description of the research and writing completed during the reporting period. In addition, the primary supervisor will submit a report to the committee regarding the progress of the S.J.D. candidate toward completion of the degree.

In order for the S.J.D. candidate to continue in probationary status for the second year, the committee must be satisfied that the S.J.D. candidate, during the first probationary year, has made substantial progress toward completion of the degree. If the committee determines that the S.J.D. candidate, during the first probationary year, has not made substantial progress toward completion of the degree, the status as an S.J.D. candidate is terminated and the person is withdrawn from the S.J.D. program.

By the end of the second probationary year, the S.J.D. candidate must complete a 30,000-word to 40,000-word work product comprising at least two chapters (or equivalent) of the dissertation. This work product must be of “publishable” quality, and the Committee on Graduate Legal Studies will look with favor on the S.J.D. candidate’s publishing in an acceptable medium at least a portion of this work product. In order for the S.J.D. candidate to complete the two-year probationary status (and be admitted unconditionally to the S.J.D. program), the S.J.D. candidate must demonstrate by the end of the second probationary year that there is a substantial likelihood the candidate will successfully complete the degree requirements within the required five-year period. In making this determination, the graduate committee will consider, among other relevant information, the candidate’s annual report for the second year and the primary supervisor’s report for the second year. If the necessary substantial likelihood is not shown, the status as an S.J.D. candidate is terminated and the person is withdrawn from the S.J.D. program.

### ***Supervisory Committee***

After an S.J.D. candidate has completed the two-year probationary period, the Committee on Graduate Legal Studies shall appoint other people to comprise a supervisory committee for the S.J.D. candidate. The committee shall be composed of at least three members, including the primary supervisor, another member of the Dedman School of Law faculty appointed by the committee and a senior “external” person qualified in the area of research and appointed by the committee. The primary supervisor has principal responsibility for nurturing and supervising the S.J.D. candidate. The supervisory committee is to read and critique the dissertation submitted by the S.J.D. candidate and to advise the Committee on Graduate Legal Studies as to whether the S.J.D. candidate has produced a satisfactory dissertation.

### ***After the Probationary Period***

After successful completion of the two-year probationary period, an S.J.D. candidate has up to three additional years to satisfy all requirements for the S.J.D. degree. The S.J.D. candidate need not be in residence at SMU during this period. During the post-probationary period, the S.J.D. candidate will have general continuing access to the primary supervisor, but on a less intense and less frequent basis than during the first two years of probationary status.

### ***Requirements for Degree***

Within a five-year period from first matriculation as an S.J.D. candidate, the S.J.D. candidate must satisfy the following requirements:

- a. Completion of the two-year probationary period.
- b. Submission of a doctoral dissertation of at least 80,000 words but no more than 100,000 words (including footnotes, but excluding bibliography, front pages, table of contents, and any annexes or appendices) on a coherent, analytical and focused theme of a substantially legal nature or submission of an equivalent doctoral dissertation in the form of a series of interrelated articles/chapters on a more general topic, but which collectively comprises a topically coherent volume.
- c. The dissertation must constitute the original work product of the S.J.D. candidate.
- d. The dissertation must represent and show evidence of substantial doctoral-level research work.
- e. The dissertation must display significant legal analyses on a doctoral-level subject.
- f. The dissertation must be of a publishable quality according to acceptable U.S. law review standards.
- g. The dissertation must make a substantial contribution to the advancement of the understanding of the relevant research subject matter.
- h. It is within the discretion of a S.J.D. candidate's supervisory committee to require a *viva voce* (oral examination), at which the S.J.D. candidate will be asked "to defend" orally his/her dissertation in the presence of the members of the supervisory committee.
- i. The dissertation must be approved by each member of the supervisory committee.

The award of the S.J.D. requires approvals of the Committee on Graduate Legal Studies, the law faculty and University. Such decisions cannot be appealed, except as provided. If the S.J.D. candidate's doctoral dissertation is not approved, the graduate committee will provide the S.J.D. candidate with an explanation of the reasons why it was disapproved, and the S.J.D. candidate then will be given one further 12-month period within which to endeavor to satisfy such comments and to resubmit a revised dissertation. If the S.J.D. candidate then does not within the 12-month period satisfy all doctoral requirements, the person is withdrawn from the S.J.D. program.

### ***Role of Primary Supervisor***

The primary supervisor will serve as the S.J.D. candidate's academic adviser and will provide the S.J.D. candidate with general and specific guidance on the S.J.D. candidate's research and written work product. The supervisor is not to serve as an editor of the S.J.D. candidate's work product. While the supervisor will make general comments on the submitted work product and may make selective specific comments or otherwise may help arrange for the S.J.D. candidate to take advantage of available University/Dedman School of Law postgraduate legal writing resources, the burden is on the S.J.D. candidate to make any needed editorial arrangements at the candidate's own expense (such as a qualified J.D. student who may be willing to assist in the editorial process). During the required two-year residency period, the supervisor will meet on a periodic basis with the S.J.D. candidate. However, it is to be understood that the S.J.D. degree is a research degree requiring extensive independent legal research by the S.J.D. candidate in the area of the dissertation.

### ***Termination of Status as Candidate***

The status of an S.J.D. candidate may be terminated, and the person withdrawn from the S.J.D. program, for any of the following reasons:

1. Failure to satisfy the requirements of the first probationary year.
2. Failure to satisfy the requirements of the second probationary year.
3. Failure to submit a dissertation within the prescribed five-year period.
4. If a dissertation is submitted in a timely manner, failure to satisfy all requirements and standards for the dissertation.
5. Failure to pay in a timely manner any required fees.

An S.J.D. candidate whose status is terminated may make a formal appeal in writing to the Committee on Graduate Legal Studies. This appeal must set forth all relevant and/or extenuating circumstances and reasons why the committee should reconsider the termination. It is within the sole discretion of the committee whether to reconsider or not, and, if it chooses to reconsider, then any decision of the committee is final. If the committee does reconsider, it may impose any general and/or specific conditions/requirements as it wishes.

### ***Fees***

For the first year of the program, S.J.D. candidates will be charged the equivalent of full-time tuition and fees applicable to LL.M. students. Thereafter, S.J.D. candidates will be assessed a special fee for each fall and spring term until approval of the final dissertation. This fee will be set at the beginning of each term. The 2015–2016 fee is \$5,105 per term.

There are no Dedman School of Law scholarships or research/teaching assistantships available for the S.J.D. degree. On an individual basis, an S.J.D. candidate may apply to be the research assistant of a particular faculty member, but any such arrangement must be made individually with the faculty member, who reserves full discretion in such a matter.

### **TUITION AND FEES**

Detailed information about tuition and fees is found in this catalog in the Financial Information section and in the current catalog supplement *Bursar's Financial Information Bulletin*.

### **APPLICATIONS AND INFORMATION**

To obtain further information and applications for admission, students should contact the Office of Graduate Legal Studies, Dedman School of Law, Southern Methodist University, PO Box 750111, Dallas TX 75275-0111; 214-768-2658.

## OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

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The mission of the Office of Career Services is to provide the resources and professional environment to enable students to achieve their career goals. The OCS assists students in their self-directed career searches by advising them about career options and job search strategies and creating opportunities for them to connect with legal employers. OCS staff provides individual career counseling, assistance with résumés and cover letters, mock interviews and a current and complete Resource and Technology Center. The office hosts numerous career-related programs throughout the year, including on-campus interviews and off-campus job fairs, recruiting opportunities, seminars, panel discussions and workshops designed to allow students to network with employers. OCS also works with a wide variety of employers to provide students access and exposure to a broad range of employment opportunities.

The OCS is located on the third floor of Carr Collins, Jr. Hall on the east side of the Law Quadrangle. Carr Collins houses the Godwin Gruber Lawyers Inn dining hall, where many career-related programs are held, as well as the offices of Admissions, Financial Aid and the Public Service and Academic Support programs. Interview rooms within the OCS are available for legal employers interviewing on campus.

### STAFF

The OCS staff includes six experienced career professionals and an administrative assistant: the assistant dean and executive director of career services, two directors, the associate director, the assistant director for recruitment and events, and an adviser for international LL.M. students. The assistant dean oversees the management of day-to-day operations, creating and implementing innovative programs for students and employers, counseling students and conducting outreach to promote the Dedman School of Law and students to legal employers. The directors work with the assistant dean to develop permanent job opportunities and internships in the small-firm, corporate and government sectors, including the judiciary. The directors also share counseling of the full-time J.D. students with the assistant dean and develop programs and opportunities to nurture and enhance the professional development of all students. The associate director is responsible for the counseling of students in the part-time J.D. evening program, student communications and job postings. The career counselors share responsibility for counseling students in the tax and general LL.M. programs. OCS has an adviser dedicated to working with the international LL.M. students. The assistant director manages all arrangements with employers and students relating to on-campus interview and résumé collection programs; coordinates all job fairs, special events and programs; and maintains technology services and databases, such as the website and the career management software Symplicity.

### CAREER COUNSELING

Career counseling is available to all students by appointment throughout the calendar year. Each student is paired with a career counselor, who will advise and coach the student throughout his or her law school career. An individual career counseling session might include suggestions for self-assessment techniques, planning an individualized job search strategy, reviewing and revising a résumé or cover letter, direct

referral to an employer or tips on successful interviewing. The staff is always available on an informal basis to answer questions and guide students through the job search process.

### **RESOURCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

The OCS maintains a library of career resources. The Resource and Technology Center contains a wide variety of publications on career and job search information, legal specialties and judicial clerkships. Martindale-Hubbell, the *Texas Legal Directory* and other directories of lawyers are available to students and alumni. Students have access to directories for courts, government agencies, nonprofit and public interest organizations and corporations throughout the country. In addition, various reference books for nonlegal/alternative careers are available for review. The center is equipped with computer terminals, a scanner and printer to provide access to Westlaw, LexisNexis and the Internet for online research of the legal market and legal employers. The office subscribes to Symplicity, a Web-based recruiting system that students use to manage the on-campus and off-campus recruitment programs, from the application process to scheduling interviews. Students also use Symplicity to conduct research on legal employers and access the online job bank for job opportunities posted by the OCS. Through the Web-based features of the system, students have the ability to access these services on campus and from their home computers.

### **PROGRAMMING**

Throughout the academic year, the OCS conducts an extensive range of career-related panel discussions and presentations covering topics such as job search strategies, professionalism, networking, résumé and cover letter writing, interviewing skills and judicial clerkships. To educate students about the many practice areas of law, including opportunities in private practice, government and public interest, OCS invites attorneys to campus to conduct information sessions, to network with students and to share their experiences. Also, OCS actively works with student organizations to promote their career-related programs. Programs are scheduled during both day and evening hours to accommodate all students. Most of the programs are taped and posted on the Dedman School of Law website for students who are unable to attend.

### **RECRUITMENT PROGRAMS, THE JOB BANK AND JOB FAIRS**

The OCS hosts both on-campus and off-campus interview programs for employers. In recent years, more than 100 employers have visited the campus for the fall and spring interview programs. At any time during the year, employers may solicit résumés from students and graduates, including lateral attorneys, by posting a position on the online job bank. More than 1,200 job notices (part-time, full-time, summer and graduate) are posted each year for law students and graduates.

Dedman School of Law also participates in a number of job fairs during the year, providing students access to local, statewide and national opportunities. The public interest job fair, Public Advocate Day, is sponsored by the OCS, along with the Public Service Program. Representatives from government agencies and public service employers come to the campus to discuss with students their work and employment opportunities in the public interest sector. The OCS also facilitates the application process for internships with the Collin County and Dallas County courts, as well as

with the Federal Judicial Externship course offered each term. Law students and alumni also participate in the following off-campus annual fairs:

**Boston Lawyers Group, Law Students of Color – Boston, Massachusetts**

**El Paso Virtual Legal Job Fair – Online**

**Equal Justice Works Career Fair – Washington, D.C.**

**DuPont Legal Minority Job Fair – Houston, Texas; Los Angeles, California; and Wilmington, Delaware**

**Heartland Diversity Legal Job Fair – Kansas City, Missouri**

**Hispanic National Bar Association Job Fair – Boston, Massachusetts**

**IMPACT Career Fair for Law Students and Attorneys with Disabilities – Washington, D.C.**

**Lavender Law Career Fair (LGBT) – Chicago, Illinois**

**LL.M. International Student Interview Program – New York, New York**

**Midland/Odessa Virtual Legal Job Fair – Online**

**Minnesota Minority Recruitment Conference – Minneapolis, Minnesota**

**National Black Law Students Association – Regional Career Fairs**

**National Black Prosecutors Association Job Fair – Washington, D.C.**

**Patent Law Interview Program – Chicago, Illinois**

**Rio Grande Valley Virtual Legal Job Fair – Online**

**Rocky Mountain Diversity Legal Career Fair – Denver, Colorado**

**Southeastern Intellectual Property Job Fair – Atlanta, Georgia**

**Southeastern Minority Job Fair – Atlanta, Georgia**

**Sunbelt Minority Recruitment Program – Dallas, Texas**

**Texas in Washington Recruitment Program – Washington, D.C.**

**University of Texas Public Service Career Day – Austin, Texas**

**VAULT/MCCA Legal Diversity Job Fair – Washington, D.C.**

As participants in all of the recruiting programs, students have the opportunity to demonstrate their interest for employment with a wide range of employers that have identified Dedman School of Law as a top school from which to recruit. To emphasize the importance of professionalism in the interview process and in order to participate in the interview programs, students must sign the Agreement Regarding Professionalism in Recruiting and Employment acknowledging their agreement to adhere to the ethical and procedural guidelines by which the interview programs operate. Students are expected to attend the interviews they are granted and to uphold their commitments to employers. The legal profession is built upon the highest ethical and professional standards, and cultivating these standards begins the day a student enters law school.

# THE CURRICULUM

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## COURSE OFFERINGS

J.D. program required courses are offered at least once each academic year. Courses that have been offered in the past two academic years or are anticipated to be offered in the 2015–2016 academic year are listed below. Other courses may be offered. The school's Registrar's Office publishes a schedule of courses before the beginning of each term. Students must consult these schedules for actual course offerings and for any prerequisites or corequisites for those courses. It is the responsibility of each student to verify that he or she has taken the prerequisites, or will be taking concurrently any required corequisites, at the time he or she registers for a class. Students with any questions concerning these issues should contact the assistant dean for student affairs.

### The Juris Doctor Program

1. First-Year Required Courses	Civil Procedure I and II (LAW 6371, 8271) Constitutional Law I (LAW 6222) Contracts I and II (LAW 8290, 8390) Criminal Law (LAW 8341) Legal Research, Writing, and Advocacy I and II (LAW 8375, 8376) Property I and II (LAW 8282, 6381) Torts I and II (LAW 7391, 8292)
2. Upper-Year Requirements	Professional Responsibility (LAW 7350) Constitutional Law II (LAW 8311)
Edited Writing Seminar (3 hours)	Requires the student to participate in an intensive, scholarly expository writing project that may take the form of a single paper of at least 30 pages, or several shorter papers, as the professor may direct. Includes review and criticism of the student's writing by the professor. Varied subject matter is at the discretion of the professor. Enrollment limited to 20 students.
General Writing Requirement	A student must complete a writing unit in addition to the first-year legal research, writing and advocacy course and an edited writing seminar. May be fulfilled by completing a course in which more than half the grade for the course is based on written work other than an examination, by completing law review writing requirements for credit or by completing a two-hour or three-hour directed research paper.
Professional Skills Requirement	A student must complete at least one upper-level course that includes professional skills generally regarded as necessary for effective and responsible participation in the legal profession. Courses that satisfy this requirement will be designated "(PS)" on the upperclass course list during registration.

## Elective Courses

Except with special permission of the assistant dean for student affairs, J.D. students in the day program may enroll for elective courses only after they have completed all required first-year courses. Evening law students who have completed their first academic year but have not completed all first-year required courses may enroll in selected elective courses designated by the assistant dean for student affairs on the upper-course list. Other prerequisites for courses are listed; however, the instructor of a course may add or waive prerequisites for the course.

The faculty recommends that each student enroll in courses in each of the following areas: business organizations, administrative law, commercial law, procedural and evidence law, taxation and legal history or the philosophy of law or the study of legal systems.

### Maximum Number of Elective Course Hours

A student may not apply more than six hours of upperclass elective courses taken on a credit/no-credit basis toward the 87 hours required for graduation. This six-hour restriction does not include any hours obtained from extern hours or hours in which, with the consent of the instructor and the assistant dean for student affairs, the student was allowed to receive credit for a course in lieu of a grade due to extraordinary circumstances involving the general award of credits for the particular course and/or to the particular student.

### The Courses (LAW)

**LAW 7401 (4). ACTUAL INNOCENCE CLINIC.** The investigation or litigation of actual innocence claims by persons convicted of serious crimes involves unique and highly challenging legal issues. Students assist in a wide range of postconviction case investigation activities, including any or all of the following: locating and reviewing original trial records, searching for any identifying remaining evidence, analyzing cases for viability, submitting evidence for additional testing, interviewing potential witnesses, communicating with clients, meeting face-to-face at least once with clients in the county jail or the assigned prison unit, interacting with assigned personnel from the District Attorney's Office, and identifying and communicating with potential experts. Also, drafting briefs, motions, and proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law.

**LAW 6207 (2). ADMINISTRATIVE LAW.** A focus on legislative authority and administrative agencies with special emphasis on administrative process and judicial review.

**LAW 6304 (3). ADMINISTRATIVE LAW.** A focus on legislative authority and administrative agencies with special emphasis on administrative process and judicial review.

**LAW 6321 (3). ADMIRALTY.** Addresses some or all of the following topics: jurisdiction of maritime cases, practice in admiralty cases, maritime property, chartering, cargo, personal injury and death, marine insurance, and limitation of liability.

**LAW 8281 (2). ADVANCED BANKRUPTCY.** In-depth study of corporate reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.

**LAW 8381 (3). ADVANCED BANKRUPTCY: CORPORATE REORGANIZATION LAW.** In this course, students will engage in an in-depth intensive study of the Bankruptcy Code, with particular emphasis on Chapter 11. The course will also develop students' practical skills. Students will have the opportunity to revise and draft a plan of reorganization, review real-world pleadings relating to bankruptcy issues, and take part in a moot court exercise.

**LAW 6107 (1). ADVANCED COMMERCIAL LAW.** Discusses the law of assignments, with a focus on the transfer of a creditor's right to receive a sum of money from his debtor. Also, refers to the practical use of assignments, including factoring and securitization.

**LAW 6202 (2). ADVANCED COMMERCIAL LAW: LAW OF ELECTRONIC COMMERCE.** An introduction to some of the law governing networked computer systems such as the Internet;

software; intellectual property rights in digital media; and the social, political, and economic issues underlying those legal doctrines.

**LAW 6213 (2). ADVANCED CONTRACTS WORKSHOP.** Limited enrollment, practice skills seminar designed to build upon the lessons learned in first-year contracts (LAW 8290) and first-year torts (LAW 7391) and to apply those lessons to the world of transactional lawyering. Students study real-world agreements (e.g., LOIs, IOIs, term sheets, NDAs, and side letters) entered into at the early stages of an M&A transaction in order to comment upon, draft, and negotiate examples of some of those agreements in class. While the course is geared toward the M&A world, the contract drafting skills covered are applicable in any transactional practice. Students prepare initial drafts of transactional agreements, review agreements in which errors or lack of clarity in contract drafting gave rise to disputes requiring judicial determination, and read current and classic cases to analyze the “contort” common law that forms the basis for interpreting and enforcing each contractual agreement draft. Class attendance, preparation, and participation are critical to a student’s learning experience and to that of his or her classmates, as well. Grades are based on a combination of class performance and/or classroom exercises, and either a short paper or a few short memos prepared about specific drafting issues.

**LAW 8222 (2). ADVANCED CONTRACTS: DRAFTING.** This course is intended to provide the practical skills necessary to draft effective and clear business contracts. Students gain real-world skills of benefit to a transactional lawyer or a litigator. The focus is not especially theoretical, as was the case with the first-year contracts course. The purpose is to train students how to translate the terms of a client’s business deal into a contract that advances the client’s interest but is not so one-sided as to be unacceptable to the other side. Students prepare and submit drafting exercises each week. Many are ungraded, but several larger drafting projects are graded.

**LAW 7204 (2). ADVANCED CORPORATE TAXATION.** Taxation of corporate reorganizations and carry-over of tax attributes.

**LAW 6315 (3). ADVANCED CRIMINAL LAW.** An edited writing seminar that covers selected criminal law topics in greater depth. Topics vary by term and student interest, and may include recent and recurrent questions in comparative criminal law, professional responsibility in criminal law practice, and evidence in criminal law practice. Students write up to four papers on the same or different topics to fulfill the edited writing requirement. *Prerequisite:* LAW 8341.

**LAW 8340 (3). ADVANCED ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SEMINAR.** Seminar on selected problems in environmental law. Requires students to draft and present a paper on an environmental law topic selected by the student with the consent of the professor. Topics from virtually any area of environmental law including pollution control statutes, common law toxic tort, environmental regulation of land use, protection of endangered species, regulatory policy, and enforcement of environmental requirements.

**LAW 6308 (3). ADVANCED FAMILY LAW SEMINAR.** Edited writing seminar that covers selected family law topics in greater depth. The topics may vary by term and may include international and comparative family law, adoption, assisted reproduction technology, and domestic violence. Students are required to write a paper on a family law topic within the covered material. *Prerequisite:* LAW 6347, 6495, or 8302.

**LAW 6204 (2). ADVANCED LEGAL RESEARCH.** This seminar builds on the legal research materials and methods studied in the first-year legal research course and emphasizes effective research techniques. Research topics vary each term but generally include judicial opinions, statutes, legislative history, court rules, administrative law, secondary sources, foreign and international law, and research databases used in law practice. Students must bring to class their own computer that is capable of connecting to Dedman School of Law’s wireless network.

**LAW 6160 (1). ADVANCED LEGAL WRITING AND EDITING.** Designed for students who wish to improve their editorial and writing skills. Targets students who are already competent writers, but it requires no in-depth knowledge of grammar or rhetoric. Covers issue framing, readability, and writing efficiently.

**LAW 6391 (3). ADVANCED TORTS.** This course considers in detail six to eight topics crucial to personal injury and commercial tort litigators for both plaintiffs and defendants. Coverage may vary somewhat year to year. Topics may include settlement agreements, comparative responsibility, the contract-tort boundary, misrepresentation, fraud, professional negligence, the liability insurer’s duty to defend and duty to settle, tortious interference with contract and prospective contract, and products liability.

**LAW 6311 (3). ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** An examination and analysis of materials and skills used in dispute resolution other than litigation. Emphasizes the theory and practice of negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and minitrials, with examples and problem simulations drawn from various fields of law.

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**LAW 6382 (3). ANIMAL LAW.** This course provides an introduction to the field of animal law, a dynamic and emerging area of the law. It is not an animal rights class. The course surveys the historical origins of the legal status of animals and examines the common law and statutory foundations upon which it operates. Students study traditional legal disciplines, such as constitutional law, contracts, and torts, through the lens of animal interests. The course explores the often-controversial moral, ethical, and public policy considerations faced when balancing the legal interests of humans and nonhumans. Current laws affecting animals at the local, state, and federal level are covered.

**LAW 8262 (2). ANIMAL LAW.** This course provides an introduction to the field of animal law, a dynamic and emerging area of the law. It is not an animal rights class. The course surveys the historical origins of the legal status of animals and examines the common law and statutory foundations upon which it operates. Students will study traditional legal disciplines, such as constitutional law, contracts, and torts, through the lens of animal interests. The course explores the often-controversial moral, ethical, and public policy considerations faced when balancing the legal interests of humans and nonhumans. Current laws affecting animals at the local, state, and federal levels will be covered.

**LAW 7388 (3). ANTITRUST LAW.** A survey of the federal antitrust laws as they relate to mergers, monopolization, and price discriminations, and horizontal and vertical restraints of trade, including price fixing, refusals to deal, territorial and product divisions, tie-ins, exclusive dealing, resale price maintenance, and customer restrictions. Also, enforcement and the private treble damage remedy, including the concepts of antitrust standing and antitrust injury.

**LAW 6206 (2). AVIATION LAW.** An introductory course to aviation law covering regulation of domestic and international aviation; deregulation of domestic aviation, the legal regime of the airspace, aircraft and users of the airspace; the liability of the insurance for the airman, manufacturer, services, airline and United States of America; aviation litigation fundamentals and focused issues; criminal law specific to aviation, legal issues governing aviation transactions, aviation labor and the law of space.

**LAW 6221 (2). BANKING LAW AND REGULATION: DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL.** An introduction to the federal laws governing commercial banking activities, with primary emphasis on the regulation (and deregulation) of national banks and related policy considerations. Lecture topics will vary from year to year, but generally will include key domestic, regional, and international issues with respect to banking, the banking industry, and the financial services industry generally. Use of interdisciplinary subject matter in economics, finance, and business is made. Comparison to regulation of other financial institutions may be utilized. When taught as a regular course, assessment may be by examination and/or paper or series of papers satisfying the general writing requirement. When taught as an edited writing seminar, course structure and assessment will be consistent with those described above respecting edited writing seminars.

**LAW 6318 (3). BANKING LAW AND REGULATION: DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL.** Often conducted as a writing seminar. An introduction to the federal laws governing commercial banking activities, with primary emphasis on the regulation (and deregulation) of national banks and related policy considerations. Lecture topics will vary from year to year, but generally will include key domestic, regional, and international issues with respect to banking, the banking industry, and the financial services industry generally. Use of interdisciplinary subject matter in economics, finance, and business is made. Comparison to regulation of other financial institutions may be utilized. When taught as a regular course, assessment may be by examination and/or paper or series of papers satisfying writing unit requirement. When taught as a third-year writing seminar, course structure and assessment will be consistent with those described above respecting writing seminar.

**LAW 6208 (2). BAR EXAM SURVEY AND PREPARATION.** This course provides a basic understanding of the contents of the bar exam, strategies for exam success, and development of exam skills. Students have the opportunity to practice answering exam questions in selected subjects tested on the bar exam. The course is intended to supplement but not replace participation in a commercial bar review course; students are strongly encouraged to take a commercial bar preparation course to enhance their chances of passing the bar exam. Limited to students in their last year before graduation.

**LAW 6420 (4). BUSINESS ENTERPRISE.** This is the basic business law course. The emphasis of the first portion of the course is on the closely held business. Considers general principles of the law of agency. Examines partnerships (general and limited): formation, control, liabilities, property, dissolution, and disposition of business, as well as the internal and external relations of partners. Explores limited liability companies and corporations: formation, control, and allocation concerns; duties, liabilities, and rights of management and shareholders or members; dispute resolution devices; and fundamentals of capitalization and financing (including basic securities financing and securities law concerns, particularly respecting the private exempt offering). The primary emphasis of the second portion of the course is on the widely owned business. In this portion, general corporate governance and capitalization problems (including preferred stock and debt securities structuring) are further explored, along with corporate distributions and repurchases and fundamental corporate changes. Analysis of mergers and acquisitions is emphasized. Depending on available time, emphasis also is placed on the impact of federal securities laws on the corporate governance structure, including discussion of ongoing public disclosure requirements, proxy regulations, and insider trading restrictions and liabilities. The course is transaction-oriented, whereby planning and problem-solving are stressed, and interdisciplinary use of basic taxation, accounting, and finance notions is made. Special attention is given to the modern statutory trends.

**LAW 6157 (1). CHILD ADVOCACY CLINIC DEPUTY.** Assisting in preparing and supervising clinic students in client representation, including fact investigations and analysis, legal research and writing, litigation training, and court appearances. Deputies are selected by the clinic instructors. Students may not enroll before being selected.

**LAW 6257 (2). CHILD ADVOCACY CLINIC DEPUTY.** Assisting in preparing and supervising clinic students in client representation, including fact investigations and analysis, legal research and writing, litigation training, and court appearances. Deputies are selected by the clinic instructors. Students may not enroll before being selected.

**LAW 6357 (3). CHILD ADVOCACY CLINIC DEPUTY.** Assisting in preparing and supervising clinic students in client representation, including fact investigations and analysis, legal research and writing, litigation training, and court appearances. Deputies are selected by the clinic instructors. Students may not enroll before being selected.

**LAW 7560 (5). CHILD ADVOCACY CLINIC.** The W.W. Caruth, Jr. Child Advocacy Clinic at Dedman School of Law represents abused and neglected children in Dallas County. The clinic is appointed by the Juvenile District Courts to serve as guardian/attorney ad litem for children. Student attorneys, under the supervision of the clinic director, are responsible for determining the best interests of the children and representing the children's voice in court. *Prerequisite:* LAW 8355 or 8455.

**LAW 8302 (3). CHILDREN AND THE LAW.** This course will focus on three interrelated questions involving the legal relationships among the child, parent, and state. First, who decides on behalf of the child? Second, how does law allocate decisional power and responsibility for children in our society? Finally, what voice should law give to children in situations where their rights and/or interests are affected? These questions will be explored in the context of the following topics: parental rights to raise their children; constitutional rights of children (e.g., privacy, free speech); child abuse and neglect (civil and criminal); termination of parental rights, foster care and adoption; and medical decision making. Some emphasis will be placed on examining the practical considerations of providing legal representation to children, particularly in cases involving child abuse and neglect.

**LAW 7157 (1). CIVIL CLINIC DEPUTY.** Assisting in preparing and supervising clinic students in client representation, including fact investigations and analysis, legal research and writing, litigation training, and court appearances. Deputies are selected by the clinic instructors. Students may not enroll before being selected. *Prerequisite:* LAW 7559.

**LAW 7257 (2). CIVIL CLINIC DEPUTY.** Assisting in preparing and supervising clinic students in client representation, including fact investigations and analysis, legal research and writing, litigation training, and court appearances. Deputies are selected by the clinic instructors. Students may not enroll before being selected. *Prerequisite:* LAW 7559.

**LAW 7357 (3). CIVIL CLINIC DEPUTY.** Assisting in preparing and supervising clinic students in client representation, including fact investigations and analysis, legal research and writing, litigation training, and court appearances. Deputies are selected by the clinic instructors. Students may not enroll before being selected. *Prerequisite:* LAW 7559.

**LAW 7459 (4). CIVIL CLINIC.**

**LAW 7559 (5). CIVIL CLINIC.** The course develops lawyering skills and analytic methods for developing those skills. Clinic students will represent indigent clients in actual cases. Topics will include interviewing, counseling, fact investigation and discovery, case planning, negotiation, drafting of pleadings, motions and memoranda, and pretrial and trial advocacy. Special emphasis will be placed on professional responsibility issues and strategic planning methods. Throughout the course, a combination of teaching methods will be employed, including one-on-one case supervision, classroom instruction, simulations, and videotaped exercises. A third of the students in the clinic will represent resident aliens facing deportation proceedings in the immigration clinic. *Prerequisites:* Completion of 45 term hours and good academic standing.

**LAW 8221 (2). CIVIL LITIGATION: CRITICAL ISSUES AND POLICIES IN CIVIL PROCEDURE.** This course focuses on certain aspects of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. To prepare for class, please familiarize yourself with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Additionally, you will be reading current case law and law review articles that pertain to each week's topic. With the exception of the fourth class, the first 10 classes will be devoted to discussing the assigned reading materials. During class four, each student will make a brief presentation to the class describing the topic he or she has chosen as well as the issue or issues that will be addressed in the paper and the results of any preliminary research on the topic. The remaining four classes will be devoted to student presentations of their papers to the class. For this general writing course, you will write a paper that is approximately 25 pages in length. You will critically analyze a topic of your choosing that relates to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Your grade in this course will be based on your paper (70%), your class participation (20%), and your presentation of your paper to the class (10%). Students are expected to attend class.

**LAW 8343 (3). CIVIL LITIGATION: JUDGES AND JURIES.** An edited writing seminar that focuses on the policy issues underlying civil procedure. Students read classic and contemporary literature regarding the procedure system, and use the tools provided by this overview to craft an original analysis of a contemporary controversy facing courts and legislatures. Readings include topics such as access to justice, the vanishing trial, the roles of judges and juries, the insights of empirical research, aggregate litigation, and comparative civil procedure.

**LAW 6371 (3). CIVIL PROCEDURE I.** Civil procedure, focusing on judicial resolution of disputes and development of the modern civil action including consideration of the jurisdiction of courts, venue, process, pleading, joinder, discovery, pretrial practice, right to a jury trial, withdrawing cases from a jury, motions after verdict, judgments and their effects and appellate review. Also, an introduction to alternative dispute resolutions.

**LAW 8271 (2). CIVIL PROCEDURE II.** Civil procedure, focusing on judicial resolution of disputes and development of the modern civil action including consideration of the jurisdiction of courts, venue, process, pleading, joinder, discovery, pretrial practice, right to a jury trial, withdrawing cases from a jury, motions after verdict, judgments and their effects and appellate review. Also, an introduction to alternative dispute resolutions.

**LAW 7308 (3). CIVIL RIGHTS LITIGATION.** A survey of federal legislation protecting the individual against governmental and private interference with constitutional and statutory rights, which may include those pertaining to employment, personal security, housing, and voting, among others.

**LAW 7378 (3). CIVIL RIGHTS SEMINAR.** A course in advanced civil procedure that critically examines the policy issues underlying various procedural issues. Topics may include the nature of the adversary system, the history of procedural reform, personal jurisdiction, subject matter jurisdiction, controlling nonmeritorious claims, discovery, class actions, managerial judging, judicial discretion, judicial selection, jury trial, alternative dispute resolution, and comparative civil procedure. Satisfies the edited writing requirement.

**LAW 8326 (3). COLLABORATIVE LAW.** Practical application of interest-based negotiation to disputes involving various areas of the law. Topics will include collaborative and cooperative law, informed consent, the Uniform Collaborative Law Act, ethics of unbundled legal services, case facilitation and management, use of experts, nonadversarial communication skills, case studies, drafting forms and agreements, and participation in role play.

**LAW 7224 (2). COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE SEMINAR.** A practice-oriented study of documentation of and due diligence in the transfer, leasing, and finance of commercial real estate. Includes exercises in negotiation; title review; and drafting of documents, letters, and memoranda.

**LAW 7321 (3). COMPARATIVE LAW I.** The purposes and methods of comparative law; an introduction to legal systems other than the common law, including sources of law, structure of legal rules, substantive law, procedure, and courts and legal professions.

**LAW 7122 (1). COMPARATIVE LAW II.** A limited enrollment seminar course designed to accommodate specific seminar interests of faculty and visiting faculty in comparative law-related subject matter. Specific seminar course topics vary from course to course. Examples of course subject matter include the examination of selected aspects of law and judicial processes or specific legal areas of selected foreign countries, regions, and economic markets; laws impacting foreign investment and dispute resolution; treaty law-making processes; and comparative corporate governance, business organization, commercial law, or accounting trends. May be repeated for credit. Transcribed as CL-2 [specific seminar name]. No knowledge of a foreign language is required.

**LAW 7222 (2). COMPARATIVE LAW II.** A limited enrollment seminar course designed to accommodate specific seminar interests of faculty and visiting faculty in comparative law-related subject matter. Specific seminar course topics will vary from course to course. Examples of course subject matter might involve the examination of selected aspects of law and judicial processes or specific legal areas of selected foreign countries, regions, and economic markets; laws impacting foreign investment and dispute resolution; treaty law making processes; comparative corporate governance, business organization, commercial law or accounting trends, etc. Since the subject matter varies from year to year, a student may repeat the course for credit. Each seminar course, for transcript purposes, will be listed as CL-2 [specific seminar name]. No knowledge of a foreign language is required.

**LAW 7322 (3). COMPARATIVE LAW II.** A limited enrollment seminar course designed to accommodate specific seminar interests of faculty and visiting faculty in comparative law-related subject matter. Specific seminar course topics will vary from course to course. Examples of course subject matter might involve the examination of selected aspects of law and judicial processes or specific legal areas of selected foreign countries, regions, and economic markets; laws impacting foreign investment and dispute resolution; treaty law making processes; comparative corporate governance, business organization, commercial law or accounting trends, etc. Since the subject matter varies from year to year, a student may repeat the course for credit. Each seminar course, for transcript purposes, will be listed as CL-2 [specific seminar name]. No knowledge of a foreign language is required.

**LAW 6330 (3). CONFLICT OF LAWS.** The study of conflict of laws analyzes transactions that have elements in more than one state. The course has three parts: the choice of the law applicable to the issues in the case; the enforcement of judgments rendered outside the forum state; and jurisdiction over the out-of-state party. The course focuses on relationships among American states, but also includes choices between state and national law (the Erie doctrine).

**LAW 6320 (3). CONSTITUTIONAL CRIME PROCEDURE SURVEY.** A survey of criminal procedure, including topics such as investigation, right to counsel, bail, discovery, trial procedure, sentencing, double jeopardy, and postconviction challenges. This course is intended for the nonspecialist. Students taking this course may not take Constitutional Criminal Procedure: Investigation or Constitutional Criminal Procedure: Adjudication.

**LAW 6390 (3). CONSTITUTIONAL CRIMINAL PROCEDURE: ADJUDICATION.** This course examines constitutional issues (e.g., custody and release pending trial, preliminary hearings, the grand jury, joinder and severance, discovery, plea bargaining, trial procedures, double jeopardy, sentencing, and post-conviction remedies) that may arise during the post-investigation state of a criminal case. Students taking this course may not take Constitutional Criminal Procedure: Survey.

**LAW 6309 (3). CONSTITUTIONAL CRIMINAL PROCEDURE: INVESTIGATION.** Examines constitutional issues (e.g., search and seizure, interrogation, identification, the exclusionary rule, and the fruit of the poisonous tree doctrine) that may arise in the pretrial stage of a criminal case. Students taking this course may not take LAW 6320.

**LAW 6222 (2). CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I.** An examination of methods of constitutional interpretation, the role of judicial review, federal power, separation of powers, federalism, and justiciability.

**LAW 8311 (3). CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II.** A study of individual rights including such areas as equal protection of the laws and due process of law, with particular emphasis on issues of racial discrimination, gender discrimination and the right to privacy. Depending on the professor, may also include freedom of speech and freedom of religion.

**LAW 6430 (4). CONSTITUTIONAL CRIMINAL PROCEDURE.** A survey of criminal procedure, including topics such as investigation, right to counsel, bail, discovery, trial procedure, sentencing, double jeopardy, and postconviction challenges. This course is intended for the nonspecialist. Students taking this course may not take Constitutional Criminal Procedure: Investigation or Constitutional Criminal Procedure: Adjudication.

**LAW 6214 (2). CONSTRUCTION LAW.** This course will address the legal aspects of the construction process. Particular emphasis will be devoted to discussion of the provisions of standard form contracts, and to the liability issues that arise out of the relationships between design professionals, contractors, and owners. Within this framework, the following will be covered: bidding; types of contracts; pricing variations; the rights and obligations of parties involved in the process; construction documents; bonds; insurance; changes; scheduling; delays; unforeseen circumstances; risk allocation of defective work; payments; and remedies for breach.

**LAW 9157 (1). CONSUMER ADVOCACY PROJECT DEPUTY.** Deputies help supervise clinic students preparing client representation, and provide assistance in areas such as fact investigations and analysis, legal research and writing, litigation training, and court appearances. Deputies are selected by the clinic instructors; students may not enroll before being selected. *Prerequisite:* LAW 7561.

**LAW 9257 (2). CONSUMER ADVOCACY PROJECT DEPUTY.** Deputies help supervise clinic students preparing client representation, and provide assistance in areas such as fact investigations and analysis, legal research and writing, litigation training, and court appearances. Deputies are selected by the clinic instructors; students may not enroll before being selected. *Prerequisite:* LAW 7561.

**LAW 9357 (3). CONSUMER ADVOCACY PROJECT DEPUTY.** Deputies help supervise clinic students preparing client representation, and provide assistance in areas such as fact investigations and analysis, legal research and writing, litigation training, and court appearances. Deputies are selected by the clinic instructors; students may not enroll before being selected. *Prerequisite:* LAW 7561.

**LAW 7561 (5). CONSUMER ADVOCACY PROJECT.** Students work with area consumers to assist in resolving a variety of disputes such as deceptive trade practices, credit matters, and debt collection. Student representation generally includes intake, analysis, and evaluation for informal dispute resolution or advice for consumer self-help. Students advise and counsel a client and may also evaluate disputes for possible litigation and referral, as appropriate, to local attorneys or to the SMU Civil Clinic. In addition, students may engage in advocacy and research on behalf of client groups, and organize and present community outreach education programs. The project specializes in representing Spanish-speaking consumers from initial intake through informal or formal mediation. Accordingly, when necessary, students work with consumers with the aid of an interpreter. Students need not be fluent in Spanish to enroll. *Prerequisites:* Completion of 44 hours and good academic standing. *Prerequisite or corequisite:* LAW 7390.

**LAW 6329 (3). CONSUMER LAW.** A study of state and federal regulation of credit and non-credit consumer transactions. Special attention will be paid to state and federal legislation regarding unfair and deceptive trade practices embodied in the Federal Trade Commission Act and the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act. Other areas of study include the federal Truth-in-Lending, Fair Credit Reporting, Equal Credit Opportunity, and Fair Debt Collection acts; state and federal warranty law; and contractual and procedural devices designed to facilitate collection. The course will also include study of traditional private and public remedies and the means

of achieving them as well as special problems and issues arising in connection with resolving consumer disputes in the world of e-commerce.

**LAW 8290 (2). CONTRACTS I.** History and development of the common law of contract; principles controlling the formation, performance, and termination of contracts, including the basic doctrines of offer and acceptance, consideration, conditions, material breach, damages, and statute of frauds; statutory variances from the common law with particular attention to Uniform Commercial Code sections.

**LAW 8390 (3). CONTRACTS II.** History and development of the common law of contract; principles controlling the formation, performance, and termination of contracts, including the basic doctrines of offer and acceptance, consideration, conditions, material breach, damages, and statute of frauds; statutory variances from the common law with particular attention to Uniform Commercial Code sections.

**LAW 7311 (3). COPYRIGHT.** A detailed study of the 1976 Copyright Act as well as other means of obtaining legal protection for literary, musical, and artistic works, including unfair competition, tort, and implied contract.

**LAW 6216 (2). CORPORATE COUNSEL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM.** Integrates a weekly corporate counsel class with hands-on experience in corporate legal departments. Provides a broad yet comprehensive overview of substantive areas encountered in an in-house legal department and the ethical responsibilities of in-house counsel, as well as professional skills such as working with outside counsel, conflicts management, contract drafting, and conducting internal investigations. Chief legal officers, general counsels, and senior managing attorneys guest lecture in certain classes. In addition to the class component, students are assigned to corporate legal departments where they work approximately 10 hours per week, for a minimum of 120 hours for the term. Student activities vary depending on the corporation but may include attending meetings, observing negotiations, conducting legal research, working on special projects, and otherwise gaining an understanding of how law is practiced within a business setting. The externship component is pass/fail, and the class component is graded; students must pass both to receive credit (total of 4 hours credit for this class plus the 2-hour externship, which is a separate registration). Students may not enroll in this program and another externship or clinical program during the same term. Admission is competitive, and an application does not guarantee admission. *Prerequisites:* LAW 6420 and GPA of 2.700 or higher.

**LAW 7235 (2). CORPORATE FINANCE AND ACQUISITIONS.** The first part of this course provides a basis for resolving the typical valuation questions that arise in the corporate acquisition context. The basic concepts of financial theory, including discounting, diversification, portfolio theory, the capital asset pricing model, and the Black-Scholes option pricing model are presented and critically assessed. The second part of the course examines certain issues that arise in the corporate acquisition context that involve valuation questions, including the scope of application of the de facto merger and successor liability doctrines, appraisal rights, and the fairness of freeze-out transactions. The course will not consider issues arising under federal securities law. It is strongly recommended that students have some background in economics or finance. *Prerequisite:* LAW 6420.

**LAW 6232 (2). CORPORATE PLANNING.** Planning and problem course in corporate, tax, securities, accounting, and related fields. Students will draft instruments and supporting memoranda in solution of a variety of questions in corporate organization, financing, operation, acquisition, and reorganization fairly typical sequence of high-tech company growth and development. Student solutions and simulated negotiations will be presented for class critique and in most instances for comparison with actual solutions to similar problems.

**LAW 6220 (2). CORPORATE TAXATION.** The formation of corporations, corporate capital structure, earnings and profits, dividends, distributions, redemptions, partial liquidations and complete liquidations, and Subchapter S corporations.

**LAW 7336 (3). CORPORATE TAXATION.** The formation of corporations, corporate capital structure, earnings and profits, dividends, distributions, redemptions, partial liquidations and complete liquidations, and Subchapter S corporations.

**LAW 8203 (2). COUNSELING THE SMALL-BUSINESS OWNER.** This is a skills course that will focus on forming and representing small businesses and nonprofit organizations. The course will cover advice regarding selection of a client, understanding the client's goals, what choice of entity to recommend to the client, entity creation by drafting various documents such

as certificates of formation for profit and nonprofit corporations and limited liability companies, bylaws, noncompetition agreements, nondisclosure agreements, employment agreements, and other documents that relate to a small business. Throughout the course, students will be asked to draft various documents. *Prerequisite:* LAW 6420.

**LAW 6333 (3). CREDITORS' RIGHTS.** An introduction to federal and state law governing the debtor-creditor relationship: enforcement of judgments; attachment, garnishment, and sequestration; fraudulent conveyances; and bankruptcy as affecting secured and unsecured creditors under the Bankruptcy Code.

**LAW 7358 (3). CRIMINAL CLINIC DEPUTY.** Assisting in preparing and supervising clinic students in client representation, including fact investigations and analysis, legal research and writing, litigation training, and court appearances. Deputies are selected by the clinic instructors. Students may not enroll before being selected. *Prerequisite:* LAW 7641.

**LAW 8157 (1). CRIMINAL CLINIC DEPUTY.** Assisting in preparing and supervising clinic students in client representation, including fact investigations and analysis, legal research and writing, litigation training, and court appearances. Deputies are selected by the clinic instructors. Students may not enroll before being selected. *Prerequisite:* LAW 7641.

**LAW 8257 (2). CRIMINAL CLINIC DEPUTY.** Assisting in preparing and supervising clinic students in client representation, including fact investigations and analysis, legal research and writing, litigation training, and court appearances. Deputies are selected by the clinic instructors. Students may not enroll before being selected. *Prerequisite:* LAW 7641.

**LAW 7141 (1). CRIMINAL CLINIC.**

**LAW 7400 (4). CRIMINAL CLINIC.** A practice-based period of study involving representation of indigent clients in Dallas County criminal courts. Classroom instruction and skills training are integrated with actual case work.

**LAW 7241 (2). CRIMINAL LAW CLINIC.**

**LAW 7341 (3). CRIMINAL LAW CLINIC.**

**LAW 7541 (5). CRIMINAL LAW CLINIC.**

**LAW 7641 (6). CRIMINAL LAW CLINIC.** A practice-based period of study involving representation of indigent clients in Dallas County criminal courts. Classroom instruction and skills training are integrated with actual case work. *Prerequisites:* Evidence, completion of 45 term hours, and good academic standing.

**LAW 8341 (3). CRIMINAL LAW.** Origins and sources of the criminal law. Also, general principles of criminal law, including actus reus, mens rea, and causation. May cover the elements of some specific crimes such as homicide and/or theft offenses, and some conditions of exculpation such as justification and insanity.

**LAW 7238 (2). CRIMINAL TAX FRAUD.** A study in detail of the criminal tax statutes of the Internal Revenue Code, along with the administrative procedure and court procedure concerning representation of a client who is being investigated by the Internal Revenue Service for criminal tax violations.

**LAW 7373 (3). CRITICAL RACE THEORY.** This seminar will rigorously examine the theoretical and case law analyses made by scholars of critical race theory. Topics will include the emergence of critical race theory as an area of legal scholarship; the relationship between critical race theory, feminist legal theory, and critical legal studies; colorblind constitutional theory and affirmative action doctrine; discriminatory intent and antidiscrimination jurisprudence; race and criminal justice; race and education policy; the intersection of racism and other sources of oppression such as sexism and heterosexism; and the role of law as a means of eradicating racial inequality. This course satisfies the edited writing requirement.

**LAW 9310 (3). DEATH PENALTY PROJECT.** A practice-oriented course designed to teach the skills of interviewing, investigating and researching legal issues in the pre-trial, trial and posttrial stages of the death penalty cases. Evidentiary questions, procedural questions, and the development of mitigation facts and circumstances will be addressed. Limited to 12 students a term. A simultaneous classroom curriculum will introduce students to the law and procedure necessary to provide effective assistance of counsel in death penalty defenses. Students will work with lawyers appointed to death penalty cases while under the supervision of a faculty member. Grades are based on evaluation of case and classroom performance.

**LAW 6136 (1). DIRECTED RESEARCH.** Maximum of 3 hours. Research upon legal problems in any field of law may be carried on with the consent of the instructor involved. A comprehensive, analytical, and critical paper must be prepared to the instructor's satisfaction. Open to students who have completed over one-third of the hours required for graduation. Before enrollment for Directed Research, the student must obtain, on a form supplied by the registrar's office, written approval of the instructor for the research project. Students may not receive credit for more than a total of 3 hours of directed research during law school.

**LAW 6236 (2). DIRECTED RESEARCH.** Maximum of 3 hours. Research upon legal problems in any field of law may be carried on with the consent of the instructor involved. A comprehensive, analytical, and critical paper must be prepared to the instructor's satisfaction. Open to students who have completed over one-third of the hours required for graduation. Before enrollment for directed research, the student must obtain, on a form supplied by the Registrar's Office, written approval of the instructor for the research project. Students may not receive credit for more than a total of 3 hours of directed research during law school.

**LAW 6336 (3). DIRECTED RESEARCH.** Maximum of 3 hours. Research upon legal problems in any field of law may be carried on with the consent of the instructor involved. A comprehensive, analytical, and critical paper must be prepared to the instructor's satisfaction. Open to students who have completed over one-third of the hours required for graduation. Before enrollment for directed research, the student must obtain, on a form supplied by the Registrar's Office, written approval of the instructor for the research project. Students may not receive credit for more than a total of 3 hours of directed research during law school.

**LAW 6316 (3). DISABILITY LAW.** Surveys disability law and theory, concentrating on federal and state statutes such as the Americans with Disabilities Act, Rehabilitation Act (Sec. 504), Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Fair Housing Amendments Act, and related regulatory material and state laws. Topics include the challenge of defining disability, the usefulness of the disability rights and disability discrimination models, the social and medical models of disability, the nature and causes of disability discrimination, the proper scope of legal regulation, the cost of accommodation, and the practical issues that arise when representing the disabled or those businesses and governmental entities with legal obligations related to disability.

**LAW 6209 (2). DUE DILIGENCE IN BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS.** Introduces basic due diligence principles and standards, and covers the relevant diligence-related case law. The primary goal is to expose students (through practical skills exercises) to the various components of effective due diligence in real-world transactional settings similar to those they are likely to encounter after entering the practice. Topics include the definition of due diligence; effective due diligence leadership and staffing; the constituents of reasonable due diligence as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the courts; the importance of tools such as forms-driven processes and written memoranda; the significance of red flags in the diligence process; and the responsibilities of buyers, sellers, underwriters, issuers, and their respective diligence team members, including legal counsel.

**LAW 6423 (4). ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF LAW.** An introduction to the economic analysis of legal rules and institutions. The course will first examine the efficiency paradigm in some detail, and then analyze basic common law and criminal law doctrines from an economic perspective. The course seeks to develop a facility in the application of economic reasoning to legal questions, and to impart a sense of the limitations of the economic approach. While the course will not presuppose extensive familiarity with economics, some background is essential, i.e., at least an introductory course in microeconomics and preferably also some exposure to intermediate-level microeconomics or price theory.

**LAW 6201 (2). E-DISCOVERY AND EVIDENCE.** This course prepares students to deal with electronically stored information in discovery and trial. Students learn how the Federal and Texas Rules of Civil Procedures deal with ESI and related rules of evidence. The course includes studies concerning records retention policies, litigation hold for ESI, working with ESI consultants, avoiding spoliation of ESI, and ESI admissibility.

**LAW 6211 (2). EDUCATION LAW.** The course emphasizes constitutional issues in public education law and includes case law and law review articles that discuss current controversies. Depending on the enrollment, students may be asked to make in-class presentations based on the assigned material.

**LAW 6305 (3). ELECTION LAW.** This course examines the laws that govern the political process in the United States. Topics include the right to vote, political representation, election administration, political parties, ballot initiatives, and campaign finance, with some coverage of tax issues, administrative and judicial enforcement, and ethics law. The goal of the course is to provide students with a solid foundation in the basic principles of election law in this country.

**LAW 9201 (2). EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND ERISA LITIGATION.** A study of the evolution, theory, and structure of employment-related benefit law. Social, economic, and political considerations and their influence on federal labor and tax law in the area of employee benefits are emphasized, with particular emphasis on the labor provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. Also considered is the balancing of authority among several federal agencies in the regulation of employee retirement and medical benefit plans and the interpretation and application of federal statutory law.

**LAW 8316 (3). EMPLOYMENT AND LABOR ARBITRATION.** Students study case law; statutes; and guidelines concerning arbitration arising under employment agreements, employer promulgated policies, and labor agreements. Among the topics covered are fundamental concepts of arbitration under both collective bargaining agreements and individual employment agreements, arbitrability, requisites of enforceable arbitration agreements, subjects of arbitration, the arbitration process itself, the relationship of arbitration to other forums such as the courts and administrative bodies, and actions to enforce and set aside arbitration awards. The course also includes practical exercise in drafting and arbitration advocacy.

**LAW 7344 (3). EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION.** Examination of the federal law regulating discrimination in employment. The primary emphasis is upon Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, and national origin), the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Equal Pay Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and federal requirements of affirmative action imposed upon government contractors, but other civil rights statutes and the National Labor Relations Act will be treated as they bear upon the subject.

**LAW 8214 (2). EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION.** Examination of the federal law regulating discrimination in employment. The primary emphasis is upon Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, and national origin), the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Equal Pay Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and federal requirements of affirmative action imposed upon government contractors, but other civil rights statutes and the National Labor Relations Act will be treated as they bear upon the subject.

**LAW 6278 (2). EMPLOYMENT LAW.** Legal regulation of work and the workplace in a nonunion environment. The course covers the expansion of employee rights against unjust dismissal; invasion of privacy and defamation; and government regulation of the workplace in areas of health and safety, wages, hours, and benefits. Also, briefly surveys employment discrimination law.

**LAW 6340 (3). EMPLOYMENT LAW.** Legal regulation of work and the workplace in a nonunion environment. The course will cover the expansion of employee rights against unjust dismissal, invasion of privacy, and defamation, and will explore government regulation of the workplace in the areas of health and safety, wages, hours, and benefits; it will also briefly survey employment discrimination law.

**LAW 6384 (3). ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES LAW.** This introduction to energy law surveys the legal and policy issues raised by the major sources of energy, while emphasizing environmental and natural resources issues. Significant attention is devoted to hot topics in energy law, including BP's 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill, the natural gas drilling boom, nuclear energy concerns following the March 2011 earthquake in Japan, and climate change issues.

**LAW 7201 (2). ENTERTAINMENT LAW.** An overview of the entertainment business and its fundamental legal and financial issues. The course deals with the role of attorneys and agents, personal and intellectual property rights, motion picture production and distribution, television rights and procedures, literary publishing, and music publishing and sound recordings. Particular emphasis is placed on technological developments and contract negotiation.

**LAW 6301 (3). ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SEMINAR.** Seminar with a focus on global warming issues.

**LAW 6344 (3). ENVIRONMENTAL LAW.** A survey that presents an introduction to basic elements of federal environmental law. The course includes analysis of environmental regulato-

ry policy, statutory control of air, water, and hazardous waste pollution, and allocation of the costs of cleaning environmental contamination.

**LAW 6343 (3). ESTATE PLANNING AND PRACTICE.** Functional examination of the integration of the federal estate and gift taxes; marital deduction planning and drafting; drafting the bypass trust; desirability of making lifetime interspousal transfers; gifts to minors and other dependents (including the grantor trust rules); techniques of income deflection and estate shrinkage for tax reasons; transferring ownership of life insurance with emphasis on irrevocable life insurance trusts; and introduction to the generation skipping tax. It is recommended but not required to have previously taken either Wills and Trusts or Income Tax, or to take them concurrently with Estate Planning.

**LAW 7352 (3). ESTATE, GIFT, AND INCOME TAXATION.**

**LAW 8252 (2). ESTATE, GIFT, AND INCOME TAXATION.** Consideration of the kinds of transfers that attract the estate and gift tax; the generation skipping tax; income taxation of estates and trusts.

**LAW 8303 (3). EUROPEAN UNION LAW.** This course will offer an introduction to European Union law. It will first discuss the legal history and constitutional structure of the European Union. After this introduction to the institutions and lawmaking processes of the EU, it will cover several major substantive areas of EU law: free movement of goods, equal treatment, and recent developments in human rights protection and cooperation in criminal matters. Questions to be addressed include the following: How does the European Union make, enforce, and interpret its laws? To what extent and in what ways does the European Union limit its member states? Sovereignty? What are the advantages of EU membership? What are the fundamental economic objectives of the Union, and how does it work to achieve these? In what ways does the European Union interact with and influence member states in areas such as human rights, criminal law and procedure, and equal protection?

**LAW 8355 (3). EVIDENCE.** Principles governing the admission and exclusion of evidence, including functions of judge and jury, examination and competency of witnesses, demonstrative evidence, the hearsay rule and its exceptions, burdens of proof and presumptions, privileges, and judicial notice.

**LAW 8455 (4). EVIDENCE.** Principles governing the admission and exclusion of evidence, including functions of judge and jury, examination and competency of witnesses, demonstrative evidence, the hearsay rule and its exceptions, burdens of proof and presumptions, privileges, and judicial notice.

**LAW 6347 (3). FAMILY LAW.** The legal problems of the family including marriage, annulment, divorce, legitimacy, custody, support of family members, adoption, and related matters. This course does not include Texas matrimonial property law. If the student plans to take instruction in both courses, this course should be taken first.

**LAW 6349 (3). FEDERAL COURTS.** Congressional control of the distribution of judicial power among federal and state courts. Practice and procedure in the federal district courts, including choice of law, federal question and diversity jurisdiction, and state–federal conflicts.

**LAW 8137 (1). FEDERAL JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP.** This externship provides opportunities for students to work in the chambers of the U.S. District Court judges, U.S. magistrate judges, and U.S. bankruptcy judges in the Northern District of Texas, Dallas and Fort Worth Divisions. From time to time, students may also have the opportunity to work with federal judges in the Eastern District of Texas, Plano Division, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Students will be paired with an individual judge, and will work approximately 10–15 hours per week under that judge’s supervision for one term, for a total of at least 120 hours. The externship also includes a judicial externship that will meet for at least 14 50-minute hours. Students successfully completing the externship and class will receive 3 hours credit (based on 2 credit hours for the externship itself and 1 credit hour for the classroom component). The students’ primary activities will be research, drafting bench memos, drafting opinions, and observing conferences, motion hearings, and evidentiary hearings. Students will occasionally have the opportunity to prepare short articles for publication. The teacher of the classroom component will also serve as faculty supervisor for the externships, while the judges will serve as field supervisors.

**LAW 7207 (2). FEDERAL TAX PROCEDURE I.** Preparation and trial of tax cases in the federal courts; representation of a taxpayer before the Internal Revenue Service; administrative powers

and procedures of the Internal Revenue Service; criminal violations of the Internal Revenue Code; and accumulations of supporting evidence for a tax plan.

**LAW 6299 (2). FEDERAL TAXPAYERS CLINIC DEPUTY.** Assisting in preparing and supervising clinic students in client representation, including fact investigations and analysis, legal research and writing, litigation training, and court appearances. Deputies are selected by the clinic instructors. Students may not enroll before being selected. *Prerequisite:* LAW 7443.

**LAW 6399 (3). FEDERAL TAXPAYERS CLINIC DEPUTY.** Assisting in preparing and supervising clinic students in client representation, including fact investigations and analysis, legal research and writing, litigation training, and court appearances. Deputies are selected by the clinic instructors. Students may not enroll before being selected. *Prerequisite:* LAW 7443.

**LAW 7342 (3). FEDERAL TAXPAYERS CLINIC.**

**LAW 7443 (4). FEDERAL TAXPAYERS CLINIC.** Clinical instruction in federal tax practice emphasizing the representation of taxpayers before the Internal Revenue Service and the Tax Court. Classroom instruction in interviewing techniques and counseling is integrated with interviewing prospective clients and with the ultimate representation of taxpayers before the Internal Revenue Service and before the Tax Court. *Prerequisite:* LAW 6460 or 8360.

**LAW 8216 (2). FINANCIAL PRODUCTS: ECONOMICS, REGULATION, AND TAXATION.** This course will begin with an introduction to the fundamentals of equity and debt instruments, futures, forwards, options, and swaps. Discussion will then move to other products, including investment funds, real estate investment trusts, and securitizations. As the class examines various financial products, key concepts such as time value of money, original issue discount, hedging, synthetic instruments, and put-call parity will be discussed. The class will consider regulatory regimes and basic tax principles that apply to certain financial products. Finally, the class will examine financial products that have lately become a concern of policymakers and will consider various reforms presently under debate.

**LAW 7333 (3). FIRST AMENDMENT AND FREEDOM OF SPEECH.** An examination of constitutional issues and interpretation under the First Amendment focusing on freedom of speech and press, as well as establishment and free exercise of religion.

**LAW 8346 (3). FOOD AND DRUG LAW.** This course examines how the Food and Drug Administration regulates food, drugs, medical devices, and biotechnology. The FDA is the oldest consumer protection agency in the United States, and it regulates a significant portion of the U.S. economy. This course will address the history and scope of the FDA's authority, and how the agency has evolved to deal with modern developments in the biosciences, as well as emerging public health and safety issues, such as bioterrorism and advances in genetic research. Students will learn theories and study examples of risk regulation, statutory interpretation, interagency cooperation, public participation, and agency policymaking. We will also focus on the FDA's relationships with Congress, the executive branch, and the industries it regulates.

**LAW 6388 (3). FOREIGN INVESTMENT: RULES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.** The past decade has not just brought a significant increase of foreign investment worldwide, but has also led to a growth of the applicable legal rules. More than a thousand new treaties have been concluded, and numerous international investment cases have been submitted to international arbitral tribunals. The course explores the nature, the content, and the reach of the current international regime of rules governing foreign investment. For instance, rules on expropriation, fair and equitable treatment, and denial of justice are discussed, but also the concept of a foreign investment and a foreign investor. Special attention is also paid to the interplay between relevant treaties and the process of dispute settlement, in particular in regard to the jurisdiction of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes. Currently, more than 180 states are members of ICSID, and almost 100 cases are pending before ICSID, most of them dealing with major investment projects.

**LAW 6275 (2). FRANCHISING AND DISTRIBUTION LAW.** There is a growing recognition and respect for franchising and product distribution domestically and around the world. Franchising had its start in the U.S. around the time of the Civil War but in the last 10 years, franchising's growth has been explosive. It no longer concerns only restaurants and lodging but has expanded to areas such as telecom and automotive. This course will provide an overview of the law of franchising and product distribution, both domestically and internationally.

**LAW 6229 (2). GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT.** Explores the basic elements of the \$500 billion federal procurement market and the state and local markets estimated to be of roughly

equal size. Public contracting presents unique and highly challenging legal issues spanning acquisition planning, bidding, contract performance, administrative law, fraud, litigation, corporate compliance, and complex transactions. Students gain a practical understanding of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, competitive solicitation requirements, sole source awards, and bid protests for application to real-world practice environments. Draws upon Texas and potentially other state procurement laws for comparative purposes. Examines the relationships between private contractors and various government customers, with emphasis on the defense industry and conflict of interest concerns.

**LAW 8308 (3). HISTORY OF ANGLO-AMERICAN LEGAL INSTITUTIONS.** An examination of the development of the Anglo-American system of civil and criminal justice from the medieval period to the present day. Topics of special interest may include the origins and evolution of the common-law jury, the emergence of rules of procedure and evidence, and the changing roles played by judges and attorneys.

**LAW 8248 (2). HOW LAWYERS SEE THE WORLD: THEORIES OF LEGAL INTERPRETATION, JUSTIFICATION, AND INSTITUTIONALIZATION.** This course is concerned with general theoretical questions about the nature of law and legal systems, about the relationship of law to justice and morality, and about the connections between law and the humanities. The question of whether law is an autonomous discipline is an animating theme, and part of our objective will be to consider this question from a variety of angles. As tools, philosophical and literary texts will be used, as well as, a number of representative cases.

**LAW 6353 (3). IMMIGRATION LAW.** An analysis of the Immigration and Nationality Act and relevant regulations with respect to the immigration of aliens, the substantive and procedural aspects of deportation, and exclusion proceedings. A review of nationality law with respect to citizenship and expatriation. Special problems of refugees in the United States may be considered.

**LAW 8258 (2). IMMIGRATION LAW.** An analysis of the Immigration and Nationality Act and relevant regulations with respect to the immigration of aliens, the substantive and procedural aspects of deportation, and exclusion proceedings. A review of nationality law with respect to citizenship and expatriation. Special problems of refugees in the United States may be considered.

**LAW 8360 (3). INCOME TAXATION.** Introduction to the federal income tax system; analysis of Internal Revenue Code, Treasury regulations, rulings, and case law; and consideration of income, deductions, credits, assignment of income, and accounting periods and methods.

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**LAW 6314 (3). INFLUENCE OF RELIGION ON LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY.** Students use comparative analysis of a variety of religious traditions and government structures in various countries to consider other approaches to the use and themes of religious ideas in public life. Considers the role of religious ideas in making and applying law today, whether it is appropriate or legally permissible to use religious ideas and arguments in determining how to apply the law or in deciding what the law should be, the ways religious traditions seek public influence, and the opportunities and constraints a constitutional government provides for religious ideas. Explores the freedom of religion cases decided under the Free Exercise and Establishment Clause of the First Amendment and the ways these issues are treated in a variety of government systems around the world.

**LAW 6254 (2). INSURANCE.** Principles governing the nature of insurance law; the principle of indemnity, including insurable interest, measure of recovery, and multiple claims for indemnity (subrogation and other insurance); persons and interests protected; risks transferred, including nature of loss and its causes, warranties, representations, and concealment; limits and duration of coverage; rights at variance with policy provisions; claims processes; and insurance institutions.

**LAW 6354 (3). INSURANCE.** Principles governing the nature of insurance law; the principle of indemnity, including insurable interest, measure of recovery, and multiple claims for indemnity (subrogation and other insurance); persons and interests protected; risks transferred, including nature of loss and its causes, warranties, representations, and concealment; limits and

duration of coverage; rights at variance with policy provisions; claims processes; and insurance institutions.

**LAW 6325 (3). INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS.** This course examines the role of intellectual property as a business asset by studying the critical events in a hypothetical business as it progresses from startup to a terminating event such as bankruptcy, merger, or acquisition. Topics covered include identifying intellectual property at the startup phase; protecting intellectual property interests in the employment relationship; trade secrets; licensing; antitrust issues; intellectual property at the termination of a business; managing an intellectual property portfolio. Business Enterprise and Intellectual Property or instructor's permission are prerequisites or corequisites. Intellectual Property or two other intellectual property courses are recommended. In unusual circumstances when a student brings extensive business experience involving practice with intellectual property issues, these requirements may be waived with permission of instructor. Evaluation will be by exam and possibly with problem sets.

**LAW 8305 (3). INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LICENSING LAW.** This course will focus on how holders of intellectual property assets exploit and retain their rights in the realm of licensing. This course will focus on the legal and business issues relating to licensing of intellectual property, including trademarks, patents, copyrights, trade secrets, software, and information database assets. This course will focus on the rights and duties of the license parties, negotiation of the terms and clauses of the license agreement for each form of intellectual property, misuse and antitrust constraints on licensing, and management and enforcement of the license. This course will also focus on a university's technology transfer, government procurement licensing, third-party rights in the license, and international licensing. This course will consider open licensing practices as seen in open source software and the Creative Commons. This class is hand-on and practical with many drafting assignments. There will be a take-home exam.

**LAW 6356 (3). INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.** An overview of intellectual property law for both students with a general interest in the area and students who are pursuing specialized fields with IP. Beginning with an analysis of the competing theories underlying IP law, it goes on to outline the basic principles of patent, copyright, trademark, and trade secret protection, as well as current issues in software protection, biotechnology, and competition policy.

**LAW 8345 (3). INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE HEALTH LAW.** This seminar compares how different countries regulate costs, quality, and access in their health care systems. Countries with vastly different legal and health care systems must respond to essentially the same concerns. Who has access to health care services? Who pays for health care and how? How do we regulate medical negligence? How do our systems respond to public health crises, such as HIV/AIDS and infectious diseases? The first part of this term will be an overview of different health care and legal systems. Students will then prepare and present research comparing and contrasting two countries' responses to a particular issue.

**LAW 8312 (3). INTERNATIONAL AND FOREIGN LEGAL RESEARCH.** This course will teach research methods to find and evaluate international and foreign legal materials using both electronic and print resources. Its principal purpose is to provide the basic knowledge and skills needed to conduct competent international and foreign legal research. It also has the secondary, but important, goal of expanding on and reinforcing the basic legal research skills that students had earlier gained from the first-year legal research and writing course. In this course, you will become skilled in researching various international and foreign legal sources through practical application in assignments and in-class exercises. In short, this is a course on international and foreign legal research sources and techniques. Students taking this course will need to bring their own laptop computers.

**LAW 7315 (3). INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS.** A basic course for U.S. and international students on fundamental legal problems encountered in basic international business transactions (e.g., international sales, licensing and foreign direct investments) and in basic international financial arrangements (e.g., international letters of credit, syndicated loans, project financing, Eurobond offerings, and securitizations), along with selective issues facing the multinational enterprise. Particularly beneficial as a foundation course for the student desiring to pursue the international law area or for the student desiring only a survey of the area.

**LAW 6327 (3). INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION.** This class will provide reasonably in-depth coverage of the basic concepts and issues of international commercial

arbitration. The student will review the arbitration rules of the primary institutions and the arbitration laws of the primary arbitration sites, and will draft basic arbitration clauses. This course will not deal with the topic of international litigation.

**LAW 7356 (3). INTERNATIONAL CRIMES.** Focuses on the origins, development, and growth of international crimes. Examines the juridical bases and processes by which objectionable or offensive conduct is transformed into an international crime. Also, identifies the attributes and characteristics of international crimes, and explores the practical and doctrinal problems relating to the regulation, prevention, control, and suppression of this genre of crimes.

**LAW 8219 (2). INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW AND DEVELOPMENT.**

**LAW 8319 (3). INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW AND DEVELOPMENT.** This is a foundation course that enhances the understanding of financial, monetary, trade, and investment law and regulation and related economic development theories/policies in their current global setting, particularly as they directly impact 80% of the world population (i.e., that of the developing world. Against the constantly changing background of economic policymaking, this course examines economic and legal interaction among industrialized state, developing countries, international (e.g., U.N. economic functions, International Monetary Fund and World Bank Group) and regional economic institutions (e.g., in Latin America and Africa) and private actors (e.g., multinational corporations, international commercial financial institutions and nongovernment organizations. The primary aim of the course is to provide an overview of the legal and institutional foundations of the new evolving global international economic order. The course pays particular attention to the issues of sustainable economic development, stable financial systems, and alleviation of poverty in developing/emerging countries. It may cover issues such as the basic legal principles/doctrines governing international economic organizations, official development assistance, the U.N. Millennium Goals, the Washington Consensus versus the Monterrey Consensus, the WTO Doha Agenda for developing countries, South-South and North-South regional economic integration efforts, sovereign debt reduction and rescheduling, privatization development programs, development of appropriate economic legal and judicial infrastructures for development, and post-conflict economic reconstruction. This course should be of particular importance for domestic and international students seeking an international legal practice with private firms, international and regional bodies and domestic government and private bodies dealing with the international arena.

**LAW 6106 (1). INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW: SALIENT ISSUES.** International economic law aims at the removal of barriers to trade, the protection of foreign investment, a reliable legal environment for business relations, and a stable international financial architecture. On the other hand, it must duly consider regulatory choices in the public interest as defined by sovereign states. More than ever, international economic law is closely linked with human rights and international environmental law. The course presents actual challenges under international economic laws that reflect how conflicting economic interests, different regulatory philosophies, cultural diversity, financial crises, corporate social responsibility, and the interests of local communities give rise to legal issues. The course also highlights how international economic law contributes to good governance.

**LAW 6276 (2). INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW.** A study of the transnational concerning environmental protection and the application of such laws to issues facing governments and businesses worldwide. Includes study of major international agreements addressing environmental issues utilizing a problem-oriented approach.

**LAW 7231 (2). INTERNATIONAL FRANCHISING LAW.** This course will address the topics to consider in internationalizing a franchise, both economically and legally. Each class period will be an in-depth look at either a step in the internationalization process or a major area of consideration before going global. Special attention will be paid to the European Union as well as major emerging markets such as Eastern Europe, Middle East, China, South America, India, and Asia. Topics will include structuring the franchise, tax, trade, intellectual property, mergers and acquisitions, and dispute resolution. This is an excellent course for anyone considering franchise law or international business as international franchising is the next big wave in the global economy, and a trend that will continue well past the foreseeable future.

**LAW 6307 (3). INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW/LAW OF ARMED CONFLICT.** The essential concepts of international humanitarian law (also known as the law of armed conflict) as derived from international treaty law, customary law, and the experience of history, with a focus on the law applicable to today's conflicts, whether internal, transnational, or international

or whether involving armed opposition groups or the armed forces of nation-states. Students explore the law of armed conflict by surveying its history and sources and by examining its principles and application. The course covers specific areas of interest such as the obligations and protections afforded combatants and noncombatants, permissible means and methods of warfare, the law of occupation and neutrality, the definition and prosecution of war crimes, and the implementation of the law of war in U.S. domestic law and policy.

**LAW 6226 (2). INTERNATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.** When intangible property crosses imagined borders, it becomes subject to competing cultural concerns, economic interests, and protective regimes. This seminar focuses upon the international regulation of intellectual property and the resolution of disputes through institutions such as the World Intellectual Property Organization and the World Trade Organization, multinational and regional treaty agreements, and national responses. Policy issues include the perspectives of developing and industrialized countries, problems generated by emerging biotechnologies and the growth of cyberspace, and future trends in harmonization of IP protection.

**LAW 6400 (4). INTERNATIONAL LAW COLLOQUIUM.** This seminar examines whether international law is really “law.” Students explore the sources, enforcement mechanisms, and theories of international law; the relationship between domestic and international law; the ways in which U.S. courts use international law to resolve a variety of pressing legal issues; and the ideas and ongoing work of guest speakers who are prominent international law scholars and practitioners. Students are required to actively critique and engage with the written arguments and oral presentations.

**LAW 6130 (1). INTERNATIONAL LAW REVIEW.** Maximum credit, 5 hours. Law review experience involving preparation of comments on topics of current interest, notes on cases of significance, and editorial work incident to publication of “The International Lawyer,” “NAFTA: Law and Business Review of the Americas,” and “Yearbook of International Financial and Economic Law.” Students must be selected for participation before they may enroll. Available only for J.D. students.

**LAW 8230 (2). INTERNATIONAL LAW REVIEW.** Law review experience involving preparation of comments on topics of current interest, notes on cases of significance, and editorial work incident to publication of “The International Lawyer,” “NAFTA: Law and Business Review of the Americas,” and “Yearbook of International Financial and Economic Law.” Students must be selected for participation before they may enroll. Available only for J.D. students.

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**LAW 6355 (3). INTERNATIONAL LAW.** The basic course in public international law includes (with varying emphasis depending on teacher preference) such topics as nature, history, and sources of international law; customary international law; law of treaties; the relationship between municipal law (especially of the United States) and international law; recognition and subjects of international law; law of the sea; air and space law; environmental law; human rights; jurisdiction; state responsibility; state succession; dispute settlement; and regulation of state use of force.

**LAW 7214 (2). INTERNATIONAL LITIGATION AND ARBITRATION.** Examines practical aspects of private litigation involving a foreign element; includes comparative concepts of jurisdiction, service, taking evidence abroad, divorce, and enforcement of foreign nation judgments, as well as choice of law in contracts, torts, and decedent estates. Also explores arbitration as an alternative means of resolving transnational commercial disputes. Particular attention paid to relevant new treaties.

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**LAW 6231 (2). INTERNATIONAL OIL AND GAS NEGOTIATIONS.** Covers transactional law and negotiations in an international oil and gas context through lectures and discussions on negotiation topics. Provides hands-on, practical negotiation experience through participation in a series of simulated negotiations where the student role-plays a lawyer representing a client on one side of an acquisition of oil and gas exploration rights in a foreign country.

**LAW 6313 (3). INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM TRANSACTIONS.** A survey of basic principles and contracts used internationally in petroleum exploration and production operations. Topics include concessions, production-sharing contracts, participation agreements, and technical agreements such as study and bidding agreements, confidentiality agreements, and dispute resolution agreements. Focuses on fundamental principles and current issues, and explores drafting solutions and alternative structures.

**LAW 6224 (2). INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.** Selected topics, including the protection of individuals and groups against violations by governments and private institutions of their internationally guaranteed rights, and the promotion of these rights. May require the presentation and discussion of student papers.

**LAW 6324 (3). INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.** Selected topics, including the protection of individuals and groups against violations by governments and private institutions of their internationally guaranteed rights, and the promotion of these rights. Presentation and discussion of student papers may be required.

**LAW 6102 (1). INTERNATIONAL REGULATION OF BIOTECHNOLOGY.** This course provides an introduction to modern biotechnology from a regulatory perspective, including the impacts of biotechnology on food production, implications for human dignity, risks for human health, and risks for the environment. The course compares the differing regulatory systems from a transatlantic perspective as well as the impact of universal and regional treaties and UNESCO declarations. Topics include the international protection of the environment, access to genetic resources, international trade laws, and patents on biotechnological inventions.

**LAW 7216 (2). INTERNATIONAL TAX I.** A basic course for U.S. and international students focusing on foreign citizens, residents, and business entities conducting business or investment in the United States – so-called inbound transactions.

**LAW 7302 (3). INTERNATIONAL TAX I.** A basic course for U.S. and international students focusing on foreign citizens, residents, and business entities conducting business or investment in the United States – so-called inbound transactions.

**LAW 7255 (2). INTERNATIONAL TAX II.** A basic course for U.S. and international students focusing on U.S. citizens, residents, and business entities conducting business or investment outside the United States – so-called outbound transactions.

**LAW 6105 (1). INTRODUCTION TO JEWISH LAW.** In the course, students will learn about the foundations of Jewish law as a legal system. These foundations include legislation and custom in Jewish law. Students will also learn about the status of Jewish law in the legal systems in Israel and the United States. Selected topics in Jewish law especially topics concerning bioethics in Jewish law.

**LAW 6401 (4). INTRODUCTION TO THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE.** An introduction to the Uniform Commercial Code, with emphasis on the code's general principles and on secured transactions, commercial paper, and bank collections. Students enrolled in the course may enroll in LAW 9301 Negotiable Instruments and Payment Systems and LAW 6289 or 6389 Sale of Goods Transactions but may not enroll in LAW 7325 Secured Transactions.

**LAW 7329 (3). JURISPRUDENCE I.** A survey of major theories of legal philosophy.

**LAW 7258 (2). JUVENILE JUSTICE.** A study of juvenile delinquency as a social concept; law of delinquency; procedure in juvenile court, and the unique aspects of a lawyer's role in a delinquency case.

**LAW 6219 (2). LABOR LAW.** Law regulating the employment relationship studied in connection with various forms of group conflict and organizational activity. The course covers rights and duties of individuals and institutions in the labor-relations context; concerted activity, including strikes, picketing, and boycotts; negotiation and enforcement of collective agreements; employee-union relations; and problems of jurisdiction and accommodation among courts, boards, and arbitrators. The course emphasis is on the substantive and procedural law of the Labor-Management Relations (Taft-Hartley) Act.

**LAW 6263 (2). LAND USE.** Planning; zoning; subdivision; takings; zoning and discrimination; and administrative process in public land use planning.

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**LAW 7330 (3). LAW AND MEDICINE: BIOETHICS.** The course focuses on the interplay between bioethics and law in the context of topics such as human reproduction, death and dying, and human experimentation.

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**LAW 7320 (3). LAW AND MEDICINE: HEALTH CARE.**

**LAW 7420 (4). LAW AND MEDICINE: HEALTH CARE.** An examination of the application of law and legal process to the resolution of problems and the development of policies relating to health and health care services. The course is intended to develop an understanding of the social, business, policy, and ethical implications of legal rules and procedures, as well as an understanding of how the law shapes the financing, organization, and delivery of health care in America. Topics usually include tax, antitrust, insurance, and tort law; medical and hospital licensure and accreditation; Medicare and Medicaid; and state and federal health care regulation.

**LAW 7233 (2). LAW AND MEDICINE: MEDICAL MALPRACTICE.** An examination of the legal and economic aspects of medical malpractice, including elements of the prima facie case, defenses, and problems of proof. From time to time, the course also focuses on the potential liability of the individual practitioner and of health care institutions; tort reform legislation; the structure of insurance markets; negligent nondisclosure risks and treatment alternatives; forensic medicine and the use of medical and scientific evidence in the courtroom; and legal and ethical aspects of the professional-patient relationship.

**LAW 8306 (3). LAW AND SCIENCE.** In this edited-writing seminar, we will examine the various interactions of science and the law in both the civil and criminal contexts. More specifically, we will read about and discuss how science aids in achieving just results, some new problems that science poses in the legal arena, and the importance of understanding science in practicing law today. We will focus on topics such as the importance of DNA, fingerprint, and statistical evidence; how scientific understanding affects notions of liability and culpability; the protection of research subjects; and bioethics, cloning, and nanotechnology.

**LAW 8212 (2). LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT.** The law practice environment is changing dramatically. This course is designed to teach students how to recognize, react to, and take advantage of such changes. Moreover, it teaches management and ethical sensitivity, which are fundamental to success as a practicing lawyer. Although theory will not be overlooked, this class is designed to be a skills class, giving students the opportunity to make practical application to the principles they learn.

**LAW 6205 (2). LAW, LITERATURE, AND MEDICINE.** This seminar provides law students and medical students an opportunity to read and discuss novels, poems, plays, and short stories concerning their two professions, including ethical dilemmas that are encountered in legal and medical practice and a variety of client and patient experiences. Readings will also focus upon the professional and academic aspects of the humanities in law and medicine. Students will have joint assignments and projects throughout the term and will be required to complete a research paper or comparable final project.

**LAW 8170 (1). LAWYERING AND ETHICS FOR THE BUSINESS ATTORNEY.** Examines the role of the corporate lawyer in counseling and litigation settings. Topics include the role of the lawyer in the close corporation, client fraud dilemmas, conflicts of interest, internal corporate investigations, litigating with the SEC, the role of inside counsel, business relationships with clients, and related party transactions.

**LAW 8601 (6). LEGAL EXTERNSHIP.** Offers an opportunity to earn credit through various externship programs under the supervision of a faculty member. Students work a designated number of hours each week, without compensation, at specified legal offices. Each student must fulfill the requirements established for the program.

**LAW 9001 (0). LEGAL PRACTICAL TRAINING INTERNSHIP.**

**LAW 6210 (2). LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING FOR INTERNATIONAL LLM STUDENTS.** Introduction to the general principles of U.S. law research, legal analysis, and objective writing. Successful completion of this course enables students to 1) recognize and distinguish primary and secondary levels of authority; 2) locate, read, and understand rules of law available in constitutions, judicial opinions, and statutes; 3) demonstrate the ability to update all types of legal authority, including the process of Shepardizing; 4) demonstrate the ability to recognize and use acceptable citation forms for legal authority; and 5) complete legal research/writing assignments to explain the law pertaining to a legal question.

**LAW 8375 (3). LEGAL RESEARCH, WRITING, AND ADVOCACY I.** A course that meets in small groups and integrates instruction in research, analysis and writing, as well as advocacy skills such as brief writing, oral argument and negotiation. Uses simulated interviewing and negotiation exercises, group discussions and writing exercises to teach these skills. In fall, emphasizes research skills and legal analysis. Focuses writing instruction on organization and synthesis. Requires students to write an objective legal memorandum containing a well-reasoned, clearly written analysis of several legal issues, substantiated by legal authority in correct citation form. In spring, involves more advanced research and analysis and focuses on persuasive writing. Grades based each term in large part on one research and writing project.

**LAW 8376 (3). LEGAL RESEARCH, WRITING, AND ADVOCACY II.** A course that meets in small groups and integrates instruction in research, analysis and writing, as well as advocacy skills such as brief writing, oral argument and negotiation. Uses simulated interviewing and negotiation exercises, group discussions and writing exercises to teach these skills. In fall, emphasizes research skills and legal analysis. Focuses writing instruction on organization and synthesis. Requires students to write an objective legal memorandum containing a well-reasoned, clearly written analysis of several legal issues, substantiated by legal authority in correct citation form. In spring, involves more advanced research and analysis and focuses on persuasive writing. Grades based each term in large part on one research and writing project.

**LAW 7389 (3). LEGISLATION.** A study of the products of the legislative process: the place of statutes in relation to decisional law in historical perspective, types of legislation, and the component parts of statutes. Special emphasis is placed upon statutory interpretation as an essential lawyering skill.

**LAW 6277 (2). LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW.** This course explores legal issues governing the formation and operations of cities and other local government units. Police powers, financing, employment, and governmental liability are examined. Constitutional, legislative, and judicial sources of power and control are analyzed. This course provides a foundation for legal and civic services.

**LAW 8217 (2). MASS TORT LITIGATION.** A study of the unique procedural and substantive issues encountered by the courts in resolving multiple claims for tort damages arising from the same, or parallel, injury-producing conduct. The course will trace the efforts of the courts to resolve mass tort cases more efficiently through innovative use of procedural devices such as consolidation, multidistrict transfer, and the class action. The course will also examine the difficulties of applying traditional principles of tort, evidence, and ethics law in the mass tort context.

**LAW 6225 (2). MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS.** Introduces the fundamentals of and critical topics in mergers and acquisitions law, as well as the key financial and transactional issues they present, with a focus on the documentation and negotiation of acquisitions of privately held businesses. Also, the key drivers of M&A activity and the business incentives of the parties to the transactions. Touches on securities, tax, antitrust, and regulatory issues. Students review and analyze case law and deal documents (or portions of such documents) and learn how an acquisition agreement's core provisions are negotiated to create value for and allocate risks among the parties.

**LAW 6183 (1). MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION.** Participation as a member of a mock trial team representing the Dedman School of Law in one of several interschool competitions in which the school participates each year. One hour for each competition up to a maximum of 2 hours can be earned. However, students must be selected for participation on a competition team by the faculty coach before they can register for credit.

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**LAW 6177 (1). MOOT COURT BOARD.** Satisfactory work as a member of the Moot Court Board. Maximum of 1 hour credit. Requires that students must be selected. Also provides that students who are selected to draft the Jackson Walker moot court problem and briefs may be eligible for an additional 1 hour credit, which will count toward the general writing requirement.

**LAW 6180 (1). MOOT COURT COMPETITION.** Participation as a member of an appellate advocacy team representing the Dedman School of Law in one of several interschool competitions in which the school participates each year. One hour for each competition up to a maximum of 2 hours can be earned. However, students must be selected for participation on a competition team by the faculty coach before they can register for credit.

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**LAW 9301 (3). NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS AND PAYMENT SYSTEMS.** An overview of the law of negotiable instruments, the bank collection system for checks, and modern forms of payment such as wire transfers. Special emphasis is placed on U.C.C. Articles 3, 4, and 4A, as well as on selected federal regulations.

**LAW 7285 (2). NEGOTIATIONS.** The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to legal negotiation theory and practice and to prepare the students as lawyers to engage in the negotiation process. While the course will cover all major areas of negotiation theory (interest-based, cooperative-competitive, aggressive-competitive, etc.), a major goal is to expose the students through practical skills exercises to the various contrasting approaches to negotiation and allow the student to determine the style and approach that best fits the student's personality in the context of legal conflicts likely to be encountered after law school. The course is designed to provide students with the fundamental skills, knowledge, and actual experience in real negotiations to lay the foundation for the future lawyer to develop and hone their negotiation skills through continuing practice and experience after conclusion of the course.

**LAW 8322 (3). NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.** A comprehensive survey of state and federal law governing nonprofit organizations. Topics of study include theories of nonprofit enterprise; state law governing the formation, governance, and funding of nonprofits; rationales and requirements for tax exemption; the public charity/private foundation distinction; mutual benefit organizations; the unrelated business income tax; tax-exempt finance; charitable contributions; and antitrust law. Practical skills activities include drafting articles of incorporation or association, bylaws, and application for recognition of exemption for either a real or fictitious client.

**LAW 6228 (2). OIL AND GAS CONTRACTS.** A survey of basic oil and gas contracts used in exploration and production operations in the United States and internationally. Includes support agreements, farmout agreements, operating agreements, gas contracts, gas balancing agreements, division orders, concessions, production sharing, participation agreements, and technical agreements, with a focus on fundamental principles and current issues. Drafting solutions and alternatives are explored.

**LAW 7269 (2). OIL AND GAS CONTRACTS.** A survey of basic oil and gas contracts used in exploration and production operations both in the United States and internationally. Included in the coverage are support agreements, farmout agreements, operating agreements, gas contracts, gas balancing agreements, division orders, concessions, production sharing, participation agreements, and technical agreements. The focus of the course is upon both fundamental principles and current issues. Drafting solutions and alternatives are explored.

**LAW 7369 (3). OIL AND GAS CONTRACTS.** A survey of basic oil and gas contracts used in exploration and production operations in the United States and internationally. Includes support agreements, farmout agreements, operating agreements, gas contracts, gas balancing agreements, division orders, concessions, production sharing, participation agreements, and technical agreements, with a focus on fundamental principles and current issues. Drafting solutions and alternatives are explored.

**LAW 7264 (2). OIL AND GAS ENVIRONMENTAL LAW.** A study of environmental law as it applies to the oil and gas extraction, processing, refining, and transportation segments of the energy industry, with emphasis on common law and solid waste.

**LAW 6217 (2). OIL AND GAS TAXATION.** Focuses on U.S. federal income taxation of domestic oil and gas transactions, and references and contrasts certain international tax aspects of the oil and gas business. Examines taxation associated with the operational life cycle of oil and gas operations, including exploration, development, production, and abandonment. Students study transactions involving oil and gas interests to analyze acquisition, disposition, structuring, and investment. They also study the historical context and development of oil and gas provisions in U.S. tax law as a basis for understanding the applicable laws and regulations that apply today. Current tax legislative proposals and/or final legislation affecting the oil and gas industry are addressed, as warranted.

**LAW 6378 (3). OIL AND GAS.** Ownership in oil and gas; correlative rights and duties in a common reservoir; instruments conveying mineral interests; partition; pooling and unitization. Special emphasis on the rights and duties of the oil and gas lessee and lessor in leasing transactions.

**LAW 7392 (3). PARTNERSHIP TAXATION.** The formation of partnerships, taxation of partnership income, special allocations, elective basis adjustments, distributions, liquidations, retirements, transfers of partnership interests, and family partnerships. *Prerequisites:* Income Taxation.

**LAW 6108 (1). PATENT CLINIC DEPUTY.** Includes assisting in preparing and supervising clinic students in client representation. Deputies are selected by the clinic instructors. Students may not enroll before being selected. *Prerequisite:* LAW 6218.

**LAW 6218 (2). PATENT CLINIC.** Students provide pro bono legal services to individual and small-business clients seeking to protect their inventions using the patent system. This work may involve counseling clients regarding patent-related matters, conducting inventor interviews, conducting patentability searches, preparing patentability opinions, drafting and filing patent applications, and drafting and filing responses to office actions received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

**LAW 6280 (2). PATENT LAW.** The course provides an introduction to patent and trade secret law for the protection of inventions, technical know-how, and other proprietary intellectual property. Procedures and approaches to protecting high technology, such as computer software, integrated circuitry, and genetic engineering, are included. The course includes the law and procedure of developing the rights, as well as licensing and litigation aspects. Trademark law is briefly covered. A technical background is not a prerequisite for the course.

**LAW 6383 (3). PATENT LAW.** The course provides an introduction to patent and trade secret law for the protection of inventions, technical know-how, and other proprietary intellectual property. Procedures and approaches to protecting high technology, such as computer software, integrated circuitry, and genetic engineering, are included. The course includes the law and procedure of developing the rights, as well as licensing and litigation aspects. Trademark law is briefly covered. A technical background is not a prerequisite for the course.

**LAW 7262 (2). PATENT LITIGATION.** A study of issues related to enforcement and defense of patent rights in federal court. Focuses on strategies and best practices related to patent litigation. Covers selected topics related to jurisdiction and forum, complaints and answers, local patent rules, infringement and invalidity contentions, fact and expert discovery, technology tutorials, claim construction briefs and presentations, summary judgment briefs and presentations, trial practice, and post-trial and appeal briefing and procedures. *Prerequisite:* LAW 6280 or 6383.

**LAW 6284 (2). PATENT PROSECUTION.** Substantive and procedural aspects of patent prosecution before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Practical exercises in prosecution practice, such as claim drafting, preparation of amendments, and other prosecution proceedings. Additional prosecution subjects including dealing with inventors, developing invention disclosures, and preparing patent applications. *Prerequisite:* Patent Law.

**LAW 6271 (2). PAYMENT SYSTEMS.** Focuses on modern payments systems such as PayPal, Bill Me Later, Facebook credits, Obopay, mobile payments, credit cards, debit cards, and wire transfers. Also, the traditional payment systems of checks and negotiable instruments. Prepares students for bar exam questions on payments.

**LAW 7334 (3). PERSPECTIVE ON COUNTER TERRORISM.** Acts of terrorism, committed against the state by nonstate actors, are not new. From a lawyer's point of view, what is new about the state's repertoire of responses to them? What are the constants and what are the variables that influence a state's recognition, definition, and reaction to real or perceived threats to the state's core responsibility for domestic security? By what standards should state action be assessed? And what role should law and lawyers play during such extraordinary times? This course will take an insistently interdisciplinary and occasionally comparative approach to these and other legal issues in America's "war on terror." Readings will be drawn from familiar legal sources, but also from works of history, the social sciences, and literature. May not be taken concurrently with National Security and Criminal Law Enforcement (6270).

**LAW 7277 (2). PERSPECTIVES OF AMERICAN BUSINESS LAW.** A survey of American business laws for international graduate students. Selected topics may be drawn, from year to year, from the laws of agency, partnership, corporation, securities, antitrust, bankruptcy, and business taxation, and are taught from the perspective of assisting non-U.S. trained lawyers to draw comparative and practical lessons and otherwise to enrich these students upon their return home. Course is normally taught in the fall term. Enrollment is limited to international, non-U.S.-law-trained graduate students.

**LAW 7293 (2). PERSPECTIVES OF THE AMERICAN LEGAL SYSTEM.** This course (which is integrated with an optional legal writing, research, and exam-taking tutorial component) is required for and designed to provide international graduate students with an introduction to the U.S. legal system. The primary emphasis of the course is to examine the nature of the U.S. judicial system, the common law system of case law development, and trial and appellate processes (in part through a study of selected tort cases). A special segment on U.S. constitutional law issues is presented. The interrelationship of law and U.S. society is explored. The course further attempts to develop basic U.S. legal writing, research, and exam-taking skills. The course is taught in the fall term. Enrollment is limited to international, non-U.S.-law trained graduate students. All international, non-U.S.-law trained graduate students must take this course, except with special permission of the Graduate Committee.

**LAW 6267 (2). PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE FOR LAWYERS.** Introduces key accounting and financial principles needed to effectively counsel and represent clients. Students learn to read, understand, and discuss basic accounting statements and basic financial asset valuation principles and methodologies. Also, basic financial instruments and their normal use in major capital markets.

**LAW 8208 (2). PRIVATE EQUITY AND HEDGE FUND LAW AND RELATED FINANCE.** An ever-growing portion of investment capital is being controlled by private funds (i.e., hedge funds, equity funds, real estate funds, and hybrid funds). It is important for lawyers to understand how law affects both the investment and legal aspects of the private fund marketplace. The course will be a mixture of cases, lectures, and guest speakers to study each component of the private fund world and how law, from both an investment and legal perspective, affects the private fund community. The course will look at the financial analysis behind these funds and how law affects such decisions, and will focus on the legal structure and regulatory environment of private funds. The course will primarily take the viewpoint of the private fund manager versus the perspective of the investing community. A general description of the investment community of private funds (i.e., high net worth individuals, university endowments, and corporate pension funds) will be discussed in light of how those investors affect the decisions with respect to investing and legal structure of the private fund. The course will also look at the structures under which investment funds raise capital and the internal management challenges faced by the managers, in relation to limited partners, entrepreneurs, investment bankers, regulators, and the company. The course will examine investment structures from the seed, or angel, financing stage up to the sale, or IPO, of the company. The course will focus on the various components of the private fund community, the role of law at private funds from an investment perspective; the role of law at private funds from a legal perspective, and comparison of private funds to their public fund/company counterparts from an investment and from a legal perspective. This course is a survey course, designed to provide an overview of the private fund community from a legal and investment perspective. Accounting, finance, legal and tax issues will be discussed at a very high level in order to provide a broad general overview.

**LAW 6279 (2). PRODUCTS LIABILITY.** Study of the development of the concept of recovery for injuries caused by products; survey of civil actions for harm resulting from defective and dangerous products; study of problems associated with hazard identification and the process of

evaluation of risk; government regulation on dangerous and defective products; and current and pending legislation dealing with injuries and remedies in specific areas.

**LAW 6379 (3). PRODUCTS LIABILITY.** Study of the development of the concept of recovery for injuries caused by products; survey of civil actions for harm resulting from defective and dangerous products; study of problems associated with hazard identification and the process of evaluation of risk; government regulation on dangerous and defective products; and current and pending legislation dealing with injuries and remedies in specific areas.

**LAW 6215 (2). PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTERNATIONAL LLM STUDENTS.** An analysis of principles and rules governing the conduct of lawyers. Topics include the client-lawyer relationship, competence, confidentiality, loyalty, the roles of lawyers as counselors and advocates, public service, advertising, admission to practice, and professional discipline.

**LAW 7350 (3). PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY.** An analysis of principles and rules governing the conduct of lawyers. Includes the client-lawyer relationship, competence, confidentiality, loyalty, the roles of lawyers as counselors and advocates, public service, advertising, admission to practice, and professional discipline.

**LAW 8282 (2). PROPERTY I.** Selected topics in personal property, adverse possession, present possessory and future estates in land, concurrent estates, the law of landlord and tenant, easements, private covenants, public land use regulation, and real estate conveyancing.

**LAW 6381 (3). PROPERTY II.** Selected topics in personal property, adverse possession, present possessory and future estates in land, concurrent estates, the law of landlord and tenant, easements, private covenants, public land use regulation, and real estate conveyancing.

**LAW 8382 (3). PSYCHIATRIC AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EVIDENCE.** Application of rules of evidence governing the admission of expert testimony of psychiatrists and psychologists. Enrollment includes students from psychiatry and psychology who are teamed with law students in a series of minitrials. *Prerequisite:* LAW 8355 or 8455.

**LAW 7326 (3). REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.** Transfer, finance, and development of real property; the real estate sales contract; the duties and remedies of sellers, purchasers, and brokers; conveyancing; title protection, including recording laws, the mechanics of title search, clearing titles, and title insurance; real estate finance, including mortgages and federal programs; condominiums, cooperatives, and shopping centers. Some emphasis on Texas law.

**LAW 8218 (2). REGULATION AND DEREGULATION.** Economic, social, and public safety regulation in the U.S. is pervasive, directly affecting the economy, business operations, and individual liberties. This course analyzes the policy rationale and legal bases for regulation, application of regulation to various industries (e.g., financial services, transportation, electric utilities, telecommunications, cable and/or broadcast media, and natural gas pipelines), constitutional limitations on regulation, basic features of rate regulation, and evolving justifications for deregulation or alternative regulation in markets that have become increasingly competitive. A key objective is to analyze the public policy justifying regulatory constraints on American commerce.

**LAW 7370 (3). REGULATION OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES.** Issues relating to regulation of the use and disposal of hazardous substances. Deals largely with federal regulation of the disposal of hazardous wastes under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and the remediation of hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act. Includes analysis of the impact of these statutes on business decisions relating to property transactions, corporate structure, bankruptcy, and insurance. Also, addresses basic science and/or policy issues relating to the control of substances with uncertain effects on human health and the environment.

**LAW 6288 (2). REGULATION OF SECURITIES AND COMMODITIES MARKETS.** A study of the securities laws as they relate to the securities industry itself. Attention will focus on the roles of broker-dealers, investment advisers, and stock exchanges within the scheme of self-regulation under federal law, and on activities of underwriters and specialists. Problems addressed will include broker-dealer duties and liabilities to customers, market manipulation, price stabilization, margin regulations, and competition in the industry. (Paper or examination.) *Prerequisite:* Business Enterprise.

**LAW 9305 (3). REMEDIES: LAW OF DAMAGES AND RESTITUTION.** A functional analysis of standards, rules, and devices applicable generally to the trial of various types of commercial

claims, including the standards of value, certainty, and avoidable consequences. Also, the concepts of interest, expenses of litigation, and exemplary damages. Detailed consideration is given to all types of commercial remedies, both at law and in equity, that result in a money judgment.

**LAW 6223 (2). REPRESENTING THE ENTREPRENEURIAL CLIENT.** An introduction to the legal problems encountered in an entrepreneurial setting, either as lawyers for the enterprise or as owners of an equity position in the enterprise. Interactive discussions provide tools for future attorneys to guide entrepreneurial clients through the challenges of economic pressures, legal liability, technological change, and globalization in the 21st century.

**LAW 6389 (3). SALE OF GOODS TRANSACTIONS.** An introductory survey of the law of sales under the Uniform Commercial Code: particular emphasis on Article 2; contract formation; parol evidence rule; statute of frauds; risk of loss; receipt and inspection; acceptance, revocation; warranties; remedies of buyer and seller; remedy disclaimers and limitations; documentary transactions; and consumer protection.

**LAW 9115 (1). SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LAW REVIEW.** Law review experience involving preparation of comments on topics of current interest, notes on cases of significance, and editorial work incidental to the publication of the "SMU Science and Technology Law Review." Students must be selected for participation before they may enroll. Available to J.D. students only.

**LAW 9215 (2). SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LAW REVIEW.** Law review experience involving preparation of comments on topics of current interest, notes on cases of significance, and editorial work incidental to the publication of the "SMU Science and Technology Law Review." Students must be selected for participation before they may enroll. Available to J.D. students only.

**LAW 9315 (3). SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LAW REVIEW.** Law review experience involving preparation of comments on topics of current interest, notes on cases of significance, and editorial work incidental to the publication of the "SMU Science and Technology Law Review." Students must be selected for participation before they may enroll. Available to J.D. students only.

**LAW 7325 (3). SECURED TRANSACTIONS.** An introductory survey of the law governing security interests in personal property, with particular emphasis on Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code and the Bankruptcy Code.

**LAW 7276 (2). SECURITIES LITIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT.** A comprehensive study of public and private actions under the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the Investment Advisors Act of 1940. Special attention will be paid to the implication of causes of action, the elements of each cause, vicarious liability, the liability of attorneys, accountants, and directors, the peculiarities of civil procedure as applied to securities litigation and damages. The course will also study nondamage actions, including SEC enforcement proceedings, criminal actions, contempt proceedings, and state actions. (Papers required.) *Prerequisite:* Business Enterprise.

**LAW 7376 (3). SECURITIES LITIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT.** A comprehensive study of public and private actions under the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the Investment Advisors Act of 1940. Special attention will be paid to the implication of causes of action, the elements of each cause, vicarious liability, the liability of attorneys, accountants, and directors, the peculiarities of civil procedure as applied to securities litigation and damages. The course will also study nondamage actions, including SEC enforcement proceedings, criminal actions, contempt proceedings, and state actions. (Papers required.) *Prerequisite:* Business Enterprise.

**LAW 7375 (3). SECURITIES REGULATION.** A study of the securities laws (primarily federal but also state, especially Texas) and of the activities and industry they govern. The principal emphasis is on the regulation of issuance, sale, resale, and purchase of securities, and on the disclosure requirements generated by the registration, reporting, proxy, tender, and antifraud provisions. Other important subjects are civil liability (express and implied), government enforcement, exemptions from registration (especially private placements), insider trading, and the meaning of "security." Also treated are the functions of the SEC and of state securities administrators. Broker-dealer and market regulation may be covered if time permits.

**LAW 7383 (3). SELECTED PROBLEMS IN ANTI TRUST LAW.** Seminar in antitrust law that will consider topics not covered or not emphasized in the basic antitrust course. Content may

vary but could include private antitrust enforcement, patent law and antitrust, antitrust exemptions and immunities, and extraterritoriality and foreign antitrust law. This course satisfies the Edited Writing requirement. *Prerequisites:* All first-year courses and Antitrust Law, or permission of instructor.

**LAW 7337 (3). SELECTED TOPICS IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.** The course is designed to allow students to develop their own research projects in the field of intellectual property. Student discussion of their research will be combined with discussion of current topics of litigation and legislation in the field, including patent reform, international intellectual property harmonization, digital rights management, and competition issues in intellectual property.

**LAW 8318 (3). SEMINAR ON EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.** The proliferation of legal regimes purporting to govern the same activities presents opportunities and conundrums for lawyers dealing with a wide variety of cutting-edge issues in both U.S. and international law. These issues span civil and criminal divides and range from free speech on the Internet and intellectual property rights to the geographic reach of antitrust and securities laws, as well as laws designed to combat terrorism, child sex tourism, piracy, and international human rights violations like torture and genocide. In the first part of the seminar, we will read recent cases and scholarship related to extraterritorial jurisdiction, with the goals of raising students' awareness of theoretical and doctrinal issues involved, and developing students' ability to evaluate and critique legal scholarship. In the second part of the seminar, we will discuss students' own research proposals and works-in-progress in light of substantive and methodological insights gained from the first part of the seminar. The seminar will require students to write a substantial research paper of publishable quality.

**LAW 7354 (3). SENTENCING AND THE DEATH PENALTY.** An examination of the role of sentencing in the criminal justice system, contrasting sentencing models and ranges of authority. Includes study of alternatives to incarceration in light of criminal justice philosophies, scarce resources, and political support. Exploration of the decision-making process, the use of sentencing guidelines, and habeas corpus. Also includes examination of the death penalty from historical and contemporary perspectives, justifications for it, evolution of constitutional standards for its imposition, review of empirical data on deterrent effect and demographic distribution of death sentences, modes of execution, access to review of sentences, and state-federal relations.

**LAW 8138 (1). SMALL-BUSINESS CLINIC DEPUTY.** Assisting in preparing and supervising clinic students in client representation, including fact investigations and analysis, legal research and writing, litigation training, and court appearances. Requires selection of deputies by the clinic instructors. Allows students to enroll only after they are selected. Pass/fail or graded, at the option of the professor.

**LAW 8223 (2). SMALL-BUSINESS CLINIC DEPUTY.** Assisting in preparing and supervising clinic students in client representation, including fact investigations and analysis, legal research and writing, litigation training, and court appearances. Requires selection of deputies by the clinic instructors. Allows students to enroll only after they are selected. Pass/fail or graded, at the option of the professor.

**LAW 8323 (3). SMALL-BUSINESS CLINIC DEPUTY.** Assisting in preparing and supervising clinic students in client representation, including fact investigations and analysis, legal research and writing, litigation training, and court appearances. Requires selection of deputies by the clinic instructors. Allows students to enroll only after they are selected. Pass/fail or graded, at the option of the professor.

**LAW 8202 (2). SMALL-BUSINESS CLINIC.** Many small businesses have a wide range of legal issues. Student attorneys will assist small businesses and nonprofit organizations with various legal matters that these entities face. Student attorneys will advise clients in the startup of their business and assist in preparing necessary legal documents. The student attorneys will also form and give advice to nonprofit organizations. Student attorneys will learn how to deal with clients involving transactional business law. Student attorneys will have a hands-on experience of representing clients in a wide variety of business issues. For many of our students this will be their first time to practice law and have an experience dealing with clients. *Prerequisites:* LAW 6420, 8203.

**LAW 8123 (1). SMALL-BUSINESS CLINIC DEPUTY.** Deputies help supervise clinic students preparing client representation, and provide assistance in areas such as fact investigations and analysis, legal research and writing, litigation training, and court appearances. Deputies are

selected by the clinic instructors. Students may not enroll before being selected. *Prerequisite:* LAW 8202.

**LAW 6100 (1). SMU LAW REVIEW ASSOCIATION.** Maximum credit, 5 hours. Preparation of comments on topics of current interest, notes on cases of significance, and editorial work incidental to publication of the "SMU Law Review" and the "Journal of Air Law and Commerce." Students must be selected for participation before they may enroll.

**LAW 6200 (2). SMU LAW REVIEW ASSOCIATION.** Maximum credit, 5 hours. Preparation of comments on topics of current interest, notes on cases of significance, and editorial work incidental to publication of the "SMU Law Review" and the "Journal of Air Law and Commerce." Students must be selected for participation before they may enroll.

**LAW 6300 (3). SMU LAW REVIEW ASSOCIATION.** Maximum credit, 5 hours. Preparation of comments on topics of current interest, notes on cases of significance, and editorial work incidental to publication of the "SMU Law Review" and the "Journal of Air Law and Commerce." Students must be selected for participation before they may enroll.

**LAW 8293 (2). SOCIAL MEDIA LAW.** This course provides a comprehensive look at how social media is affecting the legal system. Using actual trial and appellate level cases, the course examines the many ways in which information from sites like Facebook, Myspace, and Twitter is being utilized in everything from criminal and family law matters to personal, employment, and commercial litigation nationwide. In addition to analyzing discoverability and evidentiary issues involving social media content, the course will look at how traditional notions in such areas as duty, jurisdiction, and legal ethics are impacted by such new technology. Topics like the implications of social media use by judges and jurors will also be explored, along with the ways in which social media use has affected attorney marketing practices. As it considers social media's impact on the evolving legal landscape, the course will also examine constitutional concerns raised by social networking's rapid spread, including privacy and First Amendment concerns.

**LAW 7273 (2). SPORTS LAW.** A study of the legal and business structure of professional and amateur sports, including an overview of the development of the professional sports industry, an examination of the basic agreements controlling professional sports, representation of professional athletes, the role of labor unions in professional sports, sports league governance and decision-making, sports media issues, and amateur athletic associations. Consideration is given to the various constituencies within professional and amateur sports, the extent to which they have different interests, and the legal framework within which they seek to advance those interests.

**LAW 6293 (2). STATE AND LOCAL TAXATION.** Selected problems in state and local taxation of individuals and corporations, with particular reference to property, sales, and income taxes. Problems of constitutional authority, intergovernmental conflict and cooperation, economic impact, and administrative review processes.

**LAW 7227 (2). TAX ACCOUNTING.** Timing of income and deductions for federal income tax purposes, including accounting periods, the cash receipts and disbursements and accrual methods, installment sales, interest income and deductions, time value of money provisions, depreciation, and recapture. *Prerequisite:* Income Taxation. Required for LL.M. (taxation) candidates.

**LAW 7294 (2). TAX PRACTICE AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY.** Incorporates federal tax research and writing, as well as the parameters of professional responsibility in the context of the three main aspects of federal tax practice: planning, reporting, and representation in controversies. *Prerequisite:* Professional Responsibility. Limited J.D. enrollment. Required for LL.M. (taxation) candidates.

**LAW 7284 (2). TAXATION AND FISCAL POLICY.** The interaction between budgetary demands and revenue policy; equity and fairness of taxation; the effect of taxation on business activity; and social, political, and economic implications of the tax structure. *Prerequisites:* LAW 6460, 8360 Income Taxation. Required for LL.M. (taxation) candidates.

**LAW 7290 (2). TAXATION OF DEFERRED COMPENSATION.** Income, estate, and gift tax law relating to various deferred compensation plans, including profit-sharing, stock bonus, and pension plans; qualified and nonqualified stock options; deferred compensation contract; and restricted property. Corporate, securities, labor, and community property law considered where appropriate. *Prerequisites:* Income Taxation and Corporate Taxation.

**LAW 7291 (2). TAXATION OF PROPERTY DISPOSITIONS.** A survey of property transaction taxation including realization events, amount realized, basis rules, nonrecognition exchanges, losses, characterization rules, debt and security transactions, and mortgaged property transactions.

**LAW 7239 (2). TEXAS CRIMINAL PROCEDURE.** A study of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and its implementation in the Texas courts from the point of arrest through the appellate stage of the proceedings.

**LAW 6380 (3). TEXAS LAND TITLES.** Law of Texas land titles, with title examination practice skills component. Also, recording acts, bona fide purchaser, conveyancing, title standards, land descriptions, adverse possession, and title insurance.

**LAW 8224 (2). TEXAS LAND TITLES.** Law of Texas land titles, with title examination practice skills component. Also, recording acts, bona fide purchaser, conveyancing, title standards, land descriptions, adverse possession, and title insurance.

**LAW 6395 (3). TEXAS MATRIMONIAL PROPERTY.** The Texas law of marital property; its characterization as separate or community property; its management and liability; and its division on dissolution of marriage by annulment, divorce, or death of a spouse with special attention to the family home and other exempt property.

**LAW 7385 (3). TEXAS PRETRIAL PROCEDURE.** Texas civil procedure prior to trial, including establishing the attorney-client relation; the prelitigation aspects of civil controversies; jurisdiction; service of process; pleading; joinder of parties and claims; venue; res judicata and related principles; discovery; summary judgment practice; and settlement.

**LAW 7279 (2). TEXAS RANGERS BANKRUPTCY.** Texas Rangers Bankruptcy is a practical skills course. Using the facts of the Ranger bankruptcy case as background, we will examine such topics as the strategy behind bankruptcy filing, the concept of bankruptcy impairment and its impact on plan confirmation, the question of who has the right to control an insolvent debtor, and how bankruptcy auctions can fulfill or frustrate the goals of various constituencies. Students will submit a paper, and they will be expected to lead or participate in class discussions. Background courses in secured transactions and bankruptcy would be instructive but are not required. *Prerequisite:* LAW 6333.

**LAW 7386 (3). TEXAS TRIAL AND APPELLATE PROCEDURE.** Texas civil procedure from the commencement of trial through appeal, including selection of the jury, presentation of the case, motions for instructed verdict, preparation of the jury charge, motions for judgment notwithstanding the verdict and for new trial, rendition of judgment, and perfection and prosecution of civil appeals through the courts of appeals and supreme court.

**LAW 8205 (2). THE ROLE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL.** This course explores the expanding role of in-house counsel. It provides a broad yet comprehensive overview of the practice areas and corporate situations that require legal assistance and the responsibilities of in-house counsel. Invited general counsels and senior managing attorneys of major corporations, as well as outside counsel, occasionally join class discussions. These attorneys discuss substantive issues in their particular practice areas as well as practical information, such as working with business people and managing outside counsel.

**LAW 7391 (3). TORTS I.** Civil liability arising from breach of common law and statutory duties as distinguished from duties created by contract, including coverage of intentional wrongs, negligence and product liability. Discusses the methods and process of the American legal system, with attention paid to legislation, as well as to the common law.

**LAW 8292 (2). TORTS II.** Civil liability arising from breach of common law and statutory duties as distinguished from duties created by contract, including coverage of intentional wrongs, negligence and product liability. Discusses the methods and process of the American legal system, with attention paid to legislation, as well as to the common law.

**LAW 6397 (3). TRADEMARK AND BUSINESS TORTS.** An examination into common law and statutory remedies for a variety of trade practices denominated "unfair," including misappropriation, the right of publicity, and trade secret protection; trademarks; copyrights; deceptive advertising; and issues of federal preemption. The course will also examine the role of the Federal Trade Commission with respect to unfair and deceptive practices, with emphasis on its regulation of advertising.

**LAW 6310 (3). TRANSNATIONAL LAW.** An introduction to the international legal order as it presents itself to the legal practitioner at the beginning of the 21st century. Drawing on elements

of public international law, private international law, and comparative law, the course lays the foundation for more specialized courses in these traditional disciplines.

**LAW 7394 (3). TRANSNATIONAL LEGAL PROBLEMS.** This course will examine the legal rules and institutions that regulate transnational movement of persons, goods, and capital as well as the human rights of persons, including the right to property. The course will emphasize the interweaving of the international and domestic rules and institutions that govern these activities.

**LAW 7496 (4). TRIAL ADVOCACY.** Enrollment is limited. An intensive course in trial tactics, techniques, and advocacy, emphasizing the practice of the separate components of a trial: direct examination, objections, cross-examination, use of rehabilitative devices, examination of expert witness, jury selection, opening statements, and closing argument. At the end of the term, each student acts as co-counsel in a full trial. Video-tape recording is used for critiquing student performance throughout the term. *Prerequisite:* LAW 8355 or 8455.

**LAW 8204 (2). TRIAL TECHNIQUES.** This introductory trial techniques course offers students a unique opportunity to learn fundamental trial skills against the backdrop of studying real trials. For example, through the study of video footage and trial transcripts, students examine trial techniques as they were executed in the O.J. Simpson civil and criminal trials and the Timothy McVeigh trial. Students get to study one of the greatest opening statements ever given: the prosecution's opening in the McVeigh trial. Likewise, students view unforgettable video footage of the execution of specific trial techniques in the Simpson criminal trial. Such footage includes F. Lee Bailey's cross-examination of Mark Fuhrman, Christopher Darden's direct examination of a key witness, and Johnnie Cochran's closing argument. The course is taught by Assistant U.S. Attorney Shane Read, who is also an author of a new trial advocacy textbook, "Winning at Trial." Grades are based on student performances throughout the term (i.e., opening statement, direct examination, cross-examination, and closing argument) and class participation. This course is an alternative to LAW 7394 Trial Advocacy for students who are interested in a trial skills class but who do not have time to devote the 4 hours required for the full course. There is nevertheless substantial overlap, such as opening statement, direct examination, cross-examination, and closing argument. However, in addition to the subjects covered in this class, LAW 7394 includes voir dire, impeachment, the introduction and utilization of exhibits, and a final full jury trial downtown. Students who have taken LAW 7394 may not take this class, and students who take this class may not take LAW 7394. *Prerequisite:* LAW 8355 or 8455.

**LAW 6495 (4). TRUSTS AND ESTATES.** A general survey of the law relating to family wealth transmission, taking into account transfers within the probate system — wills and intestate succession — and transfers outside it, with special attention to trusts. Topics include the legal definition of family relationships; formalities required for execution and revocation of wills and other donative documents; mental capacity and volition; drafting pitfalls, postexecution events, and difficulties of interpretation; legal protections offered to a decedent's spouse and children; will substitutes such as life insurance, pension plans, and rights of survivorship; planning for incapacity and other changes in circumstances; obligations and powers of fiduciaries; rights of creditors and beneficiaries; trust creation, supervision, modification, duration, and termination; charitable purposes; and the impact of tax policy on estate planning.

**LAW 7205 (2). WHITE COLLAR CRIME.** This is an advanced criminal law course that covers the substantive law of federal white collar crime including conspiracy, mail fraud, RICO, public corruption, money laundering, financial institution fraud, tax fraud, and environmental crime. The course will also address issues of corporate and executive criminal liability and parallel civil/criminal proceedings.

**LAW 8395 (3). WILLS AND TRUSTS.** Functional examination of testate and intestate succession; execution and revocation of wills; testamentary capacity, undue influence, mistake, and fraud; failure of devises and legacies; creation of express trusts; resulting and constructive trusts; spendthrift trusts; charitable trusts; rights, duties, and powers of settlors, trustees, and beneficiaries of trusts; liabilities of trustees to third persons; termination of trusts; class gifts; powers of appointment; rule against perpetuities; administration of estates and trusts; principal dispositive instruments employed in the wealth transfer process; role of taxation; and drafting of instruments.

## **COURSES OUTSIDE LAW SCHOOL**

Graduate-level courses that are offered in other graduate or professional schools of the University and are relevant to the student's program may be taken with approval of the assistant dean for student affairs, who shall also determine the Dedman School of Law credit equivalents to be awarded for such study. No more than six hours may be awarded toward Dedman School of Law hours required for graduation. For more information, students should contact the school's Registrar's Office.

## **COURSES AT OTHER LAW SCHOOLS**

Detailed information on transfer of courses from other law schools is found in this catalog under The Juris Doctor Program in the Admission With Advanced Standing: Students Eligible section. After entry in the Dedman School of Law, summer courses in other accredited law schools may be taken for transfer of credits with prior approval of the assistant dean for student affairs. Transfer credits may be earned in regular terms only in extraordinary circumstances of demonstrated special need. Detailed information is found under The Juris Doctor Program in the Classroom Work, Attendance and Examinations: Credit for Work Completed at Other Schools section. For more information, students should contact the school's Registrar's Office.

# STUDENT CODE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

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## PREAMBLE

The law is a learned profession that demands from its members standards of honesty and integrity, and these standards are far higher than those imposed on society as a whole. A dishonest attorney is a menace to the profession and to society. Because there is no reason to believe that dishonest students will become honest attorneys, insistence on the highest ethical standards must begin in law school. This Student Code of Professional Responsibility is dedicated to that end.

The code is designed to assure that each student can be evaluated on his or her own merits, free from the unfairness of competing with students who attempt to enhance their own efforts unfairly. This code describes the obligations of students, faculty and administrators; the composition and jurisdiction of the honor council; and the procedures to be followed in determining whether a student has violated the code and the sanctions that may be imposed. Although law students are subject to this Student Code of Professional Responsibility, as students of Southern Methodist University, they are also subject to the University Student Code of Conduct to the extent that the latter is not inconsistent with this code. (See the University publication *SMU Policies for Community Life*.)

Although the failure to report one's own act or another student's act that may constitute a violation of this code is not itself a violation of this code, it is the sense of the Dedman School of Law community that a student should report conduct that he or she reasonably suspects does constitute a violation.

## SECTION I. DEFINITIONS

- A. **Assistant Dean** – the assistant dean for student affairs or that person to whom the dean has delegated the functions of that office
- B. **Chair** – that faculty member serving as the chair of the honor council (See Section II A3 in the Student Code.)
- C. **Code** – the Dedman School of Law at Southern Methodist University Student Code of Professional Responsibility
- D. **Complaint** – the formal charging document submitted to the council by the investigating committee when it finds probable cause to bring a reported violation to a hearing (See Section VIII F in the Student Code.)
- E. **Council** – the honor council (See Section II in the Student Code.)
- F. **Days** – calendar days
- G. **Dean** – the dean of the Dedman School of Law
- H. **Defense Counsel** – the individual who, either by the accused student's selection or by appointment, shall represent the accused student during an investigation, hearing or appeal (See Section IX A in the Student Code.)
- I. **Instructor** – any person, regardless of rank or title, who teaches law students at the School of Law

- J. Investigating Committee** – the committee appointed by the dean to investigate possible violations of the code (See Section IV B13 and Section VIII F. in the Student Code.)
- K. Knowingly** – A person acts knowingly, or with knowledge, with respect to the nature of his or her conduct or to the circumstances surrounding such conduct, when he or she is aware of the nature of such conduct or that such circumstances exist. A person also acts knowingly, or with knowledge, with respect to a result of his or her conduct, when that person is aware that the conduct is reasonably certain to cause that result.
- L. Law School** – the Dedman School of Law at Southern Methodist University
- M. Negligence** – A person acts negligently with respect to circumstances surrounding his or her conduct or the result of that conduct when he or she ought to be aware of a substantial and unjustifiable risk that the circumstances exist or the result will occur.
- N. Purposefully** – A person acts purposefully, or with purpose with respect to an act or to a result, when it is his or her intention, conscious object or desire to engage in the act or to cause the result.
- O. Recklessly** – A person acts recklessly, or is reckless, with respect to circumstances surrounding his or her conduct or the result of that conduct, when he or she is aware of but consciously disregards a substantial and unjustifiable risk that the circumstances exist or the result will occur.
- P. Report of an Alleged Violation** – a report to the assistant dean of a possible violation of the code (See Section VII in the Student Code.)
- Q. School Prosecutor** – the member of the investigating committee chosen by that committee to prosecute the accused student at the hearing and any possible appeal (See Section VIII F and Section IX E in the Student Code.)
- R. Student** – any person who is, or has been, enrolled at the Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law
- S. Transactional Immunity** – immunity that bars prosecution under this code of the immunized person for any activity mentioned in the immunized testimony
- T. Use Immunity** – immunity that bars the admission of the immunized testimony, and any evidence derived therefrom, and the same from being used against the immunized person, at any hearing before the honor council

## SECTION II. THE HONOR COUNCIL

- A. The honor council shall consist of six members.**
  - 1. Three of the members shall be students.** Under rules promulgated by the Student Bar Association, the student body shall elect the three student members and one alternate at the time the Student Bar Association representatives are elected. Student members shall serve one-year terms. If, for any reason, a student member cannot complete his or her term, attend a particular hearing or vote on a particular question (for example, whether to decline jurisdiction over a matter), the alternate shall complete such term, attend the hearing or vote, as the circumstances may require.

2. Three of the members shall be law faculty members appointed by the dean of the Law School with the advice of the faculty executive committee. The dean also shall appoint an alternate faculty member. The dean shall not appoint an assistant or senior associate dean or himself or herself to the council. Faculty members shall serve three-year staggered terms, so that no two faculty members will have the same number of years remaining in their terms of appointment. If, for any reason, a faculty member cannot complete his or her term, attend a particular hearing or vote on a particular question (for example, whether to decline jurisdiction over a matter), the alternate shall complete the unexpired term, attend the hearing or vote, as the circumstances require.
  3. The faculty member who is serving in the last year of his or her term on the council shall be the chair. The chair's term shall be for one year. If, at any time, the chair is unavailable to perform chair duties, the faculty member on the council with the next longest tenure shall act as the chair.
- B. The council shall have jurisdiction over any student conduct that is prohibited by this code. A student's conduct is not subject to this code unless it has occurred while the student is enrolled at or was seeking admission to the Law School. For good cause, the council may decline or postpone asserting jurisdiction over the conduct of a student. For example, any of the following may constitute good cause for declining or postponing jurisdiction: 1) the fact that such conduct is being or has been handled by federal, state or local authorities, 2) the conduct is only a *de minimis* violation of this code, 3) the conduct in question is not sufficiently related to Law School matters, or 4) assuming the allegation to be true, the conduct does not evidence a lack of honesty, integrity or trustworthiness on the part of the student.

### SECTION III. LIMITATIONS

The council may not exercise jurisdiction over student conduct unless a complaint is filed within one year of graduation, withdrawal or dismissal of the student from the Law School; however, this limitation shall not apply to conduct involving either serious academic misconduct, such as plagiarism or cheating, or serious misrepresentation with respect to the student's application for enrollment in the Law School.

### SECTION IV. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

#### A. Prohibited Conduct: Generally

The following student conduct shall constitute a violation of the code:

1. Any conduct pertaining to academic or other University matters that evidences fraud, deceit, dishonesty or an intent to obtain unfair advantage over other students or that interferes unreasonably with the rights of other students, and
2. Any conduct that violates University regulations not inconsistent with this code, and
3. Any criminal act that raises serious doubts about the accused student's honesty, integrity or fitness to practice law.

## B. Prohibited Conduct: Nonexclusive Examples

To assist students in understanding their responsibilities under the code, the following is a nonexclusive list of examples of conduct pertaining to academic or other University matters that violate this code:

1. A student shall not commit plagiarism. Plagiarism is appropriating another's words, ideas or modes of analysis and representing them in writing as one's own. Whenever a student submits written work as his or her own, the student shall not use the words of another verbatim without presenting them as quoted material and citing the source. If the words of another are paraphrased, there must be a clear attribution of the source. If the student uses another's ideas, concepts or modes of analysis, there must be a clear accompanying attribution of the source.
2. A student shall not invade the security maintained for the preparation and storage of examinations. If a student learns that the security maintained for the preparation and storage of examinations has been compromised, he or she shall notify the instructor immediately.
3. A student shall not take an examination for another nor permit another to take an examination for him or her.
4. While taking an examination, a student shall neither possess nor refer to any material (such as books, notebooks, outlines, papers or notes) not authorized by the instructor for use during the examination.
5. A student shall follow all instructions concerning the administration of examinations.
6. In connection with an examination or an academic assignment, a student shall neither give, receive nor obtain information or help in any form not authorized by the instructor or the person administering the examination or assignment.
7. A student who is taking or has taken an examination shall not discuss any part of that examination with another student who is taking the examination or will be taking a deferred examination or with anyone else when such discussion is likely to endanger the security of the examination questions.
8. While taking an examination, a student shall neither converse nor communicate with any person other than the person(s) administering the examination, except as permitted by the administrator(s) of the examination.
9. A student shall not submit to any instructor or Law School organization any written work (or part thereof) prepared, submitted or used by him or her for any other purpose (such as, by way of example, work prepared for or submitted in another course or work prepared for a law journal, clinic, law firm, government agency or other organization) or prepared by another, except upon specific disclosure of the facts and receipt of permission from the instructor or organization to whom the work is submitted.
10. A student shall not take or copy material (such as personal items, books, notebooks, outlines, papers or notes) belonging to another student without the consent of the latter.

11. A student shall not make a false statement to a Law School instructor, administrator or organization or to the honor council or an investigating committee.
  12. A person shall not refuse to cooperate with the honor council or an investigating committee constituted under this code, except that a student who is being investigated or who is charged shall not be obliged to provide oral or written testimony without a grant of use or transactional immunity.
  13. Unless authorized by this code or required by law or court order, no member of the Law School faculty, administration, honor council or an investigating committee shall disclose information concerning the identity of the accused, the accuser or witnesses without the express permission of the council or committee. Students who are questioned by a member of the faculty, administration, honor council or investigating committee about a suspected code violation by another student shall not disclose to anyone else information concerning the identity of the accused, the accuser or witnesses learned during the questioning without the express permission of the council or committee.
  14. With respect to the Law School library or other University library, a student shall not: (a) mark, tear, mutilate or destroy library material, (b) hide, misshelve or misfile library material, (c) remove library material from the library without complying with library regulations or (d) otherwise fail to comply with library regulations.
  15. A student violates this code by conspiring, soliciting, attempting or agreeing to commit, assist or facilitate the commission of any violation of this code.
  16. A student shall comply with any requirement imposed upon him or her by the honor council as a sanction under this code.
  17. A student shall not engage in any act that materially disrupts a class, meeting or other function of the Law School so as to interfere unreasonably with the rights of other students in the pursuit of their education.
  18. Purposefully engaging in racial, ethnic, religious or sexual harassment of a student interferes with the rights of that student; accordingly, such conduct violates this code.
  19. A student shall not knowingly make a false allegation of a violation of this code.
  20. A student shall not use computer information systems for non-Law School related activities (such as employment outside of the Law School) without authorization or for assignments, projects or coursework in which use of such systems is prohibited.
- C. Before a student may be found to have violated this code, there must be clear and convincing evidence that the accused committed the act or acts constituting the violation and that the accused did so purposefully, knowingly, recklessly or negligently.
- D. Extenuating circumstances or good motives (such as, by way of example, pressure from school or outside work, family obligations or to help a friend) are no defense to a violation of the code but may be relevant to the determination of sanction.

E. It is not a defense to charges of violating this code for a student to claim he or she has not received, read or understood this code or is otherwise ignorant of its provisions. A student is held to have notice of this code by enrolling in the Law School. (See Section II C4 in the Student Code.) A copy of the code will be distributed to each entering first-year student, placed on file in the Law School library and made available from the Law School's Office of Academic Services.

## **SECTION V. SANCTIONS**

- A. Sanctions for violations of this code may include but are not limited to one or more of the following:
1. Public or private admonition, warning, reprimand or censure.
  2. Counseling.
  3. Additional academic work.
  4. A requirement that a student take extra credit hours.
  5. Public or University service.
  6. Suspension or loss of specific Law School benefits, privileges, memberships and/or honors, including financial aid and scholarships.
  7. Fines.
  8. Compensation for or replacement of any damaged or destroyed property.
  9. Recording of findings in the student's Law School file for any length of time.
  10. Probation, with or without conditions.
  11. Suspension for a period not longer than two years.
  12. Expulsion.
  13. Recommendation of a lowered grade.
  14. Recommendation to the board of trustees that an awarded degree be withdrawn.
  15. Request to the dean that he or she take other appropriate action.
- B. The honor council has no authority to determine or change a student's grade based upon the student's conduct in connection with a course or other graded academic activity.
- C. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, any official student organization may suspend, expel (with or without retroactive effect) or terminate any membership or honors accorded a member found to have violated this code.

## **SECTION VI. RESPONSIBILITIES OF FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION**

- A. By the second meeting of a course, each instructor shall identify with precision the materials (if any) that the students may use during the instructor's examination and shall describe the condition (for example, annotated or unannotated) in which those materials may be used. However, if an instructor does not identify the materials usable during the final examination and their condition, students must assume that the examination in that course is "closed book," that is, that no materials will be permitted to be used by students during the final examination.

In order to eliminate ambiguity or uncertainty, the instructor shall answer any student question concerning those materials and shall communicate that same information to all students in the course.

- B. Each instructor shall include the instructions described in paragraph A in the written instructions accompanying the examination.
- C. Each instructor shall exercise caution in preparing, administering and discussing an examination to ensure that no student receives an unfair advantage.
- D. Each instructor and member of the Law School staff shall report to the assistant dean for student affairs any student conduct that is reasonably believed to constitute a violation of this code.
- E. It is the responsibility of the dean, or his or her delegate, to supervise the imposition of any sanction directed by the council or modified by any appeal.

#### **SECTION VII. REPORT OF AN ALLEGED VIOLATION**

- A. If a person wishes to initiate a disciplinary proceeding against a student for violating this code, the person must report the matter to the assistant dean for student affairs. The report of the suspected code violation may be either written or oral. Such report may not be made anonymously; however, confidentiality relating to the identity of the accuser shall be maintained, subject to the provisions of Section VIII C, E and Section IX B, K, L and M. If the assistant dean is not available to receive the report, then the suspected violation must be reported to the senior associate dean for academic affairs or to the instructor, if any, whose course is affected by the conduct. An anonymous report will not be sufficient to initiate an investigatory or disciplinary proceeding under this code.
- B. If the report of the suspected violation is made orally, the person who initiated the report must submit a brief written report of the facts surrounding the suspected violation to the assistant dean, who shall in turn deliver the written report to the chair of the honor council or the investigating committee, if one has been constituted.
- C. The assistant dean for student affairs, upon receiving a report and after consultation with the chair of the council, may determine that no violation of the code has occurred even if the allegation is assumed to be true.

#### **SECTION VIII. INVESTIGATION OF VIOLATIONS**

- A. Upon receipt of a report of a suspected code violation, the assistant dean for student affairs, associate dean for academic affairs or instructor shall promptly notify the chair of the honor council of the allegations contained in the report, including the names of the accused student(s) and the person(s) making the allegation. Upon receiving this report, the chair shall promptly inform the members of the council of the substance of the report and the identity of the members of the Law School community allegedly involved in the incident.
- B. A meeting to determine whether to decline or postpone asserting jurisdiction shall be held if requested by at least two members of the council. The council may not decline or postpone taking jurisdiction of a matter unless at least four members of the council and/or their alternates if any members are not available vote to decline or postpone taking jurisdiction.

- C. If the council elects to decline or postpone asserting jurisdiction, the council shall submit a written report to the dean giving its reasons. The council may publish its decision, but in doing so, no information identifying the accused or the accuser shall be revealed. The council's election not to take jurisdiction of a matter for any reason shall not prevent the dean from taking whatever administrative action against the student he or she deems appropriate. This report may include a recommendation that the dean take administrative action against the student or consider the incident when deciding whether to recommend the student for the award of a degree or other purpose. Whenever the council's report includes a recommendation of action by the dean against the student, a copy of the report shall be sent to the student.
- D. If the council does not decline or postpone asserting jurisdiction over the matter, the chair shall promptly notify the assistant dean for student affairs of that fact. Upon receipt of such notice, the assistant dean for student affairs shall promptly notify the accused student of the allegation and that an investigation will begin and shall furnish the student with a copy of this code. Where a report of a suspected code violation accusing a currently enrolled student is received by the council at a time when it appears that the investigation and hearing before the council, if any, could not be completed at least two weeks before the end of classes, the chair of the council may direct the assistant dean to postpone notification until after the accused student has completed his or her examinations.
- E. The assistant dean shall notify the accused student that an investigation is to be initiated and shall also notify the dean, but such notice to the dean shall not disclose the identity of the accused, the accuser or the nature of the alleged violation. The dean shall promptly appoint an investigating committee consisting of two faculty members and one student. The associate and assistant deans and members of the council shall not be appointed to the investigating committee.
- F. Duties of the Investigating Committee
1. Except for good cause shown, the investigating committee shall complete its investigation of the alleged violation within 30 days of its formation.
  2. The committee shall have the power to question persons having pertinent information, examine any pertinent material and question an accused student if he or she is willing to speak. If the committee questions a student whom the committee reasonably believes has committed a code violation, it shall advise the student: (a) of his or her right not to speak, (b) that what the student says can be used against the student, (c) that the student has the right to consult an attorney or other representative before answering any questions and (d) that the student has the right to have that representative present during the questioning. At the request of the investigating committee, the chair of the honor council shall have the authority to subpoena Law School instructors, staff and students to appear as witnesses before the investigating committee or the council and to grant use or transactional immunity to a witness or to an accused student if he or she is not willing to speak to the committee.
  3. Upon completion of its investigation, the investigating committee shall determine whether probable cause exists to believe that a student has violated this code. A finding of probable cause must be supported by at least two members of the committee. The committee shall promptly report its determination,

whether affirmative or negative, to the chair of the honor council, to the accused student and to the person(s) who reported the alleged violation of the code. A complaint issued by the committee shall be sent to the chair of the honor council.

4. If the investigating committee determines that a complaint shall be filed, the committee shall also give to the accused student the following information in writing:
  - a. A copy of the complaint, which shall be a plain, concise and definite written statement of the essential facts of the violation(s) charged, citing the specific provision(s) of this code that the accused student is alleged to have violated.
  - b. The identity of known witnesses, a general description of what each is expected to testify about, their written statements, if any, and either copies or a description of any physical evidence that may be used at the hearing; all written reports concerning the alleged violation, if any, submitted to the assistant dean for student affairs or other member of the staff, faculty or administration.
  - d. The names of the honor council members.
  - e. A statement that the student may be assisted by an attorney or other adviser of the student's choice. (See Section IX A in the Student Code.)
  - f. A statement that the student has a right to review any information gathered by the investigating committee during the investigation, other than the work product of the investigating committee.
5. The investigating committee shall not enter into any agreement with the accused student whereby the committee agrees not to bring before the honor council any violations for which probable cause has been found or which commits the honor council to any finding or sanction. The committee must present all such violations to the council for a hearing by filing a complaint as provided by this code. The accused may admit guilt by testifying on the record before the council that he or she committed the alleged act(s) and by waiving a hearing before the council on the question of guilt. Upon receiving such an admission of guilt, the council shall proceed by hearing to determine the appropriate sanction.
6. The investigating committee shall appoint one of its members to act as school prosecutor in presenting the evidence against the accused student during the hearing and any appeal.
7. Notwithstanding that the investigating committee has issued a complaint, it shall be the duty of the school prosecutor to continue to gather other evidence relevant to the determination of guilt or innocence of the accused and to present it to the council at the hearing on the complaint. Any such evidence shall be disclosed to the accused student as soon as possible after it has been obtained.

#### **SECTION IX. HEARING**

- A. Upon receiving a complaint from the investigating committee, the chair of the council shall convene a hearing before the honor council. Before and during the hearing, and through any appeals within the University, the accused student shall

be entitled to representation by or assistance from a retained attorney or anyone else who is the student's choice and who agrees to represent or assist the student. If the student wishes to be represented by an attorney and is able to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the assistant dean for student affairs that he or she is financially unable to retain an attorney, the assistant dean shall arrange for a law faculty member or other attorney to represent the student without cost. It is the sense of the Law School community that the law faculty should provide pro bono representation to such accused students.

- B. The hearing shall be attended by the council, school prosecutor, the remaining members of the investigating committee (if they so desire), the accused student and the student's representative, if any. Witnesses may also attend unless exclusion is requested by any party. This section is subject to the following provisions:
1. The council may proceed with no fewer than two faculty and two student members present.
  2. No later than one day before the hearing, the accused student may request that the chair allow other people to attend; if the chair grants that request, the chair may also open the hearing to people other than those requested by the accused student.
  3. A request to open the hearing shall not preclude the council, by majority vote of those present, from closing the hearing during the testimony of any witness who may be extraordinarily embarrassed by public testimony.
- C. The chair shall rule on all motions and objections and may be overruled only by a majority of the council present.
- D. The council may consider only evidence made part of the record at the hearing. It shall not be bound by rules of evidence. All relevant evidence shall be admissible if it is not manifestly unreliable. Hearsay evidence may be admissible, but it shall be accorded only such weight as it is entitled under the circumstances. Proof of conviction of a crime shall be prima facie evidence that the person committed the offense of which he or she was convicted and of any facts necessary for that finding of guilt. The council, by majority vote, may grant use or transactional immunity to any witness. The council may subpoena any Law School instructor, staff or student to appear as a witness.
- E. Normally, the council shall hear evidence regarding the question of guilt before hearing evidence regarding sanctions. The school prosecutor shall initiate the presentation of evidence. The accused student (or his or her defense counsel) may then offer evidence relevant to the charge(s). After the presentation of evidence regarding guilt, the council shall meet in camera to decide the question of guilt. Upon reaching a decision, it shall reconvene before the parties and announce its decision. If it finds the accused guilty, it shall then give the parties the opportunity to present evidence, if any, relevant to sanctions. At that time, the student shall have the option either to proceed first or to follow the prosecutor. The prosecutor shall present all aggravating and mitigating evidence in his or her possession and may recommend particular sanctions. After hearing this evidence, the council shall again meet in camera to decide the question of sanctions. Upon reaching a decision, the council shall reconvene before the parties and impose sanctions, if any.

- F. The council, the school prosecutor and the student (or his or her defense counsel) may question any witness. However, the accused student shall not be required to testify, and no adverse inferences shall be drawn from the accused student's decision not to testify.
- G. The school prosecutor and the accused student (or defense counsel) may make opening and concluding statements. However, an accused student who has chosen not to testify may not make a statement to the council unless the student allows questions from council members and the school prosecutor.
- H. The hearing shall be recorded by means of stenographic or audio or videotape recording.
- I. The council may not find the accused student guilty of any code violation not charged in the complaint. After the hearing begins, the complaint may be amended over the accused's objection, provided the accused is not thereby prejudiced in his or her defense. A continuance of the hearing may be granted to avoid such prejudice. The school prosecutor shall bear the burden of proving the alleged violation(s) by clear and convincing evidence. A 2/3 vote of the council members present shall be necessary for a finding of guilt and the imposition of any sanction, except that expulsion or a recommendation that an awarded degree be withdrawn shall each require unanimity.
- J. After the hearing is concluded, the chair or the council shall prepare a written report detailing the evidence considered, the reasons for its decision and any sanction(s) imposed. Concurring and dissenting members may prepare reports explaining their positions. Copies of the reports shall be given to the accused and to the dean.
- K. At the conclusion of a case, including an appeal, if any, the council shall publish the results of its decision (as amended by any appeal). The council may publish the decision in any way it considers appropriate. Factors it might consider include, by way of examples, the relevancy of publicity as to the sanction or the informational value of the decision to the Law School community. In publicizing its decision, the council shall not publish the name of any participant, except that in exceptional circumstances the council may reveal the name of the student found guilty of the violation(s). Beginning with the effective date of this code, all published decisions shall be maintained on reserve in the library.
- L. Regardless of the decision on the merits, the council shall keep a permanent record of the evidence presented at the hearing, the report(s) and the opinion(s) of the council, if any, and any other information it decides should be retained. Such record may be referred to later by the council for whatever purpose it considers relevant, but the council shall not reveal the names of the accuser or the witnesses. At any time after three years from the conclusion of an appeal, the council may destroy any record of the matter other than its written report(s) and the opinion(s) of the dean, if any. When no complaint is filed because the allegation is deemed without merit, the conduct is *de minimis* or the evidence is deemed insufficient, the council shall nevertheless keep a record of the allegation, the reason(s) for nonaction, the name of the student whose conduct was under investigation and the names of the accuser and/or the witness(es) for three years, after which time such record shall be destroyed. Subject to paragraph K, neither the contents nor the existence of any record referred to in this paragraph may be dis-

closed except 1) when required by law or order of court, 2) when required by the dean or 3) when the concerned student has signed a written waiver of confidentiality.

- M. At the end of each chair's tenure, the chair shall transfer all case files to the dean's office, and the dean shall transfer them to the next chair. Such transfers shall be made without breach of the confidentiality of the files.

#### **SECTION X. APPEAL OF ADJUDICATIONS OF ACADEMIC DISHONESTY**

- A. A student who is adjudged guilty by the honor council of a violation of this code concerning a matter of academic dishonesty, an attempt to gain an unfair advantage over other law students or an unreasonable interference with the rights of other students may appeal such finding or any sanction imposed to the dean of the Law School. A student who admits the truth of the complaint may challenge the council's jurisdiction and the sanction on appeal. Normally, the filing of a notice of appeal shall automatically stay the execution of all sanctions imposed by the council on the student filing the notice; however, the dean shall have authority to order that some or all of the sanction(s) be executed during the pendency of the appeal. Notwithstanding any further appeal by the student to the president of the University, all unexecuted sanctions upheld by the dean shall be executed following the dean's determination of the appeal.
- B. Notice of intent to appeal must be given to the dean and the chair of the council. The notice of appeal shall be in writing and shall contain the reasons for the appeal. Upon receipt of the notice of appeal, the chair shall transmit its response(s) and the record of the hearing to the dean.
- C. If, following the council's decision, the student discovers new information relevant to the merits or the sanction, the student may ask the council to reconsider its decision or may ask the dean to consider such new information along with the record of the hearing. The dean may remand to the council for consideration of the new information. If the student discovers new information after the dean has decided the appeal, the student may ask the dean to reconsider his or her decision. If the dean decides not to change that decision, he or she shall give the reason(s) for not doing so to the student in writing. The student may then appeal the dean's decision to the president of the University.
- D. Normally, the dean's appellate review will be based on the record of the hearing and any written submissions. However, the dean may choose to hear oral argument by the student or by the defense counsel and by the school prosecutor.
- E. The dean may affirm, reverse, remand or modify the decision of the council, or the dean may dismiss the complaint. If the dean concludes that the decision of the council is factually correct and that its sanction is appropriate, the dean shall affirm. The dean may dismiss the complaint only if he or she concludes that the council lacked jurisdiction or that its determination was not supported by the greater weight of the evidence. The dean may reduce the sanction if he or she believes that the sanction is inappropriate but may not increase the sanction. If the matter is remanded, the council shall reconvene to reconsider the case.
- F. The dean shall prepare an opinion explaining the reasons for the decision. A copy of that opinion shall be given to the student and to the council, and the council

shall keep a copy as part of its permanent record. Except as to sanctions, the decision of the dean with respect to the student's guilt or innocence shall be final.

- G. After the dean's decision, the student may ask the president of the University to modify the sanction(s), but not the finding of guilt. The president may consider any information he or she considers pertinent, including the report(s) of the council and the opinion(s) of the dean. The president may not increase the sanction.

#### **SECTION XI. APPEAL OF ADJUDICATIONS OF NONACADEMIC VIOLATIONS**

A student who is adjudged guilty by the honor council of conduct that does not involve academic misconduct, an attempt to gain unfair academic advantage over other law students or an unreasonable interference with the rights of other students may appeal the determination of the council to the University Judicial Council according to the University procedures for the appeal of Level II hearing boards. (See the University publication *SMU Policies for Community Life*.)

#### **SECTION XII. NOTIFICATION**

Whenever this code requires notification and does not otherwise specify the manner by which such notification shall be accomplished, the following methods are proper:

- A. Verbal notification, either in person or by telephone, with written confirmation sent by regular mail or
- B. Written notification sent by registered or certified mail to the last local address provided to the Law School by the recipient or, if the Law School is not in session, to the last home address provided to the Law School by the recipient.

#### **SECTION XIII. TIMELINESS OF PROCEEDINGS**

- A. All actions taken pursuant to duties imposed by this code shall be accomplished in a timely manner. The specific time guidelines are the following:
1. The assistant dean for student affairs shall bring a report of a suspected code violation to the attention of the chair of the council within four days of receiving it.
  2. The chair of the council shall bring the substance of a report of a suspected violation to the attention of the council within four days of receiving notice from the assistant dean.
  3. The honor council shall determine whether to assert, decline or postpone taking jurisdiction of a reported matter within seven days of the receipt by the chair of the reported violation.
  4. The council's determination to decline or postpone asserting jurisdiction shall be reported to the dean in writing within 14 days of the determination.
  5. The council's determination to assert jurisdiction, if such a determination is made, or the chair's determination to initiate an investigation of a reported code violation shall be reported to the office of the assistant dean for student affairs and to the accused student within four days of the determination.
  6. The dean of the Law School shall appoint an investigating committee within 14 days of the receipt by the assistant dean for student affairs of a report of a suspected code violation from the council chair.

7. The investigating committee shall reach a determination regarding the reported code violation within 30 days of its appointment.
  8. The investigating committee shall report its determination of whether to file a complaint to the chair of the honor council, to the accused student and to the person or persons initiating the report of the suspected violation within four days of reaching its determination.
  9. The investigating committee shall give to the accused student the information specified in Section VIII F4, a–f of the Student Code, within seven days of the notification to the student that a complaint will issue.
  10. The honor council shall convene to hear a complaint within 21 days of receipt of the complaint by the chair.
  11. The chair's written report of the council's determination(s) and its summary of the evidence shall be submitted to the dean within seven days of the termination of the hearing.
  12. A student's written notice of an intent to appeal an honor council determination must be received by the dean's office within seven days of that determination.
  13. Except for the notice of appeal, deadlines for written submissions to the dean from any party relating to a matter on appeal will be set by the dean.
  14. The dean shall decide the appeal within 30 days of the date the dean's office receives the notification of an intent to appeal.
  15. A student's written appeal of a sanction shall be submitted to the office of the president of the University within 14 days of the student's receipt of the dean's determination.
  16. This code imposes no period of time within which the president of the University must decide an appeal.
- B. In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by this code, the day of the act or event from which the designated period of time begins to run shall not be included.
- C. The accused may waive time periods imposed by this code on others. Noncooperation by the accused is a basis for the suspension of time requirements imposed by the code. The honor council, by majority vote, and the dean shall have the authority to extend time limits imposed upon the accused.
- D. Failure by Law School personnel to abide by the time requirements of this code without the accused's consent may be grounds for dismissal of the complaint or mitigation of sanctions only if a substantial delay has been caused and the accused has suffered prejudice thereby.

Submitted by a joint student-faculty committee

Approved by referendum of students of the School of Law April 19, 1990

Adopted by the faculty of the School of Law May 15, 1990

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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### TUITION, FEES AND LIVING EXPENSES

A catalog supplement, the *Financial Information Bulletin*, is issued each academic year. It provides the general authority and reference for SMU financial regulations and obligations, as well as detailed information concerning tuition, fees and living expenses. The supplement can be accessed at [www.smu.edu/bursar](http://www.smu.edu/bursar) ("Financial Bulletin" link).

Continuing students registering must ensure that payment for the full amount of charges is posted to their account by the payment due date showing on their bill. The due dates are also published on the Bursar website.

Billing notifications are sent to the student's SMU email address and to the designated authorized payer(s) email address when a bill is generated. The billing notification will provide instructions on how to view the bill online through SMUpay. If notification is not received two weeks prior to the due date, the student and/or designated authorized payer(s) should contact the Office of the University Bursar.

Payments made in person or mailed must be received by the Office of the University Bursar, located on the first floor of the Laura Lee Blanton Student Services Building, no later than 4 p.m. on the payment due date. Payments made online via electronic check or credit card must be posted no later than 11:59 p.m. Central Standard Time on the payment due date. Students and/or those paying on behalf of the student who pay online automatically receive an electronic confirmation of payment; students and/or designated authorized payer(s) paying through other methods can also verify receipt of payment online.

Students enrolling after the payment due date must pay at the time of enrollment. Students whose accounts are not cleared by the payment due date or at the time of enrollment are subject to a late payment fee of \$50 for balances between \$250 and \$999.99, and \$150 for balances between \$1,000 and \$5,000. Balances more than \$5,000 are charged 3 percent of the outstanding balance, not to exceed \$750. Also, after the monthly payment due date has passed, a 1.5 percent past due fee will be assessed on the unpaid student and/or miscellaneous account each month until the balance is paid. The enrollment of students whose accounts remain unpaid after the payment due date may be canceled at the discretion of the University. Students are individually responsible for their financial obligations to the University.

All refunds except federal parent PLUS loans, prepayment accounts, the SMU Monthly TuitionPay Payment Plan and international wires will be made payable to the student. A credit card payment will only be refunded to the student if federal student loans have been applied to their account. International wires will be refunded by wire to the originating wire account less a \$35 wire-processing fee. The PLUS loan borrower can request the refund to be processed to the student by submitting a Parent PLUS Release form, located on the Bursar website. If the refund is issued by check, the student may request, in writing, that the refund be sent to another party.

Any outstanding debts to the University will be deducted from the credit balance prior to issuing a refund. Any outstanding debts to the University that include Title IV funds must have an Authorization to Credit Account form and/or an Authorization to Credit Account Parent form on file in order to transfer funds to cover current award year debts. Students need to sign the ACA form and the federal parent PLUS loan borrower needs to sign the ACAP form.

Any outstanding debts to the University that do not include Title IV funds will be deducted from the credit balance prior to issuing a refund. All other debts should be paid directly by the student.

A student whose University account is overdue or who in any other manner has an unpaid financial obligation to the University will be denied the recording and certification services of the Office of the Registrar, including the issuance of a transcript or diploma, and may be denied readmission until all obligations are fulfilled. The Division of Enrollment Services may stop the registration, or may cancel the completed registration, of a student who has a delinquent account or debt, and may assess all attorney's fees and other reasonable collection costs (up to 50 percent) and charges necessary for the collection of any amount not paid when due. Matriculation in the University constitutes an agreement by the student to comply with all University rules, regulations and policies.

Arrangements for financial assistance from SMU must be made in advance of registration and in accordance with the application schedule of the Division of Enrollment Services, Financial Aid. A student should not expect such assistance to settle delinquent accounts.

During the registration process, students will be prompted to read and agree to the Student Rights and Responsibilities, which provides information regarding financial rights and obligations, SMU's Honor Code, the Code of Conduct, and the student appeals and complaints process.

Students who elect to register for courses outside of their school of record will pay the tuition rate of their school of record.

#### REFUNDS FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM THE UNIVERSITY

Reduction of tuition and fees is determined by the effective date of the withdrawal and is based on the schedule listed in the *Financial Information Bulletin*, which can be accessed online at [www.smu.edu/bursar](http://www.smu.edu/bursar) ("Financial Bulletin" link).

**Note:** For students receiving financial aid (scholarships, grants or loans), when the withdrawal date qualifies for reduction of tuition and fees charges, the refund typically will be used to repay the student aid programs first and go to the student/family last. Further, government regulations may require that SMU return aid funds whether or not the University must reduce its tuition and fees (based on the *Financial Information Bulletin*); hence, a student whose account was paid in full prior to withdrawal may owe a significant amount at withdrawal due to the required return of student aid. Therefore, students who receive any financial aid should discuss, prior to withdrawal, the financial implications of the withdrawal with the Financial Aid Advising Office.

Medical withdrawals and mandatory administrative withdrawals allow a prorated refund of tuition and fees.

## **PAYMENT PLAN OPTIONS**

### **SMU Monthly Payment Plan**

The SMU TuitionPay Payment Plan administered by Higher One allows term charges to be paid in monthly installments. Students can enroll in a payment plan at [www.tuitionpaymentplan.com/smu](http://www.tuitionpaymentplan.com/smu). Higher One consultants are available at 877-279-6092 to answer questions or help with the online enrollment process.

Annual payment plans are available in 12-month, 10-month and eight-month formats. Term payment plans are available in four-month, five-month and six-month formats. The summer payment plan is three months.

### **SMU Prepayment Plan**

The SMU Prepayment Plan (a single payment up front for all terms) allows families to avoid the effects of tuition and fee increases by paying for two, three or four years in one single payment at the current rate of tuition and fees. Questions should be addressed to the Division of Enrollment Services, Southern Methodist University, PO Box 750181, Dallas TX 75275-0181; phone 214-768-1096.

## **GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT AID**

University grants, scholarships, fellowships and assistantships are awarded in the school or department in which the graduate student will enroll. Schools and departments that offer master's or Ph.D. degrees offer a significant number of tuition scholarships and teaching or research assistantships each year. For more information, students should contact the appropriate school or department.

### **Financial Aid**

Grants and loans for Texas residents, private and federal loans, and employment programs may be available by filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The FAFSA may be completed online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). The SMU Title IV school code number is 003613. More information is found at [www.smu.edu/financial\\_aid](http://www.smu.edu/financial_aid).

In order to qualify for financial aid, a graduate student must meet the requirements of halftime to full-time status as determined by the University. A student who is ineligible for financial aid should contact a student account adviser in the Bursar's Office for payment plan options: [www.smu.edu/bursar/paymentplans.asp](http://www.smu.edu/bursar/paymentplans.asp).

### **Scholarships**

A limited number of awards of full and partial tuition and fees are made annually to entering first-year students. The Financial Aid Committee endeavors to use the available funds to attract students who will enhance the Dedman School of Law with their academic achievement and potential (relying primarily on undergraduate grade point averages and Law School Admission Test scores) and life experiences. Unless otherwise specified in the award letter, these grants are renewed for subsequent years provided the student remains in good standing. Scholarships are applied to courses taken during fall and spring terms at Dedman School of Law.

### ***James Elliot Bower Memorial Scholarship***

Selection of James Elliot Bower Memorial scholars is made on the basis of academic proficiency, extracurricular achievement and financial need.

### ***Charles and Peggy Galvin Endowment Fund***

This fund was established in 1979 by multiple donors in honor of Charles and Peggy Galvin. The endowment provides support for a full-tuition scholarship based on merit. The Charles and Peggy Galvin Scholar must rank in the top third of his or her law school class in order to retain the scholarship.

### ***The Sarah T. Hughes Diversity Law Fellowship***

The Dallas Bar Foundation funds several full-tuition scholarships annually to enable men and women from minority groups to obtain a legal education at Dedman School of Law and subsequently enter the legal profession. The fellowship is awarded initially to entering full-time students for one year and is renewable for the second and third years of study as long as the student remains in good standing. Applicants must complete a separate scholarship application and be accepted for admission to Dedman School of Law by the regular decision deadline.

### ***Hutchison Scholarship Program***

In 1984, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Hutchison, Sr., created this endowment with the following objectives: 1) to foster and encourage excellence in legal study so that students selected by the school for an award from the endowment income may become competent, able and respected members of the legal profession and/or the business community and 2) to develop in such students the highest sense of duty to community and nation in accordance with the Constitution of the United States. To accomplish these objectives, the school shall employ the following criteria in making scholarship awards: 1) Entering students selected as Hutchison Scholars shall have a superior undergraduate academic record and shall have a high sense of duty and commitment to the community and the nation. 2) A Hutchison Scholar must be a full-time student of the Dedman School of Law each term and must maintain a cumulative average in the upper third of his or her Dedman School of Law class. 3) A Hutchison Scholar shall attend classes regularly, abide by the rules and procedures of the school and maintain a cooperative, friendly attitude and relationship with school administrators, professors and other students.

### ***Cary Maguire Ethics Scholarship***

Cary M. Maguire created this endowment in 2001 for entering first-year law students who have demonstrated concern and interest in ethical behavior in law. The Cary Maguire Ethics Scholar selection process is based on the law school application and the recipient must write a paper on a topic related to ethical issues in the legal profession during his or her second year.

### ***Rupert and Lillian Radford Scholarship Fund***

The Rupert Radford Estate endowed this scholarship fund to aid worthy full-time students at the Dedman School of Law who have high financial need.

***Robert Hickman Smellage, Sr., Memorial Fund***

In 1984, the estate of Oda Elizabeth Smellage created this endowment for worthy students at the Dedman School of Law or for students who have graduated from a law school and are enrolled in a postgraduate law program or course of study at the Dedman School of Law.

***The Sohmen Endowed Scholarship Fund  
and The Sohmen Chinese Scholars Program Endowment***

These scholarships were endowed by the Sohmen Foundation and Dr. Helmut Sohmen to provide awards for not fewer than four students from mainland China or Hong Kong who are in the one-year LL.M. program and have demonstrated high academic achievement. The scholarships include full tuition, fees and a supplemental living stipend. Students must evidence their commitment to return to China immediately (within seven months) following graduation from the program.

***The Hatton W. Sumners Scholarship Program***

Endowed in 1979 by the Hatton W. Sumners Foundation, the scholarships, which cover the cost of full tuition, fees, books and a living stipend, are awarded each year to qualified entering students who are residents of or who attended colleges or universities in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas, Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri. Applicants must complete a separate scholarship application and be accepted for admission to the Dedman School of Law by the regular decision deadline (to be admitted by February 15, an applicant must have a complete application on file no later than January 15.).

***The James Cleo Thompson, Sr. Endowed Scholarship Fund***

Mr. and Mrs. James Cleo Thompson, Jr., and Mrs. James Cleo Thompson, Sr., created this endowment in 1984. James Cleo Thompson, Sr. Scholars are students who show high academic performance in their undergraduate education and demonstrate valuable traits as community citizens, including service in leadership positions, experience in the workplace, and volunteer commitment to the community.

## Endowed Scholarships

The Dedman School of Law awards varying amounts of tuition and fee support from the following endowed scholarships that are established through gifts or bequests from graduates and other supporters.

The Nelda Sánchez Adamson Endowed Scholarship Fund	Joy and Ralph Ellis Scholarship
The Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld Council for Excellence Scholarship Endowment Fund	The Bess and Ted Enloe Endowed Scholarship Fund
The Elizabeth and Louis Altman Endowed Scholarship Fund	The Armine C. Ernst Endowed Scholarship Fund
The Webster Atwell Scholarship Endowment Fund	The Henry R. and Rose S. Feld and Morton H. and Hortense Sanger Endowed Scholarship Fund
Baker & Botts Council for Excellence Scholarship Endowment Fund	Donald C. Fitch, Jr. Endowed Scholarship
Dennis Barger Memorial Scholarship	Charles and Peggy Galvin Endowment Fund
The Michael C. Barrett Endowed Scholarship Fund	The Judge Dean Gandy Endowed Scholarship Fund
The Bennett Scholarship for International Studies	Gardere & Wynne Council for Excellence Scholarship Endowment Fund
The Nancy L. Benoit Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund	The Larry D. George Endowed Scholarship Fund
James Elliot Bower Memorial Scholarship	Gibbs Memorial Scholarship Fund
The James Bozzell Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund	Arthur I. and Jeannette M. Ginsburg Scholarship
The Eugene and Juanita Brady Endowed Scholarship Fund	Hawkins Golden Law Scholarship
The Frank and Debbie Branson Trial Advocacy Scholarship	The J. Roscoe Golden Memorial Endowed Law Scholarship
Dan Burney Law Students Scholarship	The Hall Family Endowed Scholarship in Law
The R.W. Calloway Scholarship Endowment Fund	W. R. Harris, Sr. Memorial Scholarship
The Class of 1986 Teresa Jenkins Carson Memorial Scholarship Endowment	The Linda Wertheimer Hart and Milledge A. Hart III Endowment for the School of Law
The Cain Denius Endowed Scholarship Fund	James Hartnett Scholarship Endowment Fund
Clovis G. Chappell Endowed Scholarship	Haynes and Boone Council for Excellence Scholarship Endowment Fund
Citigroup Foundation Law Scholarship	Will T. Henry Endowment
The Tom C. Clark Scholarship Fund	Wilson W. Herndon Memorial Fund
The Frances Spears Cloyd Endowed Scholarship Fund	Justice John and Lena Hickman Scholarship Fund
Rosser J. Coke Scholarship	The John Howie Family Scholarship Endowment Fund
Dallas Lawyers' Auxiliary Endowed Scholarship Fund	The Richard M. Hull Endowed Service Scholarship
The J. Carlisle DeHay, Jr. Endowed Scholarship in Law	The William A. Hunter Memorial Scholarship Fund
Israel Dreeben Scholarship	Ray and Kay Bailey Hutchison Scholarship Endowment Fund
The Easterwood Foundation	Hutchison Scholarship Program

The Jackson Walker, L.L.P. Endowed Scholarship Fund	The Homer B. Reynolds III Endowed Scholarship Fund
Jackson & Walker Council for Excellence Scholarship Endowment Fund	William J. Rochelle, Jr. Scholarship Endowment Fund
Johnson & Swanson Council for Excellence Scholarship Endowment Fund	The Martin Samuelsohn Endowed Scholarship
The Jones Day Endowed Scholarship Fund	The Richard L. Scott Family Scholarship Endowment Fund
Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue Council for Excellence Scholarship Endowment Fund	The John T. Sharpe Scholarship Endowment Fund
The John Leddy Jones Memorial Scholarships	The Robert Hickman Smellage, Sr. Memorial Fund
Journal of Air Law and Commerce Fund	The Edward R. & Jo Anne M. Smith Endowment Fund
K&L Gates Council for Excellence Scholarship Endowment Fund	Wm. Elliott and Mildred Smith Scholarship
The K&L Gates Endowed Scholarship Fund	The Sohmen Chinese Scholars Program Endowment
Law School Endowment	The Sohmen Endowed Scholarship Fund
The Locke Liddell & Sapp Endowment Fund	Fred S. Stradley Memorial Scholarship
Cary Maguire Ethics Scholarship	Strasburger & Price Council for Excellence Scholarship Endowment Fund
E. Eugene Mason Endowed Scholarship Fund	Carl W. Summers, Jr., Endowment Fund
Joseph P. McKnight Memorial Scholarship Fund	The Hatton W. Sumners Foundation Scholarship Program
The Alfred E. McLane Endowed Scholarship Fund	The Louis Szep Endowed Memorial Fund
Tom and Rosemary Medders Law Scholarship Fund	The Thompson & Knight Endowed Scholarship Fund
Marvin and Mollyann R. Menaker Endowment Fund	Thompson & Knight Council for Excellence Scholarship Endowment Fund
The Britton D. Monts Endowed Scholarship Fund	The James Cleo Thompson, Sr. Endowed Scholarship Fund
Annie Morris Law Scholarship	Vial, Hamilton, Koch & Knox Council for Excellence Scholarship Endowment Fund
Alfred P. Murrah Memorial Scholarship	The Vinson & Elkins Endowed Scholarship Fund
The James L. Noel, Jr. Endowed Scholarship Fund	The Vinson & Elkins Endowed Scholarship Fund – 2002
The Dean Charles Shirley Potts Scholarship Endowment Fund	James L. and Catherine Nolan Walsh Scholarship Fund
Maurice E. Purnell Endowed Scholarship Fund	Meade Whitaker Law Scholarship
Rupert and Lillian Radford Scholarship Fund	Winstead PC Council for Excellence Scholarship Endowment Fund
The Rain, Harrell, Emery, Young & Doke Council for Excellence Scholarship Endowment Fund	The Robert A. Wooldridge Endowed Scholarship Fund
Professor Roy R. Ray Scholarship	

## RESIDENCE ACCOMMODATIONS

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The University prides itself on offering a full living and learning experience for its resident students. The mission of the Department of Residence Life and Student Housing is to advance the goals and objectives of the University by creating residential communities that empower residents to value learning, citizenship and leadership. To this end, RLSH seeks opportunities to promote an intellectual culture in SMU's residential communities that complements an already flourishing campus social culture. RLSH is responsible for residence halls, 11 Residential Commons, approximately 40 SMU-owned apartments and 10 SMU-owned Greek chapter houses. This responsibility includes making sure that facilities are well maintained and that students have opportunities to grow personally and excel academically. For more information, students should visit [www.smu.edu/housing](http://www.smu.edu/housing) or contact the Department of Residence Life and Student Housing, Southern Methodist University, PO Box 750215, Dallas TX 75275-0215; phone 214-768-2407; fax 214-768-4005; [housing@smu.edu](mailto:housing@smu.edu).

### HOUSING POLICY FOR ALL STUDENTS

All incoming first-year undergraduate students are required to live on campus for two years. Exceptions may be granted on the basis of a financial, medical or personal hardship at the discretion of the dean of RLSH to those students from Dallas/Fort Worth who live with a parent or legal guardian in the primary residence of the parent or guardian. For housing purposes, the *two years* means the first two years of college. Incoming transfer students who are over the age of 16 and under the age of 20 are required to live on-campus for their first year at SMU. For 2015–2016, upper-class and graduate students are not required to live on campus but may apply on a space-available basis.

### APPLICATIONS FOR RESIDENCE

New graduate students should submit the completed application and contract to RLSH with a check or money order for \$100 made payable to Southern Methodist University for the nonrefundable housing deposit. Notification of assignment will be made by RLSH. The housing license agreement is for the full academic year (fall and spring terms). Room charges for the fall term will be billed and are payable in advance of the term for students who register before August 1, and room charges for the spring term will be billed and are payable in advance of that term for students who register before December 1. Students who register after these dates must pay at the time of registration. Room charges for the full academic year will be due and payable should a student move out at any time during the school year. Accommodations for shorter periods are available only by special arrangement with RLSH before acceptance of the housing license agreement. It is important that applicants become familiar with the license agreement, as it is a legally binding document.

### GRADUATE RESIDENCE ACCOMMODATIONS

The Department of Residence Life and Student Housing operates one apartment residence hall designated for graduate students. Hawk Hall, a one-bedroom-apartment facility, houses single graduate students and married students (graduate and undergraduate) with families. Families with no more than two children may be housed in Hawk Hall.

### **SPECIAL HOUSING NEEDS**

Students having special housing needs because of a disability should contact the SMU Office of Disability Accommodations and Success Strategies in order to establish eligibility for accommodations. When applying for housing, students should also submit information to RLSH regarding a request for accommodations. DASS and RLSH will work together with the student on their specific situation to make necessary accommodations.

### **GENERAL HOUSING INFORMATION**

Each apartment is equipped with a telephone, local telephone service, voice mail system and wireless Ethernet connections to the University's computer system. All residence halls are air-conditioned and some have individually climate-controlled rooms. Washing machines and dryers are located in all residence halls. Meal plans are not required in the graduate hall.

# ACADEMIC RECORDS AND GENERAL AND ENROLLMENT STANDARDS

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The standards herein are applicable to all students at the University and constitute the basic authority and reference for matters pertaining to University academic regulations and records management. Enrollment in the University is a declaration of acceptance of all University rules and regulations. A complete *University Policy Manual* is available at [www.smu.edu/policy](http://www.smu.edu/policy). Additional information regarding rules and regulations of the University can be found in this catalog. Undergraduate students must follow the Universitywide requirements that are in effect for the academic year of matriculation to SMU. The applicable requirements of majors and minors are those in effect during the academic year of matriculation to SMU or those of a subsequent academic year. Students may not follow a catalog for an academic year in effect prior to their matriculation term. Students who are not enrolled for three or more years will return to SMU under the current catalog.

## GENERAL POLICIES

### Confidentiality of Education Records

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 is a federal law that grants students the right to inspect, obtain copies of, challenge, and, to a degree, control the release of information contained in their education records. The act and regulations are very lengthy, and for that reason, SMU has issued its own FERPA-based guidelines that are available at the University Registrar's Office FERPA website. Policy 1.18 of the *University Policy Manual* also discusses this law.

In general, no personally identifiable information from a student's education record will be disclosed to any third party without written consent from the student. Several exceptions exist, including these selected examples: 1) information defined by SMU as directory information may be released unless the student requests through my.SMU Self-Service that it be withheld, 2) information authorized by the student through my.SMU Self-Service may be released to those individuals designated by the student and 3) information may be released to a parent or guardian if the student is declared financially dependent upon the parent or guardian as set forth in the Internal Revenue Code.

Additional information is available at [www.smu.edu/LegalDisclosures/FERPA](http://www.smu.edu/LegalDisclosures/FERPA).

### Student File Number

The University assigns each student an eight-digit SMU identification number. The student should furnish the SMU ID number on all forms when requested, as this number is the primary means the University has to identify the student's academic records and transactions related to the records.

### Name Change

A student who has a change in name must provide to the University Registrar's Office his or her Social Security card or the form issued by the Social Security Administration. A valid passport may also be used to complete a name change. Enrollment or records services for the student under a name different from the last enrollment cannot be accomplished without one of the above documents. All grade reports, transcripts and diplomas are issued only under a person's legal name as recorded by the University Registrar's Office.

## **Email and Mailing Addresses, Telephone, and Emergency Contact**

Each student must provide the University Registrar's Office with a current home address, telephone number and local mailing address as well as the name, address and telephone number of a designated emergency contact. Students enrolling at SMU authorize the University to notify their emergency contacts in the event of a situation affecting their health, safety, or physical or mental well-being, and to provide these contacts with information related to the situation.

Students are expected to keep current all their addresses and telephone numbers, including emergency contact details, through my.SMU, the University's Web-based self-service system. Students may be prevented from enrolling if their information is insufficient or outdated. Changes to parent information should be reported by contacting [records@smu.edu](mailto:records@smu.edu), and the email should include the student's full name and SMU student ID number.

The University issues all students an email address. Students may have other email addresses, but the University-assigned email address is the official address for University electronic correspondence, including related communications with faculty members and academic units.

Official University correspondence may be sent to students' mailing addresses or SMU email addresses on file. It is the responsibility of students to keep all their addresses current and to regularly check communications sent to them since they are responsible for complying with requests, deadlines and other requirements sent to any of their mailing addresses on file or to their SMU email.

### **Cell Phones**

The University requests that students provide cellular telephone numbers, as they are one means of communicating with students during an emergency. Cellular telephone numbers may also be used by University officials conducting routine business. Students who do not have cellular telephones or do not wish to report the numbers should provide this information to the University through my.SMU Self-Service. Students may be prevented from enrolling if their cellular telephone numbers are not on file or if they have not declared "no cell" or "prefer not to report" in my.SMU.

### **Ethnicity**

SMU requires that a valid ethnic group category be on file for all students. SMU's policies and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 protect the confidentiality and privacy of this information. A student's ethnic group category can be viewed in my.SMU, Self-Service Student Center.

**U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents.** Ethnicity is self-determined. Students of multiple ethnic backgrounds may select multiple ethnic group categories. If the ethnic group value is incorrect, the student should go to the University Registrar's Office in the Laura Lee Blanton Student Services Building and complete an Ethnic/Racial Category Update Form.

**International Students Living in the U.S. While Attending School.** Selecting an ethnic group category is not required unless the student becomes a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

## Transcript Service

A transcript is an official document of the permanent academic record maintained by the University Registrar's Office. The permanent academic record includes all SMU courses attempted, all grades assigned, degrees received and a summary of transfer hours accepted. Official transcripts and certifications of student academic records are issued by the University Registrar's Office for all students. Copies of high school records and transfer transcripts from other schools must be requested from the institutions where the coursework was taken.

Transcripts are \$12.25 per copy. Additional copies in the same request mailed to the same address are \$3.50. Additional copies mailed to different addresses are \$12.25 a copy. PDF transcripts are \$16.00 per email address and are available only for students who attended after summer 1996.

**Note:** No incomplete or partial transcripts, including only certain courses or grades, are issued.

Transcripts cannot be released unless the student has satisfied all financial and other obligations to the University. Instructions for requesting a transcript to be mailed or picked up on campus are available at [www.smu.edu/registrar](http://www.smu.edu/registrar) ("Transcript Requests" link). A student may request his or her official transcript through the online my.SMU Student Center. Requests are processed through the National Student Clearinghouse. Telephone and email requests are not accepted. Students or their specified third party can pick up their transcripts at the University Registrar's Office, 101 Blanton Student Services Building. Transcripts may be delayed pending a change of grade, degree awarded or term grades.

SMU is permitted, but not required, to disclose to the parents of a student any information contained in the education records of the student if the student is a dependent as defined in the Internal Revenue Code.

Transcripts may be released to a third party as specified by the student on the Student's Consent for SMU to Release Information to Student's Specified Third Party form accessible at [www.smu.edu/LegalDisclosures/FERPA/Forms](http://www.smu.edu/LegalDisclosures/FERPA/Forms).

**Note:** Chapter 675, S.B. 302. Acts of the 61st Texas Legislature, 1969 Regular Session, provides as follows: *Section I.* No person may buy, sell, create, duplicate, alter, give or obtain; or attempt to buy, sell, create, duplicate, alter, give or obtain a diploma, certificate, academic record, certificate of enrollment or other instrument which purports to signify merit or achievement conferred by an institution of education in this state with the intent to use fraudulently such document or to allow the fraudulent use of such document. *Section II.* A person who violates this act or who aids another in violating this act is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 and/or confinement in the county jail for a period not to exceed one year.

## Veterans

The University Registrar's Office certifies veterans each term for their benefits under federal programs, including the Yellow Ribbon Program. Most academic programs at SMU qualify for U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs benefits, making an SMU education accessible and affordable. Veterans are required to provide specific documents before they can be certified with the VA's Veterans Benefits Administration. Specific information regarding the certification process is available from the University Registrar's Office at [www.smu.edu/registrar](http://www.smu.edu/registrar) ("Veterans Affairs" link).

## **Academic Grievance and Appeals Procedures for Students With Disabilities**

The University policy for academic grievance and appeals procedures for students with disabilities is available in the Office of Disability Accommodations and Success Strategies and the University Registrar's Office.

### **Term Hour Loads**

The unit of measure for the valuation of courses is the *term hour*, i.e., one lecture hour or three laboratory hours per week for a term of approximately 16 weeks (including final examinations).

Enrollment for nine hours of coursework per term is recognized as a full load for students engaged in J.D., tax and general LL.M. graduate studies and eight hours for international LL.M. graduate studies. Individuals who enroll for fewer than these minimum hours are designated as part-time students.

A graduate student

- working on the completion of a thesis, dissertation or performance recital requirement on a full-time or part-time basis;
- enrolled in an internship or co-op program;
- enrolled as a third-year theatre major working on the completion of required production projects;
- or having an instructor appointment as part of a teaching fellowship, but not enrolled for the required number of hours;

may be certified as a full-time or part-time student if the student

- is enrolled officially for at least one course and
- is recognized by his or her director or academic dean or the dean for the Office of Research and Graduate Studies as working on the completion of the thesis, dissertation or internship requirement on a full-time or part-time basis.

In other special situations, a student not enrolled for the required number of hours may be certified as a full-time or part-time student if the student is officially enrolled for at least one course and is recognized by the academic dean or director as a full-time or part-time student, and if such recognition is approved by the provost.

**Cautionary Note:** Federal financial aid agencies and some other agencies require a minimum number of hours of enrollment for full-time status and do not make exceptions for internship, co-op or student-teaching enrollments. Students on financial aid should consult a Financial Aid Office adviser regarding minimum enrollment requirements for their situation.

**Minimum and Maximum Course Loads.** Minimum and maximum course loads allowed are based on the school of record.

### **Stop Enrollment/Administrative Withdrawal**

Insufficient or improper information given by the student on any admission or enrollment form – or academic deficiencies, disciplinary actions and financial obligations to the University – can constitute cause for the student to be determined ineligible to enroll or to be administratively withdrawn.

## Transfer Courses From Other Institutions

Information about transfer credit is found in this catalog in the Courses Outside of the Dedman School of Law section and in the Grades and Credits section under Credit for Work Completed at Other Schools.

### Schedule Changes

The deadline for adding courses, dropping courses without grade record and changing sections for each enrollment period is listed on the Dedman School of Law Calendar. Students must seek the professor's permission to drop a class. Students have until noon of the last day of instruction to drop a class and receive a grade of *W*. The specific deadline is listed in the Dedman School of Law Calendar.

After the deadline date on the Dedman School of Law Calendar, the student may not drop a class. All schedule changes must be processed by the deadline date specified on the Dedman School of Law Calendar. **Note:** Schedule changes are not complete for official University record purposes unless finalized in the University Registrar's Office.

**Student-Athletes.** Students must consult with the Athletic Compliance Office prior to dropping a course. In the consultation, the student will review the effects the drop might have on his or her athletic participation and financial aid. After the consultation, the Athletic Compliance Office will update my.SMU to allow the student to process the drop, if necessary. The consultation is advisory; students are responsible for their enrollment. For assistance regarding scholarships or other aspects of being a student-athlete, students should contact the Office of the Assistant Athletic Director for Student-Athlete Development.

**International Students.** Students must consult with the International Center prior to dropping a course. If dropping a course will cause the student to be enrolled in fewer than the required number of hours to remain a full-time student, the student's immigration status could be affected. After the consultation, the International Center will update my.SMU to allow the student to process the drop, if necessary. The consultation is advisory; students are responsible for their enrollment.

**Students on Merit or Need-based Financial Aid.** Students should consult with their financial aid adviser prior to dropping a course. If dropping a course will cause the student to be enrolled in fewer than the required number of hours to remain a full-time student, the student's financial aid status may be affected. After the consultation, the student may drop a course through my.SMU Self-Service. The consultation is advisory; students are responsible for their enrollment. Questions regarding this procedure or financial aid should be directed to the Office of the Associate Financial Aid Director.

### Withdrawal From the University

Policies on refunds for withdrawal from the University are found in the Financial Information section of this catalog and in the *Financial Information Bulletin*, which can be accessed online at [www.smu.edu/bursar](http://www.smu.edu/bursar) ("Financial Bulletin" link). Online/distance students who reside outside of Texas should visit the SMU Right to Know Web page to learn about state-specific refund policies. No refunds are made without an official withdrawal.

Students should be aware of the difference between a *drop* and a *withdrawal* and remember that they have different deadlines and separate financial policies. The deadlines for each are posted each term on the Dedman School of Law Calendar. A

*drop* occurs when a student removes one or more courses from his or her schedule and remains enrolled in at least one credit hour for the term. A *withdrawal* occurs when removing the course or courses will result in the student being enrolled in zero hours for the term.

If a student removes all courses from his or her schedule prior to the first day of the term, the transaction is considered a *cancellation* and does not result in financial penalty or impact the student's transcript.

A student who wishes to withdraw (resign) from the University before the end of a term or session must initiate a Student Petition for Withdrawal form and obtain approval from the assistant dean of student affairs. The assistant dean will then submit the form to the Dedman School of Law registrar. The effective date of the withdrawal is the date on which the Student Petition for Withdrawal is processed in the University Registrar's Office. Discontinuance of class attendance or notification to the instructors of intention to withdraw does not constitute an official withdrawal.

The enrollment of students who withdraw on or before the fifth day of regular classes as listed on the Dedman School of Law Calendar will be canceled. Courses and grades are not recorded for canceled enrollments; however, the student will owe a portion of his/her tuition and fees. Additional information is available in the *Financial Information Bulletin*, which can be accessed online at [www.smu.edu/bursar](http://www.smu.edu/bursar) ("Financial Bulletin" link). A student who withdraws after the fifth class day will receive the grade of *W* in each course in which he or she enrolled.

Medical withdrawals and mandatory administrative withdrawals allow a prorated refund of tuition and fees and have conditions that must be met prior to re-enrollment at SMU. Medical withdrawals can only be authorized by a licensed physician or psychologist counselor in the SMU Memorial Health Center. Mandatory administrative withdrawals can be authorized only by the vice president for student affairs. As a matter of University policy, and in compliance with federal regulations, retroactive medical withdrawals cannot be granted. The last day for a medical withdrawal is the last day of class instruction for the term from which the student is withdrawing.

Withdrawing students living in SMU housing must check out of the residence halls with the Department of Residence Life and Student Housing per established procedures.

**Wisconsin Refund Policy.** The following information applies only to students enrolled in distance/online courses who reside in the state of Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Administrative Code contains provisions related to online/distance education for students residing in that state. Sections from Chapter 8 of the Educational Approval Board are reprinted below. The complete code is available online at [http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin\\_code](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code).

*EAB 8.05 Partial Refunds.* A student who withdraws or is dismissed after the period of time identified under s. EAB 8.03 (1) has passed, but before completing 60 percent of the potential units of instruction in the current enrollment period, shall be entitled to a pro rata refund, as calculated below, less any amounts owed by the student for the current enrollment period, less a one-time application fee of \$100.

- (1) Pro rata refund shall be determined as the number of units remaining after the last unit completed by the student, divided by the total number of units in the enrollment period, rounded downward to the nearest

10 percent. Pro rata refund is the resulting percent applied to the total tuition and other required costs paid by the student for the current enrollment period.

- (2) All efforts will be made to refund prepaid amounts for books, supplies and other charges unless the student has consumed or used those items and they can no longer be used or sold to new students, or returned by the school to the supplier.
- (3) Refunds shall be paid within 40 days after the effective date of termination.
- (4) After the student's first period of enrollment, if a student withdraws or is dismissed in a subsequent enrollment period, the school may also retain an administrative fee of 15 percent of the total cost of a resident program, or \$400, whichever is less.
- (5) No refund is required for any student who withdraws or is dismissed after completing 60 percent of the potential units of instruction in the current enrollment period unless a student withdraws due to mitigating circumstances, which are those that directly prohibit pursuit of a program and which are beyond the student's control.

**SMU Refund for Wisconsin Students.** SMU online/distance education students residing in Wisconsin who cancel their enrollment will receive a full refund of all tuition and fees if they officially withdraw from the University before the withdrawal deadline listed on the Official University Calendar. The University will issue refunds within 10 business days of withdrawal.

### **Absence Due to Illness**

SMU's Memorial Health Center does not provide documentation for granting excused absences from class. If students are absent for illness, they should talk to their professors about how they might catch up with the material missed. If students are seriously ill and require hospitalization or an extended absence, students should talk to their professors and the assistant dean of student affairs to decide how to deal with the interruption in their studies. To facilitate communication with their professors about their absence, students may submit the Absence from Class Form available at [www.smu.edu/healthcenter](http://www.smu.edu/healthcenter).

### **Transfer Coursework**

Policies for transfer credit are found in the Courses Outside the Dedman School of Law section and in the Grades and Credits section under Credit for Work Completed at Other Schools.

### **Commencement Participation**

An All-University December Commencement Convocation is held each year for students completing degree requirements during the fall term. Students who completed degree requirements during the previous summer session may also participate. Students on schedule and enrolled to complete all degree requirements during the following Jan Term (January) intersession may also participate in the December ceremony, although their degrees will be conferred in January.

A student may participate once in either the All-University Commencement Convocation in May or the All-University December Commencement Convocation for a given degree, but not both.

## **DEDMAN SCHOOL OF LAW POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

### **Visiting Students**

To be a visiting student at the Dedman School of Law, an applicant must be in good standing at an accredited law school and have permission to visit. Students who meet these requirements will be admitted so long as space is available. Visiting student applicants must submit a visitor application via LSAC's application service, a dean's letter of good standing and permission to visit, a statement articulating the reasons for wanting to visit the Dedman School of Law and a \$75 nonrefundable application fee.

### **Nondegree Enrollment and Auditors**

#### ***Nondegree Enrollment***

An attorney holding a valid U.S. license to practice law or a graduate of an American Bar Association-approved law school may enroll for credit in a course at the Dedman School of Law, though not seeking a degree, on a space-available basis with the permission of the instructor. A nondegree enrollee must participate in class and complete all work required of degree students in the course. A grade will be awarded and placed on a transcript. Applicable tuition and fees must be paid at enrollment. Credit earned in this category cannot be applied to a Dedman law degree program. Information on course availability can be obtained through the school's Registrar's Office.

#### ***Auditors***

An attorney holding a valid U.S. license to practice law or a graduate of an American Bar Association-approved law school may audit a course at the Dedman School of Law on a space-available basis with the consent of the instructor. The instructor will determine the extent, if any, of permitted participation in class discussion. An auditor may not submit a research paper, sit for an exam or receive academic credit. Audited courses are not recorded or placed on a transcript. An auditor must pay the applicable per hour tuition and fees in full prior to attendance. Information on course availability can be obtained through the school's Registrar's Office. In special circumstances and with the consent of the instructor, the assistant dean for student affairs and the senior associate dean for academic affairs, other students may be permitted to audit a course in accordance with the above requirements and any other requirements imposed by the instructor, the assistant dean for student affairs or the associate dean for academic affairs.

### **Enrollment**

#### ***Enrollment Periods***

The times for enrollment are announced by the Dedman School of Law Registrar's Office. Students who fail to enroll during the announced enrollment period will be charged a late enrollment fee.

### *Minimum and Maximum Hours*

Generally, except for those students enrolled for a reduced course load, first-year students in the day program are required to take 16 hours in the fall term and 15 hours in the spring term. Beyond the first year, a student in the day program normally will take no less than 12 and no more than 16 hours in a regular term and no more than eight hours in a summer session. To be considered a full-time student for purposes of financial aid and residency, no fewer than 12 hours must be taken in a regular term. (Additional information on the residency requirement is found in this catalog under The Juris Doctor Program: Residence.) Students in the day program may take more than 16 hours in a regular term only with permission of the assistant dean for student affairs. Under no circumstances will a student enrolled be permitted to take more than 17 hours in a regular term.

First-year students in the evening program are required to take 11 hours in the fall term and 10 hours in the spring term. Beyond the first year, a student in the evening program normally will take no fewer than nine and no more than 11 hours in a regular term and no more than eight hours in a summer session. Students in the evening program who have completed at least one academic year may take more than 11 hours in a regular term with permission of the assistant dean for student affairs. Students in the evening program who have completed the required terms and desire to take more than 11 hours in a term must complete and submit to the assistant dean for student affairs the required petition form, which can be obtained from the Dedman School of Law Registrar's Office. Approval is within the discretion of the assistant dean for student affairs in consideration of the information provided by the requesting student and any relevant Dedman School of Law evening program requirements at the time the petition is submitted. The Dedman School of Law reserves the right to limit the number of evening program students who may take more than 11 hours in any term and to set additional restrictions and requirements for approval of petitions. Any student who is approved to take more than 11 hours may not work more than 20 hours per week.

### *Adding and Dropping a Course*

A student may add or drop a course during the periods set forth in the Dedman School of Law Calendar.

**Dropping a Course: Grading** – A student may withdraw from a course at any time with the permission of the instructor, who shall use personal discretion to determine the grade received for the course. Students enrolled in required first-year courses (found in this catalog under The Curriculum) must also obtain the permission of the assistant dean for student affairs to withdraw from a course. If the student withdraws from a course before noon on the last day of classes, the student will ordinarily receive no grade for the course. If a student withdraws from a course after noon on the last day of classes, the student will ordinarily receive a failing grade for the course.

### *Withdrawal From the Dedman School of Law*

**Withdrawal** – Withdrawal means the student's enrollment is canceled and the student is no longer enrolled for any classes. If a student is enrolled for only one course, dropping this course constitutes withdrawal from the Dedman School of Law and is subject to the penalties. The student must contact the Dedman School of Law Registrar's Office in writing to withdraw. The effective date of the withdrawal is the date

the Student Petition for Withdrawal is processed in the Registrar's Office. This date is the date used for credit or refund purposes. Information on the consequences of withdrawal on grading and readmission is found under The Juris Doctor Program in the Withdrawal, Re-entry and Readmission section.

**Credit or Refund** – A credit or refund will be issued if notification is received prior to the close of the business day according to the following schedules:

<i>Effective Date</i>	<i>Fall and Spring Terms</i>
Prior to first day of term	100%
1st–5th day of term	90%
6th–10th day of term	50%
11th–15th day of term	25%
16th–20th day of term	10%
After the 20th day of term	0%

<i>Effective Date</i>	<i>Summer Term</i>
Prior to first day of term	100%
1st–2nd day of term	50%
After the 2nd day of term	0%

## **Classroom Work, Attendance and Examinations**

### ***Classroom Work and Assignments***

Students are expected to prepare all assignments and to participate in classroom discussions. The instructor may exclude a student from a course for poor classroom performance, for failure to meet attendance requirements, for improper conduct in the classroom or for failure to prepare assignments. In such cases, the student will receive a failing grade in the course.

### ***Attendance***

Regular and punctual class attendance is necessary to satisfy residence and class hours requirements.

### ***Rescheduling of Examinations***

The assistant dean for student affairs may reschedule a student's examination in the event of an emergency. Two or more examinations in close time proximity do not constitute an emergency.

### ***Use of Word Processing Equipment on Examinations***

The use of word processing equipment during examinations, using specially provided software, is allowed under certain circumstances. Students should contact the Dedman School of Law registrar for more information.

### ***Accommodations in the Classroom and on Examinations***

If a student is requesting academic accommodations for a disability, he or she must first contact the Disability Accommodations and Success Strategies Office at the Altshuler Learning Enhancement Center to verify the disability and to establish eligibility for accommodations. After establishing eligibility for accommodations, the student must then contact the Dedman School of Law's assistant dean for student

affairs in a timely manner. Reasonable accommodations will be offered to students with disabilities, upon request.

### **Grades and Credits**

#### ***Methods of Grading***

Students enrolled in the Dedman School of Law receive letter grades:

A	4.0	C+	2.3
A-	3.7	C	2.0
B+	3.3	C-	1.7
B	3.0	D	1.0
B-	2.7	F	0.0

#### ***Minimum Passing Grade***

The minimum passing grade is *D* or 1.0, and an average grade of *C* or 2.0 is necessary for graduation. Detailed information is found in this catalog under The Juris Doctor Program in the section Requirements for Degree: Hours and Grades.

#### ***Incompletes***

A student may receive a grade of *I* (Incomplete) if, for some justifiable reason acceptable to the instructor, the student has been unable to complete the requirements of the course. The maximum period of time allowed to clear the grade of *I* (Incomplete) is 12 months. If the Incomplete grade is not cleared by the date set by the instructor or by the end of the 12-month deadline, the grade of *I* will be changed to the grade provided by the instructor. If no alternative grade is provided, the grade of *F* will be recorded.

The grade of *I* is not given in lieu of a grade of *F* (Fail), *W* (Withdrawn) or other grade, each of which is prescribed for other specific circumstances. The grade of *I* does not authorize a student to attend the course during a later term. Graduation candidates must clear all Incomplete grades prior to the deadline in the Official University Calendar, which may allow less time than 12 months. Failure to do so can result in removal from the degree candidacy list.

The senior associate dean for academics may, with the instructor's permission, waive the 12-month time period of this policy under extraordinary circumstances.

#### ***Method of Computing Averages***

The grade in a course will be weighted by the term hours in the course. The computation will include marks from all courses in which the student has taken the final examination or received a final grade, regardless of whether credit in a particular course is necessary to meet the requirements for graduation. When a course is repeated, both grades will be used in the computation. A course may not be repeated if the student has previously received credit for the course. Only Dedman School of Law courses will be used in the computation.

#### ***Credit for Work Completed at Other Schools***

Official college transcripts are required for all college-level work attempted, regardless of transferability. Military transcripts are also required for students receiving VA benefits; more information is available at [www.smu.edu/registrar](http://www.smu.edu/registrar) ("Veterans Affairs" link). Students are responsible for making sure a transcript of all transfer work

attempted is sent to the University Registrar's Office immediately following completion of the work.

Dedman School of Law will not grant credit for any coursework completed prior to a student's matriculation in a J.D. program at an American Bar Association-approved or Association of American Law Schools-approved law school. While enrolled at the Dedman School of Law, students may earn up to eight credit hours at other ABA-approved law schools outside the Dallas-Fort Worth area during the summer. Students interested in this option must make application through the school's Registrar's Office to the assistant dean for student affairs and may be charged an administrative fee.

In extraordinary circumstances, a student may be granted permission to attend another law school for his or her final term or year of law school while still receiving an SMU degree. Permission to apply to another school must be obtained through the school's Registrar's Office from the assistant dean for student affairs. Permission will not be granted without evidence of compelling personal circumstances that require a student's relocation. The Dedman School of Law reserves the right to designate the schools to which a student may apply, to approve the courses taken at the other law school, to limit the number of students to whom permission is granted and to charge an administrative fee.

The school will consider student applications to study abroad at internationally recognized law programs. Each student's application will be considered on a case-by-case basis and must meet all the requirements of the ABA criteria, with particular emphasis on the need for the student's proposed course of study abroad to further his or her legitimate academic or career objectives.

### **Residence**

Six residence credits are required for graduation. One residence credit will be given for each term in which the student passes at least 12 term hours. Three-quarters of a residence credit will be given for passing nine to 11 term hours. One-half of a residence credit will be given for passing six to eight term hours. One-quarter of a residence credit will be given for passing three to five term hours.

### **Student Employment**

The full-time study of law is designed to require substantially all of the student's time during the academic year. Excessive employment may lead to academic disappointment or failure. Hence, the Dedman School of Law accrediting agencies and the bars of many jurisdictions require that a student enrolling in the full-time day program of study limit his or her outside employment to no more than 20 hours per week. First-year students should not work at all, but if employment is absolutely necessary, they should limit their hours to 10 per week.

### **Withdrawal, Re-entry and Readmission**

**(Students Who Left in Good Standing)**

#### ***Withdrawal From the Dedman School of Law***

A student may voluntarily withdraw from the Dedman School of Law before noon on the last day of classes in a term or summer session. In this event, no credit will be given. A student who is failing a course, either because of academic work or because of poor performance at the time of withdrawing from school, will receive either a

failing grade or no grade, at the discretion of the instructor. Additional information is found in this catalog under The Juris Doctor Program in the section Classroom Work, Attendance and Examinations: Classroom Work and Assignments.

***Re-entry or Readmission***  
**(Students Who Left in Good Standing)**

**Re-entry.** Students who withdraw while in good standing after completing at least one term in this law school may re-enter to continue their studies without re-examination of their entrance credentials if such re-entry is approved by the assistant dean for student affairs and re-entry occurs within 24 calendar months after the date of withdrawal. Students who have completed only the first term at the Dedman School of Law may re-enter only in the spring term. The 24-calendar-month deadline for re-entry is extended by any time spent after withdrawal in active U.S. military service.

**Readmission.** Students who withdraw and do not meet the requirements for re-entry may apply to the admissions committee for readmission. If readmission is granted, these students must meet the graduation requirements in effect at the date of readmission.

**Academic Probation, Dismissal, and Readmission  
or Re-entry (Dismissed Students)**

In this section, “term” includes the summer session. Information on the method of computing grade averages is found in this catalog under The Juris Doctor Program in the section Grades and Credits: Method of Computing Averages.

**Dismissal After the First Term.** A student whose overall grade average at the end of the first term at the Dedman School of Law is less than 1.0 is automatically dismissed.

**Dismissal After Two or More Terms.** A student whose overall grade average at the end of two or more terms is less than 1.8 is automatically dismissed.

**Probation.** A student whose overall grade average at the end of any term at Dedman School of Law is 1.8 or more but less than 2.0 shall be on probation. A student who is placed on probation is automatically dismissed unless at the end of the next term the student’s overall grade average is 2.0 or more or unless the student obtains a grade average for that term of 2.3 or more.

**Re-entry.** A student who is dismissed for unsatisfactory academic performance may petition the admissions committee for re-entry. Petitions for re-entry are granted only in extraordinary circumstances. A petition for re-entry, if granted, permits a student to continue his or her legal education at the point he or she was dismissed. A copy of the re-entry guidelines established by the admissions committee is available from the Dedman School of Law Registrar’s Office and on the registrar’s page of the Dedman School of Law website.

**Readmission.** A student who is dismissed for unsatisfactory academic performance may petition the admissions committee for readmission. Petitions for readmission are granted only in extraordinary circumstances. A petition for readmission, if granted, permits a student to begin his or her legal education from the beginning. A copy of the readmission guidelines established by the admissions committee is available from the Dedman School of Law Registrar’s Office and on the registrar’s page of the Dedman School of Law website.

## **Mandatory Academic Counseling**

A student with a cumulative GPA below 2.7 is required to consult with the assistant dean for student affairs prior to each fall, spring and summer enrollment regarding the student's proposed schedule. The assistant dean for student affairs may require the student to enroll each term in up to three courses that are tested on the Texas bar examination.

## **Academic Skills Assistance Program**

ASAP is a tutor program available to select first-year students and to a limited number of upper-division students, depending on the availability of tutors.

## **Degree Requirements**

### ***Residence***

Six residence credits are required for graduation. Detailed information is found under The Juris Doctor Program in the Residence section. Information on the requirements concerning attendance at other law schools is found under The Juris Doctor Program in the Admission With Advanced Standing section and in the Visiting Students section.

### ***Hours and Grades***

Candidates must earn 87 term hours of credit (with grades of *D* or 1.0 or higher) with an overall average grade of *C* or 2.0 or more. All term hours of credit must be earned at this school, except for students admitted with advanced standing and students approved to study at other law schools. All students must earn a minimum of 58 term hours of credit at this school. Additional information is found in this catalog under The Juris Doctor Program in the section Grades and Credits: Credit for Work Completed at Other Schools.

### ***Courses***

The following requirements must be fulfilled: LAW 6371, 8271 Civil Procedure I, II; LAW 6222, 8311 Constitutional Law I and II; LAW 8290, 8390 Contracts I, II; LAW 8341 Criminal Law; LAW 8375, 8376 Legal Research, Writing and Advocacy I, II; LAW 8282, 6381 Property I, II; LAW 7391, 8292 Torts I, II; LAW 7350 Professional Responsibility; an edited writing seminar; the general writing requirement; and the professional skills requirement. If a student fails to receive a minimum passing grade in a required course, the student must repeat the course the next time it is offered.

### ***Public Service Requirement***

All students must complete a minimum of 30 hours of law-related public service to be eligible to graduate. Students may perform this service after they have completed two terms at the Dedman School of Law. All such service must be performed at an approved service placement. The Dedman School of Law's Public Service Program director is charged with arranging for approved public service placements for students. Public service used to fulfill this requirement cannot be compensated work nor can it be work for which academic credit is awarded.

### ***Time Limit***

All requirements must be met in the Dedman School of Law, or another approved law school, within 60 months or five years from commencing law school. In computing the period, any time during which the candidate was in active U.S. military service shall be excluded.

### ***Effects of Changes in Requirements***

A student must meet the residence and grade requirements in effect at the time that the student enters. The student will not be affected by later changes in these requirements. Other requirements may be changed from time to time with such applicability as the faculty determines. Additional information is found in this catalog under The Juris Doctor Program in the Grades and Credits section and in the Residence section.

### ***Waivers***

Waivers of requirements may, for good cause, be granted by the assistant dean for student affairs. Requests should be made in writing, with all relevant information and reasons, to the assistant dean for student affairs.

### ***Honors***

The Order of the Coif is a national law-school scholastic honor society. Not more than 10 percent of all graduates during the academic year may be elected to membership by vote of the faculty.

Candidates for the J.D. degree having superior grades may by vote of the faculty be awarded the degree cum laude, magna cum laude or summa cum laude. The average grade shall be based on work done in this school only, but, to receive the degree with honors, a transfer from another law school must have at least an average grade of *B* in law courses at the school previously attended. The minimum grade averages for honors are cum laude – 3.2, magna cum laude – 3.6 and summa cum laude – 3.8.

### ***Grade Appeals***

1. The award of a grade is a matter solely within the academic discretion of the faculty member. A student who believes that the assigned grade is incorrect must first discuss the matter with the faculty member who awarded the grade.
2. A faculty member may change a grade that has been submitted to and recorded by the Dedman School of Law registrar only for reasons of mathematical error. A faculty member who wishes to change a grade for reasons of mathematical error shall submit the proposed change along with a brief statement of the reasons for the change to the senior associate dean for academic affairs, who shall approve all grade changes for mathematical error and report them to the Dedman School of Law registrar.
3. A faculty member who wishes to change a grade for reasons other than mathematical error must seek the permission of the faculty, which grants such requests only in extraordinary circumstances.
4. If the faculty member decides not to seek a grade change, the student may petition the senior associate dean for academic affairs for a review of the faculty member's decision. The senior associate dean may not change a grade, even with the consent of the faculty member who awarded it. If, after discussion of the mat-

ter with the senior associate dean, the faculty member decides to seek a grade change, he or she may proceed as described in paragraph 2 or 3, as appropriate. The senior associate dean will then report the faculty member's decision to the student.

5. If, after discussion of the matter with the senior associate dean, the faculty member decides not to pursue a grade change, the student may petition the dean for a review of the faculty member's decision. The dean may proceed as he or she deems appropriate. The dean may not ask another person to review the grade without the permission of the faculty member who awarded it. The dean may not change a grade even with the consent of the faculty member who awarded it. The dean may bring the matter before the faculty. However, the faculty may not change the grade without the consent of the faculty member who awarded it. If, upon reconsideration, the faculty member decides that the grade was not accurately determined mathematically or is incorrect for any other reason, he or she may proceed as described in paragraph 2 or 3, as appropriate.
6. If there is evidence of unethical or incompetent behavior on the part of a faculty member in the award of a grade, the dean or faculty may refer the matter to the Committee on Ethics and Tenure of the Faculty Senate, with a request that the committee may recommend to the dean or faculty whatever action it considers appropriate. The faculty may change a grade without a faculty member's consent only upon the recommendation of the Committee on Ethics and Tenure of the Faculty Senate.
7. Should the student be convinced that his or her complaint has not been fairly decided by the dean or the faculty, he or she may bring the matter to the attention of the provost. The provost may proceed, as he or she deems appropriate. However, the provost may not ask another person to review the grade without the permission of the faculty member who awarded the grade. The final authority in matters of academic judgment in the determination of a grade rests with the individual faculty member.
8. A student who wishes to institute a grade appeal must file a formal appeal request in writing with the senior associate dean for academic affairs no later than 60 days after the grade in question is posted to the student's transcript. No grade appeals will be considered unless this written appeal is delivered within this 60-day period.
9. These provisions are the sole rules that govern the Dedman School of Law course grade appeals at Southern Methodist University.

### **Courses Outside the Dedman School of Law**

Graduate-level courses that are offered in other graduate or professional schools of the University and are relevant to the student's program may be taken with approval of the assistant dean for student affairs, who shall also determine Dedman School of Law credit equivalents to be awarded for such study. No more than six hours may be awarded toward Dedman School of Law hours required for graduation. Additional information is available from the school's Registrar's Office.

### **Courses at Other Law Schools**

Information about transfers from other law schools is found in this catalog under The Juris Doctor Program in the section Admission With Advanced Standing: Students Eligible. After entry into the Dedman School of Law, summer courses in other law schools may be taken for transfer of credits with prior approval of the assistant dean for student affairs. Transfer credits may be earned in regular terms only in extraordinary circumstances of demonstrated special need. Detailed information is found under The Juris Doctor Program: Grades and Credits: Credit for Work Completed at Other Schools. Additional information is available from the school's Registrar's Office.

### **Courses Outside Law School**

Graduate-level courses that are offered in other graduate or professional schools of the University and are relevant to the student's program may be taken with approval of the assistant dean for student affairs, who shall also determine the Dedman School of Law credit equivalents to be awarded for such study. No more than six hours may be awarded toward Dedman School of Law hours required for graduation. For more information, students should contact the school's Registrar's Office.

### **Courses at Other Law Schools**

Detailed information on transfer of courses from other law schools is found in this catalog under The Juris Doctor Program in the Admission With Advanced Standing: Students Eligible section. After entry in the Dedman School of Law, summer courses in other accredited law schools may be taken for transfer of credits with prior approval of the assistant dean for student affairs. Transfer credits may be earned in regular terms only in extraordinary circumstances of demonstrated special need. Detailed information is found under The Juris Doctor Program in the Classroom Work, Attendance and Examinations: Credit for Work Completed at Other Schools section. For more information, students should contact the school's Registrar's Office.

# EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

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## SMU LIBRARIES

[www.smu.edu/libraries](http://www.smu.edu/libraries)

Service to Southern Methodist University students, faculty and staff is the primary goal of all libraries at SMU. The libraries of the University contain more than four million volumes. The Web-based library catalog system provides access to bibliographic records of materials housed in all SMU libraries and hypertext links to other databases, digitized collections and relevant websites. All SMU libraries offer wireless Internet access. SMU libraries are one of the greatest assets of the University. The SMU libraries comprise the largest private research library in Texas and rank third in the state in total volumes. The University's library system is divided into a number of different units:

1. Central University Libraries: [www.smu.edu/cul](http://www.smu.edu/cul).
2. Underwood Law Library: <http://library.law.smu.edu>.
3. Bridwell Library: [www.smu.edu/bridwell](http://www.smu.edu/bridwell).
4. Business Library: [www.cox.smu.edu/bic](http://www.cox.smu.edu/bic).

## LABORATORIES AND RESEARCH FACILITIES

The University provides laboratories and equipment for courses in accounting, advertising, anthropology, art, biology, chemistry, communication studies, creative computation, languages, Earth sciences, film and media studies, journalism, psychology, physics, health and physical education, dance, music, theatre, and statistics, as well as civil, computer, electrical, environmental and mechanical engineering. The University is also home to a number of centers and institutes.

## MUSEUM

The Meadows Museum, founded by the late philanthropist Algur H. Meadows and located at 5900 Bishop Boulevard, houses one of the finest and most comprehensive collections of Spanish art in the world, as well as selected masterpieces of modern European sculpture, from Rodin and Maillol to David Smith and Claes Oldenburg. The permanent collection of more than 670 objects includes paintings, sculpture, decorative arts and works on paper from the Middle Ages to the present. Artists represented include El Greco, Velázquez, Ribera, Zurbarán, Murillo, Goya, Picasso and Miró. The Meadows Museum hosts a regular program of loan exhibitions each year in its temporary exhibition galleries and sponsors an active program of public lectures, tours, films, concerts and symposia, as well as children's art programs and family days throughout the year. Museum collections are often used by SMU faculty in their courses. The museum membership program includes exhibition previews, tours of private collections and opportunities for travel. Docent tours of the collection are available to school, University and adult groups. The Meadows Museum, in addition to its collection, houses a museum store and special event rooms. Additional information is available at [www.meadowsmuseumdallas.org](http://www.meadowsmuseumdallas.org).

## OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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The Office of Information Technology is responsible for providing computing and communications services to support academic and administrative needs of students, faculty, staff, alumni and patrons of the University. These services include an SMU email account, access to enrollment and financial data online, Internet access, telephone services, Web-based services, technical support, and a variety of software and hardware discounts.

SMU offers high-speed network connections throughout campus. Students can take advantage of both wired and wireless connections throughout all areas of the residence halls. Wireless coverage also extends throughout the campus in most classrooms, libraries, common areas and several outdoor locations. In addition to on-campus Internet connections, OIT provides off-campus access to resources via a virtual private network connection.

All students receive an SMU email account, which remains active after graduation. The email account may be accessed online via Office 365 ([office365.smu.edu](mailto:office365.smu.edu)). In addition, students have access to a variety of Web-based services, e.g., my.SMU, personal Web space, unlimited network storage space (OneDrive) and academic applications such as the Blackboard Course Management System (Courses.SMU). All academic information, including grade history, financial information, transcripts and class registration, is available through the my.SMU system.

The IT Help Desk, located in Fondren Library West, provides technical support for most computing issues Monday through Friday 8 a.m.–9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.–6 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m.–9 p.m. Evening or weekend support is available from student staff via walk up or chat. Phone or in-house support is available for on- and off-campus connectivity issues. The Help Desk also offers phone support for the Microsoft Office Suite and other common applications. In addition, the OIT website ([www.smu.edu/oit](http://www.smu.edu/oit)) provides information, step-by-step instructions and answers to many frequently asked questions.

Although most students have their own computers, there are a number of public computer labs available for use. Almost all of the labs contain both Mac and PC workstations and support a variety of programs. There is also 24-hour computer access available in the Hughes-Trigg Student Center.

OIT also provides on-campus telephone and voice mail services for on-campus residents. Discounts on technology purchases are available throughout the year. More information can be found on the OIT website.

For additional information on services provided by IT, students should visit [www.smu.edu/help](http://www.smu.edu/help) or call the Help Desk (214-768-HELP or 214-768-4357). Technology news and updates are available on Twitter (@smuoit) and the IT Connect blog ([blog.smu.edu/itconnect](http://blog.smu.edu/itconnect)).

# UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

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## ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAM

[www.smu.edu/esl](http://www.smu.edu/esl)

Students whose first language is not English may encounter special challenges as they strive to function efficiently in the unfamiliar culture of an American university setting. Dedman College offers the following ESL resources to students from all schools and departments of SMU. Students may apply on the ESL website.

More information about the ESL Program is available on the website or from the director, John E. Wheeler ([jwheeler@smu.edu](mailto:jwheeler@smu.edu)).

### The Courses (ESL)

**ESL 1001 (O). ESL COMMUNICATION SKILLS.** The goal of this course is to improve ESL students' oral and aural interactive skills in speaking, giving presentations, pronunciation, listening, and American idiomatic usage so that they may become more participatory in their classes and integrate more readily with their native English-speaking peers. It is designed to meet the needs of undergraduate and graduate students who may be fully competent in their field of study yet require specialized training to effectively communicate in an American classroom setting. The course is free of charge, noncredit bearing, and transcribed as pass or fail. *Prerequisite:* ESL Program approval required.

**ESL 1002 (O). ESL COMMUNICATION SKILLS II.** Building on skills developed in ESL 1001, students make use of their knowledge and practice to explore various aspects of American studies. In addition to speaking and presentation skills, reading and writing are also exploited as a means for students to gain a deeper understanding of American culture, customs, attitudes, and idiomatic use of the language. The course is noncredit and no-fee, and is transcribed as pass or fail. ESL 1001 is recommended as a precursor but is not a prerequisite. *Prerequisite:* ESL Program approval required.

**ESL 20XX (O). INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM.** All 2000-level ESL courses are exclusive to the Intensive English Program. This multilevel, yearlong program is designed to prepare students and professionals for academic success at the university level. The course of study consists of English for academic purposes, TOEFL-related skills, and American culture. It is open to currently enrolled and newly incoming students, as well as to those not affiliated with SMU. On-campus housing and meals are available during the 6-week summer term. This is a noncredit, nontranscribed program, and separate tuition fees are charged. *Prerequisite:* ESL Program approval required.

**ESL 3001 (O). ADVANCED GRAMMAR FOR WRITERS.** This course helps students develop their grammar and writing skills within the context of academic readings. Problem areas of English grammar and style are explored through periodic assignments, research documentation methods, and a final research project. The course is free of charge, noncredit bearing, and transcribed as pass or fail. *Prerequisite:* ESL Program approval required.

**ESL 3002 (O). ADVANCED ACADEMIC WRITING.** Building on principles of grammar and style covered in ESL 3001, this course helps students further improve the writing skills needed for their particular academic careers, using academic texts as a basis for out-of-class writing assignments and a final research project. The course is free of charge, noncredit bearing, and transcribed as pass or fail. *Prerequisite:* ESL Program approval required.

**ESL 4001 (O). ESL PRONUNCIATION SKILLS.** Students improve their pronunciation by focusing on sentence stress, rhythm, intonation, and body language while learning to mimic American speech patterns. With the instructor's assistance and extensive individual feedback, students develop personal strategies and exercises to become more aware of their own weaknesses. The course is free of charge, noncredit bearing, and transcribed as pass or fail. *Prerequisite:* ESL Program approval required.

**ESL 6001, 6002. SEMINAR FOR INTERNATIONAL TEACHING ASSISTANTS.** Graduate students who speak English as a second language prepare for their teaching responsibilities with undergraduate students taking University Curriculum courses. The main components include language skills needed as international teaching assistants, ITA-related teaching methodology, cross-cultural communication within the American classroom, and presentation skills. Also, examination of case studies, microteaching demonstrations, and periodic out-of-class individual consultations on the student's language and pedagogical skills. The course is free of charge, noncredit bearing, and transcribed as pass or fail.

### **Conversation Buddy Program**

At the beginning of each term, all students are notified via campus email of the opportunity to practice their language skills in an informal, one-on-one setting outside the classroom for one to two hours a week.

### **ESL Self-Study Lab**

A collection of materials is available for self-study use at the Fondren Library Information Commons. Students will find materials to help them improve their pronunciation, listening, vocabulary and grammar skills.

### **SMU-IN-PLANO**

[www.smu.edu/plano](http://www.smu.edu/plano)

The SMU campus in Plano's Legacy Business Park extends the University's resources to meet the educational needs of residents in Collin County and beyond, and makes enrollment in graduate-level programs more convenient for working professionals in North Texas. The campus collaborates with area businesses by offering programs to serve the training needs of their employees and by providing corporate meeting space.

Conveniently located about 1 mile south of the intersection of state Highway 121 and the Dallas North Toll Road, SMU-in-Plano features 16 landscaped acres and four buildings with nearly 200,000 square feet of classroom space, with an additional 9 acres adjacent to the facility.

SMU-in-Plano serves more than 800 adult students each year through several full-time, evening and weekend programs leading to master's degrees and/or professional certificates in counseling, dispute resolution and video game technology (SMU Guildhall). In addition, numerous noncredit certificates and professional development programs are offered in Plano, including paralegal studies, certified financial planner, social media and digital communications, best practices in supervision, and project management.

During the summer, nearly 2,000 children participate in a variety of programs designed to enhance their academic skills. The campus also provides important outreach services to the surrounding Collin County communities; these services include the Mediation and Arbitration Center and the Center for Family Counseling.

More information is available online or through the SMU-in-Plano office: 5236 Tennyson Parkway, Bldg. 4, Plano, TX 75024, 972-473-3400.

## CONTINUING AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

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The Office of Continuing and Professional Education provides noncredit courses that address different cultural, scholarly, personal and professional topics for the community, a practice that has been part of the SMU tradition since 1957. CAPE offers a selection of courses for open enrollment each fall, spring and summer term. Additional information is available at [www.smu.edu/cape](http://www.smu.edu/cape).

**Personal Enrichment.** CAPE classes – historically, *Informal Courses for Adults* – are generally short sessions on topics for enjoyment and reflection. Courses offered for personal enrichment include several major areas of exploration: personal finance and life planning, communication and workplace skills, history, literature and film, culture and travel, and the fine arts (e.g., studio art, music, architecture, photography and art history). CAPE also offers noncredit language conversation courses, including Spanish, French, Italian, Mandarin Chinese and American Sign Language.

**Test Preparation.** Study courses for the SAT, ACT, GRE, GMAT and LSAT are offered throughout the year. Information is available at [www.smu.edu/testprep](http://www.smu.edu/testprep).

**Professional Development.** For those who are seeking professional achievement or a new career direction but who are not interested in a traditional undergraduate or graduate degree-granting program, CAPE offers noncredit courses to enhance workplace skills and noncredit certificate programs, including special certificates offered in partnership with Meadows School of the Arts, the National Criminal Justice Training Center and the Center for Nonprofit Management.

Students complete certificates by taking a series of classes over weeks or months, depending on the specialization and the student's schedule. Cohort and independent options are available, with some classes being offered online. Upon completion of the series, students receive a noncredit transcript documenting completion from Continuing and Professional Education at SMU.

Additional information and a full listing of current opportunities are available at [www.smu.edu/cape/professionaldevelopment](http://www.smu.edu/cape/professionaldevelopment).

SMU's Summer Youth Program offers one-week, special-interest enrichment workshops throughout the summer for those entering grades K–12. More information is available at [www.smu.edu/SummerYouth](http://www.smu.edu/SummerYouth).

**Online Learning.** CAPE partners with national leaders in online teaching and learning to offer self-paced, practical, career-enhancing courses. Additional information is available at [www.smu.edu/capeonline](http://www.smu.edu/capeonline).

# STUDENT AFFAIRS

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The mission of the Division of Student Affairs ([www.smu.edu/studentaffairs](http://www.smu.edu/studentaffairs)) is to develop, with others in the University, opportunities for students to become productive citizens through the creation of challenging environments that contribute to students' intellectual, spiritual, physical, social, cultural, moral and emotional growth, and, in so doing, engage them with the widest range of persons within the University and beyond. The vice president for student affairs oversees programs, services and activities that complement students' academic pursuits and promote their development, success and cocurricular learning. The Division of Student Affairs includes programs and services in the areas of student transitions, student life and well-being, and values and community, as well as resources, operations and initiatives.

Concern for and realization of the full development of each student in and out of the classroom constitutes one of the major goals of the University. Consequently, the division's programs are designed to support and supplement SMU's formal academic work. Many departments exist to provide services for the benefit and convenience of SMU students. The Division of Student Affairs encompasses a broad range of programs and services dealing with housing and residential matters, physical and mental wellness, personal and career counseling and testing, recreational sports and intramurals, religious affairs, multicultural student programs, as well as student conduct and community standard matters, new student orientation, leadership programs, volunteer opportunities and women's programs.

## STUDENT TRANSITIONS

The Office of Student Transitions and Orientation provides on-going programs and services that support students and families in transition to SMU and throughout the collegiate experience. The office supports a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere, connects students to University resources and people, acquaints new students with institutional expectations and values, promotes learning and discovery inside and outside of the classroom, and fosters pride in the SMU community.

### Student Transitions and Orientation

[www.smu.edu/newstudent](http://www.smu.edu/newstudent)

Academic Advising, Registration and Orientation events for all incoming students take place in July, August and January. As part of the AARO sessions, students meet one-on-one with an academic adviser and register for classes. An extended orientation experience, Mustang Corral, is coordinated by the Office of Student Transitions and Orientation during August each year.

### Academic Integrity and Code of Conduct

#### *The Honor Code of Southern Methodist University*

Intellectual integrity and academic honesty are fundamental to the processes of learning and of evaluating academic performance, and maintaining them is the responsibility of all members of an educational institution. The inculcation of personal standards of honesty and integrity is a goal of education in all the disciplines of the University.

The faculty has the responsibility of encouraging and maintaining an atmosphere of academic honesty by being certain that students are aware of the value of it, understand the regulations defining it and know the penalties for departing from it. The faculty should, as far as is reasonably possible, assist students in avoiding the temptation to cheat. Faculty members must be aware that permitting dishonesty is not open to personal choice. A professor or instructor who is unwilling to act upon offenses is an accessory with the student offender in deteriorating the integrity of the University.

Students must share the responsibility for creating and maintaining an atmosphere of honesty and integrity. Students should be aware that personal experience in completing assigned work is essential to learning. Permitting others to prepare their work, using published or unpublished summaries as a substitute for studying required material, or giving or receiving unauthorized assistance in the preparation of work to be submitted are directly contrary to the honest process of learning. Students who are aware that others in a course are cheating or otherwise acting dishonestly have the responsibility to inform the professor and/or bring an accusation to the Honor Council.

Students and faculty members must share the knowledge that any dishonest practices permitted will make it more difficult for the honest students to be evaluated and graded fairly and will damage the integrity of the whole University. Students should recognize that their own interests and their integrity as individuals would suffer if they condone dishonesty in others.

#### *Code of Conduct*

The following are University procedures and standards with which every student must become familiar. The University considers matriculation at SMU an implicit covenant and a declaration of acceptance on the part of the student of all University regulations. The Student Conduct and Community Standards Office, website [www.smu.edu/studentconduct](http://www.smu.edu/studentconduct), promotes community, scholarship and civility by holding students accountable to the Student Code of Conduct and the Honor Code.

Standards of conduct are established through faculty, student and administrative efforts and are under continuous evaluation by the entire University community in order to assure reasonable and fair limits. At SMU, the student is assumed to have a high degree of loyalty and responsibility to the University and its well-being, as well as to himself or herself in personal, social and intellectual pursuits; the student's behavior both on and off campus is evidence of this.

Students at SMU will discover that they are encouraged to exercise a great amount of personal freedom as well as accompanying responsibilities. Through their personal capacities for intelligent thought and action, mature students understand that there are situations in which certain behavior must be modified for the benefit of others. The University stands firm in its commitments to the rights and freedoms of students, expecting in return the same respect and concern.

Due respect for the entire University community, faculty, staff and one's fellow students is always expected. The University expects all students to be responsible citizens and to abide by all federal, state and local laws. The University Code of Conduct applies to students both on and off campus. It is the University's expectation that students will avoid behaviors such as, but not limited to, the misuse of drugs and alcohol, dishonesty, gambling, hazing, or behavior that endangers or threatens to endanger the health and safety of any person.

Students are required to identify themselves when asked by a properly identified faculty or staff member, or by another student serving as a University staff member. Persons who are not members of the University community and without business on campus may be asked to leave.

### **Conduct Review Process**

Clear disciplinary procedures are an important part of the mission of SMU as an educational institution. The intent of the system of due process at SMU is to be educational and not merely punitive for students. The goal continues to be to produce quality citizens. The purpose of the conduct review process is to encourage personal responsibility.

Depending on the degree of misconduct, a student may be subject to sanctions ranging from an informal warning to expulsion from the University. In addition, a student may be assigned educational sanctions designed to promote personal growth and development. Should a student be asked to leave the University, he or she should do so in an expeditious and peaceful manner. The student should remain off campus until he or she receives written permission from the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards to return to campus. In the event of such separation, a student is still responsible for University financial obligations.

To ensure fairness and due process for all students in the conduct process, the student is granted an impartial hearing and the right to appeal to the University Conduct Council. A student who is appealing a sanction may remain in school until the decision and penalty are reviewed, unless considered harmful to the University, to any individual or to himself or herself. All actions related to the conduct review process are subject to presidential review.

Having voluntarily enrolled as students at Southern Methodist University and assumed a place in the University community, all students are presumed to be knowledgeable of, and have agreed to abide by, the rules and regulations set forth in the Student Code of Conduct, as outlined in the *SMU Student Handbook*, which is available online at [www.smu.edu/StudentAffairs/StudentLife/StudentHandbook](http://www.smu.edu/StudentAffairs/StudentLife/StudentHandbook).

### **Housing**

The Department of Residence Life and Student Housing supports the goals of the University by creating residential communities that empower residents to value learning, citizenship and leadership in comfortable, well-maintained facilities. The department is responsible for the campus residential community, including all residence halls, SMU-owned apartments and SMU-owned Greek chapter houses. This responsibility includes maintaining facilities that are well cared for and that enhance opportunities for students to grow personally and excel academically.

### **Hegi Family Career Development Center**

[www.smu.edu/career](http://www.smu.edu/career)

The Hegi Family Career Development Center guides and encourages students and alumni in the development of skills necessary for lifelong career management. The center provides a comprehensive set of services to assist each individual in the development of career plans and specific strategies leading to the desired employment goal.

**Career Counseling.** SMU students and alumni can schedule career-counseling appointments to investigate different career paths. By exploring their interests, values and personality through the use of assessments, students can increase their self-awareness and make better-informed career decisions. Counselors are available to help students develop an individualized career action plan.

**On-Demand Advising.** The Career Center offers 15-minute sessions to drop-in visitors on a first-come, first-served basis. On-call counselors are available to introduce students to the Career Center's services and to address any time-sensitive career needs. Office hours are 11 a.m.–noon and 1–3 p.m. weekdays.

**MustangTrak.** The Career Center manages MustangTrak, a job-posting service that offers thousands of opportunities for the SMU student population. The online database includes full-time jobs, part-time jobs, volunteer opportunities and internships for all majors. MustangTrak is also used to manage on-campus recruiting interviews.

**Career Fair.** The Career Center hosts two Career and Internship fairs featuring more than 90 employers and more than 700 student participants. Employer participants include representatives from sectors such as business, technology, education, government and nonprofit. Students and alumni from all majors are welcome to attend.

**SMU Connection.** SMU Connection, which is a partnership between SMU's Office of Alumni Relations and Engagement and the Hegi Family Career Development Center, helps students to have a firm understanding of today's competitive, ever-changing job market, and it offers opportunities for students to develop an industry network before they graduate. SMU Connection also hosts OneDay Externship, a program that provides SMU undergraduate students with the foundation for a successful career development and major choice.

**Career Events and Workshops.** Specialized recruitment and networking events take place throughout the year. Events include Speed Networking, Résumania, industry-specific panels and career-related training. These events offer an opportunity to network with employers and alumni and to learn the skills necessary to be successful in the workplace.

**Career Development Ambassadors.** CDA is a group of students, chosen by Career Center staff, who help educate peers about resources available at the Hegi Family Career Development Center. CDAs receive specialized training that equips them to represent and promote the center.

## STUDENT LIFE AND WELL-BEING

The Office of the Dean of Student Life and Well-Being ([www.smu.edu/studentlife](http://www.smu.edu/studentlife)) educates students and the SMU community by providing purposeful opportunities for learning, progressing in personal growth, clarifying values, and developing decision-making and other skills that promote responsible citizenship and well-being. Located in the Hughes-Trigg Student Center, the office is a resource for students to consult when they need general information and assistance. The dean serves as a primary liaison for students and parents who have concerns about any aspect of their SMU experience.

## Student Activities

[www.smu.edu/orgs](http://www.smu.edu/orgs)

The mission of the Department of Student Activities is to advise and support student organizations and to encourage student development through involvement. Involvement outside the classroom is a tradition at SMU. Research shows that students who get involved outside the classroom tend to be more successful during their college experience. The department supports more than 180 extracurricular opportunities for SMU students through 32 academic and professional associations, four campus programming councils, nine community service coalitions, 31 fraternities and sororities, 10 governing boards, nine honor societies, 15 multicultural organizations, two political clubs, 23 club sports, 29 religious organizations and 17 special-interest groups. Higher-education professionals advise and support specific areas of involvement, including diversity, programming and governance, and are available to answer student's day-to-day questions about getting involved.

The Student Activities Office, located on the third floor of the Hughes-Trigg Student Center, Suite 300, is the hub of activity for SMU student organizations. Many out-of-class programs planned and implemented by students are considered curricular in that they are designed to complement a student's educational experience. These student groups and their committees provide many opportunities for students to become involved as leaders or participants.

Additional information is available online, including organization interests or type, membership requirements, contact information and event calendars. The department can also assist students in forming a new organization.

**Eligibility Requirements.** Campus activities and organizations are an integral part of the developmental experience for SMU students. Leadership skills and interpersonal, social and cultural enhancement are but some of the benefits associated with out-of-class participation. Accordingly, students who hold office in a student organization or represent the University as a member of a sponsored campus group (Mustang Band, University Choir, etc.) must be matriculated in a University degree-granting program and may not be on academic probation.

## Student Government

Through SMU's system of representative governance, students participate with faculty and administration in the University's decision-making process. The primary voice of students in this process is the student-elected Student Senate. The Student Code of Conduct in the *SMU Student Handbook* is reviewed and updated annually in conjunction with the Student Senate and contains the student code of rights and responsibilities.

## Fraternity and Sorority Life

Fraternities and sororities exist to develop an individual's potential through leadership opportunities and group effort. These groups are a social network for students at SMU. Fraternities and sororities were among the first organizations at SMU and are one of SMU's longest standing traditions. There are 17 national fraternities and 14 national sororities on campus. The governing bodies for these groups are the Interfraternity Council, the Multicultural Greek Council, the National Pan-Hellenic Council and the SMU Panhellenic Council. Students must meet the requirements as indicated in the *SMU Student Handbook* (Policies Pertaining to Social Fraternities and Sororities, section 1.02(b)), and/or other council and fraternity and sorority life

requirements) to join a fraternity or sorority. More details on fraternity and sorority programming and recruitment are available from the Student Activities or Multicultural Student Affairs offices or their websites.

### **Student Center**

[www.smu.edu/htrigg](http://www.smu.edu/htrigg)

Hughes-Trigg Student Center is the hub of student life at SMU, bringing together members of the University community with emphasis on the pursuit of educational programs, student activities and services. The center is fully accessible and features important services and resources to meet the daily needs of students, faculty, staff and visitors. These include a 500-seat theatre, a multipurpose ballroom, a 100-seat forum, 18 meeting rooms and the offices of various organizations and departments. In addition, the facility houses an art gallery, a 24-hour computer lab, the Veteran's Center, a commuter lounge, and several restaurants and stores. Students may study in comfortable public lounge areas, snack or dine in the Mane Course, conduct small or large meetings, send faxes, practice the piano or get the latest information on special events. Open from early morning until late evening, the center provides cultural, social and educational programs and resources to foster personal growth and enrich cultural, social, educational and recreational experiences. More than a building, Hughes-Trigg is "the living room of the campus."

### **Student Media**

The student media experience at SMU is one that offers aspiring media professionals the opportunity to work and learn in a fully converged news operation that combines print, online and broadcast platforms. Editors, writers and photographers of the *Daily Campus*, SMU's independent newspaper, work together with directors and videographers of SMU-TV, the student-run broadcast journalism program, to share content and produce timely and compelling packages for a shared news website at [www.smudailycampus.com](http://www.smudailycampus.com). SMU student media opportunities also include the student yearbook, *Rotunda* ([www.smurotunda.com](http://www.smurotunda.com)), which has chronicled the life and times on The Hilltop since 1915.

### **Veterans Services**

The Division of Student Affairs provides a coordinator of veteran support and services through the Office of the Dean of Student Life and Well-Being. The coordinator helps veterans navigate the campus community and connect with available resources on campus and in the greater Dallas community. A chartered student organization, U.S. Military Veterans of SMU (SMU MilVets), meets regularly to provide support to fellow veterans and to participate in fundraisers, care package drives, tailgating on the Boulevard during football games and other activities during the school year. The Veterans Center, in Hughes-Trigg Student Center, Suite 323, provides coffee, a refrigerator and microwave, printing, meeting and study space, and a relaxed setting for interacting with fellow veterans. The University Registrar's Office certifies veterans each term for their benefits under federal programs and the Office of Financial Aid works to provide individual aid packages. More information regarding services and benefits for veterans is available at [www.smu.edu/veterans](http://www.smu.edu/veterans).

## Women and LGBT Center

[www.smu.edu/womenandlgbtcenter](http://www.smu.edu/womenandlgbtcenter)

The Women and LGBT Center empowers students within the University to increase awareness and understanding of gender equity issues by eliminating barriers, diminishing prejudices and creating a supportive climate and space for all. Through advocacy, information, referral services and leadership experiences, the center provides a safe haven for students struggling with issues of injustice and oppression. Student organizations advised here include the Women's Interest Network; Campus YWCA; Women in Science and Engineering; and Spectrum, the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and ally organization. Also housed in the center is the SMU Women's Symposium ([www.smu.edu/womsym](http://www.smu.edu/womsym)), which is part of the Education of Women for Social and Political Leadership series, established in 1966. The center provides an informal, homelike atmosphere where members of the SMU community can meet.

## Health Services

[www.smu.edu/healthcenter](http://www.smu.edu/healthcenter)

SMU Memorial Health Center, the University's health facility, is temporarily located at 3014 Daniel Avenue. Services include an outpatient primary care clinic, pharmacy and lab, and counseling services are located on the second floor. The Health Center is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care Inc.

**Outpatient Medical Services.** SMU provides a convenient, economical medical clinic for diagnosis and treatment of illness and injury, as well as for immunizations and continuation of treatment such as allergy injections. The clinic is staffed by physicians, registered nurses, medical assistants and lab technologists. Physicians are available by appointment 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For appointments and health information, students should call 214-768-2141.

**Patient Observation.** When ordered by a staff physician, a student may be held in observation between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Observation is available for most types of nonmajor medical treatment. When necessary, students are referred to medical or surgical specialists in Dallas. The patient will be responsible for the costs of these services.

**Acute/After Hours Care.** For emergency care after clinic hours, it is recommended that students call 911 or go to a hospital emergency room. Students should refer to the Health Center website ([www.smu.edu/healthcenter](http://www.smu.edu/healthcenter)) for hospital information and location of an urgent care facility.

**Costs.** Undergraduate and graduate students pay a mandatory health center fee and receive fully covered primary care physician services at the Health Center for that term, as well as counseling services and access to health education programs. Any lab work, pharmacy items and medical supplies are charged at reasonable rates.

**Mandatory Health Insurance Policy.** To ensure that students have appropriate health care coverage, SMU requires all domestic students, both undergraduate and graduate, taking nine or more credit hours to have health insurance through either an individual/family plan or the University-offered plan. All international students taking one or more credit hours must enroll in the University-offered plan unless they have a special waiver personally granted by the Health Center staff.

SMU's mandatory policy requires those students with the enrollment status mentioned above to provide documentation of current insurance coverage or to enroll in the Student Health Insurance Plan by the drop/add date each term. Students can

enroll in SHIP, after they have enrolled for classes, by selecting the “Health Insurance” button on the “Student Center” component of my.SMU. A domestic student who already has private health insurance coverage must waive SHIP coverage to avoid automatic enrollment into the plan and thereby have the semiannual premium charge applied to his or her University account. Waivers will not be accepted nor will changes be made after the deadline each term. For more information and instructions on how to WAIVE or ELECT coverage, students should visit the website [www.smu.edu/healthinsurance](http://www.smu.edu/healthinsurance). Students who elect SHIP for the fall term will automatically be reenrolled in mid-December unless the insurance office receives notification of the desire to waive for spring. **Note:** Health insurance is separate from the student Health Center fees and is paid for separately.

**Pharmacy.** A complete pharmacy with registered pharmacists is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Many prescription plans are accepted, and the pharmacy will transmit pharmacy claims to a student’s insurance company if provided with the student’s pharmacy benefits information.

**Laboratory Services.** Laboratory tests are available for nominal fees.

**Immunizations.** All students (undergraduate, graduate, part-time and full-time, to include international and IEP/ESL students) are required to have an SMU medical history form on file in the SMU Health Center before registration. To comply with SMU policy, all students must also submit to the Health Center immunization records that provide proof of immunization against measles, mumps and rubella. These MMR immunizations must be documented by a physician, public health record, military health record or school health record. Students will not be allowed to register without immunization compliance.

Effective January 1, 2012, Texas state law requires that all new students under the age of 30 must provide documentation demonstrating they have been vaccinated against bacterial meningitis. The documentation must show evidence that a meningitis vaccine or booster was given during the five-year period preceding and at least 10 days prior to the first day of class of the student’s first term. Students should provide the documentation at least 10 days before the first day of class. Students seeking exemption from this requirement due to health risk or conscience, including religious belief, should see the second page of the SMU medical history health form. More information is found under Final Matriculation to the University in the Admission to the University section of this catalog.

Students are encouraged to check their my.SMU account for immunization status. Immunizations are available at the Health Center. Health history forms are available on the Health Center’s website ([www.smu.edu/healthcenter](http://www.smu.edu/healthcenter)).

**Class Absence Due to Illness.** Students should schedule appointments with physicians at times when they do not have classes. The Health Center does not issue excuses from classes for illness. Students should refer to the Health Center website ([www.smu.edu/healthcenter](http://www.smu.edu/healthcenter)) for the Class Absence Policy.

**Notification of Parents.** Students are encouraged to call one or both parents when ill. Parents or guardians will be notified in cases of life-threatening illnesses. The Health Center staff may not speak to parents without the student’s permission.

**Health Service Records.** All health service records are confidential. A copy of medical records may be released to a physician only with a written release by the student. Records are not made available to parents, SMU administrators, faculty or staff without the student’s written consent.

**Office of Health Education and Promotion.** This office serves as a resource for health information on campus. It promotes programs and activities that focus attention on health-related issues affecting college students. Students can get involved with health education on campus through the Peer Advising Network. More information is available from the Health Center (telephone: 214-768-2393; website: [www.smu.edu/healthcenter/healtheducation](http://www.smu.edu/healthcenter/healtheducation)).

**Counseling and Psychiatric Services.** CAPS provides psychiatric evaluation, crisis intervention and group/individual/couples psychotherapy for students. All interviews are conducted on a voluntary and confidential basis. There is no charge to students who have paid the University health fee. Students can seek confidential help for concerns such as anxiety, depression, relationship issues, career/life planning, sexual identity, eating/body image concerns and sexual assault/sexual harassment matters. Alcohol and drug prevention is a free and confidential source of help and information to the SMU community, covering issues related to substance abuse and addiction. Any laboratory tests or pharmaceuticals ordered will be charged to the student. For more information regarding scheduling appointments, students should call 214-768-2277 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or visit [www.smu.edu/counseling](http://www.smu.edu/counseling).

**Testing Services.** Testing Services offers testing to the Dallas-area community. These services include on-campus administration of national testing programs such as the SAT, LSAT, GRE Subject and PRAXIS. Other testing offered includes CLEP tests and correspondence examinations for other universities. For additional information, students should call the center at 214-768-2269.

### **Child Care**

SMU provides a licensed child care center for children ages 1 month to 5 years on a space-available basis. More information is available at [www.smu.edu/childcare](http://www.smu.edu/childcare) or from the director of the center at SMU Preschool and Child Care Center, Southern Methodist University, PO Box 215, Dallas TX 75275-0215; phone 214-768-2278.

### **Recreational Sports**

[www.smu.edu/recsports](http://www.smu.edu/recsports)

Dedman Center for Lifetime Sports is a facility designed for recreational sports and wellness. The center provides racquetball courts, aerobic studios, an indoor running track, basketball courts, volleyball courts (indoor and outdoor), a climbing wall, a bouldering wall, a 25-meter recreational pool with five lanes, 15,000 square feet of fitness and weight equipment, and a café next to the lobby area. These facilities are open to SMU students, faculty, staff and members.

A variety of services and programs are available, including fitness classes, intramural sports, sport clubs, the Outdoor Adventure program, personal training, personal assessments, massage therapy, swimming lessons and camps.

**Fitness.** SMU Fitness offers group exercise classes, personal training sessions and massage therapy. Group X exercise classes are offered throughout the day to accommodate a variety of schedules. Different types of cardio, strength and flexibility classes are available. Experienced and knowledgeable trainers offer sessions to train members of the University community, either one-on-one or in groups, to meet their personal fitness goals. Licensed massage therapists offer chair or full-body massages. All SMU Fitness programs have a fee for participation.

**Intramural Sports.** Many opportunities for team and individual competition are available through intramural sports such as bowling, golf, racquetball, tennis, track and swimming. The five major sports are flag football, volleyball, basketball, soccer and softball. Leagues provide year-round opportunities to participate in a wide variety of sports and activities. Additional leadership opportunities are available for those interested in officiating or supervising various activities.

**Club Sports.** Club sports offer an opportunity for students interested in concentrated training and participation in a sport. These student-sanctioned clubs, funded by the Student Senate, offer competition with other university/college club teams in baseball, badminton, cricket, crew, cycling, ice hockey, men's and women's lacrosse, martial arts, polo, rugby, running, sailing, men's and women's soccer, triathlon, ultimate Frisbee, volleyball, wakeboarding and water polo.

**Aquatics.** SMU Aquatics features a five-lane, indoor recreational pool and an outdoor, zero-depth entry fountain pool known as "The Falls." Students have opportunities to participate year-round in recreational swimming, sunbathing and water sports such as water basketball, volleyball and polo. Classes offered include water fitness, adult and child swimming lessons, children's group lessons, and American Red Cross lifeguard training.

**Outdoor Adventures.** SMU Outdoor Adventures is the campus source for outdoor recreation and adventure, offering fun and challenging recreational adventure activities, community-building programs, and student leadership and personal growth opportunities. The Outdoor Adventure Center, located on the bottom floor of the Dedman Center for Lifetime Sports, is the place to rent outdoor recreation and picnic equipment. Students can sign up for SMU OA trips offering traditional and non-traditional outdoor adventure pursuits such as backpacking, rock climbing, sky-diving and canoeing. SMU OA also manages the SMU Climbing Center, the indoor climbing and bouldering facility, and the Portable Challenge and Team Development course.

**Mustang Band.** Founded in 1917, the Mustang Band was named the "Best College Marching Band" in Texas in Kirk Dooley's *Book of Texas Bests*. Long known as "the hub of SMU spirit," the band represents the University at football and basketball games, produces the *Pigskin Revue* during Homecoming and performs at special University- and community-related events. Membership is open to all SMU students by audition, regardless of major, and scholarships based on need and ability are available.

**Spirit Squads.** The Mustang Cheerleaders, Mustang Pom Squad and Peruna mascot are integral parts of SMU's spirit tradition and are national award winners, having participated in the NCA/NDA Collegiate National Championships. Along with the Mustang Band, they make SMU's spirit contingent an outstanding one.

**Intercollegiate Athletics.** SMU is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (Division I-A). Men and women student-athletes compete in basketball, cross-country/track and field (women only), swimming and diving, golf, soccer, tennis, volleyball (women only), crew (women only), equestrian (women only), and football (men only).

## VALUES AND COMMUNITY

### Office of the Chaplain and Religious Life

[www.smu.edu/chaplain](http://www.smu.edu/chaplain)

The Office of the Chaplain and Religious Life offers resources of pastoral care and theological reflection that nurture spiritual development and the moral and ethical vision and character of students, faculty and staff. Dr. Stephen W. Rankin is the chaplain and minister to the University community. Chaplain Rankin leads and preaches at Underground, an ecumenically Christian, all-University service of worship, in Hughes-Trigg Theater each Wednesday during the term. Students, faculty and staff are invited to participate in this service through music, scripture readings or other expressions of worship. Other services, including the University Service of Memory, Ash Wednesday Service and memorial services as needed, are also planned and implemented by the Office of the Chaplain.

Presently, there are more than 30 religious life organizations. Alongside the Christian groups aligned with denominations, local Dallas-area congregations or national parachurch ministries, SMU also has an active Hillel chapter for Jewish students, a bustling Muslim Student Association and other faith groups of various traditions. A large number of undergraduate, graduate and professional students, as well as many of SMU's faculty, staff and administrators, participate in these dynamic religious communities.

In cooperation with the Department of Residence Life and Student Housing, the Office of the Chaplain places in each residential commons a residential community chaplain who provides a pastoral presence and help for students navigating the sometimes confusing concerns of life.

Additionally, the Office of the Chaplain partners with faculty members across campus to direct the Faith and Learning Scholars, an initiative involving a cohort of upperclass students who want the experience of integrating their faith with their academic pursuits. Similarly, the Civil Rights Pilgrimage, founded in 2004, is an eight-day spring break journey through the South whereby students encounter shrines of freedom and meet heroes of the civil rights movement. This collaboration with Dedman College offers students a transformative opportunity while earning academic credit.

Chaplains are available for personal counseling and spiritual direction with students, faculty and staff during office hours. The Office of the Chaplain is located in the Hughes-Trigg Student Center, Suite 316. Adjacent to this office is the Quiet Place, a setting for meditation, prayer and reflection for all faiths. The Quiet Place is open daily and available with no prior reservation needed.

### Community Engagement and Leadership

[www.smu.edu/ce/](http://www.smu.edu/ce/)

The Community Engagement and Leadership Center, a department in the Division of Student Affairs, develops student leaders through educational and transformational experiences that equip them to impact positive social change. CEL advises and fully supports two student-run, service-based organizations, Alternative Breaks and Mustang Heroes, whereby students participate in service trips throughout the U.S. and internationally and in ongoing service opportunities in Dallas. CEL also hosts the annual Stampede of Service and MLK Day of Service.

The leadership programs available to students include the Emerging Leaders First-Year Leadership Development Program, the Crain Leadership Conference, the Mustang Intersections Leadership Retreat for Diversity and Social Change, and LeaderShape. CEL also supports student leadership development through the Caswell Undergraduate Leadership Fellows Program, a grant opportunity for a group of selected students to develop projects focused on sustainability leadership, faith-based leadership, nonprofit leadership, educational leadership, or international and cross-cultural leadership.

### **Multicultural Student Affairs**

The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs works collaboratively with the campus community to provide support for students of color and to create an environment that fosters inclusivity and a deeper understanding of diversity. The office focuses on holistic development, advocacy and comprehensive student success. In addition, the office sponsors diversity and social justice education programs such as InterSECTIONS and Real Talk to provide opportunities for the exchange of ideas and experiences that enhance student perspectives, and offers various leadership opportunities through culturally based student organizations, peer dialogue leader positions and the CONNECT Mentoring and Retention Program.

# RIGHT TO KNOW

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Southern Methodist University is pleased to provide information regarding academic programs, enrollment, financial aid, public safety, athletics and services for persons with disabilities. Students also may obtain paper copies of this information by contacting the appropriate office listed below. Disclosure of this information is pursuant to requirements of the Higher Education Act and the Campus Security Act. More information is available at [www.smu.edu/srk](http://www.smu.edu/srk).

## 1. Academic Programs

Provost Office, Perkins Administration Building, Room 219  
214-768-3219

- a. Current degree programs and other educational and training programs.
- b. Instructional, laboratory and other physical facilities relating to the academic program.
- c. Faculty and other instructional personnel.
- d. Names of associations, agencies or governmental bodies that accredit, approve or license the institution and its programs and the procedures by which documents describing that activity may be reviewed.

## 2. Enrollment

Registrar, Blanton Student Services Building, Room 101  
214-768-3417

- a. *Graduation Rates.* The completion or graduation rate of the institution's certificate-seeking or degree-seeking, full-time undergraduate students and students who receive athletically related financial aid.
- b. *Privacy of Student Education Records.* The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act governs SMU's maintenance and disclosure of a student's education records. FERPA provides students the right to inspect and review their education records and to seek amendment of those records that they believe to be inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of their privacy rights. Further, FERPA prevents SMU from disclosing personally identifiable information about a student to outside third parties, except under specific circumstances outlined in SMU's Policy Manual.
- c. *Withdrawal.* Requirements and procedures for officially withdrawing from the institution.

**Wisconsin Refund Policy.** The following information applies only to students enrolled in distance/online courses who reside in the state of Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Administrative Code contains provisions related to online/distance education for students residing in that state. Sections from Chapter 8 of the Educational Approval Board are reprinted below. The complete code is available online at [http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin\\_code](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code).

**EAB 8.05 Partial Refunds.** A student who withdraws or is dismissed after the period of time identified under s. EAB 8.03 (1) has passed, but before completing 60 percent of the potential units of instruction in the current enrollment period, shall be entitled to a pro rata refund, as calculated below, less any

amounts owed by the student for the current enrollment period, less a one-time application fee of \$100.

- (1) Pro rata refund shall be determined as the number of units remaining after the last unit completed by the student, divided by the total number of units in the enrollment period, rounded downward to the nearest 10 percent. Pro rata refund is the resulting percent applied to the total tuition and other required costs paid by the student for the current enrollment period.
- (2) All efforts will be made to refund prepaid amounts for books, supplies and other charges unless the student has consumed or used those items and they can no longer be used or sold to new students, or returned by the school to the supplier.
- (3) Refunds shall be paid within 40 days after the effective date of termination.
- (4) After the student's first period of enrollment, if a student withdraws or is dismissed in a subsequent enrollment period, the school may also retain an administrative fee of 15 percent of the total cost of a resident program, or \$400, whichever is less.
- (5) No refund is required for any student who withdraws or is dismissed after completing 60 percent of the potential units of instruction in the current enrollment period unless a student withdraws due to mitigating circumstances, which are those that directly prohibit pursuit of a program and which are beyond the student's control.

**SMU Refund for Wisconsin Students.** SMU online/distance education students residing in Wisconsin who cancel their enrollment will receive a full refund of all tuition and fees if they officially withdraw from the University before the withdrawal deadline listed on the Official University Calendar. The University will issue refunds within 10 business days of withdrawal.

### 3. Financial Aid

Director of Financial Aid, Blanton Student Services Building, Room 212  
214-768-3417

- a. Financial assistance available to students enrolled in the institution.
- b. Cost of attending the institution, including tuition and fees charged to full- and part-time students; estimates of costs for necessary books and supplies; estimates of typical charges for room and board; estimates of transportation costs for students; and any additional cost of a program in which a student is enrolled or expresses a specific interest.
- c. Terms and conditions under which students receiving Federal Direct Loan or Federal Direct Perkins Loan assistance may obtain deferral of the repayment of the principal and interest of the loan for
  - (1) Service under the Peace Corps Act;
  - (2) Service under the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973; or
  - (3) Comparable service as a volunteer for a tax-exempt organization of demonstrated effectiveness in the field of community service.

- (4) The requirements for return of Title IV grant or loan assistance.
- (5) Enrollment status of students participating in SMU study abroad programs, for the purpose of applying for federal financial aid.

**4. Student Financials/Bursar**

University Bursar, Blanton Student Services Building, Room 212  
214-768-3417

- a. Tuition and fees.
- b. Living on campus.
- c. Optional and course fees.
- d. Financial policies.
- e. Administrative fees and deposits.
- f. Payment options.
- g. Any refund policy with which the institution is required to comply for the return of unearned tuition and fees or other refundable portions of costs paid to the institution.

**5. DASS**

Disability Accommodations and Success Strategies  
Altshuler Learning Enhancement Center  
214-768-1470

- a. Description of the process for establishing eligibility for services and documentation guidelines.
- b. Listings of the various on- and off-campus resources.
- c. Discussions of transitioning to postsecondary education.
- d. Tips for faculty on teaching and making accommodations.

**6. Athletics**

Associate Athletic Director for Student-Athlete Services, 316 Loyd Center  
214-768-1650

- a. Athletic program participation rates and financial aid support.
- b. Graduation or completion rates of student athletes.
- c. Athletic program operating expenses and revenues.
- d. Coaching staffs.

**7. Campus Police**

SMU Police Department, Patterson Hall  
214-768-1582

Southern Methodist University's Annual Security Report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus, in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by SMU, and on public property within or immediately adjacent to/accessible from the campus. The report also includes institutional policies concerning campus security, such as policies concerning alcohol and drug use, crime prevention, the reporting of crimes, sexual assault, and other related matters.

## 8. Student Appeals and Complaints

Southern Methodist University operates with integrity in all issues and is dedicated to preserving the rights of all members of the University community. Categories for which students may wish to reach out for advice and assistance and/or to submit an appeal or register a complaint are as follows: academics, code of conduct, discrimination, financial issues, honor code and privacy issues. An overview of the roles, responsibilities and procedures for complainants and the University is outlined in each of the areas below.

### a. Academic Appeals and Petitions

[www.smu.edu/Provost/Pages/Resources/Appeals](http://www.smu.edu/Provost/Pages/Resources/Appeals)

### b. Student Code of Conduct

[www.smu.edu/StudentAffairs/StudentLife/StudentHandbook/StudentAppealsComplaints](http://www.smu.edu/StudentAffairs/StudentLife/StudentHandbook/StudentAppealsComplaints)

### c. Office of Institutional Access and Equity

[www.smu.edu/IAE](http://www.smu.edu/IAE)

### d. Financial Responsibility and Confidentiality

[www.smu.edu/LegalDisclosures/FinancialAndConfidentiality](http://www.smu.edu/LegalDisclosures/FinancialAndConfidentiality)

### e. Honor Code

[www.smu.edu/StudentAffairs/StudentLife/StudentHandbook/HonorCode](http://www.smu.edu/StudentAffairs/StudentLife/StudentHandbook/HonorCode)

In addition to the right to use internal University complaint procedures, every student has the right under federal law to use complaint processes provided by the state in which his or her campus is located.

## 9. State-Specific Information for Appeals and Complaints

Texas. For complaints regarding programs in Texas, students should contact the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Office of General Counsel, PO Box 12788, Austin TX 78711-2788; email: [studentcomplaints@thehb.state.tx.us](mailto:studentcomplaints@thehb.state.tx.us). Additional information about the Texas student complaints process may be found at [www.thehb.state.tx.us](http://www.thehb.state.tx.us) (“College Readiness and Success” link).

New Mexico. For complaints regarding programs in New Mexico, students should contact the New Mexico Higher Education Department, 2048 Galisteo Street, Santa Fe NM 85705-2300; telephone 505-476-8400. Additional information about the New Mexico student complaints process may be found online at [www.hed.state.nm.us/students/complaints.aspx](http://www.hed.state.nm.us/students/complaints.aspx).