COLLEGE OF LAW
Proposed Catalog Changes

Effective Term (unless otherwise noted) = Summer 2015

Law

1. Add the following courses:

**Law 853  Education Law (3 cr)**
Issues pertaining to the history and structure of U.S. public education including religious and private school alternatives, school funding, curriculum and governance, student supervision, equal educational opportunity issues including race and disability, employment issues including collective bargaining, and students’ and teachers’ rights and responsibilities including free speech and due process.

Rationale: Education Law is an important topic taught at many law schools. In addition to furthering students’ exposure to public law, it helps students become more practice-ready by showing the interrelationship of constitutional, contract, property, and tort law in a practice setting. In addition, it has part of the instructor’s teaching package because the instructor’s practice and scholarship in the subject.

**Law 854  Corporate Taxation (2-3 cr)**
Taxation of all aspects of a corporation's life-cycle, including formation, financing, capital structure, distributions, redemptions, reorganizations, and liquidation. The course covers both tax provisions applying to all corporations and those provisions applying specifically to the flow-through “S” corporation. Two-credit course covers fewer areas of study. Recommended Preparation: Law 919.

**Prereq:** Law 930

Rationale: The proposal to create a new course, Law 854, Corporate Taxation, is coupled with a proposal to change Law 927, Business Entities Taxation (which covered both partnership and corporate income tax), to Partnership & LLC Taxation. Most law schools teach these as two separate courses. Creating two separate courses, both of which will normally be taught for three credits, adds depth to the business tax curriculum by adding two credit hours. It expands coverage: in Law 927 by expanding the coverage of LLCs, and in the proposed Law 854 by allowing for treatment of corporate mergers and acquisitions. In addition, offering two courses makes scheduling easier for faculty and students. Although the departmental teaching load will increase, the College of Law has increased the position of the tax professor in Boise from 2/3 to full time. The course will normally be taught for three credits, but making the course instructor-determined variable credit will offer flexibility in instructor teaching load, especially in special circumstances when the course may be taught by adjunct professors.

**Law 855  Water Law Practicum (2-3 cr)**
Skills course where students take part in various stages of a water law dispute including settlement negotiations, state supreme court briefing, and oral argument. In-depth treatment of cutting edge issues in water law, with an emphasis on the intricate interplay between law, history and science. Two-credit course covers fewer areas of study.

**Prereq:** Law 942

**Coreq:** Law 971

Rationale: Water Law Practicum will fill a gap in skills offerings to students in the Natural Resource & Environmental Law Emphasis. Natural resources and environmental disputes generally involve a complex interplay of law, science, and history, and they often are resolved in settlement. The course will expose students to brief writing, oral argument, and negotiation simulations for complex issues involving law and science.

2. Change the following course:

**Law 921  Accounting for Law Students Lawyers (2 cr)**
Examination of basic accounting principles designed as background for the tax and business law courses for those students without accounting and business experience and intended to make the lawyer conversant with accountants. Accelerated course.

Rationale: “Accounting for Lawyers” emphasizes that the content of the course is designed to make students practice-ready, rather than implying that the course is of use only during law school. In addition, the changed name accords with the course title at most law schools. The course is no longer accelerated.

**Law 927  Business Entities Partnership and LLC Taxation (4-2-3 cr)**
Examination of the income tax treatment of partners and partnerships, including Limited Liability Companies and their members, covering the entity’s life cycle through formation, operation, and liquidation. Topics include the income tax consequences of the sale of a partnership interest, as well as the death or retirement of a partner. Two-credit course covers fewer areas of study. Federal taxation of pass-through entities and corporations; topics include formation, operations, allocation, distributions, and liquidation; the opportunity to study the concepts of business enterprise taxation as an integrated unit.

**Prereq:** Law 930
Rationale: The proposal to change Law 927, Business Entities Taxation (which covered both partnership and corporate income tax), to Partnership & LLC Taxation is coupled with a proposal to create a new course, Law 854, Corporate Taxation. This shift in the instructor’s other courses, there is no change in the departmental teaching load.

Law 942 Water Law I (1-2 cr)
The basics of water allocation law with a focus on western water law. Study of the development of the common law of water allocation and of comprehensive statutory systems including the implementation of water law through administrative agencies and water rights adjudication. One-credit course covers fewer areas of study. This course will focus on Idaho specific law on prior appropriation, the permit system, adjudication, and conjunctive management.

Rationale: The one-credit Water Law I was developed to prepare students for the basic knowledge of water law required for the Idaho and Montana bar exams. Although water law is no longer on the exam, there is a continuing need for a basic water law course to cover the broad array of water issues that may come up in a general law practice. With this expanded focus, two credits will normally be necessary to cover the water law topics needed for those in a general practice. The course will normally be taught for two credits but is designated as 1-2 variable credits to allow for flexibility when taught by an adjunct or in other special circumstances. Due to shifts in the instructor’s other courses, there is no change in the departmental teaching load.

Law 948 Introduction to Natural Resource Law and Policy (3 cr)
An introduction to natural resource law examining resource allocation and management systems, including ESA, FLPMA, NEPA, NFMA, Wilderness Act, WSPA, and other federal statutes applicable to the public lands. (Fall only)

Recommended Short Course Title: Intro to Natural Resource Law

Rationale: This course is taught alternatively by a regular faculty member and by adjunct faculty members. Adjunct faculty members, who are busy professionals, often prefer to teach the course for 2 rather than 3 credits. Making the course instructor-determined variable credit will allow the course to be offered for 2 credits instead of making an identically-titled 901 seminar necessary.

Law 964 Children and the Law (2-3 cr)
An overview of the legal regimes and practical issues that face lawyers representing older clients. Topics include Social Security, pensions, annuities, Medicare, Medicaid, health care decision-making, property management, special needs trusts, guardianships, conservatorships, elder abuse, elder housing, end of life issues, and ethical issues. When taught as a two-credit course, examination of some issues must be abbreviated or eliminated. Making the course instructor-determined variable credit will allow the flexibility to allow the course to be offered as an overview or to go into greater depth as well as to offer flexibility in instructor teaching load. In addition, this area of law is becoming more important as baby boomers move into retirement.

Law 965 Elder Law (2-3 cr)
An in-depth study of topics necessary for the modern practice of water law by approaching water law from the watershed perspective. This perspective also tends to reflect the perspective of water users and other interests who seek solutions to problems that take into account the interaction of the fragmented system of water regulation in the United States, including case studies on adjudication, ground water management and conjunctive management, as well as topics such as federal and Native American reserved water rights, transboundary water allocation, endangered aquatic species, and water quality. (Fall only)

Prereq: Permission of instructor/Law 942

Rationale: The revised course description more accurately describes the course as currently taught. The change in prerequisites reflects a change in the structure of Water Law I and Water Law II. Because Water Law I and II were previously taught consecutively during one semester, “permission” was the most feasible way of assuring that Water Law II students would have taken Water Law I. The concomitant proposal to change Law 942, Water Law I, to 2 credits means that Water Law I and Water Law II will now be offered in different semesters. Therefore, Water Law I can now become a true prerequisite to Law 969, Water Law II, instead of the more administratively burdensome “permission.”
Law 986 Judicial Clerkship Seminar (1-2 cr)
Seminar focusing on advanced writing concepts within the judicial context, with instruction on common types of legal writing practiced by judicial clerks.

Prerequisites: Permission

Rationale: The College of Law is strengthening its offerings in skills courses to help students become more practice-ready upon graduation. If this change is approved, the course will normally be taught as a two-credit course, which will allow greater coverage of both trial and appellate level courts, provide greater opportunities for honing legal writing skills and peer review skills in writing workshops, and allow more opportunities for interaction with judges and judicial clerks. Making the course instructor-determined variable credit will give the flexibility to allow the course to be offered for one credit when needed to accommodate instructor teaching load or to allow for the course to be taught by adjunct professors.

3. Change the curricular requirements of Law (J.D.):

Required course work includes the College of Law requirements and the following:

Law 805 Civil Procedure and Introduction to Law (3 cr)
Law 806 Civil Procedure II (3 cr)
Law 807 Property (4 cr)
Law 809 Torts (4 cr)
Law 812 Criminal Law (3 cr)
Law 813 Contracts (4 cr)
Law 815 Legal Research and Writing (0 or 5 cr, max 5)
Law 816 Constitutional Law I (4 cr)
Law 820 Statutory Reading and Interpretation (3 cr)
Law 905 Constitutional Law II (3 cr)
Law 962 Professional Responsibility (3 cr)

Two credits chosen from the following (2 cr):

Law 855 Water Law Practicum (2-3 cr)
Law 912 Civil Mediation (2 cr)
Law 913 Family Mediation (2 cr)
Law 914 Dispute Resolution (1 cr, max 4)
Law 917 Negotiation and Appropriate Dispute Resolution (3 cr)
Law 954 Trial Skills (3 cr)
Law 956 Moot Court (1-2 cr)
Law 957 Mock Trial (2 cr)
Law 958 Trial Advocacy (2 cr)
Law 966 Legal Drafting (2 cr)
Law 967 Advanced Legal Writing (2 cr)
Law 970 Advanced Legal Research (2 cr)
Law 971 Lawyering Process Seminar (2 cr)
Law 974 Legal Aid Clinic (1-3 cr, max 6)
Law 975 Classroom Credit Public Service Externship (1-5 cr, max 10)
Law 976 Semester in Practice (1-12 cr, max 12)
Law 977 Clinical Lab (1 cr, max 4)
Law 978 Small Business Legal Clinic (1-3 cr, max 6)
Law 986 Judicial Clerkship Seminar (1-2 cr)
Law 987 Law Practice Management (1-2 cr)
Law 991 Skills Practicum (cr arr)
Law 993 Appellate Clinic (1-3 cr, max 6)
Law 994 Economic Development Clinic (1-3 cr, max 6)

One Upper-Division Writing Course
40 Hours of uncompensated law related pro bono service

Courses to total 90 credits for this degree

Students may choose to complete one of the following four emphases. To complete a J.D. with any of the listed emphases a student must complete the above general J.D. requirements and the requirements of one of the emphases.

A. Business Law & Entrepreneurship Emphasis

Students pursuing this emphasis must earn a minimum grade of ‘C’ in each course taken to satisfy Business Law & Entrepreneurship emphasis requirements, plus a cumulative 2.50 grade point average over all courses used to satisfy Business Law & Entrepreneurship emphasis requirements.

Law 919 Business Associations (4 cr)
Law 925 Property Security (3 cr)
Law 930 Taxation (3-4 cr)

One class chosen from the following:
Law 912 Civil Mediation (2 cr)
Law 917  Negotiation and Appropriate Dispute Resolution (3 cr)
Law 932  Estate Planning (3 cr)
Law 976  Semester in Practice (1-12 cr, max 12)

One class chosen from the following:
Law 981  Critical Legal Studies Journal (1-4 cr, max 4)
Law 982  Law Review (1-4 cr, max 4)
Law 983  Directed Study (1-2 cr, max 4)

One of the following groups of courses:

**Enterprise Organization Track Group A**

Twelve credits chosen from the following (12 cr):

- **Law 854**  Corporate Taxation (2-3 cr)
- Law 903  Introduction to Intellectual Property (3 cr)
- Law 907  Administrative Law (3 cr)
- Law 908  Workplace Law (4 cr)
- Law 910  Antitrust (3 cr)
- Law 920  Securities Regulation (3 cr)
- **Law 921**  Accounting for Lawyers (2 cr)  Accounting for Law Students (2 cr)
- Law 922  Trademarks and Trade Dress (2 cr)
- Law 924  Sales (3 cr)
- **Law 927**  Partnership and LLC Taxation (2-3 cr)  Business Entities Taxation (4 cr)
- Law 984  Real Estate Transactions (2-3 cr)
- Law 992  White Collar Crime (3 cr)

**Commercial Law Track Group B**

Law 923  Negotiable Instruments, Bank Collections and Deposits, and Other Payment Systems (3 cr)
Law 924  Sales (3 cr)

Six credits chosen from the following (6 cr):

- **Law 854**  Corporate Taxation (2-3 cr)
- Law 907  Administrative Law (3 cr)
- Law 911  Principles of Suretyship (2 cr)
- Law 926  Bankruptcy (3 cr)
- **Law 927**  Partnership and LLC Taxation (2-3 cr)  Business Entities Taxation (4 cr)
- Law 984  Real Estate Transactions (2-3 cr)
- Law 990  Consumer Law (3 cr)

**Intellectual Property and Technology Law Track Group C**

Law 903  Introduction to Intellectual Property (3 cr)

Two classes chosen from the following:

- Law 922  Trademarks and Trade Dress (2 cr)
- Law 931  Patents (2 cr)
- Law 980  Copyrights (2-3 cr)

Five credits chosen from the following (5 cr):

- Law 907  Administrative Law (3 cr)
- Law 910  Antitrust (3 cr)
- Law 918  Cyberlaw (2-3 cr)
- Law 922  Trademarks and Trade Dress (2 cr)
- Law 931  Patents (2 cr)
- Law 980  Copyrights (2-3 cr)
- Law 989  Mass Media Law (2 cr)

Courses to total 90 credits for this degree

**B. Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution Emphasis**

A minimum of one doctrinal class in Law 904, Law 907, Law 916, Law 930, Law 940, Law 952, Law 953, Law 960, or Law 985 is required.


Students pursuing this emphasis must earn a minimum grade of ‘C’ in each course taken to satisfy Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution emphasis requirements, plus a cumulative 2.50 grade point average over all courses used to satisfy Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution emphasis requirements.

**Fulfillment of the Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution (LADR) Writing Requirement.** Under the supervision of the student’s LADR Emphasis Advisor, or another full-time faculty member pre-approved by the LADR Emphasis Advisors, the student must complete a significant independent writing project on a Litigation or ADR-related topic approved by the LADR advisor. Whether written for Law 983 (Directed Study), Law 982 (Law Review), Law 981 (Critical Legal Studies Journal), or in fulfillment of the requirements of an elective course under this Emphasis, the paper must be equivalent in length and depth to a publishable law
review article. If initially prepared for a regularly scheduled paper course, the paper will require additional effort and drafts beyond
that required to pass the requirements of the course for which it is submitted for a grade. LADR papers which meet the rules for the
Upper Division Writing Requirement (UDWR) may also be used to satisfy the UDWR requirement.

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C. Native American Law Emphasis

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Students must complete one of the following tracks. Substitution from UI and WSU graduate courses allowed for one course in each
track with pre-approval of Native American Law Emphasis Advisor:

Economics Development Track

Six credits chosen from the following (6 cr):

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Law 930       Taxation (3-4 cr)
Law 931       Patents (2 cr)
Law 932       Estate Planning (3 cr)
Law 945       Community Property (2 cr)
Law 984       Real Estate Transactions (2-3 cr)

Family Law Track
Six credits chosen from the following (6 cr):
Law 913       Family Mediation (2 cr)
Law 940       International Human Rights (3 cr)
Law 941       Wills, Estates, and Trusts (3 cr)
Law 963       Family Law (3 cr)
Law 964       Children and the Law (2-3 cr)
Law 965       Elder Law (2-3 cr)
Law 985       Immigration Law and Policy (3 cr)

Governance Track
Six credits chosen from the following (6 cr):
Law 904       Federal Courts (3 cr)
Law 907       Administrative Law (3 cr)
Law 908       Workplace Law (4 cr)
Law 912       Civil Mediation (2 cr)
Law 916       Public International Law (3 cr)
Law 917       Negotiation and Appropriate Dispute Resolution (3 cr)
Law 934       Land-Use Law and Planning (3 cr)
Law 959       Critical Legal Studies (2-3 cr, max 3)
Law 960       Conflict of Laws (2 cr)

Natural Resource Management Track
Six credits chosen from the following (6 cr):
Law 906       Natural Resources Law Seminar (3 cr)
Law 934       Land-Use Law and Planning (3 cr)
Law 937       Wildlife Law and Policy (3 cr)
Law 938       International Environmental and Water Law (3 cr)
Law 939       Law, Science, and the Environment (2 cr)
Law 942       Water Law I (1-2 cr)
Law 946       Water and Energy Policy Seminar (2 cr)
Law 947       Environmental Law (3 cr)
Law 948       Introduction to Natural Resource Law (3 cr) Natural Resource Law and Policy (3 cr)
Law 951       Environmental Policy (3 cr)
Law 969       Water Law II (2 cr)

Self Directed Track
Six credits in courses pre-approved by the Native American Law Advisor emphasis advisor

Courses to total 90 credits for this degree

D. Natural Resources and Environmental Law Emphasis
Students pursuing this emphasis must earn a minimum grade of 'C' in each course taken to satisfy Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution emphasis requirements, plus a cumulative 2.50 grade point average over all courses used to satisfy Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution emphasis requirements.

Law 852       Natural Resource and Environmental Law Field Course (2 cr)
Law 907       Administrative Law (3 cr)
Law 988       Writing the Environment (1 cr)

Two classes chosen from the following:
Law 938       International Environmental and Water Law (3 cr)
Law 947       Environmental Law (3 cr)
Law 948       Introduction to Natural Resource Law (3 cr)

Three credits chosen from the following (3 cr):
Law 938       International Environmental and Water Law (3 cr)
Law 942       Water Law I (1-2 cr)
Law 947       Environmental Law (3 cr)
Law 948       Introduction to Natural Resource Law (3 cr)
Law 969       Water Law II (2 cr)

Three credits chosen from the following (3 cr):
Law 855  Water Law Practicum (2-3 cr)
Law 906  Natural Resources Law Seminar (3 cr)
Law 934  Land-Use Law and Planning (3 cr)
Law 937  Wildlife Law and Policy (3 cr)
Law 938  International Environmental and Water Law (3 cr)
Law 939  Law, Science, and the Environment (2 cr)
Law 942  Water Law I (1-2 cr)
Law 946  Water and Energy Policy Seminar (2 cr)
Law 947  Environmental Law (3 cr)
Law 948  Introduction to Natural Resource Law (3 cr)
Law 949  Native American Law (3 cr)
Law 951  Environmental Policy (3 cr)
Law 969  Water Law II (2 cr)
Law 979  Native American Natural Resource Law (3 cr)
WR 506  Interdisciplinary Methods in Water Resources (3 cr)

**One class chosen from the following:**

Law 912  Civil Mediation (2 cr)
Law 913  Family Mediation (2 cr)
Law 914  Dispute Resolution (1 cr, max 4)
Law 917  Negotiation and Appropriate Dispute Resolution (3 cr)
Law 954  Trial Skills (3 cr)
Law 956  Moot Court (1-2 cr)
Law 957  Mock Trial (2 cr)
Law 958  Trial Advocacy (2 cr)
Law 973  Lawyering Process Seminar (2 cr)
Law 974  Legal Aid Clinic (1-3 cr, max 6)
Law 975  Classroom Credit Public Service Externship (1-5 cr, max 10)
Law 976  Semester in Practice (1-12 cr, max 12)
Law 977  Clinical Lab (1 cr, max 4)
Law 978  Small Business Legal Clinic (1-3 cr, max 6)

**Twelve credits chosen from the following (12 cr):**

Law 906  Natural Resources Law Seminar (2 cr)
Law 934  Land-Use Law and Planning (3 cr)
Law 937  Wildlife Law and Policy (3 cr)
Law 938  International Environmental and Water Law (3 cr)
Law 939  Law, Science, and the Environment (2 cr)
Law 942  Water Law I (1-2 cr)
Law 946  Water and Energy Policy Seminar (2 cr)
Law 947  Environmental Law (3 cr)
Law 949  Native American Law (3 cr)
Law 951  Environmental Policy (3 cr)
Law 969  Water Law II (2 cr)
Law 996  Water Law III (2 cr)
WR 506  Interdisciplinary Methods in Water Resources (3 cr)

**Courses to total 90 credits for this degree**

**Rationale:**

The College of Law requires students to fulfill at least two hours of skills training. The newly approved Law 855, Water Law Practicum, is a skills course where students take part in various stages of a water law dispute including settlement negotiations, state supreme court briefing, and oral argument. Therefore, it should properly be listed as one of the courses meeting the skills training graduation requirement.

From the past ten years, the College of Law has covered all of business taxation in one 4-credit course taught by one law professor. This course, Law 927, Business Entities Taxation, was an elective in both the Commercial Law and Enterprise Organization tracks of the Emphasis in Business Law and Entrepreneurship. Now the College has proposed covering the material formerly taught in Law 927 in two separate courses, Partnership and LLC Taxation and Corporate Taxation, taught by two law professors. This updates the emphasis to show the change.

Law 992, White Collar Crime, was not part of the law school curriculum when the Business Law and Entrepreneurship emphasis was approved. Because the course material covers topics that are fundamental to enterprise organization, it should be included as an elective for this emphasis. The course is currently taught, so there is no impact on teaching load or departmental finances.

Law 930, Taxation, was originally included as an elective because it is a prerequisite for Law 998, Tax Clinic, which is a skills class in LADR. Because the subject matter is not inherently related to the LADR emphasis, however, it is being dropped from the electives list. The LADR faculty has decided that Law 916, Public International Law, and Law 940, International Human Rights, are in doctrinal areas which are more closely allied to the LADR curriculum.

The College of Law has decided to impose a minimum GPA requirement on all College emphasis programs: Business Law and Entrepreneurship, Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution, Native American Law, and Natural Resource and Environmental Law. Because completion of an emphasis shows on the law school transcript, the faculty believes that a minimum standard is necessary to represent that the student has achieved a certain level of expertise in the area of study. The minimum C requirement for each course
ensures that students have a minimum level of competence in every course undertaken for an emphasis, while the higher 2.50 average GPA for all emphasis courses ensures that students have achieved a higher level of expertise in the overall emphasis.

Law 852, Natural Resource and Environmental Law Field Course, has been added as a required course to the emphasis because connecting students “on the ground” with people who implement the law, people affected by the law, and resources affected by the law is critical to effective resource management, and the NREL emphasis is designed for persons who will either be or work with resource managers.

Changing elective credits from six to three reflects the addition of Law 852 as a required course. The number of required credits for the emphasis will then drop from 19 to 18.

Five of the additional elective courses are courses from the required list. NREL students are required to take 3 out of 4 of these courses or course combinations (Water Law I and Water Law II are a course combination.) Adding all the courses to the elective list allows students to take the remaining course as an NREL elective. The sixth additional elective, Water Law Practicum, was just added to the law school curriculum.