USING THIS BULLETIN

This Bulletin provides academic information and program requirements for Penn State Law in University Park. In addition to the courses listed in this Bulletin, Penn State Law students can complement their legal studies by applying up to 12 credits of graduate coursework in Penn State’s internationally ranked graduate programs toward their J.D. degree requirements.

Features

Course Bubble
When a course link is clicked, a course bubble will appear with important course information including, but not limited to:
- course title, description, and credits;
- prerequisites.

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Changes to the Penn State Law Bulletin
Changes to the Penn State 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 Fall 2022
- BUSLW 966: Corporate Valuation in M&A
- ULWR 920: Law of the Police Seminar

Course Changes: Effective Summer 2022

INTR 971: International Law (3 Credits)
Old Listing Effective Through Spring 2022:

This course introduces students to key concepts and doctrines of international law with a focus on the relevance of international law to legal practice in an increasingly interdependent world. The course examines the sources of international law such as custom and treaty, as well as critical international legal institutions such as the United Nations and International Court of Justice. The course examines the role of international law within U.S. legal practice as well as detailed examination of international human rights law, international criminal law (including the International Criminal Court), the law of the sea (including issues arising in the South China Sea and Arctic), the use of force and weapons of mass destruction (including the Iran Nuclear Deal); international environmental law (including climate change); and global health law (including pandemics and the World Health Organization). The course provides the fundamental doctrines necessary for understanding and practicing international law within the U.S. or abroad.

Changes Effective Summer 2022:
- Description

Course Changes: Effective Fall 2022

BUSLW 969: Insurance Law (3 Credits)
Old Listing Effective Through Summer 2022:

Many types of insurance such as auto, health, and homeowners insurance are mandatory. Consequently, insurance law, which developed from tort and contract law, impacts both the personal and professional lives of attorneys and it is an integral area of the law for numerous practice settings including personal injury, insurance defense, and in-house counsel. The course addresses the subject of insurance law from both a theoretical and practical perspective. It covers the fundamentals of all major lines of insurance: property, life, health, disability, liability and auto. It also covers "claims made" insurance, insurers' defense obligations, insurer bad faith, broker liability, the rules of insurance policy interpretation, and the role of public policy in insurance law.

Prerequisite: LL.M. candidates should have successfully completed, or be concurrently enrolled in PSLFY 925 and PSLFY 905

Changes Effective Fall 2022:
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