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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
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• 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 Summer 2020
• INTR 985: Survey of International Telecommunications and Space Law
• LWPER 951: Critical Race Theory/Feminist Legal Theory

Courses Dropped: Effective Spring 2021
• ULWR 997: Special Topics

Course Changes: Effective Spring 2021
CRMLW 974: Juvenile Law (3 Credits)
Old Listing Effective Through Fall 2020:

This course examines the legal position of the child in society and the extent to which the child may be legally controlled by parent(s) or state. Subject matters include the right of the child to control reproductive decision-making, child support and paternity issues, child pornography and minors' access to pornography, child abuse and neglect, foster care, termination of parental rights, adoption, medical treatment of juveniles, and medical experimentation on juveniles. The course also examines the delinquency jurisdiction of juvenile court, the constitutional protections afforded the child accused of criminal activity, adjudications of delinquency, punishment or placement of the child in the dispositional phase of juvenile proceedings, and treatment of the child as an adult offender.

Changes Effective Spring 2021:
• Change Titles: Children and the Law

IHEAC 900: Entrepreneur Assistance Clinic
Old Listing Effective Through Fall 2020:

Under the supervision of a faculty member/director of the clinic, students learn to represent entrepreneurs, start-ups and not-for-profit organizations in a setting that is similar to a small law firm. Issues most frequently encountered include choice of entity, entity formation, founder and initial investor agreements, shareholder agreements, loan arrangements, certain intellectual property protection, commercial real estate leasing and acquisition, operating agreements, employee management and compliance with regulatory requirements. Students will learn the basic skills necessary to attract and interview potential clients, organize a business plan, communicate orally and in writing with a client and third parties, conduct research, draft transactional documents, prepare for and manage closings. Students will learn basic principles of law office administration and will be expected to comply with law office protocols (e.g. conflict screens, client confidentiality, and time and expense record keeping) and will learn and conform to the professional responsibilities of lawyers engaged in business transactional practice. The faculty member will hold weekly class sessions for presentation and discussion of client projects, skill development, and legal issues affecting entrepreneurs and counsel for entrepreneurs.

Prerequisite: Faculty Approval Required

Changes Effective Spring 2021:
• Credits

IHIPC 901: Advanced Intellectual Property Clinic
Old Listing Effective Through Fall 2020:

The Advanced Intellectual Property Clinic provides students who have already taken at least one semester of the Intellectual Property Clinic an opportunity to gain advanced practice-ready skills in intellectual
property law. Under the clinic director, students will provide legal services to the clinic’s start-up clients in much the same manner as practicing IP lawyers.

Students in the clinic will engage in client counseling regarding patents and trademarks and other intellectual property. Projects may include: preparing and prosecuting US patent applications before the US Patent and Trademark office, performing patentability searches, developing a patent portfolio strategies for early-stage companies, performing diligence (i.e. freedom to operate studies and/or patent landscape analysis), and registering US Trademarks. Students will adhere to standard patent law office practices such as conflict checks, maintenance of strict confidentiality, docketing, and time-recordation. Students will learn and conform to the professional responsibilities of lawyers engaged in IP transactional practice as well as the Rules of Ethics of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The clinic will meet as a weekly class to discuss current client cases, intellectual property law in practice, ethics, and special projects. In addition, students will interface with clients in-person, via telephone, and via email to discuss client intake, IP evaluation, and counseling. Students will also meet individually, as necessary, with the clinic director regarding the representation of particular clients and special projects.

Changes Effective Spring 2021:

- Credits