

OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY CLAUDE PETTIT COLLEGE OF LAW
SPECIAL TOPICS
2019 J-TERM & SPRING SEMESTER

LAW-1432-06: Jury Selection (J-Term) (Skills)

The purpose of this course is to shift students' focus to jury selection and show how it is an integral part of the "jury trial." Despite conventional wisdom, jury selection is a "science" as opposed to an "art." Science is a systematic practice built of methods and procedures that can be taught. The goal of this course is to teach students those methods as well as the skills and techniques necessary to conduct an effective *voir dire* in any type of case.

LAW-1432-15: Cross Examination/Depositions (J-Term) (Skills)

The Cross-Examination class is a practicum-based course that teaches students the skills and techniques necessary to conduct an effective cross-examination or deposition in any type of case. Students will learn effective questioning methods, impeachment, dynamic cross, dealing with difficult witnesses, and much more. Students will conduct live cross-examinations on real police officers, experts, and lay witnesses throughout the course.

LAW-1432-24: The Rule of Law Program Design (J-Term)

This course will help students who are planning careers in international rule of law promotion to understand and practice the key skills of surveying, designing, implementing, and evaluating rule of law programs. Through research and mock problem solving, students will develop program plans to address key justice gaps in their chosen country. They will then build logical frameworks to monitor and evaluate the goals of each element of their program.

LAW-1432-33: Legal History of Montgomery Alabama (J-Term)

This course will explore the legal history of Montgomery, Alabama as the place where the modern Civil Rights Movement began. We will consider the social and legal context during the Montgomery bus boycott, the Birmingham campaign, and the Selma to Montgomery marches as well as the role Montgomery and Alabama continue to play in the story of racial justice in America. The centerpiece of the course will be a week-long trip to Montgomery where we will have the opportunity to visit The Equal Justice Initiative and Southern Poverty Law Center. The readings for the class will center on the legal history of Alabama, with a particular focus on Montgomery, and the legal cases the Southern Poverty Law Center and Equal Justice Initiative have recently or are currently undertaking. The course is intended to serve as a complement to the doctrinal Civil Rights offering.

LAW-1432-32: Advanced Criminal Procedure (Spring)

This course covers the Constitutional and statutory rules governing the pre-trial process in a typical case. The course focuses on issues such as preliminary hearings, bail, discovery, speedy trial, jury selection, and right to counsel. **Criminal Procedure is not a prerequisite for this course.**

LAW-1432-12: Trial Adv. for Trial Team (Spring)

Intensive preparation course for trial team competition as well as a short course "boot camp" for trial including pretrial motions and evidentiary briefs. The course culminates in the presentation of a full trial by each student. **This class is only open to students selected as members of the trial team by the Moot Court board.**

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LAW-1432-09: Agriculture Law (Spring)

This course focuses on the legal aspects of agricultural operations. It may include farm financing, commodities, and farm succession planning.

LAW-1432-31: Labor & Employment Law Practicum (Spring) (Skills)

This practicum gives students the opportunity to hone their written and oral advocacy skills through the extensive use of simulations. Students will be assigned to work in pairs representing a particular client. The client's student-attorney team will decide what and how to pursue potential claims or how to defend claims brought against the client. Students may experience interviewing and counseling clients, conducting an investigation, filing claims with administrative agencies, conducting research, drafting pleadings and legal memoranda, negotiations, engaging in discovery, and representing clients in mediation and litigation motion practice. The simulations will be based on common issues faced by labor and employment lawyers, such as unfair labor practice proceedings before the National Labor Relations Board; employment discrimination and sexual harassment charges before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and in litigation; federal labor standards violations, such as minimum wage/overtime and medical leave; and resolution of employee grievances under a collective bargaining agreement. No prior knowledge of labor and employment law is required, nor should students expect to gain more than a surface-level understanding of this area of law through this practicum, as it is primarily experiential in nature. Much of the students' work will be self-directed, but classroom sessions will offer opportunities for instruction and coaching, as well as self-evaluation, of student performance of practice skills. Evaluation is based on numerous writing and oral advocacy projects submitted throughout the semester. This practicum counts toward the skills requirement necessary to graduate.