CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND GOVERNMENT

Public law plays a central role in the modern U.S. legal system. Statutes have displaced common law regulation in many areas, and supplement it in nearly all. Constitutional law issues, while not central in the daily practice of most lawyers, sporadically arise in nearly all areas of law. And, of course, constitutional law is fundamental to understanding the place of law in our society. As lawyers, you should have a fair understanding of the basic structure of the Constitution and the rights it guarantees.

Basic courses in the field are outlined below. (The basic course in Administrative Law, described in the “Administrative Law, Legislation, and Governance” cluster, is an important complement to study of constitutional law and government.)

The field of constitutional law and government allows students to examine the role of statutes and the Constitution in modern law. First year students study some aspects of constitutional structure in Constitutional Law I and in the courses in Curriculum B. Students interested in civil rights and civil liberties should take Constitutional Law II as soon as they find convenient. In addition, the course in Federal Courts and the Federal System provides a systematic introduction to constitutional litigation in our federal system. Students interested in, or having obtained, judicial clerkships (both state and federal) should be sure to take the Federal Courts course. (Many students and faculty members think it best to take the Federal Courts course in the third year, and preferably after having taken Constitutional Law II.) Specialized courses deal with different aspects of government operations. In general, students should select such courses based on their interests and career plans; none is more basic than any other.

The basic course Lawmaking: Introduction to Statutory and Regulatory Interpretation introduces students to issues about how the statutes are created and interpreted that are at the foundation of many other statutory courses (including tax and government regulation courses).

Students interested in civil rights law (broadly understood) will find several courses in this cluster dealing with statutory protection of civil rights. The course in Civil Rights gives an overview of statutory protection of civil rights. It will be useful to students interested in a survey course and to students who, while interested in the field in general, may not have enough background to make them comfortable in immediately choosing among the specialized courses. Depending on the instructor’s interests, these courses may emphasize the connection between civil rights law and constitutional law, or between civil rights law and questions of statutory creation and interpretation. Again, choices among the specialized courses are best made on the basis of a student’s interests and plans, rather than on a judgment that some specialized course is more important than another.

Local Government Law integrates issues of administrative, land use, and constitutional law, and questions of civil rights, tax, and labor law. It focuses on issues of state and local power that pervade nearly every lawyer’s practice.

A number of advanced courses and seminars offer more historical and theoretical perspectives on constitutional law and government. As with all advanced courses, these augment students’ understanding of the field in general. Students interested in pursuing academic careers with a primary or secondary focus on public law should seriously consider taking one of the courses offering such perspectives. Similarly, students interested in international law should consider seminars dealing with the constitutional dimensions of foreign affairs or comparative constitutional law.

The clinic and practicum courses in this cluster provide students with opportunities to learn about the process of adopting and interpreting legislation by engaging in it, through litigation or legislative advocacy. Students interested in the practical and theoretical aspects of this field are encouraged to combine a relevant clinic, practicum, or externship with a combination of the basic courses in the field and some advanced offerings.

Search Constitutional Law and Government Courses (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?cluster=cluster_8)

LA 1474 v00 Advanced Civil Rights: The Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Frontiers of Civil Rights Enforcement and the Next Fifty Years (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW %201474%20v00)

J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
The Civil Rights Act of 1964, growing out of a sweeping grassroots civil rights movement was one of most important pieces of legislation passed in American history. At the time of passage, it was called a “Magna Carta of Human Rights” and during its first fifty years it produced enormous changes in legal doctrine, the workplace, and society. These changes in the legal landscape include disparate impact doctrine aimed at systemic racial discrimination, hostile work environment, religious accommodation, and gender stereotyping. This seminar will examine, from a practitioner’s perspective, how social change, evolving ideas of race and gender, globalization, global conflict, and technology will shape the development of this Act (and notions of equality) over the next fifty-years and the legal strategies to navigate this terrain. The course will focus on emerging issues such as coverage of sexual orientation and gender identity, big data and disparate impact, the intersection between criminal justice and employment opportunity, arbitration and privatization of adjudication, the “new” gig economy, migration and human trafficking, and religious pluralism.

Strongly Recommended: Constitutional Law I and Employment Discrimination.

LA 046 v01 Advanced Constitutional Law Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW %20046%20v01)

J.D. Seminar | 2 credit hours
The Advanced Constitutional Law Seminar explores current topics in constitutional law, politics, and theory. Topics vary, but they may include theories of constitutional interpretation (e.g., originalism, living constitutionalism), recent or upcoming decisions of the United States Supreme Court, new developments in constitutional doctrine, comparative constitutional law, and social scientific approaches to the study of the Constitution. The seminar meets in conjunction with the Georgetown Constitutional Law Colloquium. During the course of the semester, approximately six speakers will present new and original work to the Seminar. In the week prior to each presentation, seminar members and the instructor will discuss the background ideas and concepts, and formulate questions and comments about the paper. Each student will prepare a weekly reaction paper and one or more questions for the speaker.

LAW 1716 v00 Advanced Constitutional Law Seminar: Challenges to Liberal Democracies (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201716%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 3 credit hours
This seminar examines the challenges to constitutional democracies from illiberalism, i.e. the concentration of power that relies on elections, limits judicial independence, and abuses the rule of law in the name of the people. Many so-called democracies have serious flaws in their election systems, limited judicial independence, and elected leaders who are not held in check by functioning rule of law processes/checks and balances.

In the United States, efforts have been made to change rules for voting, draw electoral districts to give extreme partisan advantage, and use federal government agencies as weapons to thwart checks and balances. In this seminar we apply a multidisciplinary approach to the American situation, putting legal (in particular constitutional) transformation in the center. Specific topics include constitutional amendment, limitations on judicial independence, control over the media, takings and other restrictions of the free market, voter suppression and gerrymandering, plebiscites (e.g., Brexit), and threats to fundamental rights.

In addition to considering Turkey and the countries of East Central Europe, where voters have chosen autocratic leaders, we will also examine the Russian approach which has served as a model for many emerging illiberal regimes as well as a financial and intellectual support for illiberal movements from France to Italy and elsewhere, to better understand developments in the U.S. In addition, the course will consider how crises, such as public health issues or civil unrest, are used as justification for limiting true democracy.

In addition to examining the legal structures that permit this abuse of the democratic form, this course will also address the critical question of whether a democracy is sustainable in the face of ethno- or religious populism. Are there sources of constitutional resilience to save the remaining constitutional regimes?

LAW 1387 v00 Advanced Constitutional Law Seminar: The Constitution, Democracy, and the Economy in the 21st Century (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201387%20v00)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
This two-credit seminar will explore the many constitutional questions raised by the effort to maintain a democracy in the 21st century. We will examine in detail current questions in the law of democracy (particularly free speech and the regulation of campaign finance) as well as the growing conflict between the Constitution and the regulation of economic life.

We will explore what is distinctive about the intersection of contemporary constitutional law, the economy, and efforts to maintain democracy today, including by contrast to the history of the protection of economic liberties. The course materials will focus throughout on notions of freedom, individual and collective choice, and democratic practice.

The readings will include the principal Supreme Court cases, such as *Buckley v. Valeo, Citizens United v. FEC, McCutcheon v. FEC, Virginia State Board of Pharmacy v. Virginia Citizens Consumer Council*, and *Sorrell v. IMS Health*, as well as leading scholarship in the field, including:

- Robert Post, *Citizens Divided*
- Larry Lessig, *Republic 2.0*
- Jane Mayer, *Dark Money*
- Jacob Hacker and Paul Pierson, *Winner-Take-All Politics*
- David Singh Grewal, *The Laws of Capitalism*
- Bruce Ackerman, *Beyond Carolene Products*
- Suzanna Sherry, *Property is the New Privacy: The Coming Constitutional Revolution*

**Prerequisite:** Constitutional Law II: Individual Rights and Liberties.
LAW 1265 v00 Advanced Constitutional Law Seminar: The Framing and Ratification of the Constitution (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201265%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 3 credit hours
Few events have had as much impact on the history of American law as the framing and ratification of the U.S. Constitution. This seminar is designed to offer upper-level students with serious interests in American history, political theory, and constitutional law an opportunity to learn more about these events by becoming intimately acquainted with some of the best and most sophisticated historical scholarship on the origins of the Constitution and by writing an original research paper on a relevant topic of their own choosing. Themes and topics covered in the course will likely include most or all of the following: the Declaration of Independence, the Revolutionary War, the Continental Congress, the Articles of Confederation, the History of American Public Finance, the Bank of North America, the Origins of American Federalism, the Problems of Union and Sovereignty, Implied Powers, Natural Rights, Slavery, Indian Affairs, Western Lands and Interstate Jurisdictional Disputes, the Annapolis Convention, the Virginia Plan, Madison's Notes, Farrand's Records, the Committee of Detail, the Committee of Style, the State Ratification Conventions, the Anti-Federalists, the Federalist Papers, the “Other” Federalists, and the Bill of Rights. Some attention will also be given to originalism as a method of constitutional adjudication, but the primary focus of the seminar will be on constitutional history rather than constitutional originalism. Guest lecturers with special knowledge of the foregoing topics will be invited to share their recent scholarship and critical perspectives on the history and historiography of American constitutional law.

Prerequisite: Constitutional Law I: The Federal System (or Democracy and Coercion).

J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
This course will explore the relationship between constitutional rights, the economy, and efforts to maintain a democracy today.

We will examine the emergence and transformation of the notion of “civil liberties” as a concept in American legal culture, including by reference to the history of the protection of economic liberties. We will explore in detail some of the most prominent current controversies in constitutional law, including questions in the law of democracy (particularly free speech and the regulation of campaign finance) and the growing conflict between the Constitution and the regulation of economic life.

The readings will include principal Supreme Court cases and leading scholarship in the field. The materials will focus throughout on notions of freedom and liberty, individual and collective choice, and democratic practice. The course will additionally include discussion of constitutional and appellate advocacy and the relationship between the academic works we read and current and seminal cases. Leading practitioners and scholars may join us for certain classes.

Prerequisite: Constitutional Law II: Individual Rights and Liberties.

LAW 1712 v00 Advanced Evidence (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201712%20v00)
J.D. Course | 3 credit hours
This course will take an in-depth look at issues involving the law of evidence. The topics discussed will likely fall into three categories. This first category concerns constitutional limitations on evidence rules such as the Confrontation Clause, a criminal defendant’s constitutional right to present a defense, and the impeachment of jury verdicts. The second category concerns advanced problems involving character, hearsay, experts, and privileges. The third category concerns the process of proof in civil and criminal cases and will focus on topics such as burdens and standards of proof, evidentiary presumptions, and judicial notice.

Prerequisite: Evidence.

LAW 168 v00 Advanced Evidence: Supreme Court and the Constitution Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20168%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 3 credit hours
This seminar examines advanced subjects in evidence that were not treated or not treated in depth in the basic Evidence course but are important to trial practice.

Prerequisite: Evidence.

LAW 277 v02 Aging and Law Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20277%20v02)
J.D. Seminar | 3 credit hours
This seminar explores, through lecture, discussion, role playing, and problem solving, the demographics, public perceptions, special legal problems, and public policy issues affecting older persons. Subject areas include income maintenance programs (Social Security, SSI); health and long-term care benefits (Medicare, Medicaid, long-term care insurance, state and federal financing issues); retirement housing and long-term care options and regulation (continuing care retirement communities, nursing homes, home and community-based care, home equity conversion); estate and personal planning issues related to incapacity (powers of attorney, trusts, guardianship and its alternatives, elder abuse, the right to refuse life-sustaining medical treatment, bioethical dilemmas, surrogate decision making, and health care advance directives); and ethical issues in representing the elderly. The seminar is both practice- and policy-oriented and integrative with respect to other coursework and related disciplines.

Recommended: Prior or concurrent enrollment in one or more of the following courses: Administrative Law; Family Law I: Marriage and Divorce; Constitutional Law II: Individual Rights and Liberties; Professional Responsibility.

Note: This seminar requires a paper. Students must register for the 3 credit section of the seminar if they wish to write a paper fulfilling the Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement. The paper requirements of the 2 credit section will not fulfill the Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement.
LAW 1431 v00 Black Lives Matter and the Law (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201431%20v00)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours
This course will explore the “Black Lives Matter” movement as a nascent social movement for racial justice. In addition to understanding BLM’s fundamental concepts and arguments, students will emerge from this class with a clear understanding of the historical context of the movement, the role that the lawyers and the law have played in the movement thus far, and the place of the law in the movement as it continues. In analyzing the key moments in the BLM movement over the past two years, the course will focus on the history, theory, and practice of racial justice advocacy in the United States, the key cases and responses that have emerged since the Ferguson moment, and the role of lawyers and law students in policy and police reform, litigation, and forms of rebellious lawyering for social change.

LAW 1710 v00 Campaign Finance 101 (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201710%20v00)
J.D. Course | 1 credit hour
Mark Hanna is famous for saying: “There are two things that are important in politics. The first is money and I can’t remember what the second one is.” The late Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson remarked about the Supreme Court: “We are not final because we are infallible, but we are infallible only because we are final.”

This course considers money in American politics, and the Supreme Court’s key role in deciding what limits may be placed on campaign financing and what cannot. It also evaluates the political effects of U.S. campaign finance law, as constrained by the Court, in policy areas including incumbency and competition, corruption, and political equality. No background in political science is required, but this course is likely to be of greatest interest to those who pay attention to American politics and policy.


Note: This course will meet from 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. in Fall 2020 on the following Fridays and Saturdays: 10/16, 10/17, 10/23 and 10/24.

ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY AT ALL CLASS SESSIONS. Enrolled students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to remain enrolled. Waitlisted students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to remain eligible to be admitted off the waitlist. All enrolled students must attend each class session in its entirety. Failure to attend the first class session in its entirety will result in a drop; failure to attend any subsequent class session in its entirety will result in a withdrawal. Enrolled students will have until the beginning of the second class session to request a drop by contacting the Office of the Registrar; a student who no longer wishes to remain enrolled after the second class session begins will not be permitted to drop the class but may request a withdrawal from an academic advisor in the Office of Academic Affairs. Withdrawals are permitted up until the last class for this specific course.

LAW 090 v00 Capital Punishment Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20090%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 2-3 credit hours
This seminar focuses on the substantive law of capital punishment and on the procedural aspects of post-conviction proceedings. The course will include an examination of the history of death penalty jurisprudence, habeas corpus, recent U.S. Supreme Court cases, public policy issues, and state and federal death penalty statutes. The writing requirement offers students an opportunity to write on a topic of their choice pertaining to the death penalty.

Note: This seminar requires a paper. Students must register for the 3 credit section of the seminar if they wish to write a paper fulfilling the Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement. The paper requirements of the 2 credit section will not fulfill the Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement.
LAW 1079 v00 Child Welfare Law and Practice in the District of Columbia
(http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201079%20v00) (Fieldwork Practicum)
J.D. Practicum | 4 credit hours
In fieldwork practicum courses, students participate in weekly seminars and conduct related fieldwork at outside organizations. This practicum course will focus on the workings of the child welfare system in the District of Columbia. Students will participate in a two-hour/week seminar and also undertake 10 hours/week of fieldwork at a child welfare-related organization.

SEMINAR: Students will study Supreme Court and District of Columbia cases defining the fundamental nature of the parent/child relationship and setting forth when state intervention is warranted to protect the best interests of the child. Students will gain an understanding of the various stages of child protection proceedings and the different roles, responsibilities, and professional relationships of the attorneys representing the government, the child, and the parents at each stage. Issues concerning interracial and gay adoption will be discussed, as will the overrepresentation of poor and minority youth in the child welfare system. Students will give an in-class presentation on a topic of their choosing, and will write a final paper.

FIELDWORK: Students will participate in fieldwork with a child welfare-related organization and share their experiences with the class and through written reflection memos. Some fieldwork sites require students to undergo police/background clearances, and others do not. If this is a concern for a student, he/she should reach out to the professor before the beginning of the semester to discuss field placement options. For the Fall 2020 semester, students are permitted to conduct their practicum fieldwork remotely.

Prerequisite: J.D. students must complete the required first-year program prior to enrolling in this course (part-time and interdivisional transfer students may enroll prior to completing Criminal Justice, Property, or their first-year elective.)

Recommended: Family Law I: Marriage and Divorce or Family Law II: Child, Parent, and the State; Evidence.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this practicum and an externship or a clinic or another practicum course.

Note: This practicum course is open to LL.M. students, space permitting. Interested LL.M. students should email the Office of the Registrar (lawreg@georgetown.edu) to request admission.

This course is suitable for evening students who can commit to attending class and working 10 hours/week (during business hours) with their field placements. This is a four credit course. Two credits will be awarded for the two-hour weekly seminar and two credits for approximately 10 hours of fieldwork per week, for a minimum of 11 weeks, to be scheduled with the faculty. The fieldwork must be completed during normal business hours. The two credit seminar portion of this practicum will be graded. The two credits of fieldwork are mandatory pass/fail. Students will be allowed to take another course pass/fail in the same semester as the field work. Students who enroll in this course will be automatically enrolled in both the seminar and fieldwork components and may not take either component separately. After Add/Drop, a student who wishes to withdraw from a practicum course must obtain permission from the faculty member and the Assistant Dean for Experiential Education. The Assistant Dean will grant such withdrawal requests only when remaining enrolled in the practicum would cause significant hardship for the student. A student who is granted permission to withdraw will be withdrawn from both the seminar and fieldwork components. Default attendance rule for all practicum courses (unless the professor indicates otherwise): Regular and punctual attendance is required at all practicum seminars and fieldwork placements. Students in absentia based practicum courses are similarly required to devote the requisite number of hours to seminars and fieldwork placements. Students who enroll in this course will be automatically registered for the course. Students may not enroll in the course without the permission of the professor.

LAW 286 v02 Church-State Law Seminar
(http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20286%20v02)
J.D. Seminar | 2-3 credit hours
This seminar will focus on the major shifts in church-state law over the past decades and key issues the Supreme Court will face in the next several terms. It will analyze and evaluate the various theories proposed by the sitting Justices on both free exercise and establishment clause jurisprudence and place those theories in the historical context of church-state law in America. The seminar will deal with such issues as tensions between the free exercise and establishment clauses, public aid to religious institutions, religion and public education, accommodating religious minorities, and church autonomy. Throughout, current litigation strategies related to these issues will be explored.


Note: This seminar requires a paper. J.D. students must register for the 3 credit section of the seminar if they wish to write a paper fulfilling the Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement. The paper requirements of the 2 credit section will not fulfill the J.D. Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement.

LAW 062 v01 Civil Rights
(http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20062%20v01)
J.D. Course | 2 credit hours
This course studies the statutory, common law, and constitutional issues that arise in federal civil rights litigation. For the fall semester of 2018, the course will focus on the primary civil rights statute, 42 U.S.C. § 1983, which is used for constitutional (and some other) claims against state and local governments and their officials. Such constitutional torts include most prison litigation and police misconduct litigation and provide the basic vehicle for claims for both damages and injunctions. The course is constructed around the fundamental issues of recognition of constitutional claims (prisoners’ rights to medical care, safety, and humane conditions, free citizens’ rights to freedom from unnecessary force, unreasonable searches, equality, etc.) and creation of offsetting defenses (absolute and qualified immunity, sovereign immunity, etc.). The course will offer at least two “workshops” that give students an opportunity for practical experience in implementing these concepts and the policies behind them. Some attention will be given to related statutes that may supplement § 1983.

Learning Outcomes. You should learn at the highest level of proficiency 1) topics listed in the primary syllabus and the theories and policies justifying them, 2) methods used by attorneys in the area of civil rights for finding or developing “law,” 3) professional skills (such as case analysis, potential case evaluation, how to listen and take notes, how to speak in public) used by attorneys in the area of civil rights, and 4) how to appreciate your own biases and limitations in doing all the above. The primary course evaluation is by the final exam.

Prerequisite: Prior or concurrent enrollment in Constitutional Law II: Individual Rights and Liberties. This prerequisite can be waived by the professor for students who have taken the substantial equivalent or show they have other preparation.

Mutually Excluded Courses: This course may not be taken in 2019-20 by persons also enrolling in the Civil Rights Policy Seminar in 2019-20.
The professor's discretion, may be withdrawn from the practicum course. Students who wish to withdraw from a practicum course must do so by May 18, 2020. After May 18, if seats remain open in the course, students may enroll prior to enrolling in this course (part-time and interdivisional transfer students may enroll prior to completing Criminal Justice, Property, or their first-year elective). Students may enroll in both the seminar portion and the project work per week, for a minimum of 11 weeks. Both the seminar and project work will be graded. Students who enroll in this course will be automatically enrolled in both the seminar and fieldwork components and may not take either component separately. After Add/Drop, a student who wishes to withdraw from a practicum course must withdraw in consultation with the professor. Students who withdraw will be admitted on a rolling basis.

Once upon a time, a federal remedy did exist to fill these gaps. The Violence Against Women Act's (VAWA) civil rights remedy was in effect for six years before the U.S. Supreme Court struck it down in United States v. Morrison. During that time, plaintiffs sued for harassment, sexual assault, and/or battering in a variety of contexts, including for example, workplaces, gyms, and doctor's offices.

At the end of the semester, students will present their deliverables (3 client memos, 1 draft statute, and 2 one-pagers) to leading lawyers at Legal Momentum and other coalition advocates working on this issue. Students will work on five client deliverables involving legal and/or policy research, writing, and analysis required to inform their project work. For example, the seminar will explore the background of sexual discrimination law, including Title VII, Title IX, and the VAWA. Students will also explore basic questions about the scope of Congress's power to revive this remedy under the U.S. Constitution, focusing on two different constitutional provisions: the Commerce Clause and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. Finally, students will receive instruction on and experience in legislative/policy drafting and presenting to clients.

SEMINAR: In the seminar, students will immerse themselves in the legal and policy research, writing, and analysis required to inform their project work. For example, the seminar will explore the background of sexual discrimination law, including Title VII, Title IX, and the VAWA. Students will also explore basic questions about the scope of Congress's power to revive this remedy under the U.S. Constitution, focusing on two different constitutional provisions: the Commerce Clause and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. Finally, students will receive instruction on and experience in legislative/policy drafting and presenting to clients.

PROJECT WORK: Students will work on five client deliverables involving legal and/or policy analysis throughout the semester.

1. **Client Memo #1:** Explores the background history of the initial VAWA civil rights remedy and the types of cases that were brought under the prior remedy.
2. **Client Memo #2:** Explores how the VAWA civil rights remedy might be redrafted under the Commerce Clause.
3. **Client Memo #3:** Explores how the VAWA civil rights remedy might be redrafted under the Commerce Clause.
4. **Client Deliverable #4:** Students will draft legislation for a new VAWA civil rights remedy that would withstand constitutional scrutiny. The draft legislation must be informed by the legal and policy conclusions reached in Client Memos 1-3.
5. **Client Deliverable #5:** Two one-page documents describing the need for the remedy, the draft statute, and its constitutionality. These documents will be written for lay, non-legal, policy audiences.

Students will receive extensive instruction and feedback in the weekly seminar and on their individual projects. The seminar will meet double-time for the first five weeks of the semester and only a few times thereafter for presentation of papers. This seminar requires a paper. J.D. students must register for the 3 credit section of the seminar if they wish to write a paper fulfilling the Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement. The paper requirements of the 2 credit section will not fulfill the J.D. Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement. Students registered in the 2 credit section must write a research paper of at least 4,000 words.

Learning Outcomes: You should learn at the highest level of proficiency 1) topics listed in the primary syllabus and the theories and policies justifying them, 2) methods used by attorneys in the area of civil rights for finding or developing "law," 3) research methods, including appreciation of both theory and practice, for analyzing policy justifications for proposed legal norms, and 4) how to appreciate your own biases and limitations in doing all the above. The primary course evaluation is by the traditional two-draft seminar paper.

Prerequisite: Prior or concurrent enrollment in Constitutional Law II: Individual Rights and Liberties. This prerequisite can be waived by the professor for students who have taken the substantial equivalent or show they have other preparation.

Note: The seminar will meet double-time for the first five weeks of the semester and only a few times thereafter for presentation of papers. This seminar requires a paper. J.D. students must register for the 3 credit section of the seminar if they wish to write a paper fulfilling the Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement. The paper requirements of the 2 credit section will not fulfill the J.D. Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement. Students registered in the 2 credit section must write a research paper of at least 4,000 words.
LAW 1322 v00 Civil Rights Statutes and the Supreme Court Seminar
(http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201322%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 2 credit hours
This seminar will examine recent litigation in the Supreme Court involving the modern civil rights statutes: Title VII, Title IX, RFRA, the ADEA, the ADA, the Fair Housing Act, and Sections 2 and 5 of the Voting Rights Act. Toward that end, we will read recent cases decided by the Court interpreting theses statutes, and the cases that form the backdrop for those decisions. We will also examine briefs and oral arguments in some of these cases. Finally, we will examine civil rights cases that are scheduled to be heard in the upcoming term, or that may make their way to the Court in the near future. There will be one writing assignment, a paper of approximately 25 pages in length. Two-thirds of the grade will be based on the paper, and one-third will be based on class participation.


LAW 528 v01 Communications and Technology Law Clinic (IPR)
(http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20528%20v01)
J.D. Clinic | 12 credit hours
Please see the Communications and Technology Law Clinic (IPR) website (https://www.law.georgetown.edu/experiential-learning/clinics/communications-technology-law-clinic-ipr) for more detailed information about the program.

For registration-specific supplemental materials, please see the Communications and Technology Law Clinic (IPR) PDF (https://www.law.georgetown.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/IPR-CT-Info-Sheet-2020-Final-ACC.pdf).


Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this clinic and an externship or a practicum course.

LAW 091 v11 Comparative Constitutional Law
(http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20091%20v11)
J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours
How do we lose (and save) a constitutional democracy? How are constitutions designed? Can constitutions exist without constitutionalism? What is an authoritarian constitution? What influences a constitutional transition? Is it possible to have an unconstitutional constitutional amendment? What forms of judicial review can courts employ? How do courts across the world interpret constitutions? Are courts or legislatures better protectors of constitutional rights? Can constitutions be employed abusively?

Comparative constitutional law has exploded in contemporary constitutional practice and as a field of study. Events around the world—from the Middle East and Asia to Europe and Latin America—underscore the urgency of understanding how constitutional democracies are born and how they can collapse. In this course, we will explore constitutions in global perspective, examining issues of constitutional structure and rights across comparative constitutional systems. We will cover topics like constitution-making, constitutional change, constitutional amendment, judicial review, and constitutional interpretation. Drawing on examples across the world, we will also examine the relationship between the individual and the state in relation to freedom of religious freedom, freedom of speech, and constitutionalism in times of national emergency and in fragile democracies.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this course and the Comparative Constitutional Law Seminar.
**LAW 091 v10 Comparative Constitutional Law Seminar** (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20091%20v10)

J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2-3 credit hours

How to lose and save a constitutional democracy? How to prevent democratic backsliding? How to design a constitution? Can constitutions exist without constitutionalism? What is an authoritarian constitution? How do constitutions transitions and change occur? What forms of judicial review do courts employ? Is it possible to have an unconstitutional constitutional amendment? How do courts across the world interpret constitutions? Can constitutions be employed abusively?

Comparative constitutional law has exploded in contemporary constitutional practice and as a field of study. Events around the world—from Asia and the Middle East to Europe and Latin America—underscore the importance of understanding how constitutional democracies are born and how they can collapse. In this course, we will explore constitutions in global perspective, examining issues of constitutional structure and rights across comparative constitutional systems. We will cover topics like constitution-making, constitutional change, constitutional amendment, judicial review, and constitutional interpretation. Drawing on examples across the world, we will also examine individual rights issues, such as freedom of religion, as well as constitutionalism in times of national emergency and in fragile democracies.

J.D. students who wish to write a fulfilling the Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement must register for the 3-credit section of the seminar. J.D. or LLM students taking the seminar for 2-credits will not need to write a paper. There are no prerequisites for taking the class.

**Mutually Excluded Courses:** Students may not receive credit for both this course and the Comparative Constitutional Law course.

**Note:** This seminar requires a paper. J.D. students must register for the 3 credit section of the seminar if they wish to write a paper fulfilling the Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement. The paper requirements of the 2 credit section will not fulfill the J.D. Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement.

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**LAW 309 v00 Congressional Investigations and the Modern Government Inquiry** (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20309%20v00)

J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours

This course will focus on the scope and contours of Congress's oversight and investigative authority, how it has evolved over time, and key similarities/differences in relation to other types of government investigations. Specifically, it will examine the interplay between congressional investigations and the separation of powers between the Legislative, Judicial, and Executive branches of government, as well as how such investigations can impact private actors. Topics covered will include, among others:

- Committee jurisdiction and grants of authority;
- Interaction between Congress and the Executive Branch, including claims of Executive Privilege and special issues related to congressional oversight of active criminal investigations;
- Judicial review of congressional oversight activities;
- The applicability of constitutional and common law privileges and the congressional contempt power; and
- Current trends in congressional investigations in light of a changing political dynamic in Washington, including the role of the minority party and specially-constituted investigative commissions.

The world of congressional investigations is truly interdisciplinary—these high-stakes investigations often involve overlapping, and at times competing, considerations of law, legislation, lobbying, policy, politics, public relations, and media. Rarely does a congressional investigation occur in a vacuum—for an issue to attract a congressional committee's attention, it is often necessarily subject to parallel criminal and civil proceedings, or it will be. Therefore, students will be challenged to assess the spectrum of risk a subject or witness might face, including criminal exposure, impacts on parallel litigation, administrative or regulatory issues, media scrutiny, reputational and economic risk, and potentially negative legislative results. Students will also consider the myriad objectives of a congressional investigation, including evaluating the effectiveness of existing laws, supporting or opposing legislation, or advancing a particular political agenda.

By the end of the course, students should have acquired a working understanding of:

- The sources, scope, and history of congressional oversight and investigative authority;
- Legal and business risks associated with congressional and other government investigations;
- Key nuances and similarities in the representation of clients before various types of government bodies; and
- Some basic practice concepts in the white collar representation of entities and individuals under government investigation.

**Recommended:** Criminal Justice (or Democracy and Coercion) or Criminal Procedure.

**Mutually Excluded Courses:** Students may not receive credit for both this course and Congressional Investigations Seminar or Congressional Oversight of the Executive Branch.
LAW 309 v02 Congressional Investigations Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20309%20v02)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
This seminar deals with Congress’ powers to conduct oversight and investigations of the Executive branch. This seminar will cover the scope of Congressional inquiries and investigations, Congress’ subpoena powers, grant of immunity powers as well as hearing and rulemaking powers, the use of select committees, the GAO, and other special investigative techniques. The course will examine the use of prehearing depositions, rights of witnesses, preparation of witnesses, the role of the press and the interaction between Congress and prosecutorial functions including investigations conducted by special and independent counsel statute. In addition to the traditional use of lectures, class discussions and outside speakers, the course will be built around mastering the subject matter and surfacing ethical issues by working on complex problems. Students will be expected to work in small groups on contemporary issues to simulate the work of Committee members, Committee Staff, White House Counsel Staff and members of the news media.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this seminar and the Legislative Investigations Seminar or Congressional Oversight of the Executive Branch.

Note: Students may not withdraw from this class after the add/drop period ends without the permission of the professor.

LAW 309 v03 Congressional Investigations Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20309%20v03)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
This seminar explores the range of issues involved in congressional investigations, with special attention paid to the differing perspectives of the major players, both inside and outside of Congress, in a congressional investigation. Congressional investigations involve a unique interplay of legal and political issues. Legal issues – involving such matters as the rights of private institutions and private citizens who may be implicated in a congressional investigation, the legal and political ability of the Executive Branch to resist congressional probes, the authority of the Judicial Branch to interfere with or limit the conduct of congressional investigations, and the relationship of congressional investigations to related criminal and civil inquiries conducted by other governmental entities – must be factored into the political calculus of the commanding political forces involved in a congressional investigation. Political determinations – which underpin such issues as the scope and duration of an investigation or whether witnesses should be interviewed, deposed or called to testify live at a hearing – may have significant legal ramifications. This seminar will address these issues at both the practical and the theoretical levels. As part of the course, class members will be asked to participate in mock problems concerning different aspects of the process.

Recommended: Criminal Justice (or Democracy and Coercion) or Criminal Procedure.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this seminar and Congressional Oversight of the Executive Branch or Congressional Investigations and the Modern Government Inquiry.

LAW 1486 v00 Congressional Oversight of the Executive Branch (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201486%20v00)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
“Quite important as lawmaking is vigilant oversight of administration.”

“The informing function of Congress should be preferred even to its legislative function.”

Woodrow Wilson

The above quotes capture the central theme for this seminar, which explores Congress’ oversight of the Executive Branch. Oversight and investigation are one of Congress’ primary means of asserting its role in the Constitutional scheme of separated powers. Historically, this assertion creates tensions that forces interplay among the three coordinate branches of government: legislative, executive, and judicial. This course will examine these issues as well as review the tools Congress uses to execute its powers. This includes the full range of Congress’ compulsory powers through the issuance of subpoenas, grants of immunity, contempt rulings, and enforcement actions in civil and criminal court. Students will use major investigations as case studies to demonstrate these processes. Students will be asked to assume roles as various actors in the process, which includes members of Congress and their staffs; officials in the executive branch, and the judiciary.

1Woodrow Wilson, Congressional Government, (Boston: Houghton, Mifflin, 1885), 303

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. Students will understand the interplay among the three coordinate branches as a result of our constitutional structure, and how these structural relationships impact law and policy-making.

2. Students will understand the tools at Congress’s disposal to effect legislative oversight and congressional investigations. To borrow a phrase from one of our texts, “you will learn how the worlds of lawmaking, law-implementing, law-interpreting, and law-enforcing connect.”

Prerequisite: Constitutional Law I: The Federal System; prior or concurrent enrollment in Constitutional Law II: Individual Rights and Liberties.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this seminar and Congressional Investigations Seminar or Congressional Investigations and the Modern Government Inquiry.
LAW 103 v00 Conservatism in Law in America Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20103%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 3 credit hours
This writing seminar explores various themes running through conservatism in American law. In the course of examining the meaning of American legal conservatism, it touchos on certain basic questions about the nature and purpose of law both generally and in the United States in particular, as well as assumptions and beliefs about how human beings behave and how they learn to order their dealings with one another. It explores the relationship of conservatism in society to conservatism in American law, occasionally using current and past controversies to illustrate different ways of understanding conservatism in law as well as competing approaches.

Recommended: Constitutional Law I: The Federal System or Democracy and Coercion.

LAW 1609 v00 Constitutional and Statutory Interpretation Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201609%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 2 credit hours
Analyzing text is a deeply important part of legal practice in public law, whether statutory or constitutional law. It cuts across a wide variety of subject matter areas, from very basic aspects of the Constitution to any statutory topic imaginable. Whatever the subject matter, whether health care law, presidential emoluments, or internet privacy, certain problems of legal analysis recur. How should courts analyze legal texts? Where should judges go to look for meaning when the text is vague or ambiguous? Should texts be updated to reflect current norms? What does it mean to look for the drafter’s intent? Should approaches toward statutory and constitutional text be symmetrical or not? This seminar will introduce students to these problems and provide essential skills for reading both constitutional and statutory text. Materials will be provided by the instructor and will include insights gained from linguistics, political science, philosophy, and behavioral economics. Students will choose an appellate or Supreme Court case/cases to work through these questions and as the basis for a final paper. Students interested in writing notes, whether on a law review or not, are encouraged to take the course.

LAW 089 v00 Constitutional Aspects of Foreign Affairs Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20089%20v00)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours
This seminar deals with the distribution of powers between the president and Congress in the areas of war, diplomacy, international organizations, foreign assistance, commerce, money, etc. as well as the distribution of powers between the national and state governments. Such related matters as the impact on individual rights and the political question doctrine in this context are also discussed.

Prerequisite: Constitutional Law I (or Democracy and Coercion).

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this seminar and Foreign Relations Law.

Note: FIRST CLASS ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY. All enrolled and waitlisted students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to be eligible for a seat in the class.

LAW 1601 v00 Constitutional Impact Litigation Practicum (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201601%20v00) (Project-Based Practicum)
J.D. Practicum | 5 credit hours
This project-based practicum course will give students the unique opportunity to be part of the constitutional litigation work of Georgetown Law’s Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection (ICAP). Led by attorneys with deep experience in trial and appellate advocacy, national security law, and federal prosecution, ICAP pursues strategic litigation in federal and state courts at all levels to ensure clear recognition of constitutional rights in areas such as immigration, religious discrimination, free expression and privacy protection, national security, public safety, criminal justice reform, and whistleblower protection, among others. ICAP often works in close partnership with non-profit organizations, pro bono teams of law firms, and law school clinics. Students will participate in a two-hour weekly seminar and carry out an average of 15 hours per week of work with ICAP and its partners on strategic litigation.

SEMINAR: Drawing on experience from ICAP’s cases as well as prominent historical and current examples of impact litigation, the seminar will focus on the history of public and social justice litigation and its uses, criticisms, and obstacles. Seminar participants will discuss with the practicum’s Professors and other lawyers on the ICAP team strategies for bringing impact litigation, including identifying and selecting plaintiffs, test cases, venues, and legal theories, as well as engaging the public. Students will receive specific instruction on how to prepare research memoranda useful to litigators exploring which cases to take and which arguments to make; on what makes for successful, persuasive briefing of constitutional arguments; and on how to explain to the public, in forms such as short op-eds, the crux of key legal challenges and the stakes associated with them.

PROJECT WORK: Students will work an average of 15 hours per week on constitutional litigation and related projects handled by ICAP. Work flow will depend on litigation deadlines and demands. Students should not expect the work load to be even from week to week, and some weeks may require a significantly greater number of hours while others may require very few. Students’ roles may include providing litigators with memoranda conveying research on relevant legal issues; drafting portions of briefing materials for use in litigation; meeting oral advocates preparing to argue these matters in court; drafting press releases and/or op-eds relevant to ICAP’s litigation; and assisting with spin-off projects that may arise from the litigation. Students also may be involved in fact gathering related to ICAP’s litigation, including reviewing and analyzing publicly available data. ICAP’s previous work has included obtaining injunctions against unlawful private paramilitary activity by far-right extremists and militias; challenging bail practices and fines and fees that unconstitutionally discriminate against indigent defendants; representing “sanctuary cities” against challenges to their policies; standing up for freedom of expression; advocating against undue burdens on religious expression; promoting fair and just criminal prosecutors and sentences; and protecting the rights of civil servants, among many others. Students will undertake multiple projects over the course of the semester, engaging with not only the Professors but also ICAP’s other litigators. Students will be expected to work both independently and in teams, just as they would on an impact litigation team.

Prerequisite: Constitutional Law I. Additionally, J.D. students must complete the required first-year program prior to enrolling in this course (part-time and interdivisional transfer students may enroll prior to completing Criminal Justice, Property, or their first-year elective). Constitutional Law II is recommended as a prerequisite or as concurrent enrollment but is not required.

Mutually Excluded Courses: The practicum portion of this course is designed to immerse students in all facets of ICAP’s litigation, from early stage research to the preparation of high-level briefing materials and public communications. Students are encouraged to take advantage of these other excellent learning opportunities during a different semester from the practicum, although concurrent externships and internships are not prohibited, and students are expected to co-locate for at least 5 to 7 hours per week. Thus, students may not concurrently enroll in this practicum course and a clinic or internship with a commitment of over 15 hours per week will be expected.
LAW 1359 v00 Constitutional Interpretation Seminar: Originalism and its Rivals (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201359%20v00)

J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
This seminar will critically evaluate the "originalist" position that courts should be bound by the "original understanding" or by the "original public meaning" of the constitutional text, or by the "original Framers’ intent. The seminar will then review a variety of alternative approaches, including ones that treat the constitutional text as having evolving meaning, and others that emphasize tradition, democracy, precedent, moral obligation, or other bases for constitutional interpretation, including alternatives that contest the idea that the Constitution should be considered binding or that the judiciary should have ultimate authority for constitutional interpretation. The positions will be identified and evaluated through a focus on Supreme Court decisions and on scholarly commentary. Participants will be expected to write short response papers and to attend the seminar meetings. No paper will be required.

LAW 004 v00 Constitutional Law I: The Federal System (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20004%20v00)

J.D. Course | 3 credit hours
This course addresses questions concerning the role of the Supreme Court in resolving legal problems that arise under our fundamental law, as well as issues concerning the Constitution’s distribution of power between the national and state governments and among the branches of the national government.

LAW 215 v00 Constitutional Law II: Individual Rights and Liberties (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20215%20v00)

J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 4 credit hours
This course focuses primarily on the First, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendments (free speech, due process, and equal protection) and the role of the Supreme Court as ultimate interpreter and guardian of the Bill of Rights.

Note for Professor Barnett’s Fall section: As a way to understand the structure of current doctrines, Professor Barnett’s course will stress how and why the doctrines evolved from the Founding through the Civil War, Reconstruction, the Progressive Era, the New Deal, the Warren and Rehnquist Courts to the Roberts Court today. The course will also stress the effect that slavery had on the original Constitution and the Reconstruction Amendments. Coverage will include the Second and Ninth Amendments. This course will use the “flipped classroom,” with one or two 5-15 videos explaining the reading assignments to be watched by students before coming to class. Professor Barnett’s section will consist of a 3-hour unit consisting of two 85 minute class sessions and a 1-hour unit consisting of 14 video presentations on the theory and practice of originalism that students can view at their convenience: (1) Larry Solum (UVA) Overview Of Originalist Theory, (2) Randy Barnett, Normative Rationales For Originalism, (3) Thomas Colby (GW), Criticisms of Originalism, (4) Larry Solum (UVA), Public Meaning Originalism, (5) Michael Rappaport (USD), Original Methods Originalism, (6) Jack Balkin (Yale), Living Originalism, (7) Stephen Sachs (Duke), Original Law Originalism, (8) Balkin, Rappaport, Sachs & Solum, Q&A, (9) Christina Mulligan (Brooklyn), Diverse Originalism, (10) Larry Solum & Randy Barnett, Originalism and Precedent, (11) Evan Bernick (GULC), Constitutional Construction, (12) Justice Thomas Lee (Utah Supreme Court) Corpus Linguistics, (13) Jud Campbell (Richmond), Originalist Sources, (14) John Stinneford (Florida), The Original Meaning Of Cruel & Unusual Punishment. Internet access on any device is not allowed during class; all laptop use is disallowed in Professor Barnett’s course (unless necessary to conduct Zoom instruction).

Learning goals for Professor Spann’s section

The primary goal of the course is to teach students how to manipulate the doctrinal rules and underlying policy considerations that govern the topics in the course, and to get students to confront the normative implications raised by such vast amounts of doctrinal indeterminacy.

Learning goals for Professor Lenhardt’s section

Course Outcomes and Grading: Final grades in this course will be based on a final exam, the completion of class exercises and assignments, and class participation. Together, class discussions, exercises, and assignments will help students to acquire foundational knowledge of constitutional law.

Students should complete the course knowledgeable of and with facility in doctrinal analysis in U.S. constitutional law, to include close reading of cases and precedents, and the application the law to facts. Students should also have an understanding of the following:

- Historical development of constitutional law, the U.S. Supreme Court, and other legal institutions;
- Major themes and broad concerns of U.S. constitutional law;
- Jurisprudential considerations in legal analysis, including major theories of constitutional interpretation;
- The influences of political institutions in constitutional law;
- Values-based considerations and Identity-related debates, such as those involving race, gender, sexual orientation, and class, in constitutional law-making;
- Scholarship and critical legal theory on constitutional rights issues.
LAW 1512 v00 Constitutional Litigation and the Executive Branch
(http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201512%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 2 credit hours
This seminar will explore the practice and strategy of constitutional litigation through a close study of recent constitutional challenges to Executive Branch action.

We will begin with a brief overview of major trends in constitutional litigation against the Executive Branch. We will then address specific cases, examining the course of each litigation and exploring key strategic judgments made by parties, amici, and judges. Students will leave the course familiar with every stage of a constitutional case, from the initial announcement of an Executive Branch policy, to the decision to file suit and the drafting of a complaint, to litigation at every level of the Judiciary and in the court of public opinion, to the varied challenges that may follow a successful lawsuit. Along the way, we will consider the strategy and incentives of different litigants—including civil rights groups, private parties, cities, states, and legislators. We will also study the goals and strategies of lawyers charged with defending Executive Branch action.

Although this list is subject to change in light of ongoing developments, we likely will cover many of the following topics:

• President Trump's "travel ban"
• The exclusion of transgender persons from military service
• Litigation over DACA and DAPA
• Threats to revoke federal funds from sanctuary cities
• The (unsuccessful) addition of a citizenship question on the 2020 Census
• Requests by juvenile undocumented migrants to exercise abortion rights
• The challenge to President Trump's policy of blocking critics on Twitter
• President Trump's compliance (or lack thereof) with the Emoluments Clauses
• Efforts by the House of Representatives to compel testimony by former officials
• Efforts by cities, states, and the House to obtain President Trump's tax returns

Each week, students will study relevant court filings and opinions (from district courts all the way to the Supreme Court), complemented by contemporaneous legal commentary. We will expect all students to prepare for—and participate in—classroom discussion.

Learning Objectives:
1. Introduce students to the fundamentals of constitutional litigation, from its inception through appeal.
2. Understand the ways in which claims and defenses may evolve throughout the course of litigation and proceed as a conversation between lower courts, courts of appeals, the Executive Branch, and Congress.
3. Learn to analyze and critique actual pleadings, with an eye towards the parties’ litigation strategy, goals, and hurdles.
4. Learn to analyze and critique judicial opinions on constitutional claims over the course of an entire litigation (rather than just reading the Supreme Court ruling), linking this skill to a refined appreciation of the judicial role and the rule of law.
5. Understand the aspects of modern constitutional challenges that have been common to earlier constitutional litigation against the federal government, as well as the features of the present landscape that are remarkable or unique.
6. Draw upon cutting-edge legal scholarship to analyze trends in
Constitutional Law and Government

LAW 1727 v00 Constitutional Originalism Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201727%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 2-3 credit hours
This course will explore the scholarly debate surrounding originalism as a theory of constitutional interpretation. There will be some consideration of prominent criticisms of originalism, but the class will mostly focus on the internal developments and debates within the originalism literature. Topics will include the normative justifications for originalism, the role of precedent within originalism, the interpretation/construction distinction, and the relationship between originalism and judicial deference.

Note: This course will enroll via waitlist. Please add your name to the waitlist by 2:45 p.m. on Friday, 8/21. Seats for this course will be awarded at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, 8/21.

This seminar requires a paper. J.D. students must register for the 3 credit section of the seminar if they wish to write a paper fulfilling the Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement. The paper requirements of the 2 credit section will not fulfill the J.D. Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement.

LAW 512 v01 Criminal Defense and Prisoner Advocacy Clinic (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20512%20v01)
J.D. Clinic | 14 credit hours
Please see the Criminal Defense & Prisoner Advocacy Clinic website (https://www.law.georgetown.edu/experiential-learning/clinics/criminal-defense-prisoner-advocacy-clinic) for more detailed information about the program.


Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this clinic and an externship or a practicum course.

LAW 128 v01 Criminal Procedure (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20128%20v01)
J.D. Course | 2 credit hours
An examination of the basic Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendment principles that govern the interaction of the police and suspects in the investigation of crime. From stop and frisks to coerced confessions, the course will examine the constitutional doctrines developed to regulate police behavior and the admissibility of evidence. The core concepts will include the definition of a “search,” the meaning of probable cause and reasonable suspicion, the requirement of a search warrant and the many exceptions to the warrant requirement, Miranda and related limits on interrogation, and the pre-trial right to counsel. The course will also focus on the role of the courts in enforcing the constitutional guarantees, particularly through the exclusionary rule.

Learning Objectives:
1. Thorough Understanding of the Primary “Substantive” Fourth Amendment Issues in Criminal Cases and Certain Civil Cases
2. Thorough Understanding of Primary “Remedial” Fourth Amendment Issues in Criminal Cases
3. Thorough Understanding of the Primary “Substantive” Fifth Amendment Issues Related to Interrogations and Confessions
4. Thorough Understanding of the Primary “Remedial” Fifth Amendment Issues Related to Interrogations and Confessions
5. Thorough Understanding of the Sixth Amendment Issues Related to Uncounseled Confessions and Pretrial Line-ups
6. Thorough Understanding of Sixth Amendment Issues Related to the Effective Assistance of Counsel

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this course and Criminal Justice or Democracy and Coercion.

Note: This course is offered only to transfer students from other law schools who have not had a first year course in constitutional criminal procedure.
In their project work, students will work on legal research related to ongoing death penalty litigation on behalf of death penalty defendants and inmates. Students also may have the opportunity to draft, or contribute to, briefs and motions related to ongoing death penalty litigation. Students will work with organizations and practitioners litigating death penalty cases. Among the organizations and individuals that have expressed interest in partnering with this practicum are the Southern Center for Human Rights, the Federal Capital Appellate Resource Counsel, and individual death penalty litigation practitioners. Other organizations and individuals are likely partners as well.

In the seminar, students will develop an understanding and appreciation of the ongoing debates on death penalty issues — both broad jurisprudential issues (such as the meaning of the Eighth Amendment and relevant state constitutional provisions) and specific doctrinal topics (such as intellectual disability, insanity, and mitigating evidence in the death penalty litigation context). It also will be helpful to students to understand the experiences of death penalty litigators. Readings on these subjects will be woven into the seminar.

**Prerequisite:** Criminal Justice (or Democracy and Coercion) or Criminal Procedure.

**Note:** This is a four-credit course. Two credits will be awarded for the two-hour weekly seminar and two credits will be awarded for the 10 hours/week of project work. Both the seminar and project work will be graded.

Students who enroll in this course will be automatically enrolled in both the seminar and practicum components and may not take either component separately. After Add/Drop, a student who wishes to withdraw from a practicum course must obtain permission from the faculty member and the Assistant Dean for Experiential Learning. The Assistant Dean will grant such withdrawal requests only when remaining enrolled in the practicum would cause significant hardship for the student. A student who is granted permission to withdraw will be withdrawn from both the seminar and project components. Default attendance rule for all practicum courses (unless the professor indicates otherwise): Regular and punctual attendance is required at all practicum seminars and fieldwork placements. Students in project-based practicum courses are similarly required to devote the requisite number of hours to their project. If a student must miss seminar, fieldwork, or project work, he or she must speak to the professor as soon as possible to discuss the absence. Unless the professor indicates otherwise, a student with more than one unexcused absence from the practicum seminar (out of 13 total seminar sessions), or one week of unexcused absences from the fieldwork or project work (out of a total of 11 weeks of fieldwork or project work), may receive a lower grade or, at the professor’s discretion, may be withdrawn from the practicum.
**LAW 150 v05 Employment Discrimination**

J.D. Course | 3 credit hours
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This course explores the legal mandate for equal employment opportunity in relation to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, and other traits. The focus is principally upon Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and also includes the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and related state analogues. The course examines the doctrinal and theoretical aspects of employment discrimination law through a rigorous analysis of court decisions, statutes and regulations. Legal readings will be supplemented with perspectives from psychology, sociology, and economics. We will also discuss the strategic and tactical approaches a practicing attorney will consider in actually utilizing these laws to represent clients.

**LAW 1662 v00 European Constitutional Traditions**

J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours
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This course explores the various constitutional traditions that evolved in Europe in the last two centuries, in search of the continuity (or the discontinuity) that characterises every constitutional context and the particular constitutional culture thereof.

If the British constitutionalism epitomises the continuity across the eleven centuries of its monarchy, both the devolution of powers in Scotland and Northern Ireland affirmed in the last decades and the Human Rights Act 1998 (not to mention Brexit) have challenged a perfectly seamless flow of constitutional coherence. How have these events changed British constitutionalism?

Despite the beheading of King Louis XVI in 1793, French constitutionalism has in fact been identified with a recurring monarchical feature: even the law, that became the expression of the popular will once the yoke of the ancien régime was thrown off, acquired the same omnipotence that used to be conferred to the crown and was subsequently removed from any constitutional adjudication for a long time. Is it possible to recognize this monarchical feature also in the 1958 Fifth Republic Constitution and, if so, where?

What about the discontinuity between the German Weimar Constitution, adopted in 1919 after the deposition of King Wilhelm II, and the 1949 Basic Law? What part did fear of the past play in the drafting of the new German constitutionalism and in setting an example of efficiency and human dignity? Are there any similarities between the German and the U.S. constitutional patriotism?

What about the move in Spain from the national unity imposed by Generalissimo Franco’s long tyranny to the 1978 asymmetrical regionalism? Did Catalonia’s efforts towards independence comply with the Spanish constitutional norms? And what about the transition of Eastern European countries from socialism to (illiberal) democracy?

Finally, a part of the course will be devoted to the discussion of some judgments issued either by domestic European constitutional courts or the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR): these cases will constitute the basis for a comparison with the U.S. constitutionalism during the classes co-taught with Justice Sonia Sotomayor, with special reference to how judicial review is performed, the relationship between the judiciary and other branches, the countermajoritarian difficulty, the judicial and hermeneutical techniques adopted, the recurrence of analogous petitions before the courts, and the possible cross-fertilisation among them.

**LAW 1487 v00 Executive Branch Legal Interpretation: The Separation of Powers and the Office of Legal Counsel**

J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
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This two-credit seminar will explore selected topics in the separation of powers. It will focus on the way in which the Executive Branch, and in particular the Justice Department’s Office of Legal Counsel, has analyzed and interpreted some of the key separation of powers questions that arise in the daily interaction between the Executive Branch and Congress—questions that have in many instances been the subject of only limited judicial interpretation. Topics to be addressed include the Recommendations and Appointments Clauses, the President’s authority to conduct diplomacy and foreign affairs, the scope and nature of the President’s obligation to Take Care that the laws are faithfully executed, the concept of prosecutorial discretion, lapses in appropriations, and Congress’s authority to compel testimony from Executive Branch officials.

The seminar will begin with an overview of the concept of the separation of powers, the sources of OLC’s authority, and the nature of OLC’s role in the Executive Branch. It will then examine a series of specific separation of powers topics, focusing on OLC opinions and academic writings addressing these subjects. The seminar may also consider separation of powers issues, such as those that would be raised by a congressional failure to raise the debt ceiling, on which there are no published OLC opinions, asking students to assume the role of OLC lawyers and develop advice on what possible courses of might and might not be lawfully available to the President. The seminar will end by considering some of the debates about the appropriateness of OLC’s role, OLC’s effectiveness as a legal interpreter, and proposals for reforming the Office.

The seminar has two main objectives. First, through study of selected OLC opinions and other writings, students will gain substantive familiarity with some of the main separation of powers issues that arise in practice within the Executive and Legislative branches, and with OLC’s jurisprudence on these subjects. Second, through this study, students will develop a concrete sense of how OLC functions as a legal interpreter, and will thus have a basis on which to begin to develop an informed view of OLC’s strengths and weaknesses in this role.

**Learning Goals:**

Students will develop familiarity with, and fluency at reading and analyzing, OLC opinions.

Students will develop a substantive understanding of some of the most important separation of powers-related issues that arise in practice between the Executive and Legislative branches, and a substantive understanding of OLC’s jurisprudence on these subjects.

Students will gain familiarity with areas of law, such as the appropriations process, that are critical to the operation of the federal government, but are not part of the standard core law school curriculum.

Students will develop an informed, concrete sense of how OLC functions as a legal interpreter, and will thus be equipped to develop informed views about the characteristics, and the strengths and weaknesses, of OLC as a source of Executive Branch legal interpretation.

**Prerequisite:** Constitutional Law I: The Federal System (or Democracy and Coercion).

**Mutually Excluded Courses:** Students may not receive credit for both this seminar and Separation of Powers Seminar.
LAW 178 v02 Federal Courts and the Federal System (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20178%20v02)
J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours
This course addresses the role of the federal courts in our system of government, focusing on relevant constitutional and statutory provisions and jurisdictional doctrines and concepts. Representative topics include justiciability, congressional power to regulate the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and lower federal courts, Supreme Court review of state court judgments, sovereign immunity, abstention, and habeas corpus.


LAW 178 v03 Federal Courts and the Federal System (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW %20178%20v03)
J.D. Course | 3 credit hours
This course addresses the constitutional and statutory provisions, as well as the jurisdictional doctrines and concepts, that shape and limit the role played by the federal courts in the governmental process. Representative topics include Congressional power to curtail federal jurisdiction, limitations on the ability of the federal courts to enjoin state court proceedings, federal common law, state sovereign immunity, federal habeas corpus, and the prerequisites for Supreme Court review of state court judgments. The primary emphasis of the course is on a critical analysis of these jurisdictional doctrines, although some time is spent on litigation aspects.


LAW 213 v00 Federal Indian Law Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW %20213%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 2 credit hours
This seminar examines the body of law dealing with the status of the Indian tribes, their special relationship to the federal government, and the governmental policies underlying it. It will also focus on the legal interrelationships among tribal, state, and federal governments, tribal gaming and economic development, and tribal rights to natural resources.

LAW 530 v00 Federal Legislation Clinic (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW %20530%20v00)
J.D. Clinic | 10 credit hours
Please see the Federal Legislation Clinic website (https://www.law.georgetown.edu/experiential-learning/clinics/federal-legislation-clinic) for more detailed information about the program.


Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this clinic and an externship or a practicum course.

LAW 722 v02 Federal Limitations on State and Local Taxation (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW %20722%20v02)
LL.M Course/Seminar (cross-listed) | 2-3 credit hours
As an instrument of federalism, the U.S. Constitution plays a vital role in defining state and local governments’ taxing powers. In some instances this is accomplished by express Constitutional provisions; in others, by express or implied grants of authority to the legislative, executive or judicial branches of government. This advanced state and local tax course will explore and analyze Constitutional provisions that limit (and sometimes expand) state and local taxing powers. It will include a historical review of Supreme Court jurisprudence that underscores the inherent complexities and tensions precipitated by the intersection of federalism and the underlying goals embodied within the Commerce Clause, Equal Protection Clause, Import-Export Clause, Privileges and Immunities Clause, and Supremacy Clause, among others. The course also will explore how issues of federalism have shaped various Federal statutory enactments, as well as pending pieces of federal legislation. For example, it will analyze how federalist tensions and statutory dynamics were balanced in a proposed congressional bill concerning state and local tax incentives. Additionally, the course will explore the impact of Treaties and international trade laws, as well as their related enforcement mechanisms, which continue to spawn new issues implicating the States’ powers to tax.

Prerequisite: Federal Income Taxation (formerly Taxation I).

Note: Students must register for the 3 credit section of the seminar if they wish to write a paper fulfilling the Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement. The paper requirements of the 2 credit section will not fulfill the Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement.

LAW 635 v00 Federal Money: Policymaking and Budget Rules (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW %20635%20v00)
J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours
Ostensibly neutral budget rules have come to dominate Federal policymaking; indeed, the budget procedure is arguably more crucial to a proposal’s success in the Congress or the Administration than a majority of the votes or the support of a Cabinet member. Unfortunately, the budget process is poorly understood by most observers, advocates and even the Members of Congress themselves. This course will survey the fundamentals of budget process and the uses and abuses of it. Topics will include Federal grants funding, entitlement spending, “tax spending,” and “off-budget” spending, as well as the budget aspects of current controversies such as health reform, tax policy, Social Security, defense spending, and economic stimulus spending.

Note: No accounting or budget background is needed.
LAW 1608 v00 Federal Practice Seminar: Contemporary Issues (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201608%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 2 credit hours
This seminar will explore selected topics in Civil Procedure, Federal Courts, and Administrative Law in depth. The seminar will focus on topics that have recently gained attention in the Supreme Court or that may arrive in the Supreme Court in the near future. Each class will relate to only one or two such topics. Examples of possible topics include representative proof in class actions, personal jurisdiction in federal court on extraterritorial claims, the standing of States, congressional power to create standing, the status of prudential standing, nationwide injunctions, *Chevron* deference, *Auer* deference, the major questions doctrine, the constitutional status of ALJs, and the constitutional status of independent agencies. Depending on the topic, we may read Supreme Court decisions, scholarly literature, or Supreme Court briefs. There will be one major writing assignment, a paper of approximately 20-30 pages in length that addresses a topic in civil procedure, federal courts, or administrative law. In addition, students will prepare a short reaction paper of several paragraphs that is due before each class relating to the topic(s) to be discussed in that class. The grade in the course will be based on the final paper, but that grade may be adjusted upward or downward one-half grade based on the reaction papers and class participation.

LAW 1631 v00 Federal Practice Seminar: Contemporary Issues (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201631%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 2 credit hours
This seminar will explore selected topics in Civil Procedure, Federal Courts, and Administrative Law in depth. The seminar will focus on topics that have recently gained attention in the Supreme Court or that may arrive in the Supreme Court in the near future. Each class will relate to only one or two such topics. Examples of possible topics include representative proof in class actions, personal jurisdiction in federal court on extraterritorial claims, the standing of States, congressional power to create standing, the status of prudential standing, nationwide injunctions, *Chevron* deference, *Auer* deference, the major questions doctrine, the constitutional status of ALJs, and the constitutional status of independent agencies. Depending on the topic, we may read Supreme Court decisions, scholarly literature, or Supreme Court briefs. There will be one major writing assignment, a paper of approximately 20-25 pages in length that addresses a topic in civil procedure, federal courts, or administrative law. The grade in the course will be based on the final paper, but that grade may be adjusted upward or downward one-half grade based on the reaction papers and class participation.

LAW 1514 v00 Federalism in Practice: The Role of Governors and State Executives in Advancing Public Policy (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201514%20v00) (Fieldwork Practicum)
J.D. Practicum | 5 credit hours
In fieldwork practicum courses, students participate in weekly seminars and conduct related fieldwork at outside organizations. This fieldwork practicum course explores the legal and practical dimensions of policy making at the state level, with a focus on the role of governors and other state executives (e.g., attorneys general, legislators, secretaries of state). Students will participate in a two hour/week seminar and also undertake 15 hours/week of fieldwork with the National Governors Association, National Association of Attorneys General, National Conference of State Legislatures, or other state and local stakeholder group.

SEMINAR: This seminar will provide an overview of the constitutional underpinnings of federalism and the legal frameworks applicable to policy development and implementation (e.g., in healthcare, homeland security, emergency response, infrastructure and transportation); case studies on the challenges and opportunities of federal, state, and local cooperation; and practical guidance on the operation of governors’ offices and state agencies. It will also examine the role of the “Big Seven” associations in driving state and local interests at the federal level, and in facilitating the adoption of best practices across government. Students will be trained in written and oral communication for an audience of policymakers, and become skilled at distilling complex legal issues into actionable recommendations for executives. During the semester, students will hear from guest speakers who serve or have served in governors’ offices and state agencies, or who otherwise offer unique insight and expertise in topical issues. By the end of the course, students will understand how “good” public policy (ethical and effective) happens in the real world and the practical ways in which research/science, politics, ideology, tradition, and the law help to shape it.

FIELDWORK: Depending on students’ interests and the organization’s needs, students may be placed in NGA’s Center for Best Practices (Homeland Security & Public Safety Division) or one of the other “Big Seven” state/local associations, such as the National Conference of State Legislatures, National Association of Attorneys General, National District Attorneys Association, or Council of State Governments. Students will work with the organization’s staff and state officials to resolve legal questions and develop recommendations for state policymakers, such as: (1) writing a model cyber vulnerability disclosure policy for state agencies; (2) providing guidance on the legal implications of health reform; (3) constructing a model framework for addressing citizen privacy in homeland security policy; (4) identifying and analyzing novel legal issues raised by the deployment of the National Public Safety Broadband Network; (5) updating legal and procedural guidance for governors’ legal counsel; and (6) developing advocacy strategies for federal legislation that affects state interests. For the Fall 2020 semester, students are permitted to conduct their practicum fieldwork remotely.

Prerequisite: J.D. students must complete the required first-year program prior to enrolling in this course (part-time and interdivisional transfer students may enroll prior to completing Criminal Justice, Property, or their first-year elective).

Recommended: No other courses are required, but background coursework in constitutional law, administrative law, and statutory interpretation may be helpful.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this practicum and an externship or a clinic or another practicum course.

Note: This practicum course is open to LL.M. students, space permitting. Interested LL.M. students should email the Office of the Registrar (lawreg@georgetown.edu) to request admission.
LAW 175 v00 Federalism Seminar

The seminar will trace the development of the Court’s recent federalism jurisprudence both from a doctrinal perspective and as a study in the dynamics of judicial decision-making. A critical aim of the course will be to understand the values underlying the federalism debate, and to observe judges and justices of all persuasions seeking to reconcile those values with other priorities and with the institutional limitations of the courts. We will also consider the extent to which the Court’s recent jurisprudence actually has altered the dynamics of federal-state relations and whether future decisions are likely to do so.

We will use the developing nature of the federalism jurisprudence as an opportunity to develop advocacy skills. Students will satisfy the writing requirement by writing a 25-page appellate brief in one of several cases designated in the syllabus. We will work closely with each student in developing the structure and argument of the brief, and in moving from draft to final product. Each of the decisions will also be the subject of a short, informal moot court presentation by the students briefing that case. There will be no additional writing or research required for these presentations, which are designed to focus our dialogue.

LAW 1660 v00 First Amendment Law in a Digital Age

How should we think about the First Amendment in today’s world? From social media and the radical changes in the news industry, to increasing calls for censorship and retribution in light of identity politics, the issues at the core of freedom of the press and free speech and have never been more prominent. Despite historic protections for speech, platforms potentially protected by the First Amendment can be used by foreign actors to undermine and destabilize democratic systems and by insurgent organizations to radicalize and recruit members. Yet does this give the government, and the Courts, the right to remove content from these sites? It would be hard to find an age in which Free Exercise of Religion and the Establishment Clause were more relevant than today.

Although the expressive rights in the amendment have attracted the most attention, moreover, it is the right to petition that the Framers considered one of the most important protections for the people. Traditionally, it surpassed speech, press, and assembly in importance, allowing individuals to seek redress for wrongs and allowing them to generate attention to their concerns. Anti-federalists attacked the Constitution in part precisely for failing to protect this right, which incorporates active political engagement, directed at a particular body of persons, demanding action in response, and not diluted through representative government.

This course provides a primer on First Amendment Law in a Digital Age. It begins with the origins of the First Amendment, examines its evolution, and raises along the way the most pressing questions today that evoke First Amendment concerns. The doctrine is unprepared for a digital age. It will be taught in a more traditional lecture/Socratic style.

LAW 089 v03 Foreign Relations Law

This is an advanced course on constitutional principles bearing on U.S. foreign relations: primarily, separation of powers, federalism and judicial review of Executive acts and congressional legislation. It focuses on some of the most challenging issues that have divided the American polity from the inception of the Republic and continue to do so today, e.g., the allocation of foreign affairs power between the Executive and Congress; the scope of Presidential power to protect the nation in times of danger; and the proper role of the courts in deciding legal issues relating to national security. We will study historical materials that inform the legal arguments on both sides of current controversies over Presidential and Congressional power and discuss foreign relations issues under judicial review in 2020. We also study the power to make treaties and executive agreements, the Supremacy clause and application of customary international law by U.S. courts.

Recommended: There are no prerequisites, but familiarity with basic principles of U.S. government is important.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for this course and the J.D. courses, Constitutional Aspects of Foreign Affairs Seminar or U.S. Foreign Relations and National Security Law.

Note: FIRST CLASS ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY. Enrolled students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to remain enrolled. Waitlisted students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to remain eligible to be admitted off the waitlist.

LAW 089 v04 Foreign Relations Law

This course addresses the constitutional issues that arise in the conduct of U.S. foreign relations. Topics include: Congress’ power to legislate with respect to foreign relations; the respective roles of the President and Congress in initiating and conducting war and other uses of force; the President’s power to conduct diplomatic relations; the scope of the power to make and enforce treaties and other international agreements; the status of treaties and customary international law as United States law; the role of the States in foreign relations; and the role of the courts in foreign relations.

Prerequisite: Constitutional Law I: The Federal System.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for this course and the J.D. upperclass course, Constitutional Aspects of Foreign Affairs Seminar, or the graduate course, Foreign Relations Law.
LAW 052 v01 Fourteenth Amendment Seminar
This seminar is designed to encourage students to think critically and creatively about the appropriate constitutional role for the principles of equality and liberty and, more broadly, about the manner in which Supreme Court functions as an institution. These goals will be accomplished by “reinventing” fourteenth amendment jurisprudence, free from the constraints imposed by the actual decisions of the Court.

Mutually Excluded Courses:


LAW 1272 v00 Gender and Sexuality
The influence of identitarian politics on law and vice versa
- The influence of identitarian politics on law and vice versa
- Regulation of Sexual Conduct
- Regulation of Reproduction
- The Meanings of Same Sex Marriage
- Sex, Law & Consent
- Gender & Sexuality at Work
- Equality, Stereotypes, and Pregnancy
- Sexual Harassment

Students will be graded primarily on the basis of a take-home exam at the end of the semester with some consideration of class participation. There may also be short response/essay papers or small group projects required.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this course and Constitutional Law and Government.

LAW 196 v02 Free Press Seminar
"Congress shall make no law . . .,” the First Amendment commands, "abridging the freedom . . . of the press." But Congress, the Executive Branch, and the courts have promulgated a host of laws governing both print and electronic media. This survey of mass media law explores such current topics as prior restraints on publication, defamation, privacy, newsgathering liability, media liability for unlawful conduct of third parties, compelled disclosure of sources, and access to information. Practical aspects of representing media clients are examined along with public policy implications of existing legal doctrines and proposals for change.

Recommended: Constitutional Law II.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for this course and Constitutional Law and Government.

Note: FIRST CLASS ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY. Enrolled students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to remain enrolled. Waitlisted students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to remain eligible to be admitted off the waitlist. All enrolled students must attend each class session in its entirety. Failure to attend the first class session in its entirety will result in a drop; failure to attend any subsequent class session in its entirety may result in a withdrawal.
LAW 202 v00 Government Contracts (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20202%20v00)
J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
This course analyzes the basic considerations in contracting with the federal government, including the sovereign's power to contract, the applicable statutes, regulations and executive orders, and sovereign immunity. Material covers methods of acquisition: sealed bidding or negotiation (competitive proposals); requests for quotations; Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) contracting; the problems of offer, acceptance, and consideration; as well as the authority of government agents to contract. The materials also focus on the problems of contract performance, including changes; delays and suspensions of work; contract termination either for contractor default or for government convenience; and equitable adjustments and allowable costs. There is emphasis throughout the course on the practical as well as the substantive problems, including the dispute procedures before the boards of contract appeals and appeals to the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, as statutorily mandated by the Contract Disputes Act of 1978; extraordinary rights and remedies, including recovery for defective pricing and Public Law 85-804 requests; and bid protest proceedings before the agencies, Government Accountability Office (GAO), and the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. The course also includes a discussion of the changes to the government contracting process, to allow for "commercial item" contracting, as a result of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 and the Federal Acquisition Reform Act of 1996.

Prerequisite: Contracts (or Bargain, Exchange, and Liability).

LAW 627 v00 Health Justice Alliance Law Clinic (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20627%20v00)
J.D. Clinic | 10 credit hours
Please see the Health Justice Alliance Law Clinic website (https://www.law.georgetown.edu/experiential-learning/clinics/health-justice-alliance-clinic) for more detailed information about the program.


Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this clinic and an externship or a practicum course.

LAW 311 v01 Higher Education and the Law Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20311%20v01)
J.D. Seminar | 2-3 credit hours
Higher education plays a singular role in our society. Colleges and universities are complex organizations and institutions with unique missions to discover, create and transmit knowledge, and to further social mobility. Higher education intersects with the law in a myriad of ways. This course examines the legal issues that shape higher education, particularly in the United States. The course covers the distinctions between public and private colleges and universities, religion and higher education, accessibility to and financing of higher education, academic freedom, shared governance, admissions, free expression, privacy and freedom of association, campus safety with a particular focus on sexual assault, and issues of race, disability, gender and sexual orientation. We will consider student rights and responsibilities, faculty issues concerning research ethics and the classroom, and the roles of presidents, governing boards, and university general counsels. Materials include relevant statutes and cases as well as readings from related fields. Our goal throughout the course will be to understand the breadth of issues faced by higher education in the United States in pursuing its mission, and the ways in which legal rules and norms relate to these issues.

Recommended: Prior or concurrent enrollment in Constitutional Law II: Individual Rights and Liberties.

Note:
Students may take this seminar for either 2 or 3 credits. All members of the seminar are required to write a number of short reaction papers. Students taking the seminar for 3 credits are also required to write a research paper. J.D. students must register for the 3 credit section of the seminar if they wish to write a paper fulfilling the Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement.
LAW 037 v00 Immigration Law and Policy (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20037%20v00)
J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours
This course will examine the U.S. immigration system through legal and policy perspectives. We will explore the source, scope and constitutional limits of congressional power to regulate immigration; the executive branch implementation of immigration legislation, particularly procedures for entry and removal, and the extent of, as well as constitutional constraints on, Presidential power; and the administrative and judicial review of executive branch action. Close attention will be paid to how membership laws and policies are established and implemented: What laws and policies govern U.S. citizenship? Who is eligible to become a legal immigrant? How are annual admissions numbers set? How and why are family and employment priorities created? How does the U.S. protect refugees? With respect to the arrival of unaccompanied children from abroad, we will consider the laws and policies that govern how the U.S. government treats them. Unauthorized migration will also be examined to understand why some migrants do not use the legal route into the U.S. and what laws and policies the U.S. has in place to deter such unlawful movements at the border and presence in the interior. We will analyze the impact of the major 1996 immigration control legislation and its implementation, with particular attention to detention and removal. We will closely examine the role of the Justice Department’s Immigration Courts, with special attention to access to justice issues. We will explore the extraordinary need for, and challenges of, immigration law reform, as well as the particular situation of the Dreamers, children without lawful immigration status brought to and raised in the United States by their parents. Finally, we will examine issues of federalism with respect to states’ attempts to address unauthorized immigration and consider immigration law in the national security context. This is an exam course.

LAW 037 v02 Immigration Law and Policy (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20037%20v02)
LL.M Course (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
This class will cover the constitutional and political framework for the U.S. Immigration System, enforcement and adjudication agencies, immigrants, nonimmigrants, removals and deportations, detention and bond, immigration hearings, judicial review, grounds for removal and inadmissibility, “crimmigration,” immigration reform, “Chevron” deference, refugee and asylum status and other international protections. It will also include reading and analyzing major immigration cases like INS v. Cardoza-Fonseca, 480 U.S. 421 (1987) (well-founded fear) and Matter of Kasinga, 21 I&N Dec. 357 (BIA 1996) (female genital mutilation).

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this course and National Security Law Through an Immigration Framework.

Note: This class will meet on the following Summer 2020 Dates: 5/26, 5/28, 6/2, 6/4, 6/9, 6/11, 6/16, 6/23, and 6/25. Withdrawals are permitted up until the last class for this specific course.

LAW 1519 v00 Immigration Policy across the Branches (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201519%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 2-3 credit hours
Who can enter the United States as a visitor or an immigrant? Who will get asylum? Who will wait in a detention center? And when, according to immigration laws passed by Congress, over ten million migrants in the United States are unauthorized, who will actually be deported? American immigration law is the product of Presidential policy, Congressional command, and various discretionary decisions made by executive officials including immigration judges and Border Patrol officers. This course will examine the relationships between these various decision-makers. We draw on examples from immigration policy throughout the years—from the Chinese Exclusion Act to President Trump’s travel ban—to illustrate these issues. We also use case law from the Supreme Court, the Board of Immigration Appeals, and various federal circuits to understand how courts have evaluated these issues. Finally, secondary sources from historians and legal scholars help illustrate how various players the immigration system interact in practice. We will use this information to assess critiques of the immigration system and proposals for reform. These readings also introduce students to immigration related legal concepts including asylum, mandatory detention, and the use of the categorical approach to determining the significance of a migrant's criminal history. Students will develop a familiarity with immigration practice as well as a more nuanced understanding of the legal and political issues that vex immigration law scholars.

Learning Objectives:

• Develop a better understanding of the historic development of immigration law and policy.
• Become familiar with legal concepts concerning asylum, immigration detention, and executive power over admissions and removal.
• Understand different policy-making options and the tension between discretionary decision-making and compulsory enforcement.
• Appreciate the choices and limitations facing various decision-makers in the immigration context, as well as the experience of migrants and asylum seekers in the immigration system.
• Assess separation of powers concerns using examples from the immigration field.
• Make a nuanced assessment of popular news stories and debates about immigration law, paying special attention to the role of various decision-makers at play.
• Summarize and critically analyze various proposals for reform of the immigration adjudications, deportation proceedings, and the asylum process.
• Master a substantive legal issue related immigration by producing a paper and/or presentation on a legal debate in the area. Develop writing and presentation skills by participating in this exercise.
• Practice critical reading of law review articles and cases.

Note: This course requires a paper. Students must register for the 3 credit section of this course if they wish to write a paper fulfilling the J.D. Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement. The paper requirements of the 2 credit section will not fulfill the J.D. Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement.
In a project-based practicum course, students participate in a weekly seminar and work on a project under the supervision of their professors. In this practicum, students will work on all aspects of an innovative litigation strategy, using the First Amendment to fight the pervasive problem of judicial and political interference with public defenders across the country. Students will participate in a two-hour/week seminar and carry out 15 hours/week of project work under the direction of the course professors.

SEMINAR: In 2018, Civil Rights Corps (CRC) launched its Indigent Defense Initiative, through which Civil Rights Corps attorneys will fight systemic denials of the right-to-counsel. In this course, we’re going to work on federal litigation to fight structural threats to the independence of state and local public defense across the country. To do this, we’ll learn about several kinds of legal problems: first-amendment problems, criminal-procedure problems, federal-procedure problems, and problems related to the collective action of defense attorneys. So far, I’ve set up the syllabus to tackle these problems in that order, but it’s probably best to view that as a very tentative plan: if specific issues come up in our practical work, I think we’ll want to address those issues during the seminar.

PROJECT WORK: Students will assist in investigating new cases and in all aspects of litigation on CRC’s clients’ behalf, from drafting complaints, investigating, writing motions, and doing legal research. In weekly seminars, students will prepare for this work by discussing the diverse legal topics that arise in the project’s litigation. Topics may include civil procedure, federal courts, and the First Amendment’s protection from employment retaliation.

Prerequisite: Students must complete the required first-year program prior to enrolling in this course (part-time and interdivisional transfer students may enroll prior to completing Criminal Justice, Property, or their first-year elective).

Recommended: Prior coursework on Criminal Procedure, First Amendment Law, and/or Employment Law are recommended but not required.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this course and a clinic or another practicum course. Students may concurrently enroll in this course and an externship.

Note: This course is suitable for evening students; project work does not need to be completed during business hours.

This is a five credit course. Two credits will be awarded for the two-hour weekly seminar and three credits will be awarded for approximately 15 hours of supervised project work per week, for a minimum of 11 weeks. Both the seminar portion and the project work will be graded. Students who enroll in this course will be automatically enrolled in both the seminar and project components and may not take either component separately. After Add/Drop, a student who wishes to withdraw from a practicum course must obtain permission from the faculty member and the Assistant Dean for Experiential Education. The Assistant Dean will grant such withdrawal requests only when remaining enrolled in the practicum would cause significant hardship for the student. A student who is granted permission to withdraw will be withdrawn from both the seminar and project components. Regular and punctual attendance is required at all practicum seminars and fieldwork placements. Students in project-based practicum courses are similarly required to devote the requisite number of hours to their project. If a student must miss seminar, fieldwork, or project work, he or she must speak to the professor as soon as possible to discuss the absence. Unless the professor indicates otherwise, a student with more than one unexcused absences from the seminar will be dropped from the seminar.
LAW 342 v05 Information Privacy Law
This course serves as an introduction to the field of "information privacy law." The goal of the course is to equip students with the vocabulary, legal toolkit, and conceptual knowledge to enter the this rapidly-expanding area of law as a practitioner, an academic, or something in between. The course will trace the development and meanings of privacy in American law from the famous 1890 Harvard Law Review article "The Right to Privacy" by Samuel Warren and Louis Brandeis to the modern problems of privacy in the information age. Particular emphasis will be placed upon modern policy problems involving privacy, including privacy and the media, Fourth Amendment law, health privacy, Internet privacy, FTC regulation, emerging technologies, the problems caused by government and private-sector databases, and the prospects of federal privacy reform in 2021. The focus of the course is on US law, but we will necessarily examine the internationalization of the field, including the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the "Right to Be Forgotten." Attendance and participation are essential.

Note: Please note that laptop computers are not permitted in class.

LAW 1626 v00 Internet Law
Everything we do, we do at least some aspect of it online. From commerce to speech, internet companies intermediate our daily activities. In the process, internet companies are changing how we live. Is the internet a free speech zone protected by the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment, or does it heed hate speech or political speech regulations from abroad? Can copyright law survive the worldwide copying machine of the internet? Is privacy dead when corporations know where you are and what you are doing nearly 24/7? Focusing on U.S. case law and statutes, this course examines the evolving law regulating internet enterprises.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for this course and Digital Law & Policy (CCTP-658-01), which is offered by the Communications, Culture & Technology department on the Main Campus.

Note: The course will be taught through 1 hour of asynchronous lectures, and 1 hour of discussion conducted online. The asynchronous lectures will include lectures by, and discussions with, other leading experts in internet law.

LAW 1283 v00 Introduction to Military and Veterans Law, 1636-Present
This 13-week, 2-credit elective is intended to ground the student in the history and tradition of a separate military and veterans law for members of the armed forces. Each session will contain specific legal concepts relevant to the subject matter. The student may expect to have a broad appreciation for the importance of a separate law and procedure for the armed forces and veterans, and how to analyze issues. The final grade will include class participation, and a final, take home, open book, examination.

Note: Students may not withdraw from this class after the add/drop period ends without the permission of the professor.

LAW 730 v00 Introduction to U.S. Constitutional Law
This course provides an overview of the major constitutional cases over the last 200 years. The first half of the course focuses on how the Constitution affects the fundamental structure of American government. Particular attention will be paid to the critical balances of power between the Federal and state governments (federalism) and among the three branches of the Federal government. The rest of the course will focus on individual rights, with particular emphasis on individual rights in the areas of equal protection, and substantive due process.

Note: This course is only open to foreign-educated LL.M. students (i.e., those students who do not have a U.S. J.D. degree).

For the Fall sections, FIRST CLASS ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY. Enrolled students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to remain enrolled. Waitlisted students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to remain eligible to be admitted off the waitlist.
LAW 1106 v02 Judicial Review of Military Justice Proceedings: Current Issues and Constitutional Perspectives (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201106%20v02)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 1 credit hour
This seminar will address the relationship between courts-martial and civilian judicial proceedings, focusing on the allocation of responsibilities in the military justice system to commanders, judges, and lawyers. Specific topics will include the contemporary debates regarding sexual misconduct and combat-related offenses. The assigned readings will utilize materials available on the internet, including judicial decisions, legislative and regulatory materials, and law review articles. The seminar paper will take the form of a draft judicial opinion based upon topics covered in the course. The seminar is designed for students interested in national security, judicial review, and the constitutional allocation of legislative, executive, and judicial powers.

Learning Objectives:
• Identify the key features of military legal practice, the distinctions between military and civilian jurisprudence, and the primary factors considered by Article III courts in reviewing cases arising in the military justice system.
• Assess the impact of congressional legislation and oversight, as well as the role of the President in the military justice system.
• Enhance research skills through analysis of briefs and source materials.
• Enhance writing skills by preparing a judicial opinion.

Recommended: Constitutional Law I and either Criminal Justice (or Democracy and Coercion) or Criminal Procedure.

Note: This course is mandatory pass/fail and will not count toward the 7 credit pass/fail limit for J.D. students.

ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY AT ALL CLASS SESSIONS. Enrolled students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to remain enrolled. Waitlisted students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to remain eligible to be admitted off the waitlist. All enrolled students must attend each class session in its entirety. Failure to attend the first class session in its entirety will result in a drop; failure to attend any subsequent class session in its entirety may result in a withdrawal. Enrolled students will have until the beginning of the second class session to request a drop by contacting the Office of the Registrar; a student who no longer wishes to remain enrolled after the second class session begins will not be permitted to drop the class but may request a withdrawal from an academic advisor in the Office of Academic Affairs. Withdrawals are permitted up until the last class for this specific course.

LAW 532 v02 Juvenile Justice Clinic (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20532%20v02)
J.D. Clinic | 9 or 14 credit hours
Please see the Juvenile Justice Clinic website (https://www.law.georgetown.edu/experiential-learning/clinics/juvenile-justice-clinic) for more detailed information about the program.


Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this clinic and an externship or a practicum course in the first semester. Externships or practicums may be taken in the spring semester with professor permission.

LAW 045 v03 Law and Multiculturalism Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20045%20v03)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours
The aim of this course is to introduce the students to the ways in which liberal constitutionalism deals with the fact of difference (religious, ethnic, or national). After general theoretical introduction to various issues (such as law, culture and difference, politics of recognition and politics of redistribution, the risks of politics of identity, the liberal and feminist critiques of multicultural politics, the analytical problem of group rights), the course will survey the ways that liberal democracies deal with the claims of several groups within society to be different. We will read cases and materials from the United States, Canada, France, Israel, India, and Germany.
LAW 1433 v00 Law and Religion (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201433%20v00) (Fieldwork Practicum) J.D. Practicum | 4 credit hours
In fieldwork practicum courses, students participate in weekly seminars and conduct related fieldwork at outside organizations. This fieldwork practicum course is designed to give students familiarity with the field of law and religion. Students will participate in a two-hour/week seminar and undertake 10 hours/week of fieldwork with organizations in the Washington, DC area that work on issues related to religious freedom. For the Fall Semester 2020, students will be allowed to work remotely for their fieldwork. Please note this is an exception to the usual experiential requirement that fieldwork be done in person.

SEMINAR: President Obama called religious freedom "central to the ability of peoples to live together." Professor Martha Nussbaum observes, "America now contains a religious diversity unparalleled in its history."
This seminar will examine society’s ability to enable those with the deepest of differences to live in community peaceably. Substantively, it will promote an understanding of the law that governs the relationship between religion and government, defines protections for the free exercise of religion, and provides the framework for civic life among people of all religions and none. Although law and religion will be the unifying theme of our work, there is a broad range of modalities that we can pursue in this field—litigation in workplace disputes, amicus briefings for the Supreme Court, researching the effect of public policy initiatives—providing a myriad of opportunities to hone professional legal skills.

Seminar participants will gain doctrinal competency in current religious freedom law, engage in a principled examination of religious freedom as an essential Constitutional and basic international human right, and gain experience interacting on a “hot topic” issue in a professional manner by focusing on common ground and building principled consensus.

Interested students who have any questions or would like more information about the seminar or field placements should feel welcomed emailing Professor Inks directly at sci2@law.georgetown.edu.

FIELDWORK: Students will perform legal work under the supervision of an attorney mentor for 10 hours/week with organizations in the Washington, DC area that focus on issues related to religious freedom. For the Fall Semester 2020, students will be allowed to work remotely for their fieldwork. Please note this is an exception to the usual experiential requirement that fieldwork be done in person. Some examples include: the ACLU, the ADL, DOJ, The Interfaith Alliance, Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, Congress, The Christian Legal Society, The Native American Rights Fund, and Alliance Defending Freedom.

Prerequisite: J.D. students must complete the required first-year program prior to enrolling in this course (part-time and interdivisional transfer students may enroll prior to completing Criminal Justice, Property, or their first-year elective).

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this practicum and an externship, clinic, or another practicum course.

Note: Both enrolled AND waitlisted students are encouraged to e-mail Prof. Inks over the summer (but a CV is not necessary) to let her know if they have any preferences in where they want to work or the kind of work they would like to do. Students are NOT required to find their own work placements. If a student has a specific request or pre-existing relationship with an organization, every attempt to accommodate that will be made. No special previous experience is required for this practicum.

This practicum course is open to LL.M. students, space permitting. Interested LL.M. students should email the Office of the Registrar (lawreg@georgetown.edu) to request admission. This course is suitable for evening students who can attend the weekly seminar and conduct fieldwork on evenings.

LAW 1188 v00 Law in a New Media World (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201188%20v00) J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
In today’s world of 24-7 news cycles, cell-phone cameras, blogs, and social media, the race to publish provocative, cutting-edge content has lead to high-profile instances where legal lines have been crossed to get a story, picture, or video. This seminar explores the fundamentals of defamation law, invasion of privacy, and liability for torts and crimes committed in the course of newsgathering activities — and how First Amendment principles have evolved to address these issues in the modern age of electronic media. Through lectures, class discussions, and written assignments, students will not only gain a broad understanding of the substantive law — but also understand the important policy implications for the public, reporters, and the subjects of their stories. The seminar will also feature interactive classroom exercises in which students will research, present, and advocate opposite sides of current issues taken directly from the headlines in real-world media cases, including media shield laws, anti-SLAPP statutes, public vs. private figures, group libel, fact vs. opinion, prior restraints on publication, media liability for torts and crimes committed by third parties, and the liability of Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and administrators of interactive online websites. Practical aspects of representing clients in media matters, including jurisdiction and choice-of-law issues, are also examined.

Prerequisite: Constitutional Law I or Democracy and Coercion.

LAW 045 v02 Law in Multicultural Societies (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20045%20v02) LL.M Seminar | 2 credit hours
The aim of this course is to introduce the students to the ways in which liberal constitutionalism deals with the fact of difference (religious, ethnic, or national). After general theoretical introduction to various issues (such as law, culture and difference, politics of recognition and politics of redistribution, the risks of politics of identity, the liberal and feminist critiques of multicultural politics, the analytical problem of group rights), the course will survey the ways that liberal democracies deal with the claims of several groups within society to be different. We will read cases and materials from the United States, Canada, France, Israel, India, and Germany.

LAW 1296 v00 Law of Religion (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201296%20v00) J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours
This course will examine the way in which U.S. law—principally the Establishment and Free Exercise Clauses of the First Amendment—treats religious belief, religious exercise, and religious institutions. We will spend part of the semester examining the Supreme Court’s treatment of the Religion Clauses. We will also address current questions and controversies, including issues such as: defining “religion” for purposes of constitutional law; governmental burdens on, and discrimination against, religious exercise; state aid for religious activities and to religious organizations, including pursuant to school voucher and “charitable choice” programs; the role of religion in public education and in the public square; the constitutionality of statutory exemptions for religiously motivated conduct; and religious institutions’ claims to legal autonomy.
**LAW 297 v00 Lawmaking and Statutory Interpretation Seminar**
(http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20297%20v00)

J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 1-3 credit hours

This yearlong seminar examines problems of statutory interpretation from the viewpoint of the practicing lawyer when multiple actors with different roles participate in the development or interpretation of the same statutory language in our unique federal legal system. Students consider new issues for lawyers raised by the operation of the competitive global, technological economy in our increasingly complex legal system, anchored in separation of powers. Unlike most of the world's governmental systems, decisions by all three branches often are necessary in the United States to achieve legal clarity and closure. In this seminar, we read cases that assist the class in analyzing the gulf between writing and interpreting legislation, the byproduct of our system that often results in controversial federal judicial decisions. We search for ways that legislators, courts, agencies and practicing lawyers can avoid the miscommunication that retards and delays compliance and enforcement of laws and results in often needless and costly litigation.

During the first semester, students discuss readings from various sources, including cases that illustrate the practical and institutional problems lawyers face. Students begin the major seminar project, a final seminar paper, with research and work with the professor on an annotated outline to be produced at the end of the first semester. During the second semester, each student engages in the rigor of writing a first draft for a major final paper on any subject of the student's choosing, sometimes of publishable quality. The paper draws upon one or more seminar concepts developed during the year.

The problem of obtaining legal clarity, at the center of the seminar, is familiar to lawyers and all involved in any aspect of our legal system. Consequently, students often choose paper subjects that involve lively current legal issues. For example, students have submitted papers, appropriately incorporating seminar concepts, on current subjects as disparate as Proposition 8 and same sex marriage in California and the failure of textualist interpretation of statutes to communicate judicial guidance to Congress concerning executive authority to try and detain enemy combatants at Guantanamo. This seminar approaches issues in ways that are often only now being confronted by our system. Today, legal clarity and closure are particularly necessary in a technological and global economy demanding immediate answers from the American legal system. This system, however, has changed little since the 18th century except to grow more complicated and time consuming. Most of the democratic governments of the world are organized with less complexity, are less dependent on court decisions, and are able to respond more rapidly than our separation of powers government. The assumption of the seminar is that lawyers, who are major actors in every part of our system, will inevitably encounter these dilemmas and are particularly well equipped to help resolve them, considering that many of the problems that are generated will need resolution in court or with legal assistance. The underlying issues emerge from seminar concepts well known in the law that students discuss as central to the papers they have chosen to write. The seminar is conducted as a group of peers who would operate in a law firm, business, faculty, or other workplace setting. Working with the professor, students bring fresh eyes to raise or ask questions after their classmates give oral presentations on their outlines and first drafts of the final paper. Class participation is therefore important to one of the missions of the seminar: to accustom students to participating and receiving critiques in peer sessions and improving a work product accordingly.

**LAW 023 v00 Lawmaking: Introduction to Statutory and Regulatory Interpretation**
(http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20023%20v00)

J.D. Course | 3 credit hours

In the first year curriculum, you are taught to “think like a lawyer.” Because of the predominance of common-law subjects in your first year, this means you are taught to think like a “common-law lawyer.” Moreover, you are taught to think this way at the same time that you are also trying to learn the doctrine in those particular areas.

In upper-level courses, however, you will likely turn from common law to law based in statutes and regulations. From tax law to the criminal code, virtually all of modern American law is based on materials produced by legislatures and agencies. Reading and interpreting these materials also requires you to “think like a lawyer,” but like a different lawyer—a “statutory lawyer.”

This course is about the method of statutory interpretation generally. You will not learn the doctrine of any specific type of law in this class. You will learn the process of how to approach a piece of statutory text, how to diagnose the interpretive problem in the text, and how to answer that problem. You will practice the observant reading of text; you will get a framework for breaking down and thinking about a legal question in any statutory case; and you will practice deploying interpretive tools to answer a question in the way that best “zealously advocates” for your client. This course will prepare you for a first summer of legal work, as well as for upper-level courses that rely extensively on statutory law (such as tax, securities, environmental law, labor law, copyright law, etc.)

The course has three overall goals:

1) To provide you with an understanding of the relationships among legislatures, courts, and agencies. The course will include some basic information on how legislation and regulations get created and on the ways in which power is shared in the “making of law.”

2) To teach you the full toolkit of statutory interpretation so that you can diagnose any interpretation question and bring the right tools to bear on answering that question. This toolkit includes elements of the plain text, canons of interpretation, analysis of intent and purpose, and deference to agencies. By unpacking and analyzing these tools used by courts in various decisions, you will learn how to wield them yourself in order to reach different results.

3) To expose you to the theoretical debates around statutory interpretation. The tools that a judge chooses to use often depend on the judge’s theoretical position on statutory interpretation. Starting with materials that will frame the theoretical debate early in the semester, you will return periodically to questions about theory as you become more proficient in the toolkit.

**Mutually Excluded Courses:** Students may not receive credit for both this course and the upperclass course by the same title or the first-year elective, The Regulatory State, or Legislation and Regulations: Law, Science, and Policy, or Statutory Interpretation.
LAW 023 v03 Lawmaking: Introduction to Statutory and Regulatory Interpretation (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20023%20v03)
J.D. Course | 3 credit hours
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Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this course and the upperclass course by the same title or the first-year elective, The Regulatory State, or Legislation and Regulations: Law, Science, and Policy, or Statutory Interpretation. Students MAY receive credit for this course and Lawmaking and Statutory Interpretation Seminar.

LAW 304 v06 Legislation (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20304%20v06)
J.D. Course | 3 credit hours
In the first-year curriculum, you are taught to “think like a lawyer.” Because of the predominance of common-law subjects in your first year, this means you are generally taught to think like a “common-law lawyer.” Moreover, you are taught to think this way at the same time that you are also trying to learn the doctrine in those particular areas.

In upper-level courses, however, you will likely turn from common law to law based in statutes and regulations. From tax law to the criminal code, virtually all of modern American law is based on materials produced by legislatures and agencies. Reading and interpreting these materials also requires you to “think like a lawyer,” but like a different lawyer—a “statutory lawyer.”

This course is about the method of statutory interpretation generally. You will not learn the doctrine of any specific type of law in this class. You will learn the process of how to approach a piece of statutory text, how to diagnose the interpretive problem in the text, and how to answer that problem. You will practice the observant reading of text; you will get a framework for breaking down and thinking about a legal question in any statutory case; and you will practice deploying interpretive tools to answer a question in the way that best “zealously advocates” for your client. This course will prepare you for summer legal work, as well as for upper-level courses that rely extensively on statutory law (such as tax, securities, environmental law, labor law, health law, copyright law, etc.)

The course has three overall goals:

1) To provide you with an understanding of the relationships among legislatures, courts, and agencies. The course will include some basic information on how legislation and regulations get created and on the ways in which power is shared in the “making of law.”

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Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this course and the upperclass course or the first-year elective, Lawmaking: Introduction to Statutory and Regulatory Interpretation, or the first-year elective, The Regulatory State, or the upperclass course, Statutory Interpretation. Students MAY receive credit for this course and Lawmaking and Statutory Interpretation Seminar.

Note: The last class will meet on Tuesday, 12/1/2020. Thursday classes meet on this day.
This course aspires to empower its students to:

- Recognize and apply several core legal doctrines that enable and constrain the existence of various local government entities.
- Describe how several prominent strains of American political theory have guided the historical development of local government law.
- Apply several constitutional principles and legal standards that regulate local government functions – for example, local taxation and expenditures, land use regulation, education, public safety and the other local services.
- Understand the menagerie local entities and appreciate how alternative forms of governance impact a lawyer’s ethical obligations.
- Explain the predominant funding mechanisms for local government, and analyze how state and local policies can affect the viability of local government.
- Identify several state and federal policies that can impair the sustainability of local government.
- Develop and deliver principled arguments about how socio-economic policy issues relate to legal doctrine, intra-regional wealth, sprawl and alternatives to local government.

Note: Although no prerequisites are required for this course, Professor Gardner strives to highlight connections between the material discussed in class and other substantive legal topics. Third- and fourth-year students will be encouraged to share learning from related courses – for example, civil procedure, constitutional law, administrative law, land use law and other legal subjects. In particular, this course will offer a meaningful segue leading to (and from) courses in land use and administrative law.
LAW 1720 v00 Police Abolition Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW %201720%20v00)

J.D. Seminar | 2-3 credit hours
This course will study policing transformation through an abolitionist framework. The course will first look at abolitionist theory and its application to policing. It will then look at the implications of this framework for immediate and mid-term change-making efforts in policing and beyond. We will explore the interplay between police abolition, the “defund” movement and more “traditional” police reform efforts, critiquing each. We will look at what police currently do and the extent to which current policing promotes, or undermines, public safety. We will question how “public safety” is commonly defined and consider what role law enforcement would play if we were to define public safety differently. We will consider how the role of police (at least as currently constituted) in promoting public safety might be decreased (eliminated?) and how we would protect physical well-being if that were to come about. Throughout this course we will consider whether the police abolitionist framework might help us more effectively address institutionalized racism and entrenched class inequity as we seek to transform policing.

Students may take this course to fulfill Georgetown’s Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement. If you take this class to fulfill your Writing Requirement, you should be prepared to devote a considerable amount of time in the course developing a paper proposal about a conflict, crisis, or controversy within policing; researching your idea in depth; and both drafting and revising a substantial paper of at least six thousand words (exclusive of footnotes) that meets the elements of the Writing Requirement as set out in the Georgetown Law Student Handbook of Academic Policies.

Course Readings

- **Chokehold: Policing Black Men** by Paul Butler.
- Additional Readings will be listed in the course syllabus and will be posted on/linked to in Canvas

Note: This seminar requires a paper. J.D. students must register for the 3 credit section of the seminar if they wish to write a paper fulfilling the Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement. The paper requirements of the 2 credit section will not fulfill the J.D. Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement.

LAW 508 v02 Policy Clinic (Harrison Institute for Public Law) (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW %20508%20v02)

J.D. Clinic | 8 or 14 credit hours
Please see the Policy Clinic website (https://www.law.georgetown.edu/experiential-learning/clinics/the-policy-clinic-climate-health-food-human-rights-and-trade-harrison-institute) for more detailed information about the program.

For registration-specific supplemental materials, please see the Policy Clinic PDF (https://www.law.georgetown.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Policy-Clinic-Info-Sheet-2020-Final.pdf).


Learning outcomes for this clinic: Students are supervised, evaluated and graded on three skill sets, each of which has explicit evaluation criteria in the clinical program design (https://www.law.georgetown.edu/experiential-learning/clinics/the-policy-clinic-climate-health-food-human-rights-and-trade-harrison-institute).

1. **Management and professionalism** – includes “managing up” with supervision meetings, initiating self-evaluation, managing effort and deadlines, collaborating, and expectations in a professional culture.

2. **Research and analysis** – covers legal, policy and strategic analysis. It includes identifying issues that require analysis, learning the context efficiently, using diverse sources to learn efficiently and avoid bias, explaining analytic methods, using a logical framework, and drawing conclusions or options that meet client needs.

3. **Communication, writing and speaking** – includes organizing documents and presentations logically, meeting audience needs for context in the introduction and for decision-making in the conclusion, relating analysis through stories and examples, presenting visual information, and using appropriate language in terms of editing conventions, clarity, tone, and jargon.

Recommended: Legislation and Administrative Law. Also, for climate projects: Local Government Law; and for trade or human rights projects: International Law I, International Trade (various titles), World Trade Organization: Law, Policy and Dispute Settlement, and International Human Rights.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this clinic and an externship or a practicum course.
LAW 1288 v00 Politics of Litigation and Litigation of Politics (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201288%20v00)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
Many of the most important and intense political disputes in American history have come before the federal courts. From the controversy about the Second Bank of the United States reflected in McCulloch v. Maryland, to the conflict about slavery at the core of Dred Scott, to the rise of interest group litigation by civil rights, religious, environmental, and other organizations, those opposed to prevailing laws and policies have taken their grievances to court. In recent years, a new breed of political litigation has proliferated. Increasingly, the losers in legislative battles have leapt immediately into the judicial arena, challenging the constitutionality of the laws enacted over their objection. Increasingly, politicians and the entities they control have deployed litigation as another tool in the partisan arsenal. And increasingly, federal courts have become the arbiters of political disputes between the other two branches of the Federal Government, and between the Federal Government and the States.

This course will use the legal challenges to the Affordable Care Act as an initial case study of how political disputes play out in litigation, from the trial courts to the Supreme Court. We will follow the pattern of political litigation into the Trump Administration, and assess the lessons from the partisan shift in the litigation. We will consider how and why partisan disputes generate litigation and discuss the issues this litigation raises regarding the appropriate role of courts in our democratic system. For the most part, though, the perspective will be practical, as we explore the legal, strategic, and tactical choices advocates make in bringing high profile political cases, in framing the legal issues, in harnessing the rules of procedure, and in managing the political features of the case – both offensively and defensively, and both inside and outside the courtroom. We will discuss the hurdles litigants face in seeking to strike down federal laws, the particular challenges of representing the U.S. Government in defending those laws, and the conflicting pressures that bedevil advocates on both sides of the cases. In some of our sessions, students may be asked to strategize or to argue from the perspective of the plaintiff or the defendant in the cases.

Prerequisite: Constitutional Law I: The Federal System (or Democracy and Coercion).

Recommended: Prior or concurrent enrollment in Federal Courts and the Federal System.

LAW 408 v03 Poverty Law and Policy (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20408%20v03) (Fieldwork Practicum)
J.D. Practicum | 8-10 credit hours
In fieldwork practicum courses, students participate in weekly seminars and conduct related fieldwork at outside organizations. This fieldwork practicum course is designed for students who wish to work for a public interest law organization that deals with issues connected to poverty. Students will participate in a two hour/week seminar (in both the fall and spring semesters) that focuses on the framework, history, and current issues related to American poverty. Students will also work for a public interest law organization that works on issues connected to poverty; students may work for either 10 or 15 hours/week in both the fall and spring or 30 hours/week in one semester only. In addition, students may work for 10 hours/week in the fall and 15 hours/week in the spring or vice versa.

SEMINAR: Classes in the fall will cover the definition of poverty, the history of antipoverty policy, welfare, work supports, and safety net issues. Spring classes will feature guest lecturers covering education, health, housing, homelessness, juvenile justice, and child welfare. Students will be involved in participatory exercises in the course of both semesters: in the fall, mock press conferences, testimony to Congress, and meetings with public officials; and in the spring, a group project on developing a plan for neighborhood transformation, using materials studied through the year. A final paper will be required. Students will earn four graded credits for the seminar (two credits each semester); one grade will be provided at the end of the year.

FIELDWORK: In the four, five, or six-credit, mandatory pass-fail, fieldwork portion of the practicum, students will work with a public interest law organization that deals with issues connected to poverty. Students may work for either 10 or 15 hours in both the fall and spring, 10 hours in the fall and 15 hours in the spring or vice versa, or 30 hours/week in one semester only. The host organization may work from either a national or a local perspective on issues connected to poverty. Placements might involve a focus on poverty per se or "poverty and..." e.g., civil rights, women, education, housing, health, juvenile and criminal justice, child welfare or immigration. Depending on the organization, activities at placements could include litigation and/or policy advocacy, including governments on all level and in either the executive branch or the legislative. Students may propose and arrange their own placements; these must be approved by Professor Edelman. Alternatively, Professor Edelman is available to assist in finding and setting up the placements. Depending on the number of hours worked, students will earn four, five, or six pass/fail credits for the fieldwork; one grade will be provided at the end of the year.

Prerequisite: J.D. students must complete the required first-year program prior to enrolling in this course (part-time and interdivisional transfer students may enroll prior to completing Criminal Justice, Property, or their first-year elective).

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this practicum and an externship or another practicum course. If students complete their fieldwork hours for this practicum entirely in one semester, they may be eligible to enroll in a clinic for the other semester.

Note: This course is open to J.D. students only.

This course may be suitable for evening students who can attend seminar and participate in fieldwork during business hours. Students who enroll in this course will be automatically enrolled in both the seminar and fieldwork components and may not take either component separately. A student wishing to withdraw from the course will be withdrawn from both the seminar and fieldwork components. Default attendance rule for all practicum courses (unless the professor indicates otherwise): Regular and punctual attendance is required at all practicum seminars and fieldwork placements. Students in project-based practicum courses may receive a lower grade or, at the professor's discretion, may be ineligible to enroll in a clinic for the other semester. Students may be withdrawn from the practicum course. Project work, may receive a lower grade or, at the professor's discretion, may be ineligible to enroll in a clinic for the other semester. Students may be withdrawn from both the seminar and fieldwork components. A student wishing to withdraw from the course will be withdrawn from both the seminar and fieldwork components. A student wishing to withdraw from the course will be withdrawn from both the seminar and fieldwork components.
LAW 1493 v00 Prison Law and Policy

J.D. Course | 3 credit hours
This course focuses on the back end of the criminal justice system. In this class, we will be focusing on the law and policy of incarceration. We will study why the United States is so punitive, how government officials manage prisons, and what protections are in place to prevent harm to prisoners while incarcerated. We will also study whether our current penal system is successful in reducing the recidivism rate of those coming out of prison. These topics are particularly urgent given that the United States leads the world in the rate it imprisons its citizens. Topics to be covered include: the history of prisoners’ rights litigation; the scope of prisoners’ constitutional rights; inmate access to the courts; First Amendment protections for prisoners; the prison disciplinary process; conditions of confinement; medical care; the problems of prison rape and overcrowding. There will also be a focus on legal practice—how lawyers litigate prisoners’ rights suits. There will be a take-home final examination.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this course and the Prison Reform Advocacy and Litigation practicum.

LAW 586 v00 Race and American Law

J.D. Course | 4 credit hours
With such watershed events in the civil rights movement as Brown v. Board of Education (1954) and the civil rights acts of the 1960s, the eradication of racial subordination in America seemed an achievable goal. Yet, in America today, racial minorities continue to experience social and economic disadvantages, and race relations remain strained in many respects. Whether law has aided or impeded the cause of civil rights in the past and the extent to which law can help to resolve racial issues in the present and future are questions of considerable controversy. This course will examine the response of law to racial issues in a variety of legal contexts. Topics will likely include the meaning of race and racial discrimination, intimate relationships, child placement, employment, education and integration, policing and criminal punishment, free expression, and political participation. Classes will center on candid discussion and participatory exercises about the issues raised by the assigned material. The course will cover most of the seminal "race" cases decided by the U.S. Supreme Court.


Note: Laptops may not be used during class sessions.

LAW 1548 v00 Race and Democracy: Voting Rights in America

J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours
Race and Democracy: Voting Rights in America explores the racial formation and perpetuation of white supremacy ideology and its impact of American Democracy. The course uses the struggle for Black voting rights as the primary, although not exclusive, framework for exploring the relationship between race and democracy.

Over the course of the term, students 1) develop a working knowledge of how the ideology of white supremacy has impacted voter registration, participation and/or representation 2) acquire critical tools to identify, analyze and dismantle dominant narratives reinforcing white supremacy in law and the broader culture and 3) develop an appreciation for the role social movements have played in challenging the structural and systemic barriers to a multiracial and multicultural democracy.

Note: Students may not withdraw from this class after the add/drop period ends without the permission of the professor.
LAW 1488 v00 Race and Voting Rights (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201488%20v00)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2-3 credit hours
This seminar will examine federal law and policy regarding voting rights, with a focus on requirements for equal treatment of racial, ethnic, and language minorities. Included are federal protections against racial discrimination and vote dilution under the constitution and Voting Rights Act; aspects of federal law on redistricting and racial gerrymandering; language assistance protections; the racial impact of state-law voter qualifications (including voter identification requirements, documentary proof-of-citizenship statutes, and felon disenfranchisement laws). Students in this seminar will engage with the constitutional, statutory, and doctrinal foundation for racial nondiscrimination in voting, and will also consider the application of that foundation to current legal and policy debates about voting rights and election participation.

Learning Goals
A. Develop an understanding of foundational legal principles. Students will gain a working knowledge of voting rights law as it affects the opportunity for equal and nondiscriminatory participation by racial and ethnic minorities, including congressional authority to prohibit discrimination in voting, protection of minority interests in redistricting, regulation of voter qualifications and registration requirements, and protections for language minority groups.

B. Synthesize and apply foundational principles to contemporary problems in voting. In addition to studying the central legal principles established by the Constitution, federal statutes, and key Supreme Court cases, students in this seminar will also develop an understanding of how to synthesize those foundational sources and apply them to current legal debates regarding voter participation and access to the ballot.

C. Refine presentation skills. The class participation and research presentation requirements of this seminar will require students to develop their skills both in speaking about legal issues and in engaging in critical exchanges with classmates about legal issues.


Note: This seminar requires a paper. Students must register for the 3 credit section of the seminar if they wish to write a paper fulfilling the Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement. The paper requirements of the 2 credit section will not fulfill the Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement.

LAW 1607 v00 Race, Inequality and Progressive Politics: Voting Rights in America (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201607%20v00)
J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours
Race, Inequality and Progressive Politics: Voting Rights in America explores 1) the role of race and inequality in the evolving progressive vision of American democracy 2) lessons learned from successive backlashes to the progressive vision and 3) the implications of this history for the future of progressive politics in America. Tracking the historical evolution of progressive politics from 19th century Reconstruction to 20th century Civil Rights, this course locates the defining characteristics of American Progressive thought in an Ideology of Equality that consists of the following: 1) a critique of entrenched economic, political and social inequality 2) the reconstruction of government’s role in remedying inequality and 3) the development of a community-based, participatory democracy – a robust civil society supplementing the work of progressive government.

Learning Objectives and Methods: Over the course of the semester, students 1) develop a working knowledge of how race and inequality impact voter registration, participation and/or representation 2) acquire critical tools to identify and analyze dominant ideologies and narratives reinforcing inequalities and 3) explore innovative public policy and civil society solutions to the inequalities plaguing voting rights and electoral politics in American democracy.
LAW 1335 v00 Race, Inequality, and Justice (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201335%20v00)
J.D. Course | 2 credit hours

Course Organization and Overview
This course explores the law's response to the problem of economic inequality. By 2015, the political and economic conversations have recognized the stark and unacceptable wealth and economic differences that underlie growing political and social instability. We will approach the subject from an interdisciplinary perspective that includes sociology, psychology, history and cultural studies. The course offers an introduction to the work of classic economic thinkers such as Adam Smith, and contemporary economists and legal scholars including Milton Friedman, Gary Becker, Richard Posner and Ian Ayres. The primary focus of the course however will be an exploration of the limits and failures of conventional rational choice approaches to explaining the questions arising from economic inequality for members of groups who have experienced pervasive race, gender and other forms of cultural subordination.

We will explore the conceptual framework of marketplace distribution of commodities, the cultural determinants of market value, and the claims of subordinated communities for economic equality. We will develop an understanding of the silence of the Constitution on questions of economic inequality. We will draw upon the insights of a wide range of social science research to map the consequences of the lack of a coherent legal framework to govern questions of distributive justice.

This course does not require a technical background in quantitative economics. The primary material will be drawn from sociology, history, psychology, narrative economics, and critical race theory.

Theme
The case study for this seminar this year will be the economic and social conditions of the city of Baltimore, Maryland. We will explore the impact of the cumulative economic and social deficits of that city. We will take advantage of our course discussion and research to investigate this dramatic example of economic and social inequality in America. This recent example of the explosive combination of police abuse and the underlying condition of wealth and income inequality is just the most recent example of long term neglect. We will try to figure out what factors surround the anger at the criminal justice process of stop and frisk and the implementation of the “broken windows theory” of police enforcement practices that have created police estrangement from many low wealth communities of color. The Freddy Grey Riots and the long-term political, economic and sociological dynamics of Baltimore provide an important to delve more deeply into the connection between police practices and the economic death of cities such as Baltimore.

We will ask are there important counter examples to Baltimore and Ferguson.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this course and Race, Inequality, and Justice.

LAW 1335 v01 Race, Inequality, and Justice (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201335%20v01)
J.D. Course | 2 credit hours

Course Organization and Overview
This course explores the law’s response to the problem of economic inequality. By 2015, the political and economic conversations have recognized the stark and unacceptable wealth and economic differences that underlie growing political and social instability. We will approach the subject from an interdisciplinary perspective that includes sociology, psychology, history and cultural studies. The course offers an introduction to the work of classic economic thinkers such as Adam Smith, and contemporary economists and legal scholars including Milton Friedman, Gary Becker, Richard Posner and Ian Ayres. The primary focus of the course however will be an exploration of the limits and failures of conventional rational choice approaches to explaining the questions arising from economic inequality for members of groups who have experienced pervasive race, gender and other forms of cultural subordination.

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Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for this course and Race, Inequality, and Justice Seminar.
LAW 1728 v00 Reading the Police Seminar

During this seminar our class will read six recent books about policing in the United States. We will spend two weeks on each book. The first week we will discuss the book with each other. The second week the author will visit the class to discuss the book. Author visits are likely to be via video conference for the entire term.

Through studying these books and speaking with their authors we will learn how theories of policing have changed over time; how policing is influenced by, and in turn influences, law and politics; the role that race, gender, age and socio-economic status have played in shaping how policing happens; the connection of policing to mass incarceration and its attendant harms; and we will probe some of the biggest challenges facing policing currently, such as combatting gun violence and the rise of big data and surveillance technologies.

The books we will read are:

- Unwarranted: Policing without Permission, Barry Friedman (2017)
- Tangled Up in Blue: Policing the American City, Rosa Brooks (2021)

Reflection and Summaries: All students are required to submit a 500 word reflection paper on each book after we have read the book and before we have discussed it with the author. Reflection papers will be submitted via Canvas by noon two days before class so that they can be made available to the authors before our discussion. Reflection papers will be graded pass-fail and must be submitted one week before the first week’s discussion of each book. Summaries will be graded pass-fail and must be submitted each week by 5pm the day before class.

Grading

Your grade for the class will be based upon: 1) attendance and participation; 2) reflection papers for each book; and 3) weekly reading summaries.

Prerequisite: Criminal Justice or Democracy & Coercion or Criminal Procedure or Instructor Approval. (LL.M.s are welcome).

Note: FIRST CLASS ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY. Enrolled students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to remain enrolled. Waitlisted students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to remain eligible to be admitted off the waitlist. All enrolled students must attend each class session in its entirety. Failure to attend the first class session in its entirety will result in a drop; failure to attend any subsequent class session in its entirety may result in a withdrawal.

All students are required to submit a 500 word reflection paper on each book after we have read the book and before we have discussed it with the author. Reflection papers will be submitted via Canvas by noon two days before class so that they can be made available to the authors before our discussion.

LAW 430 v01 Recent Books on the Constitution Seminar

This seminar will study six recent scholarly books about constitutional theory and history. The class will spend two weeks on each book. For the second session on each book, the author visits the class in person to discuss the work. This year, the books will be (in this order):

- Randy Barnett & Evan Bernick, The Original Meaning of the 14th Amendment (manuscript distributed on Canvas)
- Paul Finkelman Supreme Injustice: Slavery in the Nation’s Highest Court (2017)
- Eric Segall, Originalism as Faith (2018)
- Ian Wurman, The Second Founding: An Introduction to the Fourteenth Amendment (forthcoming 2020)

Grades will be based on class participation and a 5500 character “thought paper” for each book. In addition, students will submit a one-page summary of the reading — graded pass/fail — for the first and second week’s discussion of each book. All thought papers must be submitted electronically by Monday at noon, so they can be made available to the authors and graded by the following day. Grades for papers submitted late will be lowered.

Prerequisite: Constitutional Law I: The Federal System or Democracy and Coercion in Curriculum B.

Recommended: Prior or concurrent enrollment in Constitutional Law II: Individual Rights & Liberties.

Note: Internet access on any device is not allowed during class; all laptop use is disallowed (unless necessary to conduct Zoom instruction).

FIRST CLASS ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY. Enrolled students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to remain enrolled. Waitlisted students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to remain eligible to be admitted off the waitlist. The paper requirements of this seminar will not fulfill the Upperclass Writing Requirement.
LAW 1709 v00 Religion, State and Multiculturalism Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201709%20v00)

J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2-3 credit hours

Religious minorities are seeking accommodations in a variety of forms: exemptions (kosher and halal regulations); recognition (representation quotas); assistance (subsidies, museums); self-government (schools, religious courts, territorial sovereignty) and more. Drawing on the rich experience of countries where such accommodations were granted, the course will inquire into the legitimacy and problems associated with such accommodations. In doing so, the course will draw on modern theories of multiculturalism and religion and state designs. Principal topics will include: Liberal multiculturalism, theory and practice; Group accommodations in a democracy; A survey of religious groups and illiberal practices; Traditional schemes of religious accommodations, with special reference to the Ottoman millet system; The reality of religious accommodations in Western democracies (United States, Canada, France, United Kingdom, Germany); The reality of religious accommodations in the Middle East, with special reference to Israel; the problem of minorities within minorities; essentialism, secularism in divided communities and reform movements.

A student who has successfully completed this course should:

- Understand the justifications for accommodating groups in general, and religious groups in particular
- Understand the problems associated with accommodating religious groups, especially when the particular group endorses illiberal practices
- Have the capacity to identify the legal instruments meant to mitigate the effects of illiberal practices of religious groups
- Be aware of the relevance of the constitutional culture for both the legitimacy of accommodating religious groups and the problems associated with such accommodations.

Note: This course will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:30 - 2:30 pm in Spring 2021 on the following dates: 1/26, 1/28, 2/2, 2/4, 2/9, 2/11, 2/16, 2/18, 2/23, 2/25, 3/2, 3/4 and 3/9.

ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY AT ALL CLASS SESSIONS. Enrolled students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to remain enrolled. Waitlisted students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to remain eligible to be admitted off the waitlist. All enrolled students must attend each class session in its entirety. Failure to attend the first class session in its entirety will result in a drop; failure to attend any subsequent class session in its entirety may result in a withdrawal. Enrolled students will have until the beginning of the second class session to request a drop by contacting the Office of the Registrar; a student who no longer wishes to remain enrolled after the second class session begins will not be permitted to drop the class but may request a withdrawal from an academic advisor in the Office of Academic Affairs. Withdrawals are permitted up until the last class for this specific course. Students may take this seminar for either 2 or 3 credits. All members of the seminar are required to write a number of short reaction papers. Students taking the seminar for 3 credits are also required to write a research paper. J.D. students must register for the 3 credit section of the seminar if they wish to write a paper fulfilling the Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement.

LAW 712 v00 Rethinking Securities Regulations & the Role of the SEC (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20712%20v00)

LL.M Course (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours

Crisis often brings change. The stock market crash of 1929 prompted Congressional hearings that eventually produced revolutionary legislation: the Securities Act of 1933, which regulated U.S. securities offerings; and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which regulated securities markets and established the SEC. Like the financial meltdown 80 years ago, the recent financial crisis has sparked a critique of the U.S. financial regulatory system. Having witnessed a Ponzi scheme of unprecedented magnitude and the near decimation of venerable Wall Street firms, scholars, lawmakers, regulators, and investors have questioned the appropriateness of our current regulatory framework and the role of the SEC.

The first part of the course will focus on understanding the events that prompted the 1933 Act, the 1934 Act, the Investment Company of 1940, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, and the establishment and growth of the SEC. Perhaps not surprisingly, many of those same policy considerations are driving current discussions within the Commission, in Congress, and in the Administration. The second part of the course will examine particular aspects of securities regulation from both substantive and organizational viewpoints, including the regulation of public companies, investment companies, and investment advisors, with an emphasis on the inner workings of the SEC. We will study the current functions played by the Commission's various divisions and offices as we explore the pros and cons of the existing regulatory architecture and the initiatives under consideration at the SEC and within Congress. The final segment of the course will focus on the future of the SEC and financial regulation in the U.S. We will review reform proposals and other ideas for reorganizing the system. We will have speakers including present and former senior officials from the SEC and the financial industry.

This course is open to both JD and LLM students and is recommended for students who wish to gain a deeper understanding of the SEC or may be considering an externship with the Commission.

Prerequisite: Prior or concurrent enrollment in Securities Regulation.
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Sprawl. Students will also learn strategies for dismantling segregation antecedents and successors), environmental degradation, and suburban hostility, militarized policing in certain neighborhoods (Ferguson & all its disparities, wasted human capital due to lack of opportunity, racial animates segregation. They will learn that the chief consequence of education and that segregation is discriminatory. They will grapple with the fundamental question of why segregation exists and the role of law in creating and responding to segregation. Students will gain a historical perspective on the ideology of white supremacy that animates segregation. They will learn that the chief consequence of segregation is inequality, for everyone, people of color and whites. Among those consequences are mass incarceration, health and wealth disparities, wasted human capital due to lack of opportunity, racial hostility, militarized policing in certain neighborhoods (Ferguson & all its antecedents and successors), environmental degradation, and suburban sprawl. Students will also learn strategies for dismantling segregation and, hopefully, help develop innovative solutions in their research papers.

In this seminar, students can choose their paper topics from a list provided by the professor or can choose their own with the professor’s approval. Some of the class sessions will be based on the topics students choose for their papers. Each student will do a one-hour presentation of his or her paper and lead the discussion on it.

The professor will also supply a list of books and a few films designed to give students further insight into the issues covered in the seminar. Each student will select one book (or a film and a book) and will lead discussion in class when we are dealing with a related subject.

There will be no written examination. Grade will be based 80% on the paper and 20% on class participation.

This seminar focuses on the rights of indigenous peoples from the viewpoint of comparative and international law. We will look into the origins of the laws affecting native peoples, how they have changed over the years, and how differently these issues have been handled in various parts of the world. We will also look into the efforts to create an international law on the rights of indigenous peoples.

In this seminar, students can choose their paper topics from a list provided by the professor or can choose their own with the professor’s approval. Some of the class sessions will be based on the topics students choose for their papers. Each student will do a one-hour presentation of his or her paper and lead the discussion on it.

The professor will also supply a list of books and a few films designed to give students further insight into the issues covered in the seminar. Each student will select one book (or a film and a book) and will lead discussion in class when we are dealing with a related subject.

There will be no written examination. Grade will be based 80% on the paper and 20% on class participation.

This seminar will include cases, statutes, legislative hearings, interbranch correspondence and other materials.

J.D. Seminar | 3 credit hours
This course will address the allocation of authority among the branches of the federal government. The course title is a bit of a misnomer, because those powers are not simply “separated” between the three departments. As Justice Jackson wrote, although “the Constitution diffuses power the better to secure liberty . . . it also contemplates that practice will integrate the dispersed powers into a workable government. It enjoins upon its branches separateness but interdependence, autonomy but reciprocity.” Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. v. Sawyer, 343 U.S. 579, 635 (1952) (Jackson, J., concurring)). A principal focus of the course will be to test Justice Jackson’s description. Although we will examine some issues related to the federal judiciary and Article III, our primary focus will be on Articles I and II—in particular, on the President’s independent powers and Congress’s authority to regulate the Executive. This course will deal in greater depth with some of the separation-of-powers issues you studied in Constitutional Law I, but we will also closely examine current controversies, including the allocation of congressional and executive war powers, foreign affairs disputes, congressional oversight, presidential control over the execution of federal law, and constitutional interpretation within the political branches. The principal text will be the second edition of Shane & Bruff, Separation of Powers Law (2005), with some supplemental materials.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for this course and Separation of Powers Seminar with Professors Clement and Blatt. Students MAY receive credit for this course and Separation of Powers Seminar: Hot Topics in Scholarship with Professor Chafetz.

J.D. Course | 3 credit hours
This seminar addresses advanced issues raised by the interaction of the three branches of the federal government. In particular, the seminar will build on the separation of powers issues covered in the Constitutional Law I course by addressing some of those issues in greater depth and dealing with other separation of powers issues that tend to receive less attention because they do not result in justiciable controversies. Specific areas of study will include the political question doctrine, the invocation of executive privilege in Congress and the courts, executive immunity from the criminal and civil process, congressional subpoena power over executive branch documents, the effect of impeachment on the separation of powers, the issues raised by the executive branch’s refusal to defend the constitutionality of acts of Congress, and judicial review of executive branch efforts to address foreign terrorism.

Students will be expected to prepare an outline, draft, and final version of a 25-page paper on a topic covered in the seminar and chosen in consultation with the instructor. Participation in class discussions will factor into final grades. Photocopied sets of reading materials for the seminar will include cases, statutes, legislative hearings, interbranch correspondence and other materials.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this seminar and Executive Branch Legal Interpretation: The Separation of Powers and the Office of Legal Counsel.
LAW 1711 v00 Separation of Powers Seminar: Hot Topics in Scholarship
J.D. Seminar | 2-3 credit hours
The nature and consequences of our constitutional separation of powers are topics of substantial debate, with significant implications for our system of government. This seminar examines recent scholarly discussions of various aspects of the separation of powers. Topics will include deep dives into each of the three branches, discussions of the interactions between those branches and other institutions, and selected thematic topics.

**Note:** Students can take this course and Separation of Powers with Professor Lederman and Separation of Powers Seminar with Professors Clement and Blatt.

This seminar requires a paper. J.D. students must register for the 3 credit section of the seminar if they wish to write a paper fulfilling the Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement. The paper requirements of the 2 credit section will not fulfill the J.D. Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement.

LAW 1661 v00 Sex Equality: Theory and Practice
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 1 credit hour
The seminar on **Sex Equality: Theory and Practice** will focus on particular issues that currently press the boundaries of what “sex equality under the law” means, both legally and socially. Over the course of the week, students will read and discuss at least one substantial piece of recent feminist scholarship and also meet with one or more leading practitioners in the field. For example, students may read a law review article that addresses transgender or gender non-binary issues, and discuss its ideas from a theoretical point of view with the professor and then discuss the same questions with a more applied focus with an advocate. Students may also read short texts such as articles from journalism or organizational reports.

By the end of the week, students will have gained a concrete sense of how current scholarly debates intersect with the efforts of advocates involved in lawmaking (whether through litigation or other means). The class itself will serve as a bridge between academia and practice, and discussions will analyze both overlaps and disjunctions.

Attendance and participation every day is mandatory. In addition to participation, valuation will be based on written reactions to the assigned scholarly readings.

**Recommended:** Knowledge of Fourteenth Amendment rights or anti-discrimination statutes would be helpful, but is not required.

**Note:** WEEK ONE COURSE. This seminar will meet for one week only, on the following days: Monday, January 6, 2020, through Thursday, January 9, 2020, 1:30 p.m. - 4:50 p.m. This course is mandatory pass/fail and will not count toward the 7 credit pass/fail limit for J.D. students.

**ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY AT ALL CLASS SESSIONS.** Enrolled students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to remain enrolled. Waitlisted students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to remain eligible to be admitted off the waitlist. All enrolled students must attend each class session in its entirety. Failure to attend the first class session in its entirety will result in a drop; failure to attend any subsequent class session in its entirety will result in a withdrawal. Enrolled students will have until the beginning of the second class session to request a drop by contacting the Office of the Registrar; a student who no longer wishes to remain enrolled after the second class session begins will not be permitted to drop the class but may request a withdrawal from an academic advisor in the Office of Academic Affairs. Withdrawals are permitted up until the last class for this specific course.
LAW 395 v03 Sexual Orientation and the Law: Selected Topics in Civil Rights (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20395%20v03)
J.D. Course | 3 credit hours
This survey course explores a wide range of legal issues relating to sexual orientation and gender identity. The issues we will address cut across numerous areas of legal doctrine, including criminal law, employment, family law, equal protection, privacy, and First Amendment law. The course considers how the legal system regulates and affects various aspects of the lives of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, and transgendered individuals; we will address workplace issues, family relationships (including marriage, partnerships and parenting), and the interplay between law, politics, and policy as it relates to sexual orientation. The course will meld both legal theory and practical considerations, and therefore will draw on the experiences of several practitioners as course participants currently involved in shaping various aspects of LGBT law and policy.

Strongly Recommended: Prior or concurrent enrollment in Constitutional Law II: Individual Rights and Liberties.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this course and Sexuality, Gender and the Law Seminar or the course, Gender Law II: Individual Rights and Liberties.

LAW 1353 v00 Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, Sex Characteristics and International Human Rights Law (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201353%20v00) (Project-Based Practicum)
J.D. Practicum | 4 credit hours
In a project-based practicum course, students participate in a weekly seminar and work on a project under the supervision of the professor. This project-based practicum course will focus on issues of sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and sex characteristics from an international human rights law perspective. Students will participate in a two hour/week seminar and carry out 10 hours/week of project work under the direction of the course professor.

Background: Every day, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) people are victims of multiple human rights violations, which are directly linked to the lack of acceptance (by society and the State) of their non-normative sexualities, gender identities or gender expressions. Some of the most common human rights violations of LGBTQ people include killings, torture, ill-treatment, “corrective” or punishing rape, “conversion therapy,” discrimination in schools, in the workplace and in accessing health services, among many others. Intersex persons face human rights violations because of the general lack of acceptance of their bodies that differ from the socially accepted standards of “female” and “male” bodies. Because of their sex characteristics, intersex people often face human rights violations including irreversible non-consented and non-medically necessary genital surgery at the early stages of infancy and throughout childhood, as well as forced sterilization, among others.

SEMINAR: The course will take a close look at some of the human rights violations faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer and intersex (LGBTQI) people, or other people perceived as such, as well as the corresponding States’ obligations under international human rights law. The students will analyze landmark and recent decisions emerging from regional and international human rights monitoring bodies, which have developed standards around these categories. This analysis will provide a solid legal foundation for students to develop their projects for external partners.

PROJECT WORK: Students will work, under the direction of the professor, with external partners on legal and policy projects, including conducting legal research and drafting memoranda on specific human rights issues faced by LGBTQI people, preparing shadow reports to present before international human rights bodies, conducting analysis of legislation or a related case, among others. External partners vary every year, and include international and domestic leading human rights organizations working on the promotion and protection of the rights of LGBTQI people at the international level.

Prerequisite: J.D. students must complete the required first-year program prior to enrolling in this course (part-time and interdivisional transfer students may enroll prior to completing Criminal Justice, Property, or their first-year elective).

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this practicum course and a clinic or another practicum course. Students may concurrently enroll in this practicum course and an externship.

Note: This practicum course is open to LL.M. students, space permitting. Interested LL.M. students should email the Office of the Registrar (lawreg@georgetown.edu) to request admission.

Evening students who work during the day are encouraged to reach out to the professor to discuss whether this practicum course would be compatible with their schedules. This is a four credit course. Two credits will be awarded for the two-hour weekly seminar and two credits will be awarded for approximately 10 hours of supervised project work per week for a minimum of 11 weeks. Both the seminar and the externship work will be graded. Students who enroll in this course will be automatically withdrawn from the practicum course.
LAW 1525 v00 Special Topics in Immigration (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201525%20v00)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2 credit hours
This course will give students an in-depth look at rapidly developing areas in immigration law. Students will become familiar with the variety of adjudicators in the immigration system, navigating the relationship between Asylum Officers, Immigration Judges, the Board of Immigration Appeals, and the federal courts. We explore legal topics that often arise before these adjudicatory bodies, focusing on those that generate the most frequent—and complex—litigation. Specifically, we focus on detention and bond, corroboration requirements for asylum seekers, and “categorical approach,” under which adjudicators determine whether a criminal conviction renders a respondent removable and ineligible for relief. Students will also become familiar with constitutional challenges to immigration statutes or procedures as they appear in immigration courts and the extent of executive authority under the immigration laws. Finally, we introduce students to judicial review under the Immigration & Nationality Act, the immigration rule of leniency, and the role of deference doctrines in immigration cases.

This course also provides experiential training in the field of appellate immigration practice. Instead of writing a final paper or exam, students will participate in a moot court exercise. Each student will draft the pleadings and prepare arguments for an immigration-related case currently pending in a court of appeals. During this process, the professors provide each student with individualized feedback on her brief-writing and oral advocacy.

Learning Objectives:
Through this course, students will:

• Better understand judicial review under the immigration laws and the immigration adjudication procedures.
• Develop familiarity with asylum law, exclusion and removal grounds, and detention under the immigration laws.
• Gain knowledge of administrative legal practice, including concepts like administrative exhaustion requirements, administrative appeals procedures, and judicial review.
• Become familiar with appellate practice, including concepts like standard of review and findings of fact.
• Develop oral advocacy skills, including the ability to respond to present a legal argument and respond to questions from appeals judges.
• Prepare pleadings in an immigration case at the appellate level, including researching relevant caselaw and succinctly stating the facts of the case.

Recommended: Immigration Law and Policy.

LAW 410 v07 State and Local Government Law (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20410%20v07)
J.D. Course | 3 credit hours
States are the “laboratories of democracy” Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis said, and contemporary theories of localism argue that policy change can be driven by innovation at the municipal level. Each state has its own Constitution, its own court system, and its own legislative process. States and local governments enjoy substantial law-making and regulatory authority; bear significant responsibility for the financing and provision of most domestic public goods and services; and are key sites for political participation. This course surveys the legal environment, political values and policy debates that shape state and local governments in the United States. After completing the course, students will be able to identify many of the key doctrinal principals and analyze how they apply to the socio-economic context of federalism today. Some of the topics for discussion include (1) the allocation of power between states and their local governments and the role of state and local governments in the federal system; (2) distinctions between state constitutions and the US Constitution in form and powers including elected judiciaries, legislative procedure, line item vetoes, direct democracy and fundamental rights; (3) the Tenth Amendment, cooperative and coercive federalism, and the role of states as a counterweight to federal power; (4) the pivotal role of local government in the regulation of private land use; (5) state and local sources of revenue, balanced budget provisions, and limits on borrowing; (6) recent trends in blight, suburbanization, sprawl and redevelopment; (7) federal pre-emption of state authorities, and the conflict between plenary state power and local autonomy; and (8) inter-local cooperation and regional governments. The course will examine the role of governors and mayors as policymakers, and how horizontal federalism serves as a driver of national policy in areas including civil rights, immigration and climate change. The course also will challenge students to explore the tension between the historical movement toward greater local home rule and the modern trend to regional solutions. Finally, the course will enable students to exercise and develop skills of particular relevance to state and local decision-making: statutory interpretation, working effectively in groups, and understanding the dynamics and procedural context of state and local government proceedings.

Learning Objectives:
This course aspires to empower its students to:

• Recognize and apply several core legal doctrines that enable and constrain state governments and various local government entities.
• Describe how several prominent threads of American political theory have guided the historical development of state and local government law.
• Apply several constitutional principles and legal standards that regulate state and local government.
• Explain the predominant funding mechanisms for state and local governments, and analyze how state and local policies can affect the viability of local government.
• Identify several state and federal policies that can impair the sustainability of local government; and federal policies that constrain the autonomy of states in performing their core functions.
• Develop and deliver principled arguments about how socio-economic policy issues relate to legal doctrine, intra-regional wealth, housing and land use policy and alternatives to local government.

Recommended: Although no prerequisites are required for this course familiarity with constitutional law, property law and administrative law are helpful.
J.D. Seminar | 2 credit hours

"There will always be a new federalism" one scholar said. In recent years, the federal government has taken on increasing responsibility for state programs that traditionally have been within the purview of state government, including health, education, and job creation. The states have not accepted this diminished role, and in state legislatures and federal courts across the nation, a battle is being played out over the constitutional limits of federal power. This course will examine the balance of powers between the three branches of government and the intergovernmental relationship between state and federal levels. We will start with an examination of Tenth Amendment, Commerce Clause, and coercive federalism jurisprudence, focusing in particular on National Federation of Independent Business v. Sibelius (the Affordable Care Act case). We will also look at state constitutions and the role of state courts of final jurisdiction in the protection of individual rights and the roles of these courts as a counterpoise to federal courts, the role of the governor, the relationship of state governors to their legislatures, judicial independence in states that elect their judges, and states as lobbyists of the federal government. We will consider the choice advocates make between litigating or pursuing state legislative change to advance policy objectives. There will be two assessments, both involving role-playing, which will require student papers as well as one-on-one evaluation of oral presentations. For these, students will be expected to work on contemporary issues simulating the work of state legislative committee staff, Governor’s counsel staff, and state-level lobbyists. Participation will be a component of assessment for the class. Limited to 20.

Note: Students may not withdraw from this class after the add/drop period ends without the permission of the professor.

LAW 435 v01 State Government Law and Policy (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20435%20v01)

J.D. Seminar | 2 credit hours

This seminar explores several significant legal and policy concerns raised by the conduct of foreign intelligence activities. We will consider the disclosures of Edward Snowden and their impact on the balancing of national security and privacy, the congressional authorization for foreign intelligence surveillance and the operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court. We will review the role of Congress and the executive branch in intelligence oversight. We will consider the investigation and prosecution of espionage, using the Aldrich Ames and other recent cases as examples, including the Classified Information Procedures Act and the state secrets privilege. We will examine the authority for, and controls on, covert action and its role in the conduct of foreign policy, and compare the role of military special operations. We will use one class to examine the Law of Armed Conflict and International Humanitarian Law. And we will discuss the problems of cyber-security with a senior corporate officer from a major military industrial company. The class will be structured as an ongoing conversation on these and related topics.

LAW 415 v00 Strategic Intelligence and Public Policy Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20415%20v00)

J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours

This seminar will discuss the problems of cyber-security with a senior corporate officer from a major military industrial company. The class will be structured as an ongoing conversation on these and related topics.
This seminar examines the history of the Supreme Court as an institution from its origins to the present day. Beginning with the design for the Supreme Court in the Constitution itself, we will study the Court as it has developed chronologically, from its first meeting on February 2, 1790 in the Royal Exchange building in New York City to its current occupants on One First Street. Each week we will move forward from one period to the next, organizing our study around the 17 Chief Justiceships of John Jay through John Roberts. We will rely principally upon two single volume histories of the Supreme Court and supplement these narratives with selections from some of the defining cases from each of these periods. Our goals throughout will be to think through the dominant jurisprudential questions and trends of each era, the personalities that shaped the Court at different moments, and the changes in the powers and internal operating procedures of the Court itself.

Students will be expected to prepare an outline, draft, and final version of a 20-25-page paper on a topic covered in the seminar and chosen in consultation with the instructor. Participation in class discussions will factor into final grades.
LAW 469 v00 Supreme Court Litigation Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20469%20v00)
J.D. Seminar | 2 credit hours
This seminar seeks greater understanding of the nature of Supreme Court decision-making in four primary ways:

First, we will read a modest amount of secondary source material and discuss how the Supreme Court works and how it differs from other American courts.

Second, we will study in depth several cases being decided by the Court this Spring.

Third, through two short (10-12 page, double-spaced) writing assignments and opportunities for extensive one-on-one discussion with me, there will be a heavy emphasis on effective legal writing.

Fourth, we will focus on effective oral advocacy, as practiced in the U.S. Supreme Court, with multiple opportunities to observe actual moot courts and talk with arguing counsel, and also for each student to participate as advocate and judge in short, informal moot courts, all in cases currently pending before the Court.

Topics to be discussed include the certiorari process, strategic considerations in briefing before the Court, the role of amici curiae, the Office of the Solicitor General and its impact on the work of the Court, and the role of oral argument in the decisional process.

Students will be expected to be prepared to participate at each seminar meeting. Course grades will be based on classroom participation and the two papers.

Prerequisite: J.D. students must complete the required first-year program, including Constitutional Law I: The Federal System (or Democracy and Coercion), prior to enrolling in this course (part-time and interdivisional transfer students may enroll prior to completing Criminal Justice, Property, or their first-year elective).


Note: FIRST CLASS ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY. Enrolled students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to remain enrolled. Waitlisted students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to remain eligible to be admitted off the waitlist.

Students will attend three Supreme Court Institute moot courts over the course of the semester. Most will be held at the usual class time, but it is possible that one or more may be scheduled on a Friday afternoon (1:00 p.m. or later). Availability to attend at these times is a class requirement except for other class conflicts.

LAW 418 v00 Supreme Court Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%20418%20v00)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2-3 credit hours
This seminar examines the Supreme Court as an institution with emphasis on the ways in which the institutional forms and structures of the Court influence the law the Court makes. Topics studied include: appointments to the Court; the Court's jurisdiction and procedures for determining cases it will adjudicate; the internal deliberative process employed by the Justices; and the role of the advocates before the Court. Cases currently pending in the Supreme Court will be studied for illustrative purposes.

Prerequisite: Constitutional Law I: The Federal System (or Democracy and Coercion).


Note: Note: This seminar requires a paper. J.D. students must register for the 3 credit section of the seminar if they wish to write a paper fulfilling the Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement. The paper requirements of the 2 credit section will not fulfill the J.D. Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement.
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND GOVERNMENT

LAW 1738 v00 Supreme Court Today

J.D. Seminar | 2 credit hours
The focus of this course is the Supreme Court's current docket—cases that the Court is hearing and deciding this term. We will use the rich variety of the Court’s cases as a springboard to explore its decisional process. Through close study of briefs and oral arguments, students will learn about the art of appellate advocacy. We will also examine perceptions of the Court in the media, the role of the Court in American society, and cross-cutting themes in the Court’s jurisprudence. The mosaic of the Court’s current docket reaches into many disparate corners of the law, including voting rights, the powers of the police in Indian country, administrative law judges and the Constitution’s Appointments Clause, the Fourth Amendment’s limits on police entry into a home, securities law class actions, the application of antitrust law to the NCAA, and the FTC’s injunctive powers. Engaging with these cases and analyzing both sides’ arguments will deepen your understanding of the Court as an institution and how advocates seek to persuade it.


Note: The course will be enrolled via the waitlist process and is limited to 15 students. The waitlist for this course will open at 5:30 pm ET on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. Seats will be awarded in the waitlist run after 3 pm ET on Wednesday, January 13. Students who add their name to the waitlist between January 12, 5:30 pm ET – Wednesday, January 13, 3:00 pm ET, will be eligible for the first run of the waitlist for this course. Students who “win” a seat through the waitlist lottery will receive an email notification that includes the deadline for claiming the seat.

ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY AT ALL CLASS SESSIONS. Enrolled students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to remain enrolled. Waitlisted students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to remain eligible to be admitted off the waitlist. All enrolled students must attend each class session in its entirety. Failure to attend the first class session in its entirety may result in a drop; failure to attend any subsequent class session in its entirety may result in a withdrawal.

LAW 1416 v00 Supreme Court Topics: The Role of Dissenting Opinions

J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 1 credit hour
In this course students will learn about the role of dissenting opinions in U.S. appellate courts generally, and the United States Supreme Court in particular, with a special focus on the writings and jurisprudence of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. We will also briefly discuss the role dissents play in select foreign jurisdictions. Students will be evaluated based on their active and informed class participation, including a mini-moot during the final class session, and on the quality of their final written product, which will be a 5-10 page paper.

Recommended: Constitutional Law I: The Federal System or Democracy and Coercion.

Note: This course is mandatory pass/fail and will not count toward the 7 credit pass/fail limit for J.D. students.

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LAW 1706 v00 Surveillance and Civil Rights (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201706%20v00) (Fieldwork Practicum)
J.D. Practicum | 6 credit hours
The Center on Privacy & Technology at Georgetown Law conducts research and advocacy at the intersection of privacy and civil rights. Center reports have revealed that most American adults are in a police face recognition database; that face recognition technology suffers from race, age, and gender bias; and that ICE is beginning to tap into the biometric networks that police have long exploited. Center advocacy has resulted in multiple states investigating or halting use of face recognition; in ICE dropping plans for an expansive social media monitoring plan; and in Congress halting the use of unaccompanied children's data to find and deport their loved ones.

In this fieldwork based practicum, students will learn the tools of effective research and policy advocacy, and put those tools to use in the Center's projects on biometrics, immigrant surveillance, and potentially other fields. They will work closely with Center staff and, as needed, their partners in civil society and federal and state legislatures.

The projects that the students will likely work on will generally fall into two fields relating to two tranches of research and advocacy:

Immigrant Surveillance. By the end of 2020, the Center will release a comprehensive report on the expansion and lawless nature of surveillance conducted by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Customs & Border Protection. The students may have an array of projects related to that work, including:

- Writing research papers analyzing congressional oversight into ICE and CBP appropriations.
- Writing research papers identifying policy tools — legislative, executive, and administrative — that policy stakeholders can use to decrease or cut off flows of data to immigration enforcement.
- Conducting targeted outreach to federal and state legislators to urge them to investigate, conduct oversight, and take policy action on this subject.

Police Face Recognition. The Center is the nation's leading research institution into the proliferation, use, and misuse of face recognition by law enforcement. In 2020, the Center will release its fifth research paper on the subject, analyzing the evidentiary rules that should apply to the technology in state and federal courts. The students may have an array of projects related to that work, including:

- Analyzing caselaw on legacy biometrics (fingerprint, DNA) to apply those precedents to face recognition.
- Writing draft legislation to regulate the use of face recognition by law enforcement.
- Conducting targeted outreach to federal and state legislators to urge them to investigate, conduct oversight, and take policy action on this subject.

In the seminar, students will study the following legal, policy, and technical frameworks:

- The Immigration and Nationality Act, the authorizing statutes behind the Department of Homeland Security, and their intersection with federal and state surveillance statutes and caselaw;
- Fourth Amendment protections for geolocation information post-Carpenter;
- The tensions between regulating immigrant surveillance and face recognition at different levels of government (local, state, federal); and
- The data-sharing networks and technical systems underlying both face recognition and ICE/CBP surveillance.

In fieldwork practicum courses, students participate in weekly seminars and conduct related fieldwork at outside organizations. This fieldwork practicum course will focus on the access to justice crisis in this country. Students will participate in a two hour/week seminar and carry out 10 hours/week of fieldwork with organizations that are engaged in research and developing interventions to address the civil access to justice crisis.

SEMINAR: In the two-credit, graded, seminar portion of the practicum, students will learn about the nature and extent of the access to justice crisis in this country. Recent studies reveal that an estimated 75% of civil cases in the state courts have at least one party who is unrepresented, leaving some 30 million people who cannot afford an attorney alone in court. Indeed, 86% of civil legal problems of low income Americans receive inadequate or no legal help. The stakes are high with many people without legal help facing the danger of losing their families, their homes and their livelihoods. Yet, this invisible crisis has given rise to an array of innovations to serve more people who cannot afford an attorney. Students will study new interventions to rectify this broken system; consider strategies to bring forward solutions; enhance their competencies in gathering essential information; engage in creative problem-solving; enhance their legislative and rule drafting skills; gain experience in working as part of a team; and address cultural issues and concerns.

FIELDWORK: In the two-credit, mandatory pass/fail, fieldwork portion of the practicum, students will be assigned to work with organizations that are engaged in research and development initiatives to address the civil access to justice crisis. The organizations may include District-based legal services providers—such as Ayuda, D.C. Access to Justice Commission, D.C. Pro Bono Center, as well as national organizations such as the Legal Services Corporation, Fines and Fees Justice Center, or the Self Represented Litigation Network. Initiatives underway include: revising unauthorized practice of law rules to permit non-lawyers to help address unmet legal needs; expanding pro bono commitments through establishing mandatory pro bono requirements, and through other means; developing "low bono" projects to represent those with modest incomes who cannot afford the normal rates lawyers charge; creating ways for professionals and community actors who are not lawyers to help provide access to justice; creating civil Gideon requirements at state levels in adversarial proceedings where basic human needs are at stake; providing new forms of self-help services to those who represent themselves in litigation or in their handling of other legal matters; and reforming court rules and procedures to create a fairer environment for pro se litigants.

Prerequisite: J.D. students must complete the required first-year program prior to enrolling in this course (part-time and interdivisional transfer students may enroll prior to completing Civil Justice, Property, or their first-year elective).

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not concurrently enroll in this practicum and an externship or a clinic or another practicum course.

Note: This practicum course is open to LL.M. students, space permitting. Interested LL.M. students should email the Office of the Registrar (lawreg@georgetown.edu) to request admission.

This course is suitable for evening students who can commit to attending seminar and working 10 hours/week (during business hours). This is a four credit course. Two credits will be awarded for the two-hour weekly seminar and two credits for approximately 10 hours of fieldwork per week, for a minimum of 11 weeks, to be scheduled with the faculty. The two-credit seminar portion will be graded. The two credits of fieldwork are evaluated on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis.

LAW 1299 v00 Tackling the Civil Access to Justice Crisis (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201299%20v00) (Fieldwork Practicum)
J.D. Practicum | 4 credit hours
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These rapid changes lead to numerous legal questions: What is the "free press" in an era when journalists are pushed to amass clicks? Who is a journalist when access to publication technology has been democratized? Are reporter shield laws still relevant when technology allows the government to covertly spy on journalists? Does law have a role to play in combatting so-called "fake news"? Can and should the First Amendment (or other law) protect the press from being squeezed by technology platforms? More generally, what is law's role in protecting journalists, the press, or the journalistic process? This course aims to encourage deep thinking, discussion, and writing about the answers to these questions.

Among the learning objectives for this course are: developing an understanding of how the law conceives of the press, journalists, and the audience for news; determining what legal questions arise as a result of how technology is impacting the press; creatively considering whether and how law can address these questions; improving legal research techniques as well as the ability to closely read and analyze both scholarly work and legal authorities; developing, organizing, and writing a seminar paper that is not merely descriptive but sets forth a thesis and defends it; and refining the ability to give and receive feedback as we workshop drafts.

The course is organized thematically; in each two- or three-week unit we will focus on a particular issue, including the foreign affairs background to the establishment of federal courts under Article III of the Constitution; the status of foreign states as litigants in federal court; the status of international law in federal court; the reach of the courts' jurisdiction beyond U.S. territory; and the courts' deference (or lack thereof) to the political branches on questions implicating foreign relations. Each unit will be framed in historical perspective, exploring both the courts' past practice and their modern approach.

There are no prerequisites.
This course, taught by Professor David Cole, who will become the National Legal Director of the ACLU in January 2017, will examine key moments in the history of civil liberties, as well as some of the current civil liberties challenges and those likely to arise in the coming years. The course will focus on the role that the ACLU and other civil society organizations have played in civil liberties conflicts, studying their strategies, tactics, goals, and effectiveness. Readings will include historical accounts of civil liberties disputes, as well as cases and other materials relating to current and future civil liberties disputes. Among other topics, we will cover criminal justice, campaign finance reform, the tension between LGBT rights and religious freedom, immigrants’ rights, sexual assault and due process on college campuses, and the right to die.

Each student will be responsible for two 8-10 page papers and significant class participation, including an oral presentation on the topic of one of the papers. Each paper and class participation will count for a third of the final grade.

Prerequisite: Constitutional Law II: Individual Rights and Liberties.

Note: This course is enrolled via waitlist.

Overview

As the chief legal officer of the states, commonwealths and territories of the United States, attorneys general serve as counselors to their legislatures and state agencies and as the “People’s Lawyer” for all citizens. Originating in the mid-13th century in the office of England’s “King’s Attorney,” the office had become, by the American Revolution, one of advisor to the Crown and to government agencies. Since colonial times, three forces have molded the office of the Attorney General: state constitutions and state government codes, which specify the duties and responsibilities of the attorney general; legislative decrees altering the duties of the attorney general in response to specific state needs; and the personalities and ambitions of those who have served as attorney general. Attorneys general today deal with everything from common law and statutory authority; conflicting legal and policy demands; resource restriction; relationships with outside counsel; and hard-core partisan politics. This course will cover the day to day challenges faced by attorneys general and their staffs in delivering legal advice to guide state government in a constitutional and ethical manner. The course will also cover the relationship of attorneys general with the federal government, the private bar and a myriad of advocacy organizations. It will focus on some of the most controversial legal issues attorneys general address — consumer protection, public corruption and checking the federal executive, to name a few. Although each state is unique, the course will demonstrate the congruence that exists among state attorneys general when addressing similar challenges and issues. Unlike private and other government lawyers, who work subject to ethical rules that defer decision making to agency “clients,” state attorneys general answer directly to the public interest. The course is weighted toward those decisions by attorneys general that reflect their independent status, which is most often revealed when legislatures, other elected officials, state agencies or the federal government exceed their constitutional or statutory authority. The course materials include case materials and court documents, scholarly articles from a variety of sources, and some journalistic coverage. There is no separate text for this course. All materials will be available via a web portal to be designated by the professor.

Policies

It is important to complete assigned reading fully before each session. I strongly recommend that you check assignments early and budget your reading time accordingly.

Course grades will be based on your paper grade, the quality of class participation, and the quality of constructive feedback given to fellow students. Attendance is required. If you must miss a class, please inform me beforehand at feldmanh@georgetown.edu. In addition to regular attendance, students will be credited for thoughtful questions and comments and for constructively engaging with the professor and with fellow students in class discussion. Quality is paramount, quantity far less significant.

Students will design their own paper topics in consultation with the professor. Students will submit rough drafts for comments from the professor. They will also have an opportunity to receive peer feedback on their work-in-progress. Final papers will be evaluated with consideration for originality, creativity, persuasiveness, clarity, quality of writing, and evidence of ability to absorb and constructively use feedback. The technical requirements for the paper (e.g. minimum length, citation format, submission for WR credit) are specified in the Georgetown Law Student Handbook of Academic Policies in the section titled "Upper Class Legal Writing Requirement."
LAW 1463 v00 The Trump Presidency: Legal, Political and Moral Problems (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201463%20v00)
J.D. Course (cross-listed) | 3 credit hours
Donald Trump’s victory in the 2016 presidential election has raised a host of constitutional, policy, and moral concerns. For some Americans, the Trump presidency promises long-delayed and much needed reforms vital to our future. For others, it threatens the very survival of the republic.

This deep and acrimonious division, in turn, raises serious questions about whether Americans still share enough common ground to function as a thriving democracy. It also raises questions about constitutional law. Can adherence to the constitution or to constitutional values bridge this disagreement? Are our constitutional structures sufficiently robust to ward off authoritarianism? If not, are there other social or political structures that will serve this purpose? Is authoritarianism a serious threat under current circumstances?

In addition to these broad and existential questions about the country’s future, the Trump presidency poses a host of narrower, legal and related policy questions about matters such as the appropriate form of immigration policy, the putative need for electoral reform, the problem of providing adequate health care and controlling costs, the role of courts in curbing presidential power, and the virtues or vices of free trade.

The Trump phenomenon did not emerge from nowhere. It is part of a world-wide erosion of the liberal consensus that has dominated politics since the end of World War II. That consensus is threatened by the emergence of strong nationalist and populist forces. We will explore the possible causes of this change and the implications it holds.

For many of us, the Trump presidency also poses personal challenges. Is civil disobedience an appropriate response? Should a lawyer accept a civil service job while Donald Trump is president? Should lawyers who already have these positions resign? Is it ever appropriate for a government lawyer to take steps to oppose the policy aims of political appointees?

The aim of this course is to examine these and related questions in a calm and analytic fashion. The course is open to students of all political persuasions. It would be foolish to suppose that we can talk about these issues without having our political views influence the discussion, but we expect all participants to be respectful of, and open to, the positions of fellow participants.

Learning Goals for this course:

• To master a variety of complex legal questions raised by the Trump presidency.
• To learn about and develop informed views about important policy choices raised by the Trump presidency.
• To examine the efficacy and desirability of various constitutional structures as they intersect with the Trump presidency and the system by which Trump was elected.
• To think in a serious way about political disagreement, how it should be resolved, and how a liberal democracy can deal justly and effectively with deep cultural, social, and political divisions.
• To model among ourselves how people who disagree can talk candidly, respectfully, and forcefully about their disagreements.

LAW 1454 v00 Topics in LGBT Civil Rights Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201454%20v00)
J.D. Seminar (cross-listed) | 2-3 credit hours
This seminar will address aspects of the long and ongoing work to win LGBT freedom, equality, and inclusion. Topics likely will include the freedom to marry, challenges to so-called “sodomy” laws, the efforts to establish the rights of transgender individuals, LGBT parenting, and employment discrimination, as well as such matters as how the movement is structured, how political and legal groups and strategies interact, etc. The approach will be to talk not only about the development of the legal doctrine but also about the cultural and political context in which the struggle has taken place, and how that context contributed to the willingness or unwillingness of courts and politicians to embrace the cause. Readings will include briefs, case law, and selections from secondary sources. Students should finish the course with an understanding of how the law in this area has evolved, where it is going, and how the LGBT movement illustrates some more general aspects of how successful civil rights movements in this country operate.

Prerequisite: Constitutional Law II: Individual Rights and Liberties.

Note: This seminar requires a paper. J.D. students must register for the 3 credit section of the seminar if they wish to write a paper fulfilling the Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement. The paper requirements of the 2 credit section will not fulfill the J.D. Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement.
The final grade for the seminar will be based on a final paper and participation.

Learning goals for this course:

- Better understand the democratic/ethical values we want local law enforcement to embody and promote.
- Explore the extent to which current policing furthers those values; where it falls short; and why.
  - Gain general understanding of current police practices and the extent to which they do or do not promote lawful and effective policing;
  - Understand/develop an informed opinion on the extent to which the law does and does not appropriately direct and constrain police behavior (emphasis on 1st, 4th, 14th A)
- Understand strengths and weaknesses of legal mechanisms that have been developed to hold police individuals/agencies accountable to the rule of law; develop an informed opinion on which might be more effective in differing climates and how to improve.
- Explore and gain better understanding of limits of the law to “fix” policing and potential need for other interventions (reference to poverty, education, unemployment, but focus in this respect will be on role of protest and direct action, as well as on education/advocacy specifically around issues of bias, esp. race bias).
- Develop and hone skills related to constructive discussions regarding policing, including the nexus between race and policing.

Prerequisite: Constitutional Law I: The Federal System and Criminal Justice or Criminal Procedure.
LAW 1647 v00 Warren Court Legal History Seminar (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201647%20v00)

J.D. Seminar | 3 credit hours

More than fifty years since Chief Justice Earl Warren's retirement, the Warren Court continues to dominate our legal and historical discourse. Liberals, especially ones who came of age during the 1960s, idealize it. Conservatives elected presidents who ran against it and who made a more conservative Supreme Court their number one priority. For years, lawyers and historians have debated whether the Warren Court went too far or whether it did not go far enough. Historians have identified three different Warren Courts: 1954–1962, 1963–1965, and 1966–1969. The Court featured dynamic justices: Hugo Black, William Brennan, William O. Douglas, Felix Frankfurter, Robert H. Jackson, John Marshall Harlan II, Thurgood Marshall, and Earl Warren. It decided landmark cases: Brown v. Board of Education (1954), Cooper v. Aaron (1958), Mapp v. Ohio (1961), Baker v. Carr (1962), Gideon v. Wainwright (1963), New York Times v. Sullivan (1964), Reynolds v. Sims (1964), Griswold v. Connecticut (1965), Miranda v. Arizona (1966), and Loving v. Virginia (1967). People have responded to the Warren Court's legacy in different ways. Some have defended it as the embodiment of the political philosophy heralded by footnote four of Carolene Products (1938) and a living Constitution. Devotees of legal process and originalism have attacked it. Its real legacy may be legal liberalism – the idea of the Supreme Court as an engine for social and political change. This class explores the Warren Court's jurisprudential triumphs and failings to understand its contributions to our current discourse and to the future direction of the Supreme Court.

This seminar looks at the Warren Court from a historical perspective. Guided by readings from legal historians and the decisions themselves, we will explore the Court's major cases and issues in their historical and political context: school desegregation, suspected Communists, denaturalization, the Little Rock school crisis, redistricting, freedom of the press, right to privacy/access to contraception, criminal justice, interracial marriage, and free speech. We will also discuss the strong personalities and jurisprudential philosophies of the justices and how alliances, conflicts, and new justices affected the Court's decisionmaking. During the semester, students will complete all the required reading, participate in all class discussions, and write an original research paper that which fulfills the Upper Class Writing Requirement.

Location, location, location. Writing original research papers will be easier for you than any other law students in the country. Many Warren Court justices – Black, Frankfurter, Douglas, Jackson, Burton (with diaries!), Warren, Brennan, White, Goldberg, and Marshall – donated their papers to the Library of Congress. The papers are open to the public (with a library card) and are rich sources of material. You'll receive an expert-led tutorial on how to do archival research, discover how much fun it is to read other people's mail, and learn how the justices' papers add to our understanding of the Court's decisionmaking process.

Win $500 & get published. What other class can you win $500 and get published? Each year, the Journal of Supreme Court History awards the Hughes-Gossett Prize for the best student paper. The prize comes with a $500 award and a publication in the Journal of Supreme Court History. Think you can't win? One of my former law students at the University of Wisconsin, Jesse Bair, won the award for his article, “The Silent Man: From Lochner to Hammer v. Dagenhart, A Reevaluation of Justice William R. Day.”

Student Learning Outcomes

By the end of the semester, all students should be able to (1) discuss major topics in the constitutional and legal history of the Warren Court; (2) make a historical argument; and (3) write an original research paper. All students are required to complete the Paper Proposal, Progress Report, first draft, and final drafts of the Research Paper. All research
LAW 1370 v00 Writing for Practice: Federal Courts and the Federal System (http://curriculum.law.georgetown.edu/course-search/?keyword=LAW%201370%20v00)  
J.D. Seminar | 1 credit hour  
The ability to write effectively is one of a lawyer’s most important skills. This one-credit seminar is designed to help students develop this skill. The seminar will build upon the principles learned in the first-year Legal Research and Writing course by providing instruction in drafting legal documents typical to the particular area of law that is examined in the larger, substantive course associated with the seminar. This writing intensive seminar has been developed by two adjunct professors working in collaboration with the full-time faculty member teaching the larger course. In addition to the practical legal writing skills taught, students will also learn more generally about litigation strategy and the demands and concerns of professional practice.

The Federal Courts and the Federal System writing seminar will provide students with the opportunity to hone their legal writing while working through current, real world examples of the issues addressed in the Federal Courts and the Federal System course. Discussion will focus on using substantive Federal Courts knowledge as a practitioner, including framing complex issues for different audiences, working with “bad” facts, and the art of revision.

Written work product is the focus of the seminar. Students will write and revise objective memoranda and litigation documents. The professors will provide individualized comments on each major writing assignment, and many writing assignments will be discussed in class. Class participation will count toward the final grade.

Prerequisite: Legal Practice: Writing and Analysis; concurrent or prior enrollment in Federal Courts and the Federal System. Students may contact the professors to discuss how they may meet the prerequisite with other prior or concurrent course work or experience.

Note: THIS COURSE REQUIRES PROFESSOR PERMISSION TO ENROLL. Students should email a short statement of their interest in the seminar to Professor McSorley (tmm49@georgetown.edu) and Professor Bonner (eab73@georgetown.edu) by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 2017. After the June 6 application deadline, students will be admitted into open seats on a rolling basis.

ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY AT ALL CLASS SESSIONS. All enrolled and waitlisted students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to be eligible for a seat in the class and must attend each class session in its entirety.

Withdrawals are permitted up until the last class for this specific course.

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