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Subject	Catalog Number	Title	Description	Credits	Instructor	Notes
LAW	518LEC	Essentials of Legal Drafting	<p>In critical ways, the act of drafting a contract or statute is different from writing a memo or brief. The words create legal obligations, and much can be lost from the wrong choice of words or a poorly crafted sentence. In this course, students will draft legislation and contracts they'll be making law rather than interpreting or applying it. But the focus is less on drafting a particular type of document than on the skills required for effective drafting. And because legal practice is often highly collaborative, students will draft some work in teams. The final grade will be based primarily on a portfolio of written work with no exam.</p>	3	Paskey, Stephen Joseph	Online course; Experiential credit
LAW	563LEC	ADR in the Community	<p>Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) is an essential part of the justice system. In this innovative course, you will study the mechanics of community-based ADR, and have a chance to conduct supervised community civil dispute resolution sessions, including mediation and restorative circles, in a range of civil cases. You will learn conflict analysis and communication skills, understand positions and interests, party BATNAs or WATNAs (Best/Worst Alternatives to a Negotiated Agreement), and barriers to agreements. You will learn how to balance power among disputing parties, recognize poor communication patterns, conduct effective caucuses, and use a range of tools to work through a stalemate. You will also learn about restorative practices (RP), exploring how RP can strengthen relationships between individuals as well as build social connections within communities. You will directly implement portions of the restorative continuum, including learning to run restorative circles. You will address the limitations of ADR and RP, including whether a dispute is appropriate for ADR or RP, as well as the ethical issues that may arise. As you expand your skill set, you will be engaged in simulations, and may be offered the opportunity to conduct supervised online ADR for community residents involved in a dispute. This course is discussion and experience-oriented, and emphasizes practical application of the concepts learned. This course will satisfy your experiential requirements.</p>	3	Civiletto, Christen /Connolly, Kim Diana	Second summer session; Online course; Experiential credit

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LAW	620LEC	Veterans Law	<p>The course will cover various aspects of law relevant to persons who have served in the Armed Forces, as well as touch on aspects of law relevant to other practices. Students will emerge with knowledge of the history, theory, and practice of various aspects of veterans law, including working with the Department of Veterans Affairs, practice before the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, the reality that makes up veteran's claims, and other unique aspects of meeting the legal needs of veterans, including trauma-informed lawyering. The course will include an overview of most of the federal laws that provide benefits to veterans and their dependents (such as pension laws, medical care and hospitalization, domiciliary care, housing and educational benefits, reimbursing dependents for burial expenses, and providing other statutory benefits) as well as practice tips relevant to many other areas of law. Have a busy summer planned but interested in earning three credits in six weeks in an important legal field on your own schedule? There are no pre-set times that students and faculty must be online together in Veterans Law. There will be two videoconferences scheduled for live class interaction, but students who have an unavoidable conflict will be provided another means to make up that credit. Faculty will be available for individual discussion via Zoom or phone to ensure that students' learning needs are met.</p>	3 m	Kuhn,Anthony/Connolly,Ki	Online course
LAW	725LEC	Practice-Ready Legal Writing	<p>This course covers objective and persuasive writing, as well as document drafting. The goal of this course is to make you more comfortable with drafting legal documents to enable you to quickly produce excellent work in practice. During this course, you will improve your writing skills, sharpen your legal analysis and strategy, and further develop your editing ability. You will draft one document per class, with time for collective review, followed by individual editing and rewriting. The documents you will draft include a statute, a contract, jury instructions, a demand letter, a complaint/answer, a notice of motion/motion, interrogatories, an opinion letter, a will, and a statement of facts (both objective and persuasive). This course is focused solely on writing and analysis; there is no research component.</p>	3	Reilly,Laura Beth	Online course; Experiential credit

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LAW	761LEC	Restorative Justice Practice	<p>UB's Restorative Justice Practices fully online course is a highly participatory course offered by the School of Law. It will explore restorative justice, restorative and related ADR practices, and dive into its history, ideas and scholarly approaches that form its foundation, probe its strengths and shortcomings, and offer opportunities to put theory into practice. One unit will focus on an overview of legal and other ethical codes of conduct applicable in various professional disciplines, and analyze the possible tension between professional codes of conduct and more traditional restorative approaches to harm and conflict. One unit will compare and contrast restorative justice practices with other forms of ADR. The final unit will teach students how to design, prepare for, and facilitate a variety of restorative practices. Students will learn from restorative justice and ADR experts and then design and lead simulated restorative practices in an online setting. Students will work fully online, with weekly units involving assigned readings, short videos, quizzes, and multiple peer interactions through Professional Learning Groups. Students will have numerous opportunities to work collectively online with the professor and other experts, as well as classmates. The course is designed to be completed entirely online at times convenient to students, but will require students to connect on their own time in small groups at mutually convenient times twice. Also, the professors will be available for at least two synchronous meetings online at student request. The course is open to law and graduate students, and with instructor permission</p>	3	Connolly, Kim Diana/Civiletto, Christen	Online course

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LAW	770LEC	Legal Ethics in Context	<p>Students will explore the ethical standards and legal obligations of lawyers, as well as learn lawyering skills such as interviewing, counseling, and negotiating, in the context of professional practice. Based on the ABA Model Rules, this course will also use MPRE-based quizzes every class to reinforce the lessons. We will explore the Professional Conduct and the Restatement (Third) of the Law Governing Lawyers, as well as New York rules, statutes, and case law which govern lawyer behavior and the lawyer's duties, supplemented by various readings on practice skills. This course is designed to help students develop certain practical lawyering skills needed to represent clients both competently and ethically in every legal setting from litigation to transactional planning. We will use a combination of interrelated classroom work; simulations (both in and out of class); and research, writing, and reading assignments to explore both skills and ethics. There will not be an exam, but instead some regular short assessments. A portion of class time will be dedicated to one-on-one simulations and peer review.</p>	3	Connolly, Kim Diana	Online course; Experiential credit
LAW	878TUT	Clinical Advocacy	<p>The summer Clinical Advocacy class will offer students the opportunity to learn essential lawyering skills like client interviewing, counseling and negotiation, case management systems, trauma-informed lawyering, and culturally competent practice. Students who have sufficient credits will be eligible for a student practice order so that they can take an active role in client representation on multiple levels. Working closely with skilled supervising attorneys, students will work on projects for existing and new clinics in the program, including the Environmental Advocacy Clinic, Criminal Justice Advocacy Clinic, Family Violence &amp; Women's Rights Clinic, and others!</p>	3	Connolly, Kim Diana	Second summer session; Online course; Experiential credit