How To Choose Your Courses 2011-12

During your second and third years of law school, you will have substantial discretion to choose the courses you wish to take. To graduate you will be required to take a Professional Responsibility course and to fulfill the Substantial Writing and Professional Skills requirements (described in greater detail below). Beyond those requirements, it will be up to you to choose which courses to take.

As you make those decisions, you should keep in mind the importance of gaining a broad, general background in the law; the benefit of taking courses that challenge you to think carefully and analytically; and the need to expose yourself to areas covered by the bar exam. Some degree of course focus may be appropriate for students who are confident that they know where they want to specialize. An intense focus in one area may also enhance the learning experience as you build on knowledge and expertise gained in previous courses.

On the other hand, many lawyers end up practicing in a field that is different from the one they envisioned while in law school, and you should be reluctant to design your course emphasis too narrowly. Even for students who end up predicting their field of specialty accurately, a broad-based educational foundation is crucial, as is an education that presents an opportunity to challenge and expand your way of thinking about legal problems.

With that background, some specific considerations that may influence your course selection decisions are set forth below.

1. Graduation Requirements

Graduation requirements are described in section VIII of the Law School’s Policies and Procedures, which are accessible on the Law School’s website. For advice about graduation requirements, you may contact Registrar Nancy Hamberlin.

2. Required Upper-division Course

All students must take Professional Responsibility.
3. **Substantial Writing**

Each student must individually prepare, during his or her second or third year, a substantial paper. The paper must be written for credit in connection with a Law School course or seminar, a cocurricular law journal, or Directed Research. Courses that offer the substantial writing option are so designated in the Law School course materials. For more information about this requirement, please see section II of the Law School’s Policies and Procedures.

4. **Professional Skills Requirement**

Each student must fulfill the Professional Skills Requirement by completing one of the following: (a) at least two hours of externship credit; or (b) at least one of the second-year or third-year courses designated as a Professional Skills Course in the Law School course materials. For the 2011-12 school year, the following courses have been so designated:

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Appellate Practice and Procedure
- Advanced Appellate Brief Writing
- Advanced Computer-Based Practice
- Basic Mediation
- Basic Estate Planning
- Child Advocacy
- Civil Discovery
- Civil Trial Practice 1
- Civil Trial Practice 2
- Community Lawyering
- Computer-Based Practice Systems
- Criminal Trial Practice
- Domestic Mediation
- Domestic Relations
- Domestic Violence Intervention
- Elder Law
- Hispanic Street Law
- International Moot Court
- Intellectual Property Moot Court
- International Public & Commercial Arbitration
- Legal Drafting
- Legal Interviewing & Counseling
- Public Speaking for Lawyers
- Real Estate Development
- Transactional Lawyering
- Youth in Mediation
5. **Bar Examination Subjects**

For information about bar examination subjects, please contact the state bar association of the state where you plan to take the bar exam. Applicants to the Utah State Bar must take and pass the Utah Student Bar Examination, which may cover the following topics:

- Administrative Law
- Business Associations (Agency and Partnerships; Corporations and Limited Liability Companies)
- Civil Procedure (including Utah and Federal Rules)
- Conflict of Laws
- Constitutional Law (including Utah and Federal law)
- Contracts and Sales (UCC Article 2)
- Creditor/Debtor
- Criminal Law and Procedure
- Ethics (Utah Rules of Professional Conduct)
- Evidence (including Utah and Federal Rules)
- Family Law
- Federal Civil Procedure
- Real Property
- Torts
- Uniform Commercial Code (Articles 2, 3, & 9)
- Wills/Estate Planning/Trusts (including tax aspects)

The Utah bar examination also includes Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions, which examine the lawyering skills of problem-solving, factual analysis, legal analysis, reasoning, written communication, organization and management of a legal task, and recognizing and resolving ethical dilemmas. Applicants to the Utah State Bar must also pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE).
6. **Courses Recommended for All Law Students**

The following courses are recommended for all law students, regardless of their eventual area of practice. For course information, please see the Course Descriptions on the Law School’s website.

- Administrative Law
- Business Associations
- Criminal Procedure
- Evidence
- Federal Income Taxation 1
- Secured Transactions
- The First Amendment or The Fourteenth Amendment
- Trusts
- Wills and Estates

7. **Courses Offered in 2011-12 that Are Unlikely to Be Offered in 2012-13**

For planning purposes, please note that the following courses offered in 2011-12 are unlikely to be offered in 2012-13. This list does not mean that other courses are guaranteed to be offered in 2012-13.

- Estate and Gift Taxation
- Disaster Law
- International Environmental Law and Policy
- Law and Logic
- Law of Armed Conflict
- Legal Scholarship
- Legislation

8. **Final Examination Schedule**

Please consult the final examination schedule when selecting courses. If you register for courses that have exams on the same day or on sequential days, you will be required to take the exams as scheduled. Please note that the final exam schedule on the Law School’s website is correct. The final exam schedule on the University’s AIM system is not used by the Law School and is not correct.

9. **Externships**

Externships in a variety of settings are available for credit. Please contact the Career Services Office regarding placement opportunities, or the professors listed as supervising the externships. Please also contact Registrar Nancy Hamberlin for registration finalization and credit approval.
10. **Advisement**

For advice about choosing courses, you may contact Assistant Dean Wendy Archibald; or professors who teach in your area of interest.

For advice about career planning, you may contact Assistant Dean Mary Hoagland, Beth Hansen, Director of Career Services, or professors who teach in your area of interest.

If you have concerns that are affecting your ability to perform in law school, such as academic issues, health issues, family problems, disabilities, etc., please contact Assistant Dean Wendy Archibald.

11. **General Subject Areas of Courses**

The following list categorizes the Law School’s courses (including co-curricular programs) according to general subject areas. For course information, please see the Course Descriptions on the Law School’s website. Please note that some courses have prerequisites and not all of these courses are offered every year.

- **Alternative Dispute Resolution**
- **ADR in the Workplace**
- **Basic Mediation**
- **Domestic Mediation**
- **International Public and Commercial Arbitration**
- **Mediation Practicum**
- **Mediation Externship**
- **Negotiation**
- **Youth in Mediation**
- **Youth in Mediation Externship**

- **Business and Commercial Law**
- **Accounting for Lawyers**
- **Advanced Contracts**
- **Antitrust**
- **Banking Law**
- **Business Associations**
- **Business Reorganization under the Bankruptcy Code**
- **Commercial Paper**
- **Corporate Finance**
- **Debtors and Creditors**
- **Entertainment Law**
- **Insurance Law**
- **International Business Transactions**
Law and Entrepreneurship
Mergers and Acquisitions
Secured Transactions
Securities Regulation
Sports Law
Transactional Lawyering

Constitutional Law
Civil Rights
Cyberlaw
Intellectual Property and the Constitution
Origins of the Constitution
Presidential Power
Substantive Due Process
Supreme Court Seminar
The First Amendment
The Fourteenth Amendment
The U.S. Constitution and International Law
U.S. Church and State
U.S. Foreign Relations

Criminal Law and Procedure
Criminal Procedure
Criminal Trial Practice
Sentencing
White Collar Crime

Education
Co-curricular: Education and Law Journal
Law of Higher Education
Law and Public Education

Environmental Law and Natural Resources
Environmental Law
International Environmental Law and Policy
Oil and Gas
Public Lands and Natural Resources
Water Law
Estates and Trusts
Advanced Estate Planning
Basic Estate Planning
Estate and Gift Taxation
Trusts
Wills and Estates

Family Law
Child Advocacy
Children and the Law
Domestic Mediation
Domestic Relations
Domestic Violence Intervention
Family Law

Government
Administrative Law
Disaster Law
Judicial Process
Legislation
State and Local Government
The Law of War
See courses listed under Constitutional Law

Intellectual Property and Technology
Advanced Computer-based Practice Systems
Advanced Patent Drafting and Prosecution
Biotechnology Law and Ethics
Computer-based Practice Systems
Copyright and Trademarks
Cyberlaw
Intellectual Property/Antitrust Law
Intellectual Property Moot Court
Patent Law 1--Conditions for Patentability
Patent Law 2--Infringement and Remedies
Patent Litigation and Client Counseling
Technology Licensing

International and Comparative Law
Advanced Comparative Law 1-4
Co-curricular: International Law and Management Review
European Union Law
Immigration Law
International Business Transactions
International Moot Court
International Protection of Religious Freedom
International Public and Commercial Arbitration
Law of Armed Conflict
Public International Law

Labor and Employment
ADR in the Workplace
Employment Discrimination
Work Law

Law Practice and Professional Development
Advanced Computer-based Practice Systems
Computer-based Practice Systems
Law Office Management
Legal Scholarship

Legal History
Anglo-American Legal History
History of Mormon Lawyers
Jewish, Greek, and Roman Law in the New Testament
Joseph Smith, Oliver Cowdery, and the Law
Origins of the Constitution
Substantive Due Process

Legal Interviewing and Counseling
Legal Interviewing and Counseling
Advanced Counseling

Legal Research and Writing
Advanced Appellate Brief Writing
Advanced Legal Research
Advanced Legal Writing
Co-curricular: International Law and Management Review
Co-curricular: Education and Law Journal
Co-curricular: Journal of Public Law
Co-curricular: Law Review
Co-Curricular: Moot Court
Community-based Legal Research
Directed Research
Federal Tax Research
International Legal Research
Legal Drafting
Legal Studies
Judicial Process
Jurisprudence
Law and Literature
Law and Logic
Legal Scholarship
Legislation
Lincoln as Lawyer
Natural Law Seminar
Social Policy and Feminist Legal Thought

Litigation
Advanced Appellate Brief Writing
Appellate Practice and Procedure
Civil Discovery
Civil Trial Practice 1
Civil Trial Practice 2
Co-Curricular: Moot Court
Co-Curricular: Trial Advocacy
Complex Litigation
Conflicts of Law
Evidence
Federal Courts
International Moot Court
Judicial Process
Negotiation
Principles of Trial Advocacy
Public Speaking for Lawyers
Remedies

Public Interest Law and Pro Bono
Child Advocacy
Community-based Legal Research
Domestic Relations
Domestic Violence Intervention
Elder Law
Hispanic Street Law
Mediation Externship
Youth in Mediation
Youth in Mediation Externship

Real Property
Real Estate Development
Real Estate Finance
Land Use Planning
Taxation
Estate and Gift Taxation
Federal Income Taxation 1
Federal Income Taxation 2
Federal Tax Research
International Taxation – Inbound
International Taxation – Outbound
Introduction to Tax Exempt Organizations
U.S. Taxation of Religious Organizations