

SUMMER 2019 - ELECTIVE DESCRIPTIONS

LAW E508-1,-2,-3 Clinical Education – (1, 2, or 3 units)

Prerequisite(s): Completion of 2nd year required coursework

There will be a **mandatory Clinical Education class on Thursday, May 9th from 5-6 p.m. in Room #212.** You must pick-up a Clinical Education packet in the Law School Office or download from the syllabi page on the www.empirestudent.com website. Students need to review and bring the Clinical Education packet to the first class indicated above. Third- and fourth-year students are allowed to work in public or private law offices for unit credit. Students may receive one hour of credit for each 48 hours of participation. A student may receive up to three units of credit per academic year. A student who participates in the program may receive a maximum five units of credit. No more than three units may be earned from the same internship. Participants in the Clinical Education Program have the option to register with the California State Bar through its Practical Training of Law Students Program. Registration requires completing Student, Dean, and Supervising Attorney(s) forms and submitting the completed forms and the filing fee to the Los Angeles office of the State Bar. Forms are available in the Law School Administrative Office. In order for the student to receive credit, the student must enroll in the Clinical Education class which meets several during the semester. At the conclusion of each semester, the supervising attorney must submit an evaluation report of the student on forms provided by the School of Law. Approved clinical education units will be charged the same tuition rate as all other academic units.

LAW E510-1,-2,-3 Disability Law Clinic – (3 units – student option of 1, 2 or 3 units)

Prerequisite(s): Completion of 2nd year and good academic standing

Six law students are invited to work in the Disability Law Clinic, the area's primary resource for information and representation on the law as it pertains to people with disabilities, under the supervision of an attorney. Each student will be assigned several cases on which they will participate in all areas of case development from client interviews to court appearances. The cases assigned will all be in the area of Administrative Law.

LAW E513 Elder Law Clinic – (2 units)

Prerequisite(s): Completion of 1st year and good academic standing

This clinic provides students with real-life client counseling opportunities with senior citizens. The clinic allows students to interact with clients, provide advice, follow-up, and direct clients to legal and non-legal resources. Students will draft legal documents and correspondence under the supervision of a practicing attorney. The clinic will provide the public with free legal advice.

LAW E519 Federal Indian Law – (3 units)

Prerequisites: Completion of 2nd year

The course is designed to introduce students to the principal doctrines and rules governing the legal and political relationships between American Indian tribes and the United States and State Government.

LAW E551 Governance In Context – (2 units)

Prerequisites: Completion of Constitutional Law in 2nd year

This course seeks to stimulate a reexamination of contemporary government by studying the several domains which most influence it: human evolution; neurobiology; psychology; philosophy; history; economics; and political science.

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LAW E559-3 History of American Law – (3 units)

Prerequisite(s): Completion of Introductory classes or equivalent

The Course provides an overview of major themes in the development of the legal system of the United States, relevant legal theories, and the life and work of significant legal professionals (both judges and lawyers), from Colonial Times until the present.

LAW E545-3 Law and Literature – (3 units)

Prerequisite(s): Completion of Introductory classes or equivalent

This course will explore the relationship between law and literature. We will examine interrelated topics through a variety of legal, literary, and philosophical works. Special emphasis will be on studying literature to understand law and legal theories, including social and political order, formalism, equity, law and morality, and problems with the search for truth.

LAW E548-2, -3 Legal Aid Clinic – (student option of 2, or 3 units)

Prerequisite(s): Completion of 1st year or Dean's recommendation and good academic standing

This class provides students with real life client counseling opportunities and exposure to a variety of poverty law topics. The clinic allows students to interact with clients, provide legal advice under the supervision of an attorney, draft simple pleadings, and direct clients to legal and non-legal resources. Students may work in the areas of Unlawful Detainers, Restraining Orders, Elder Abuse, and Guardianships. Students will draft legal documents and correspondence under the supervision of a practicing attorney. Some students may gain the opportunity to attend court hearings.

LAW E535 Self Help Access Center (SHAC) – (2 units)

Prerequisites: Completion of 2nd year required coursework preferred and good academic standing. Prefer completion of LAW R502–Community Property.

This clinic provides students working with self-represented litigants. All cases are in the areas of family law. SHAC offers free legal services to persons who have a related case in Sonoma County. Students will meet individually with parties and assist them with filing the complex court documents for divorce, paternity, custody, support. Students will learn Essential Forms, DissoMaster, drafting of pleadings and local court practices, and communication skills with individuals going through emotional family law issues. A supervising attorney will oversee the work.

LAW E537-1,-2,-3 Small Claims Advisory Clinic – (student option of 1, 2, or 3 units)

Prerequisites: Completion of 2nd year or Dean's approval, and good academic standing

Empire College is pleased to provide guidance to people involved in Small Claims matters. In agreement with the Sonoma County Superior Court, the law school operates an advisory which provides help to people with questions regarding small claims cases. Under the supervision of an experienced professor, students give information on the preparation and presentation of a small claims action. Walk-in and telephone assistance is available. Matters include landlord/tenant issues; automobile sales and repair; breach of contract and construction disputes.