RISING 3L REGISTRATION
Your legal writing requirement, Practicums & Bar enrichment courses

YOUR 3L LEGAL WRITING REQUIREMENT:

As you may be aware, the faculty voted to remove the seminar as a requirement for graduation. However, as the Bulletin advises, a 3L writing requirement remains: “Each third-year student is required to take a two-credit Legal Writing course designed for the third year. The third-year requirement is a capstone to students’ legal education. This capstone affords the opportunity to work closely with a faculty member in a substantive area of interest to the students. It also offers intensive analyses of relatively narrow areas of the law to supplement the more general education provided by the remainder of the curriculum.”

Our current offerings that will satisfy that 2-credit writing requirement are:

Law Review (3L credits only)
Practicums
Seminars
Law 312: Independent Reading & Research project (2 cr./3Ls only)

Seminars remain the primary vehicle for fulfilling your 3L legal writing requirement and will likely include:

Shakespeare & the Law
Law & Literature
Legal Issues of Poor Persons (1 cr. each Fall & Spring semesters)
Sports Law
National Security Law
Religious Freedom
American Constitutional Law
Comparative Islamic Law
Race & the Law
Natural Resources Law & Policy in the American West
U.S. Drug Laws
YOUR PRACTICUMS:

Our practicums are intensive and immersive experiences that are designed to have you focus on one area of the law or practice.

General Practicum Requirements:

1. Offered as a third-year elective
2. Minimum of 8 credit hours per semester (could be as high as 15 credit hours per semester)
3. Faculty supervised and graded
4. Practicums include a combination of the following five (5) components:
   a. Client Representation Experience
   b. Substantive Course(s) or Related Co-Curricular Activity
   c. Practice Related Research and Writing Project
   d. Mentoring by Practicing Attorney
   e. Skills Training

For academic year 2015-2016, we will be offering 2 practicums:

Family Law Practicum
Immigration Law Practicum

In most cases, you do not register for a “practicum.” Instead, you register for the required number of hours with designated courses, including the writing component if it is a distinct class.

Our Practicum options for academic year 2015-2016 are as follows:

Family Law Practicum:

Family Law (2 credits)
Family Law Internship [“Practicum”] (4 credits) (writing requirement) (Spring 2016)
Juvenile Law Clinic (3 credits) (both semesters)
Domestic Violence Clinic (4 credits) (both semesters)
Selected Topics in Family Law (2 credits) (Fall 2015)
Children & the Law (2 credits) (Fall 2015)

Immigration Law Practicum:

Immigration Clinic (6 credits) (both semesters) (writing requirement)
Immigration Law (3 credits) (Fall 2015) (unless waived by Prof. Heeren)
BAR ENRICHMENT CLASSES:

The MBE-styled classes that were offered for the current 3L class are currently only being offered for that class, for AY 2014-2015. In the meantime, the faculty have approved or are in the planning process to approve courses that will help students who will benefit from the supplemental instruction prior to taking a bar review course. The outcomes in your individual comprehensive diagnostic report or your grades in a particular class may help you decide whether or not any or all of these courses will prove useful to you.

Please note that we are offering some courses in the Fall semester so December graduates can take advantage of them. However, we are unable—at this time—to offer all these courses both semesters. A couple of the courses are also on the “menu” of bar-tested courses from which you can select. However, these are courses you should consider because either their content is tested on the MBE or they offer significant training on the skills necessary for passing the bar examination:

UCC I: Sales & Commercial Paper (3 cr.) [Contracts]
Constitutional Law III: Separation of Powers (2 cr.) [Con. Law]
Selected Topics in Property Law (2 cr./pending) [Property]
Advanced Legal Analysis (2 cr./MPT training for 2Ls) (open to 3Ls Fall, 2015)
Advanced Legal Studies (2 cr./essays for 3Ls)
Indiana Constitutional Law (2 cr.)

The schedules will be revised for dropping and adding classes as the faculty approves new courses, and we will make sure you are alerted of any other new courses as they are approved.