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This Bulletin is the comprehensive source of academic information and program requirements for Penn State’s Dickinson Law. Learn about our innovative coursework, including our reimagined curriculum, “The Lawyer As…” joint degree and certificate programs, and experiential learning opportunities.

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Course Bubble
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Changes to the Dickinson Law Bulletin
Changes to the Dickinson Law Bulletin will be tracked in real-time and listed below. At the end of every semester, these updates will be incorporated into the Bulletin.

Courses Added: Effective Spring 2020
• CCURR 911: Moot Court Advisory Board
• LWLLM 902: Introduction to U.S. Legal Research

Courses Dropped: Effective Spring 2020
• BAR 917: Pennsylvania Practice
• CCURR 908: Trial Advocacy Board
• ELECT 922: Law of Treaties
• ELECT 931: Writing Workshop
• SEMNR 907: Federal Indian Law Seminar

Course Changes: Effective Spring 2020
Elect 903: Banking Regulation (2 Credits)
Old Listing Effective Through Fall 2019:

This course will focus on banks as financial intermediaries and compare them to both the securities and insurance industries. The dual banking system of state and federal regulation will be explored as to bank formation, supervision and regulation. The course will explore the ownership and control issues affecting banks and the supervision and regulation of bank holding companies and their subsidiaries engaged in nontraditional banking activities. The causes of the financial crisis of 2007-2009, together with the reaction of financial institutions, the states, the U.S. Congress and the regulators to the crisis, will also be examined. The course will include an assessment of the deposit insurance system and the problems associated with troubled and failed banks. The course will emphasize the potential administrative enforcement, civil and criminal exposure of both regulated entities and individuals involved within those industries

Prerequisite: ELECT 904

Changes Effective Spring 2020:
• Prerequisite/Corequisite/Concurrent Courses

ELECT 934: Elder Law Comparative: Filial Support Laws
Old Listing Effective Through Fall 2019:

Filial Support Laws - Why Are Some Jurisdictions Reviving Enforcement of these Elizabethan-Era Laws? During the last five years, Germany has initiated aggressive efforts to hold family members accountable for the cost of public services to indigent elders. In some instances, U.S. citizens are being asked to contribute to the costs for care of their indigent German-citizen family members, with German authorities threatening them with international enforcement through “support and maintenance treaties” if they do not pay voluntarily. Other governments that are currently enforcing filial support laws on a domestic level include France and former Soviet countries (including Ukraine) – and Pennsylvania. This unit will allow the students to take a comparative law approach and examine modern examples of domestic and international efforts to enforce filial support laws that are being used by governments in an attempt to cover elder-care costs.

Changes Effective Spring 2020:
SEMNR 913: Race, Racism & American Law
Old Listing Effective Through Fall 2019:

This course explores the role law has played in both the subordination and promotion of the rights of people of color in America. Subjects for discussion will include: how law helped create the social construct of race, race and the American criminal justice system, affirmative action policies, and the quest for effective schools. This course examines critical race theory which posits that we all harbor at least subconscious racial bias, and that due to our racist past as a nation, racial inequality has been locked into American institutions.

Changes Effective Spring 2020:

- Change Abbreviation and Number to ELECT 935

Course Changes: Effective Fall 2020

ELECT 916: International Law

This course introduces students to key concepts and doctrines of international law. It examines the sources of international law such as custom and treaty, the bases of international jurisdiction, issues of statehood, recognition and succession, nationality, international agreements, and U.S. participation in the international legal system. The course provides students with the basics needed for both public and private international law practice.

Changes Effective Fall 2020:

- Make Variable Credits 2-3