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Law & Governance

LATN541	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	Selected Topics in Latin Literature. 3 hours lecture. Intensive reading and critical study of a selected author, genre, period, or theme in Latin literature that is not covered by a regular course. Topics will be chosen to complement other graduate course offerings in Latin and classical studies. May be repeated twice for a maximum of 9.0 credits as long as the topic is different.
LATN584	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	Law in Roman Society. 3 hours lecture. An introduction to Roman law and an examination of the interrelatedness of law and Roman society during the late Republic and the Empire. Survey of the main areas of private law: law of persons, law of things, law of obligations. Sources of law and their response to new conditions. Law as an instrument of social change. Law and daily life. Roman law in the Medieval and modern periods.
LAWS200	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	Introduction to Law. 3 hours lecture. An introduction to the meaning and functions of law, the powers and the jurisdiction of the courts. An exploration of traditional and evolving areas
LAWS200	Course Description	of law. A survey of the different professions and career options within the legal field. An assessment of the roles and importance of law in the lives of students and the public. Students may take LAWS 200 or JURI 210 but not both courses. Students in the Jurisprudence major should take JURI 210. Meets Gen Ed 2002 - Social Science, Social Science.
LAWS220	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	Conflict and Its Resolution. 3 hours lecture. A study of conflict, its management and resolution. Exploration of conflict management skills negotiation and mediation. Considerations of culture, gender, race, and age in resolving conflicts. Current developments and practical applications such as peer mediation, negotiation in the workplace, and dispute resolution in the court system. Students may take LAWS 220 or PALG 308, but not both courses. Students in the Paralegal Minor should take

		PALG 308. Meets Gen Ed 2002 - Social Science, Social Science. Meets World Cultures Requirement.
LAWS290	Title	Language of the Law.
	Course Description	This course explores the interface between language and our legal system. Students study the history of legal language up to the present day. Topics to be covered include, among others, the impact of (il)literacy on the law, the linguistic ramifications of governing bilingual societies, the functions of written laws and legal language, and the social psychological impact of language use in modern-day litigation. Cross-listed with Linguistics LNGN290.
LAWS302	Title	Legal Research.
	Prerequisites	JURI 210 or LAWS 200 or POLS 101 or departmental approval.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	Study of principles and methods of research as applied to law and government. Exploration of the sources of law including case law, legislative process and intent, statutory law and public administration. Contrastive applications of law library research and computer-assisted legal research.
LAWS362	Title	Legal Writing.
	Prerequisites	LAWS 302.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	Application of legal research, method, and analysis to legal writing. Students are required to perform various kinds of legal writing assignments and to demonstrate ability to identify legal problems, analyze them based upon the related law and theory, and solve problems with resulting written work product. Utilization of computer-assisted legal research. Meets the University Writing Requirement for majors in Jurisprudence.
LAWS388	Title	Advocacy and Persuasion.
	Prerequisites	LAWS 200 or JURI 210 or POLS 320.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	The focus of this class involves the study of substantive and procedural legal issues with the added dimension of combining the arts of persuasion and advocacy and their application to trial strategies. Students learn techniques of communicating evidence, both oral and demonstrative, to advocate

		effectively a client's case and persuade a jury. Students are exposed to the rules of evidence and trial procedure culminating in putting theory into practice by applying classroom study to a legal problem in the format of a mock trial including witness and attorney roles.
LAWS390	Title	Independent Study in Law.
	Prerequisites	Departmental approval.
	Course Description	Guided study of a particular area of law arranged individually between student and professor. The topic may be a more advanced treatment of a regularly
LAWS390	Course Description	offered course or the exploration of a timely and significant area of law. May be repeated once for a maximum of 6.0 credits.
LAWS391	Title	Women and the Law.
	Prerequisites	JURI 210 or LAWS 200 or WMGS 102.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	Introduction to and evaluation of the changing patterns of gender-based laws in the United States in terms of the preferences they reflect and the rationales used to justify them. Emphasis on issues which impact upon women's rights, relevant case law which impacts upon the roles and rights of women, and legislation.
LAWS460	Title	Advanced Legal Research and Writing.
	Prerequisites	LAWS 302 and LAWS 362.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	Refinement of principles and methods of legal research in working with statutes, case law, and other legal sources. Application of legal research techniques to practical legal problems. Preparation of more complex legal research projects. Utilization of computer-assisted legal research.
LAWS473	Title	Seminar in Law and Literature.
	Prerequisites	JURI 210 or LAWS 200 or departmental approval.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	This course examines the "Law and Literature" movement, an area of study developed within the legal field over the past several decades. The course is devoted to a thematic exploration and examination of the application of the

		concepts of law and literature and underscores areas of mutual illumination of the two vast bodies of text: legal opinions and works of literature.
LAWS497	Title	Pre-Law Internship.
	Prerequisites	LAWS 302 with a grade of "B" or better; and LAWS 200 or JURI 210; and open only to juniors and seniors.
	Course Description	Field work experience in the legal setting to provide pre-law students who have acquired basic skills through introductory courses with the opportunity to utilize those skills and further explore the field of law. Required classroom seminar supplements experiential component and includes discussion of field work experience and ethical considerations.
LAWS499	Title	Selected Topics in Law.
	Prerequisites	Vary according to the topic offered.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	Exploration of a timely and significant area of law. The specific topic will be announced each time that the course is offered. May be repeated once for a maximum of 6.0 credits.
LAWS500	Title	United States Legal System.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	This course provides the theoretical basis and appropriate applications of law within the United States legal system in the context of its foundations, processes and norms. Integrating readings from legal theorists, scholars and jurists, the course presents the full range of legal perspectives and processes in order to understand methodologies for resolving legal problems within the evolving United States system of law.
LAWS503	Title	Research Methods and Analysis.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	Presentation of theory and methods of intellectual inquiry and research. Advanced study of legal research methodology and legal analysis which includes preparation of scholarly legal research papers.
LAWS512	Title	Statutory and Regulatory Analysis.
LAWS512	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.

	Course Description	Study of legislative and administrative processes including the creation, application and interpretation of statutory and administrative law. Required research includes use of primary and secondary legislative and administrative law materials as well as legislative history.
LAWS513	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	Ethical and Professional Issues in the Legal Environment. 3 hours lecture. Examination of ethical and professional issues as they relate to the legal environment. Exploration of different viewpoints and conflicting views. Interrelationships with rules of professional responsibility analyzed and discussed through hypothetical and real ethical dilemmas.
LAWS520	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	Private Civil Responsibility: Contracts and Torts. 3 hours lecture. Study of aspects of contract and tort law and their interaction in contemporary business practices, examined in the context of an ever-changing society. Application of common law principles and contract and tort as well as the Uniform Commercial Code. Judicial and legislative roles and reactions to change in the context of the public good and business interests.
LAWS525	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	Jurisprudence. 3 hours lecture. To acquaint students with procedural and substantive principles of Jurisprudence as it is developed in American Law. The course will chart the development of basic legal and philosophical principles governing the theory of law through its cultural and constitutional roots through the early 21st century. Special attention will be given to analysis of legal realism and feminist jurisprudence.
LAWS531	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	Administrative Law. 3 hours lecture. A critical analysis of the body of law which regulates government agencies and their relations with the public. Examination of federal and state administrative law, regulations, rules and procedures.
LAWS537	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	Entertainment Law. 3 hours lecture. This course provides students with theoretical foundations and practical applications of entertainment law. The course utilizes a model and method

		<p>approach, which presents theory and procedure in a case problem context. The course acquaints students with various traditional legal theories and compares and contrasts them with law as it has evolved to meet new changes in society. Areas to be covered include representing minors, contract preparation, copyright infringement, publishing, the record industry, film, and television.</p>
LAWS538	<p>Title Number and type of credits Course Description</p>	<p>Trademark Law. 3 hours lecture. Comprehensive study of procedural and substantive aspects of trademark selection, registration, use, and protection within the context of intellectual property.</p>
LAWS541	<p>Title Number and type of credits Course Description</p>	<p>Advanced Computer Systems in the Legal Environment. 3 hours lecture. Application of operation of computer systems, including hardware and software, designed specifically to assist in the practice of law or the management of law office and to provide students with a conceptual basis for evaluation, application and operation of other legal application and systems programs which may become available.</p>
LAWS545	<p>Title Special Fee Number and type of credits</p>	<p>Cyberlaw. Special fee. 3 hours lecture.</p>
LAWS545	<p>Course Description</p>	<p>To acquaint students with procedural and substantive principles of Internet technology and legal principles which are at the nexus of modern legal practice. To become versed in the theory and practice of intellectual property, criminal law, jurisdictional issues and choice of law relating to commerce, law enforcement, and legal procedure. To teach students to analyze and synthesize legal principles which are at the core of changing World Wide Web technology.</p>
LAWS547	<p>Title Special Fee Number and type of credits Course Description</p>	<p>Intellectual Property: Copyright, Licensing, and Advertising. Special fee. 3 hours lecture. To acquaint students with procedural and substantive principles of Intellectual Property Law as it is developed and is practiced in the</p>

		entertainment field. The course will chart the development of intellectual property in American law from its constitutional roots through the early 21st century. Special attention will be given to analysis of issues in entertainment law involving copyright, licensing, and advertising.
LAWS550	Title Special Fee Number and type of credits Course Description	Law Office Management and Technology. Special fee. 3 hours lecture. Theoretical foundations and practical applications of law office management and technology. Hands-on and theoretical problems dealing with work product, human resources, and workflow in assembly, case management, database management, human resource management, and technological interfaces with traditional processes.
LAWS551	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	Negotiation Theory and Practice. 1 hour lecture, 3 hours lab. In-depth study of negotiation theories and practical applications. Includes an examination and comparison of various negotiation theories and critical skills needed to be an effective negotiator. Extensive role plays. Study of ethical and policy issues.
LAWS552	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	Mediation Theory and Practice. 1 hour lecture, 3 hours lab. In-depth examination of the theory and practical applications of mediation. Integration of ethical and policy issues and applications through role plays. Study of how the various applications affect the mediation process and the court's role in the development of mediation.
LAWS553	Title Special Fee Number and type of credits Course Description	Arbitration and Other Alternative Adjudicative Processes. Special fee. 3 hours lecture. In-depth examination of the theory and applications of arbitration and other adjudicative processes. Utilization of role plays to expand student knowledge and ability to understand increasingly complex issues. Examination of policy and ethical issues and exploration of case law research.
LAWS554	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	Conflict Management and Peer Mediation in Schools. 3 hours lecture. Comprehensive study of the theory and application of interpersonal conflict

		management theories and processes between and among individuals, students, organizations, and groups of similar status in a variety of governmental, domestic, and international settings.
LAWS555	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	Family Mediation. 3 hours lecture. Theoretical and practical aspects of mediation in the family law context. An overview of the laws which govern and affect the formation, maintenance and dissolution of the family unit. Study of the increasingly important role of family mediation both privately and within the judicial structure.
LAWS555	Course Description	Integration of ethical and practical considerations and enhancement of student understanding through role plays and independent research. LAWS 552 is recommended as a prerequisite.
LAWS556	Title Special Fee Number and type of credits Course Description	Dispute Resolution in the Workplace. Special fee. 3 hours lecture. Critical study of procedural and substantive legal principles of dispute resolution in the workplace. Exploration of procedures such as negotiation, mediation, arbitration, fact finding, and grievance resolution through collective bargaining which is the core of dispute resolution in both private and public sector employment. LAWS 551 is recommended as a prerequisite.
LAWS557	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	Law Office Financial Management. 3 hours lecture. To acquaint students with the various types, applications, and procedures of financial management in the legal environment. To explore the various financial, timekeeping, and accounting controls which are at the core of the law office efficiency. To become knowledgeable about various state Rules of Professional Conduct as they affect legal practice. To teach students to manage accounts receivable, financial ledgers, disbursements, and various required journals manually and using computer software.
LAWS558	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	Cross-Cultural Conflict Resolution. 3 hours lecture. Intensive study and application of theories and techniques of cross-cultural

LAWS559	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	<p>conflict resolution. Examination of issues of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, and sexual preference within the context of dominant Western Culture. LAWS 552 is recommended as a prerequisite.</p> <p>Advanced Conflict Management.</p> <p>3 hours lecture.</p> <p>This course will provide students with the theoretical foundations and applications of five areas from the Conflict Management field: Diversity; Prevention of Sexual Harassment; Support of Gender Equity; Teaching Character Education; and Organizational Mechanisms. These interconnected areas are being implemented in various settings in order to create a safe environment, avoid legal liability, and increase organizational efficiency.</p>
LAWS560	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	<p>Bullying Prevention.</p> <p>3 hours lecture.</p> <p>This course will provide students with the theory of bullying prevention in various settings. Students will critically analyze situations targeted to support bullying prevention, study state laws regarding bullying prevention and harassment, and enhance the connections with conflict management and related fields.</p>
LAWS572	Title Special Fee Number and type of credits Course Description	<p>Legal Information Management.</p> <p>Special fee.</p> <p>3 hours lecture.</p> <p>Study of theoretical aspects of information theory in the legal environment with application to the problem method of analysis. This course will examine the compilation and analysis of legal information from automated litigation support through computer-assisted legal research.</p>
LAWS573	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	<p>Seminar in Law and Literature.</p> <p>3 hours lecture.</p> <p>This course examines the "Law and Literature" movement, an area of study developed within the legal field over the past several decades. The course is devoted to a thematic exploration and examination of the application of the concepts of law and literature and underscores areas of mutual illumination of the two vast bodies of text: legal opinions and works of literature.</p>

LAWS574	<p>Title</p> <p>Special Fee</p> <p>Number and type of credits</p> <p>Course Description</p>	<p>Human Rights Law.</p> <p>Special fee.</p> <p>3 hours lecture.</p> <p>To acquaint students with procedural and substantive principles of Human Rights Law in the international arena. The course will chart the development of Human Rights Law in various cultures from the Judaic and Greek eras through the enlightenment to the 20th century. Special attention will be given to analysis of disputes involving native populations and minority rights as they are affected by the United Nations Charter, Treaties, and Conventions. Issues of criminal, commercial and individual rights will be considered.</p>
LAWS577	<p>Title</p> <p>Special Fee</p> <p>Number and type of credits</p> <p>Course Description</p>	<p>International Law and Transnational Legal Issues.</p> <p>Special fee.</p> <p>3 hours lecture.</p> <p>To acquaint students with procedural and substantive principles of International Law as it has developed and is practiced under the United Nations Charter, Conventions, Accords, Protocols, and Agreements. The course will chart the development of International Law from its roots in early legal and cultural traditions through the early 21st century. Special attention will be given to analysis of issues of international compliance and regulatory issues.</p>
LAWS578	<p>Title</p> <p>Number and type of credits</p> <p>Course Description</p>	<p>Legal Aspects of Human Resource Management.</p> <p>3 hours lecture.</p> <p>In-depth study of procedural and substantive legal principles of human resource management. Exploration of the various procedures which can and should shape the work environment in both private and public employment.</p>
LAWS579	<p>Title</p> <p>Number and type of credits</p> <p>Course Description</p>	<p>Private Sector Compliance With Public Regulations.</p> <p>3 hours lecture.</p> <p>In-depth study of federal and state requirements of compliance with public regulations in the areas of labor, employment, employee benefits, affirmative action, equal pay, and other federal and state mandated policies. Exploration of the interplay of various statutory and common law requirements governing private organizations which function in the United States.</p>
LAWS580	<p>Title</p> <p>Prerequisites</p>	<p>Field Experience in Law and Governance.</p> <p>Completion of a minimum of LAWS 500 and LAWS 503, and 18 additional credits</p>

	Course Description	toward the M.A. Application of academic theories to field experience of 120 hours over a semester in a legal environment reflective of the student's course of study. Research of issues related to placement and/or ethical issues.
LAWS581	Title	Cooperative Education in Law and Governance.
	Prerequisites	Completion of a minimum of LAWS 500 and LAWS 503, and 18 additional credits toward the M.A. degree, and departmental approval.
	Course Description	Application of academic theories to compensated field experience of 20 hours per week in a legal environment reflective of the student's course of study. Research of issues related to placement and/or ethical issues.
LAWS588	Title	Independent Study in Law and Governance.
	Course Description	To allow students and faculty to create courses of study within the discipline which more precisely reflect students' needs and to supplement concentration courses with other courses which more fully educate students to their specific educational needs. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits.
LAWS590	Title	Environmental Law and Policy.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	The goal of this course is to provide students with the theoretical foundations and practical applications of Environmental Law. The course will utilize a model and method approach, which will present theory and procedure in a case problem context. The course will acquaint students with various
LAWS590	Course Description	traditional legal theories and compare and contrast them with law as it has evolved to meet new changes in society.
LAWS599	Title	Selected Topics in Law and Governance.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	Examination of a current topic in the legal environment that is of significance. Analysis of theoretical foundations and practical applications in the area studied. Development of the ability to critically analyze, observe, and research the topic under examination, as well as prepare a research paper. May be repeated once for a maximum of 6.0 credits.
LAWS698	Title	Master's Thesis.
	Prerequisites	Departmental approval.

	Course Description	Independent research project done under faculty advisement. Students must follow the MSU Thesis Guidelines, which may be obtained from the Graduate School. Students should take LAWS 699 if they don't complete LAWS 698 within the semester.
LAWS699	Title	Master's Thesis Extension.
	Prerequisites	LAWS 698.
	Course Description	Continuation of Master's Thesis Project. Thesis Extension will be graded as IP (in Progress) until thesis is completed, at which time a grade of Pass or Fail will be given.
LEAD400	Title	Cooperative Education in Leadership Development.
	Prerequisites	Departmental permission, PSYC 294, one 300 level course in the minor (CMST 379, JUST 352, MGMT 318, MGMT 363, PSYC 307, or PSYC 314) and twelve credits in Leadership Development Through Civic Engagement (LDCE) Minor.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Course Description	This is the capstone course for the Leadership Development Through Civic Engagement Minor. The course integrates work experience outside the formal classroom environment with in-class seminars, attended by students placed in diverse community agencies and conducted by an interdisciplinary Leadership Development Faculty team. Seminar discussion topics include: leadership development through civic engagement overview, sharing observations, issues in the community, leadership for community change, and application to career development.
LITM201	Title	Introduction to Leisure and Tourism.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	This course introduces students to the diversified businesses that comprise the Leisure and Tourism industries. They include, but are not limited to, destination resorts, cruise ships, ski resorts, sports venues and event, meeting, and conference delivery. Topics examined cover the historical development of leisure and tourism as well as events, trends, and issues which shape the industries.
LITM202	Title	Leisure and Tourism Services.
	Prerequisites	LITM 201 and MKTG 240. Major within School of Business. Starting Fall 2016: LITM 201 and MKTG 240; Business Administration major.