

University of Minnesota Law School

Policy on Concentrations

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This document contains the general rules governing all concentrations (the “Policy” starting on page 1) and appendices listing the specific requirements for each concentration. Students pursuing a concentration should be familiar with the Policy and the relevant appendix.

Please note that course names sometimes change from year to year, while course numbers usually remain constant. Accordingly, if an appendix lists a course number as satisfying a concentration, and you completed a course using that number with a slightly different name that addressed the same general topic, then the course counts. When in doubt, please contact the Concentration Chair for clarification.

The Law School periodically deletes defunct courses from appendices. In rare instances, a student who spends more than three years in the JD program (e.g., due to a leave or combined degree) might take an approved course that is subsequently deleted from the appendix before the student graduates. The course still counts toward the concentration and should be listed on the student’s concentration form.

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1. Scope: This Policy provides guidance and requirements for students pursuing a concentration as part of a degree program at the Law School. The Policy consists of rules applicable to all concentrations and appendices with the unique requirements for each individual concentration.
2. Student Responsibility. Students pursuing a concentration are responsible for ensuring the timely completion of all concentration requirements, including the timely submission of required forms.
3. Approved Concentrations: The Faculty has approved the following concentrations for J.D. and LL.M candidates:
 - Business Law
 - Civil Litigation
 - Criminal Justice
 - Environmental and Energy Law
 - Family Law
 - Health Law and Bioethics
 - Human Rights
 - Immigration Law
 - Intellectual Property and Technology Law
 - International Law
 - Labor and Employment Law
4. Faculty Chairs. The Dean shall appoint a Faculty Chair to administer each concentration.
5. Certification & Completion. The concentration will be deemed completed at the time of graduation from the Law School after certification that the student has satisfied the concentration's requirements. Students who complete a concentration will receive a notation of concentration fulfillment on their Law School transcripts.
6. Dual Concentrations: J.D. students may obtain certification in a maximum of two concentrations. A single paper may satisfy the research paper requirement for two concentrations if both Faculty Chairs approve dual submission in writing. LL.M students may obtain certification in only one concentration.
7. Advising. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with the Faculty Chair each fall to discuss course selection and plans for fulfilling concentration requirements. Students should also consider contacting Faculty Chairs in the spring of the 1L year to assist with course selection.
8. Candidacy. Students may not claim to have satisfied a concentration's requirements until after completion is confirmed at the time of graduation. Students pursuing a concentration may

refer to themselves as “candidates for” a concentration, but only if they have met with the Faculty Chair and discussed a plan for completing the concentration’s requirements.

9. Timing & Registration. Candidates for a concentration register in the same manner as other students and do not receive registration priority. Some concentration courses may not be offered each semester or year. Students should begin planning completion of concentration requirements as early as possible and prioritize concentration classes in the lottery to make completion more likely.

10. Concentration Requirements: Candidates for a concentration must complete two types of requirements described below: academic requirements (completion of coursework and a research paper or immersion project) and administrative requirements (filing materials with the Faculty Chair).

A. Academic Requirements. (For more detail regarding particular concentrations, see the appendices). Each candidate for a concentration must:

i. Satisfactorily complete all mandatory courses.

ii. Satisfactorily complete a minimum number of credits in approved courses. The minimum varies for each concentration. Courses are deemed approved if they are mandatory, recommended, or listed as eligible graduate level courses offered elsewhere at the University of Minnesota.

(a) Concentrations may allow students to count no more than two journal and/or moot court credits (combined) toward the minimum credit requirement if a student’s work addresses the concentration’s field. Journal credits count only if the journal has a Faculty Editor. Individual concentrations may further limit the number of journal and moot court credits that are available.

(b) Concentrations may allow credit for Independent Research and Writing (LAW 7606/7608) and Independent Field Placement (LAW 7607/7609). The Faculty Chair must approve each project or placement.

(c) A student may petition the Faculty Chair to approve, in his or her discretion, a course not listed in the appendix if the course is substantially law-related and will substantially further the student’s understanding of the concentration’s subject matter. Petitions should be filed as early as possible.

(d) Credits earned while attending another law school may be applied to the concentration (including as substitutes for required courses) at the discretion of the Faculty Chair. Such credits may not exceed the number of credits awarded for equivalent courses at the Law School.

(e) Concentrations may recommend attendance at non-credited exercises in addition to credited courses. Examples include a workshop series exploring issues and/or careers within the field, or periodic discussion sessions with the Faculty Chair.

(f) Students should be aware that Academic Rule 3 limits the number of credits that students may earn for coursework outside Law School classrooms. Nothing in this Policy governing concentrations modifies Academic Rule 3.

iii. Complete a substantial research paper or immersion experience. Concentrations may choose whether to require a research paper, require an immersion experience, or offer a choice of either the research paper or immersion experience. If an immersion experience is an option, the appendix will identify courses that satisfy Section 10(A)(iii)(b); otherwise, a research paper is required.

(a) Requirements for Research Paper:

(i) The paper must demonstrate significant research and original analysis, with appropriate citation of authority; be well organized and well written; and be at least 5000 words in length, excluding any bibliography and table of contents. The cover page must certify that the paper satisfies the length requirement. Papers must be prepared as part of a credited course at the University of Minnesota (or, with approval of the Faculty Chair, as part of a credited course at another law school).

(ii) The research paper must address a legal topic related to the concentration. Students should obtain advance approval of topics rather than assuming that a particular paper will satisfy concentration requirements. The following people may approve paper topics: (a) any member of a concentration's core faculty (listed in the appendices) who supervises preparation of the paper in a credited course or is otherwise designated to approve topics by the Faculty Chair; (b) any instructor of a mandatory or recommended course if the paper is prepared as part of the course; (c) the Faculty Chair.

(iii) Credit for the underlying course does not necessarily count toward concentration minimums.¹ The same project may also satisfy the Law School's legal writing requirement if it otherwise qualifies under the Academic Rules governing legal writing.

(iv) A brief may fulfill this requirement if the Faculty Chair concludes that the research and writing is comparable to that of a research paper and if the brief (or relevant portion) is the sole work of the candidate. Students planning to submit portions of a co-authored brief should retain a draft of

¹ For example, if a student writes a paper while enrolled in a seminar, and the seminar is not listed as an approved course, then the student would not receive concentration credit for the seminar. Yet the paper may, in the Faculty Chair's discretion, satisfy the concentration's research paper requirement. Similarly, some concentrations might not give any credit, or only partial credit, for Independent Research and Writing. Yet a paper written as part of an Independent project might satisfy the research paper requirement. In short, whether a paper satisfies the research paper requirement and whether the student earns credit that counts toward coursework requirements are distinct questions.

the brief that is their sole work to submit in satisfaction of this requirement.

(v) A student must receive at least a passing grade (including an S on an S/N scale) in the course for which the paper was prepared.

(vi) Papers must be submitted to the Faculty Chair no later than December 15 (for fall graduates) or May 15 (for spring graduates) of the student's graduation year.

(b) Requirements for substantial immersion experience: The student must satisfactorily complete a credited course at the Law School involving substantial practical immersion in the concentration's subject-matter, such as a clinic, externship, field placement, or capstone, or an intensive writing course from a list of courses approved under Academic Rule 5.4(a)(i).

B. Administrative Requirements.

i. Each candidate must submit a Concentration Completion Memorandum and all required attachments to the Faculty Chair. The Faculty Chair may require a meeting with the candidate to discuss the memorandum.

ii. The Concentration Completion Memorandum is due by the last day of October for students graduating in December and by the last day of March for students graduating in May. Students should gather the necessary information as soon as possible to ensure timely submission.

11. Review of Compliance with Requirements.

a. The Faculty Chair will certify that a student has satisfied concentration requirements only if the Concentration Completion Memorandum and the Chair's own review of the record establishes that the requirements have been satisfied.

b. The Chair may make a provisional certification if the concentration requirements would be satisfied upon receipt of passing grades in pending coursework or on a pending research paper. The Registrar may then record completion of the concentration upon receipt of the missing grades and/or upon receipt of confirmation from the Faculty Chair that the student has satisfied the research paper requirement.

c. The Registrar may independently review whether a student has completed a sufficient number of credits and bring any discrepancies to the attention of the Faculty Chair and/or Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

12. Appendices. The appendices are updated on a regular basis. Course names and numbers occasionally change between updates and the number of credits available for each course may vary from semester to semester. Some listed courses may not be offered every year. Students are responsible for ensuring that they meet all concentration requirements and should bring any ambiguities or errors in the appendices to the attention of the relevant Faculty Chair.

13. Interpretation. The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs may make interpretations of this Policy.

14. Amendments. Amendments to this Policy require approval by the Faculty. Amendments to the appendices do not require Faculty approval but must be approved by the relevant Faculty Chair and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

Appendix: Business Law

1. Faculty Chair: Brett McDonnell
2. Number of Required Credits in Approved Courses:
 - For J.D. candidates: 18
 - For LL.M candidates: 15
3. Mandatory Courses:
 - a. Business Associations/Corporations (4cr) (LAW 6051)
 - b. The following course, but only for J.D. students in the class of 2020 or later:
 - Taxation I (3cr) (LAW 6100)
 - c. One accounting-related course (waivable by the chair for students with substantial prior exposure to accounting).²

Qualifying courses at the Law School are:

Essentials of Business for Lawyers (3cr) (LAW 6016/6076)

Qualifying courses at the Business School are:

Financial Accounting (3cr) (MBA 6030)

Financial Accounting II (2cr) (ACCT 6101)

Financial Statement Analysis (2cr) (ACCT 5160)

Financial Statement Analysis (4cr) (ACCT 6100)

Managerial Economics (3cr) (ACCT 6140)

- d. At least two (for J.D. candidates) or one (for LL.M candidates) of the following courses:
 - Advanced Corporate Law (3cr) (LAW 6055)
 - Bankruptcy: Power, Process, and Procedure (3cr) (LAW 6107)
 - Business Reorganization in Bankruptcy (2cr) (LAW 6721) (Spring 2020 or later)
 - Contract Drafting (2cr) (LAW 6837)
 - Contract Drafting (2cr) (LAW 6023) [fulfills requirement 3.d. only for LL.M. students]
 - Corporate Bankruptcy (2cr) (LAW 6721) (Spring 2019 or earlier)
 - Corporate Tax (3cr) (LAW 6857)
 - Creditor's Remedies/Secured Transactions (3cr) (LAW 6109) (Fall 2018 or earlier)
 - Federal Securities Regulation (3cr) (LAW 6211)
 - Mergers & Acquisitions (3cr) (LAW 6102)
 - Partnership Taxation (3cr) (LAW 6114)
 - Secured Transactions/Creditors Remedies (3cr) (LAW 6109) (Fall 2019 or later)
 - Taxation I (3cr) (LAW 6100) [fulfills requirement 3.d. only for LL.M. students]

² Students considering a waiver should consult with the Chair early in their studies.

4. Research Paper or Immersion Experience. This concentration requires students to complete a research paper or immersion experience.

a. The research paper requirement can be satisfied by either:

(i) receiving a passing grade in a course that: (1) satisfies this concentration; and (2) that satisfies the Law School's upper division writing requirement; or

(ii) receiving permission from the concentration chair to count a research paper on a business law topic written in any other University of Minnesota graduate-level (5xxx or higher) course (including journal notes). The credits for the course will not count toward the concentration credits requirement, but the paper will satisfy the research paper requirement.

In addition, LL.M. students may satisfy the paper requirement by successfully completing LL.M Legal Writing and Legal Skills I (LAW 6021), LL.M Legal Writing and Legal Skills II (LAW 6022), Contract Drafting (LAW 6837), or LL.M. Contract Drafting (LAW 6023). The credits for these courses count toward the concentration credit requirement.

The Concentration Completion Form will ask you to document how you satisfied this requirement.

b. Instead of writing a research paper, J.D. students may complete any of the following immersion experiences:

Bankruptcy Clinic (6cr) (LAW 7092)

Business Law Clinic (3cr) (LAW 7860) (credit change effective Fall 2019)

Consumer Protection Clinic (7cr) (LAW 7030)

Corporate Externship (3cr) (LAW 6035 through Summer 2020)

Corporate Externship Field Placement (1-3cr) (LAW 7624)

Independent Field Placement (1-3cr) (LAW 7607/7609) (depends on nature of the placement and requires permission of concentration chair)

Insurance Law Clinic (5cr) (LAW 7008)

Minnesota Law Remote Semester Field Placement (LAW 7640) (depends on nature of the placement and for a maximum of four credits)

Public Interest Field Placement (1-3cr) (LAW 7623) (depends on nature of the placement and requires permission of concentration chair)

Saeks Public Interest Residency Externship (LAW 6067) (depends on nature of the placement and for a maximum of four credits)

Tax Clinic (7cr) (LAW 7950)

A student may not use a course to satisfy both the writing/immersion requirement and one of the mandatory course requirements listed above in 3.a, 3.b., and 3.c.

5. Recommended Courses at the Law School:

The Business Law Concentration seminar (1cr) (LAW 6922) is not required, but is recommended for 2L students interested in the Business Law Concentration as a way to explore various career and curricular options within business law.

Other recommended courses, in addition to all those listed above, that help satisfy the total credit requirement for the Concentration:

Advanced Administrative Law (3cr) (LAW 6650)
Advanced LLC's and Partnerships (3cr) (LAW 6049) (previously Unincorporated Business Associations)
Advanced Real Estate Transactions (3cr) (LAW 6844)
Antitrust (3cr) (LAW 6207)
Business and Human Rights (2cr) (LAW 6637)
Building Effective Legal Arguments in Litigation (2cr) (LAW 6924)
Cannabis Law & Policy: Past, Present and Future (2cr) (LAW 6902) (Fall 2021 or later)
Comparative Business Regulation (2cr) (LAW 6927)
Comparative Laws (2cr) (LAW 6881)
Comparative Theories of Ownership (2cr) (LAW 6849)
Complex and Cross-Cultural Negotiations (2cr) (LAW 6626)
Construction Law (2cr) (LAW 6113)
Consumer Protection Law (3cr) (LAW 6642)
Contracts (4cr) (LAW 6001) (counts for LL.M students only)
Cooperatives and Collective Entrepreneurship (2cr) (LAW 6807)
Corporate Counsel (2cr) (LAW 6830)
Corporate Finance (3cr) LAW 6054)
Employee Benefits (3cr) (LAW 6244)
Energy Law (3cr) (LAW 6062)
Estate Planning (3cr) (LAW 6151)
European Union Business Law (3cr) (LAW 6647)
Federal Reserve System – Legal and Policy Perspectives (2cr) (LAW 6923)
Federal Tax Procedure (2cr) (LAW 6106)
Financial Crises and Scandals and How to Minimize Them (LAW 6843)
Financial Regulation (3cr) (LAW 6061)
Food and Drug Law (3cr) (LAW 6402)
Information Governance (2cr) (LAW 6705)
Insurance (3cr) (LAW 6214)
Integrative Leadership (3cr) (LAW 6623/MGMT 6402)
International Bankruptcy (LAW 6898)
International Business Operation and Negotiation (3cr) (LAW 6622)
International Business Transactions (3cr) (LAW 6601)
International Contracts (2cr) (LAW 6800)
International Tax (3cr) (LAW 6627)
International Trade (3cr) (LAW 6619)
Investment Banking (2cr) (LAW 6823)
Investment Management Law (2cr) (LAW 6041)
Labor and Antitrust in the Gig Economy and Beyond (2cr) (LAW 6825)
LL.M. Small Business Practicum (for LL.M. students ONLY) (2cr) (LAW 6038)
Law & Economics Workshop (2cr) (LAW 6865)

Law Firm Practice & Management (2cr) (LAW 6912)
 Nonprofit Law (2cr) (LAW 6873)
 Pandemic: Overview and Exploration of Private Law Issues (2cr) (LAW 6852)
 Practical Estate Planning (2cr) (LAW 6817)
 Principles of Corporate Governance (2cr) (LAW 6858)
 Products Liability (2cr) (LAW 6227)
 Professional Responsibility – Business (3cr) (LAW 6662)
 Racketeering and the RICO Act: Criminal and Civil Liability (2cr) (LAW 6814)
 Real Estate Transactions (3cr) (LAW 6213)
 Risk and Compliance: Theory and Practice (2cr) (LAW 6803)
 Sales (3cr) (LAW 6052)
 Securities Litigation (3cr) (LAW 6217)
 Social Enterprises (2cr) (LAW 6929)
 Special Topics in Administrative Law (3cr) (LAW 6651) (paper may count with permission)U. S.-China Trade War (2cr) (LAW 6847)
 U. S. Economic Sanctions and Export Controls (2cr) (LAW 6703)
 White Collar/Corporate Crime (2cr) (LAW 6818)

6. Eligible Graduate Level Courses (5000-8000) in Other University Departments:

The accounting courses listed in 3(b), and:

Advanced Corporate Finance Analysis and Decisions (4cr) (FINA 6242)
 Advanced Managerial Accounting (2cr) (ACCT 6335)
 Advanced Topics in Fixed Income and Derivatives (2cr) (FINA 6529)
 Compensation and Benefits (4cr) (HRIR 6501)
 Compensation Theory and Applications (2cr) (HRIR 6502)
 Control and Incentives (4cr) (ACCT 6201)
 Corporate Finance Analysis and Decisions (4cr) (FINA 6241)
 Corporate Strategy (4cr) (MGMT 6085)
 Employer-Sponsored Employee Benefit Programs (2cr) (HRIR 6503)
 Executive Compensation (2cr) (HRIR 6504)
 Financial Information Systems and Technology (2cr) (IDSC 6421)
 Financial Management of Depository Institutions (2cr) (FINA 6122)
 Industry Analysis and Competitive Strategy (4cr) (MGMT 6031)
 Information Technology Management (2cr) (IDSC 6040)
 International Strategy and Organization (2cr) (MGMT 6040)
 Introduction to Derivatives and Financial Risk Management (2cr) (FINA 6522)
 Knowledge Management (2cr) (IDSC 6471)
 Managerial Decision Making (2cr) (IDSC 6481)
 Managing the Global Corporate Tax Rate (2cr) (ACCT 6075)
 Mergers and Acquisitions (2cr) (FINA 6222)
 Mergers and Acquisitions (2cr) (FINA 6422)
 Securitization Markets (2cr) (FINA 6324)
 The International Environment of Business (4cr) (MGMT 6305)

7. Core faculty for this Concentration are listed below. Faculty may be added (e.g., upon joining this University) or removed (e.g., if the faculty member's teaching interests move away from the subject matter of this Concentration) at the discretion of the Faculty Chair.

Edward Adams
Emily Buchholz
Ann Burkhart
Jonathan Choi
Carol Chomsky
Tom Cotter
Prentiss Cox
Oren Gross
Kristin Hickman
Claire Hill
Karen Lundquist
John Matheson
Brett McDonnell
William McGeveran
Steve Meili
Amy B. Monahan
Richard W. Painter
Daniel Schwarcz
Paul Vaaler

Appendix: Civil Litigation

1. Faculty Chair: Mitchell E. Zamoff
2. Number of Required Credits in Approved Courses:
 - For J.D. candidates: 17
 - For LL.M candidates: 15
3. Mandatory courses:
 - a. Evidence (3cr) (LAW 6219)
 - b. Civil Procedure II (3cr) (LAW 6015 or 6075)
 - c. Take at least one of the following pretrial skills courses:
 - Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) (2cr) (LAW 6833)
 - Civil Litigation: Case Development and Discovery (2cr Fall 2019 and earlier; 3cr Spring 2020 and later) (LAW 6115)
 - Depositions (2cr) (LAW 6247)
 - E-Discovery (2cr) (LAW 6714)
 - d. Trial Practice (3cr) (LAW 6618) (J.D. only) or LL.M. Trial Practice (3 cr) (LAW 6024) (LL.M. only)
 - e. Civil Procedure (4cr) (LAW 6006) (LL.M only, starting in fall 2018; not required in 2017-18)
4. Research Paper or Immersion Experience: This concentration requires students to complete an immersion experience, which is met by the required trial practice course (see 3.d. above). There is no research paper requirement for this concentration.
5. Elective courses related to civil litigation:
 - Appellate Advocacy (2cr) (LAW 6848)
 - Conflict of Laws (3cr) (LAW 6202)
 - Digital Evidence (2cr) (LAW 6876)
 - Evidence Drafting (1cr) (LAW 6249)
 - Federal and State Courts (3cr) (LAW 6120)
 - Federal Jurisdiction (3cr) (LAW 6152)
 - International Commercial Arbitration (2cr) (LAW 6911)
 - Interviewing, Counseling & Negotiating (3cr) (LAW 6245)
 - Judicial Externship (2-3cr) (LAW 6057 through Summer 2020)
 - Judicial Field Placement (2-3cr) (LAW 7628)
 - Litigation Finance (2cr) (LAW 6819)
 - National Security Cases in Federal Court (2cr) (LAW 6711)
 - Practice-Ready Legal Research (2cr) (LAW 6851)
 - Professional Responsibility: Civil Trial Lawyer (3cr) (LAW 6663)
 - Remedies (3cr) (LAW 6200)

Securities Litigation (3cr) (LAW 6217)
Visual Advocacy (1cr) (LAW 6871)
Winning Patent Litigation (2cr) (LAW 6225)

6. Elective courses providing additional civil litigation immersion experiences:

Advanced Trial Practice (3cr) (LAW 6628)

Field Placements (depends on nature of the placement and requires permission of concentration chair):

Immigration Law Field Placement (1-3cr) (LAW 7621)
Independent Field Placement (1-3cr) (LAW 7607/7609)
Minnesota Law Remote Semester Field Placement (LAW 7640) (depends on nature of the placement and for a maximum of four credits)
Public Interest Field Placement (1-3cr) (LAW 7623)
Saeks Public Interest Residency Externship (LAW 6067) (depends on nature of the placement and for a maximum of four credits)

Litigation-based clinics:

Bankruptcy Clinic (3crF/3crS) (LAW 7092)
Child Advocacy and Juvenile Justice Clinic (4crF/3crS) (LAW 7675)
Civil Rights Enforcement Clinic (3crF/2crS) (LAW 7117)
Consumer Protection Clinic (4crF/3crS) (LAW 7030)
Detainee Rights Clinic (4crF/3crS) (LAW 7844)
Employment Law Clinic (2crF/2crS) (LAW 7015)
Family Law Clinic (4crF/3crS) (LAW 7420)
Federal Immigration Litigation Clinic (4crF/3crS) (LAW 7042)
Housing Law Clinic (3cr) (LAW 7246)
Immigration and Human Rights Clinic (4crF/3crS) (LAW 7842)
Indian Child Welfare Clinic (2crF/2crS) (LAW 7098)
Insurance Law Clinic (3crF/2crS) (LAW 7008)
Robins Kaplan Civil Practice Clinic (4crF/3crS) (LAW 7000)
Ronald M. Mankoff Tax Clinic (3crF/4crS) (LAW 7950)

Moot Courts (credits vary):

ABA Moot Court Competition Team (LAW 7025)
Civil Rights/Civil Liberties Moot Court (LAW 7055)
Civil Rights Moot Court Competition Team (LAW 7097)
Environmental Moot Court (LAW 7035)
Environmental Law Moot Court Competition Team (LAW 7037)
Indian Law Moot Court (LAW 7105)
Intellectual Property Moot Court (LAW 7085)
Intellectual Property Moot Court Competition Team (LAW 7086)
Intercollegiate Mock Trial Team (2cr) (LAW 7018)

International Moot Court (LAW 7075)
National Moot Court (LAW 7065)
National Moot Court Competition Team (LAW 7068)
Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition Team (LAW 7078)
Thurgood Marshall Competition Team (LAW 7028)

7. Recommended additional courses (but do not count toward concentration credits):

Administrative Law (3cr) (LAW 6606)
Advanced Administrative Law (3cr) (LAW 6650)
Taxation I (3cr) (LAW 6100)
Courses related to substantive areas in which you may want to practice

8. Core faculty for this Concentration are listed below.

Stephen Befort (emeritus)
Benjamin Casper Sanchez
Linus Chan
Brad Clary (emeritus)
Prentiss Cox
Allan Erbsen
Jennifer Green
Alexandra Klass
William McGeeveran
Perry Moriearty
Steve Meili
Jean Sanderson
Christopher Soper
Mitchell E. Zamoff

Appendix: Criminal Justice

1. Faculty Chair: Kevin Reitz
2. Number of Required Credits in Approved Courses: 15
3. Mandatory Course:
 - Criminal Procedure: Adjudication (3cr) (LAW 6229)(required for students entering Fall 2019 or later)
 - Criminal Procedure: Investigation (3cr) (LAW 6085)
 - Criminal Law (3cr) (LAW 6009) (this course is mandatory for LL.M students; it does not count toward the concentration for JD students graduating after Spring 2018)

Note: Students who plan to work as prosecutors or defense lawyers are also strongly encouraged to take Evidence (3cr) (LAW 6219), and Trial Practice (3cr) (LAW 6618) (LLM students can take LAW 6024 LLM Trial Practice), as well as Criminal Procedure: Adjudication (3cr) (LAW 6229) which is required for students entering Fall 2019 and later.

4. Research Paper or Immersion Experience: This concentration requires students to complete a research paper or immersion experience

Instead of writing the required research paper, J.D. students may complete any of the following immersion experiences:

- Child Advocacy and Juvenile Justice Clinic (7cr) (LAW 7675)
- Clemency Project Clinic (3cr) (LAW 7850) (prior to Fall 2021, LAW 6855)
- Criminal Defense Clinic (4cr) (LAW 7500)
- Criminal Prosecution Clinic (3cr) (LAW 7550)
- Detainee Rights Clinic (7cr) (LAW 7844)
- Federal Defense Clinic (3cr) (LAW 7572)
- Independent Field Placement (1-3cr) (LAW 7607/7609) (depends on nature of the placement and requires permission of concentration chair)
- Innocence Clinic (6cr) (LAW 7010)
- Minnesota Law Remote Semester Field Placement (LAW 7640) (depends on nature of the placement and for a maximum of four credits)
- Public Interest Field Placement (1-3cr) (LAW 7623) (depends on nature of the placement and requires permission of concentration chair)
- Saeks Public Interest Residency Externship (LAW 6067) (depends on nature of the placement and for a maximum of four credits)

5. Recommended Courses at the Law School:
 - Abolition and the Carceral State (3cr) (LAW 6909)
 - Comparative Criminal Procedure (2 or 3cr) (LAW 6892)
 - Criminal Punishment (3cr) (LAW 6850)
 - Cybercrime and Cybersecurity (2cr) (LAW 6832) (if taken Spring 2018 or later)
 - Cybersecurity Law and Policy (3cr) (LAW 6638)
 - Death Penalty (2cr) (LAW 6801)
 - Evidence (3cr) (LAW 6219)

Federal Habeas Corpus (2cr) (LAW 6834)
 George Floyd's Minneapolis: Past, Present, and Moving Forward (1cr) (LAW 6869)
 Human Trafficking (2cr) (LAW 6046)
 Immigration and Criminal Law (2cr) (LAW 6718)
 Independent Research and Writing (1-3cr) (LAW 7606/7608) (depends on project and requires permission of the concentration chair)
 International Criminal Law (3cr) (LAW 6648)
 Juvenile Justice (3cr) (LAW 6226)
 Law and Neuroscience (3cr) (LAW 6063)
 National Security Cases in Federal Court (2cr) (LAW 6711)
 Overturning Criminal Convictions: Post-conviction Relief Policy, Law and Practice (2cr) (LAW 6810)
 Philosophy of Punishment (3cr) (LAW 6846)
 Professional Responsibility--Criminal Law Ethics (3cr) (LAW 6664)
 Race and the Law: Systems, Structures, and Solutions (2cr) (LAW 6915)
 Racketeering and the RICO Act: Criminal and Civil Liability (2cr) (LAW 6814)
 Sentencing Advocacy (2cr) (LAW 6868)
 Trial Practice (3cr) (LAW 6618) (LLM students can take LAW 6024 LLM Trial Practice)
 White Collar/Corporate Crime (2cr) (LAW 6818)
 Wrongful Convictions (2cr) (LAW 6025)

6. Eligible Graduate Level Courses (5000-8000) in Other University Departments:

Criminology (3cr) (SOC 8111)
 Law, Society, and the Mental Health System (3cr) (SOC 8148)
 Sociology of Law (3cr) (SOC 8101)
 Topics in Law, Crime, and Deviance (3cr) (SOC 8190)

7. Core faculty for this Concentration are listed below. Faculty may be added (e.g., upon joining this University) or removed (e.g., if the faculty member's teaching interests move away from the subject matter of this Concentration) at the discretion of the Faculty Chair.

Susanna Blumenthal
 Linus Chan
 Richard Frase (emeritus)
 Neha Jain
 Perry Moriearty
 JaneAnne Murray
 Maria Ponomarenko
 Kevin Reitz
 Alan Rozenshtein
 Francis Shen
 Michael Tonry (emeritus)
 Sarah Holtman (Affiliated: Philosophy)
 Joshua Page (Affiliated: Sociology)
 Joachim Savelsberg (Affiliated: Sociology)
 Christopher Uggen (Affiliated: Sociology)

Appendix: Environmental and Energy Law

1. Faculty Chair: Alexandra B. Klass
2. Number of Required Credits in Approved Courses:
 - For J.D. candidates: 15
 - For LL.M candidates: 12
3. Mandatory Courses:
 - a. All three of the following courses:
 - Advanced Administrative Law (3 cr) (LAW 6650) (J.D. only), or Legislation and Regulation (3 cr) (LAW 6078) (LL.M. only)
 - Energy Law (3cr) (LAW 6062)
 - Environmental Law (3cr) (LAW 6215)
 - b. At least two (for J.D. students) or one (for LL.M students) of the following courses:
 - Advanced Environmental Law (2 cr) (LAW 6885)
 - Agriculture and the Environment (2cr) (LAW 6709)
 - Energy and Utility Law (2cr) (LAW 6901) (effective fall 2019)
 - Environmental and Energy Law Clinic (6cr) (LAW 7012)
 - Food and Drug Law (3cr) (LAW 6402)
 - International Environmental Law (2cr) (LAW 6400)
 - Public Lands and Natural Resources (3cr) (LAW 6234)
 - Real Estate Transactions (3cr) (LAW 6213) (if taken Fall 2018 or earlier)
 - Water Law (3cr) (LAW 6126)
4. Research Paper or Immersion Experience: This concentration requires students to complete a research paper or immersion experience.
 - a. The research paper requirement can be satisfied by receiving a passing grade in a course that satisfies this concentration and satisfies the Law School's upper division writing requirement, including Independent Research and Writing (LAW 7606).
 - b. Instead of writing a research paper, J.D. students may enroll in any one of the following immersion experience Law School courses:
 - Clinic:
 - Environmental and Energy Law Clinic (6cr) (LAW 7012)
 - Field Placements:
 - Independent Field Placement (1-3cr) (LAW 7607/7609) (depends on nature of the placement and requires permission of concentration chair)
 - Minnesota Law Remote Semester Field Placement (LAW 7640) (depends on nature of the placement and for a maximum of four credits)
 - Public Interest Field Placement (1-3cr) (LAW 7623) (depends on nature of the placement and requires permission of concentration chair)
 - Saeks Public Interest Residency Externship (LAW 6067) (depends on nature of the placement and for a maximum of four credits)

- Moot Courts (credits vary):
 - Environmental Moot Court (LAW 7035)
 - Environmental Law Moot Court Competition Team (LAW 7037) (last offered Fall 2018)
 - Moot Court Competition Team (LAW 7048) (topic dependent)

5. Other recommended Courses at the Law School: All courses listed above, and the following:
- Emerging Science and Technology (3cr) (LAW 6037)
 - Indian Law (3cr) (LAW 6236)
 - Land Use Planning (3cr) (LAW 6201)
 - Law of the Sea (2cr) (LAW 6027)
 - Real Estate Transactions (3cr) (LAW 6213) (effective Fall 2019)
 - Smart Growth (3cr) (LAW 6031)
 - Special Topics in Administrative Law (3cr) (LAW 6651) (paper may count with permission)

6. Eligible Graduate Level Courses (5000-8000) in Other University Departments:

- Applied Economics:
 - Economics of Natural Resource and Environmental Policy (3cr) (APEC 5651)
 - Economics of Science and Technology Policy (3cr) (APEC 5721)
 - U.S. Agricultural and Environmental Policy (3cr) (APEC 5711)
- Environmental Science, Policy and Management
 - Environmental Conflict Management, Leadership, and Planning (3cr) (ESPM 5202)
 - Sustainable Land Use Planning and Policy (3cr) (ESPM 5245)
 - Water Quality and Natural Resources (3cr) (ESPM 5061)
- Geography:
 - Geography of Environmental Systems and Global Change (4cr) (GEOG 5401)
 - Rural Landscapes and Environments (4cr) (GEOG 5393)
- Public Affairs:
 - Climate Change Policy (3cr) (PA 5724)
 - Science, Technology & Environmental Policy (3cr) (PA 5711)
- Public Health:
 - Environmental and Occupational Health Policy (2cr) (PUBH 6105)

7. Faculty teaching and advising students in this Concentration are listed below. Faculty may be added (e.g., upon joining this University) or removed (e.g., if the faculty member's teaching interests move away from the subject matter of this Concentration) at the discretion of the Faculty Chair.

Ann Burkhart
 Gabriel Chan (Affiliate; Humphrey School of Public Affairs)
 Kristin Hickman
 Brad Karkkainen
 Alexandra B. Klass
 Fred Morrison (emeritus)
 Christopher Roberts

Jean Coleman (Adjunct)
Pete Farrell (Adjunct)
Edward Garvey (Adjunct)
Rachel Kitze Collins (Adjunct)
Elise Larson (Adjunct)
Charlie Nauen (Adjunct)
Emily Polacheck (Adjunct)
Mark Ten Eyck (Adjunct)
David Zoll (Adjunct)

Appendix: Family Law

1. Faculty Chair: June Carbone
2. Number of Required Credits in Approved Courses: 15
3. Mandatory Courses:
 - A. Family Law (3cr) (LAW 6604)
 - B. Research Paper or Immersion Experience: This concentration requires students to complete a research paper and an immersion experience.
 - i. At least one of the following immersion experiences (J.D. only; not required for LL.M students):

Child Advocacy and Juvenile Justice Clinic (7cr) (LAW 7675)
Community Mediation Clinic (6cr) (LAW 7040)
Family Law Clinic (7cr) (LAW 7420)
Family Law Capstone (3cr) (LAW 6413)
Indian Child Welfare Clinic (4cr) (LAW 7098)
Independent Field Placement (1-3cr) (LAW 7607/7609) (depends on nature of the placement and requires permission of concentration chair)
Minnesota Law Remote Semester Field Placement (LAW 7640) (depends on nature of the placement and for a maximum of four credits)
Public Interest Field Placement (1-3cr) (LAW 7623) (depends on nature of the placement and requires permission of concentration chair)
Saeks Public Interest Residency Externship (LAW 6067) (depends on nature of the placement and for a maximum of four credits)
 - ii. At least one of the following writing experiences:
Journal note on a family law topic with approval of concentration chair (2cr)
Independent Research and Writing on a family law topic with approval of concentration chair (1-3cr) (LAW 7606/7608)
A substantial written project on family law in any UMN course (other than those listed in sections 3.A and 3.B above), with approval of the concentration chair. The paper will satisfy this requirement even if the course credits do not count toward the concentration.
4. Recommended Courses at the Law School:
All of the courses listed above
Student Director Positions in any of the clinic courses listed above (maximum of 2 credits may count toward the concentration)

Advanced Administrative Law (3cr) (LAW 6650)
Alternative Dispute Resolution (2cr) (LAW 6833)
Education Law and Policy (3cr) (LAW 6159)
Employment and Family-Based Immigration Law (2cr) (LAW 6845)

Estate Planning (3cr) (LAW 6151)
Genetics and Assisted Reproduction: Law and Ethics (2cr) (LAW 6824)
Interviewing, Counseling & Negotiating (3cr) (LAW 6245)
Juvenile Justice (3cr) (LAW 6226)
Poverty Law I (3cr) (LAW 6220)
Poverty Law II (3cr) (LAW 6223)
Practical Estate Planning (2cr) (LAW 6817)
Reproductive Rights (3cr) (LAW 6036)
Special Topics in Administrative Law (3cr) (LAW 6651) (paper may count with permission)
Wills and Trusts (4cr) (LAW 6153)

5. Recommended Courses that Do Not Count Toward the Concentration:

Students who plan to litigate should take courses such as Evidence and Trial Practice. The Law School allows students to complete two concentrations, so students might consider completing the requirements for both Family Law and Civil Litigation.

Other courses that might be helpful include:

Bankruptcy: Power, Process, and Procedure (3cr) (LAW 6107)
Business Associations/Corporations (4cr) (LAW 6051)
Community Legal Partnership for Health Clinic (5cr) (LAW 7750)
Employment Discrimination (3cr) (LAW 6631)
Essentials of Business for Lawyers (3cr) (LAW 6016/6076)
Human Trafficking (2cr) (LAW 6046)
Immigration Law (3cr) (LAW 6872)
Indian Law (3cr) (LAW 6236)
Insurance (3cr) (LAW 6214)
Remedies (3cr) (LAW 6200)
Ronald M. Mankoff Tax Clinic (7cr) (LAW 7950)
Sex Discrimination (2cr) (LAW 6866)
Taxation I (3cr) (LAW 6100)
Transitional Justice (2cr) (LAW 6893)
Women's International Human Rights (2cr) (LAW 6827)

6. Core faculty for this Concentration are listed below. Faculty may be added (e.g., upon joining this University) or removed (e.g., if the faculty member's teaching interests move away from the subject matter of this Concentration) at the discretion of the Faculty Chair.

Brian Bix
Susanna Blumenthal
Gary Debele (Adjunct)
Jill Hasday
Perry Moriearty
Fionnuala Ní Aoláin
Jean Sanderson
Robert Stein
Judith T. Younger

Appendix: Health Law and Bioethics

1. Faculty Chair: Susan M. Wolf
2. Number of Required Credits in Approved Courses:
 - For J.D. students: 12
 - For LL.M students: 12 (no more than 2 outside the Law School)
3. Mandatory Courses:
 - a. At least one course on the law of health care delivery:
 - Food & Drug Law (3cr) (LAW 6402)
 - Health Care Fraud and Abuse (2cr) (LAW 6919)
 - Health Law (3cr) (LAW 6605)
 - b. At least one introductory bioethics course:
 - Advanced Topics in Bioethics (1-4cr) (BTHX 8000) [course topic & credits varies; 2 credit minimum to count towards introductory bioethics requirement]
 - Bioethics Proseminar (2cr) (BTHX 5010)
 - Biomedical Ethics (3 cr) (BTHX 5325)
 - Disability Ethics (3cr) (BTHX 5650)
 - Ethical Issues in Pediatrics (2cr) (BTHX 5110)
 - Ethics of Human Subjects Research (3cr) (BTHX 5210)
 - Foundations of Bioethics (3cr) (BTHX 5300)
 - Genetics: Law & Ethics (2cr) (LAW 6824)
 - Introduction to Bioethics in Health Policy (3cr) (BTHX 5400)
 - Introduction to Clinical Ethics (3cr) (BTHX 5100)
 - Law, Biomedicine & Bioethics (3cr) (LAW 6853)
 - Social Context of Health & Illness (3cr) (BTHX 5620)
 - Topics in Bioethics (1-4cr) (BTHX 5000) [course topic & credits varies; 2 credit minimum to count toward introductory bioethics requirement]
4. Research Paper or Immersion Experience: This concentration requires students to complete a research paper. (see requirements, Policy on Concentrations, 10.A.iii.a.)
5. Recommended Courses at the Law School: All of the above courses, and:
 - Advanced Administrative Law (3cr) (LAW 6650)
 - Biotechnology & Patent Law (2cr) (LAW 6949)
 - Community Legal Partnership for Health Clinic (5cr - students may count up to 3cr) (LAW 7750)
 - Cybercrime and Cybersecurity (2cr) (LAW 6832)
 - Cybersecurity Law and Policy (3cr) (LAW 6638)
 - Data Compliance Practicum (1cr) (LAW 6133)
 - Data Privacy Law (3cr) (LAW 6103)
 - Disability Law (formerly Disability in the Workplace) (3cr) (LAW 6625)
 - Emerging Sciences and Technologies: Law, Ethics & Policy (3cr) (LAW 6037/PA 8790/BTHX 8000)
 - Employee Benefits (3cr) (LAW 6244)

Employment Discrimination (3cr) (LAW 6631)
 Family Law (3cr) (LAW 6604)
 Independent Field Placement (1-3cr) (LAW 7607/7609) (depends on nature of the placement and requires permission of concentration chair)
 Independent Research and Writing (1-3cr) (LAW 7606/7608) (depends on project and requires permission of the concentration chair)
 Insurance Law (3cr) (LAW 6214)
 International Human Rights Law (3cr) (LAW 6886)
 Law and Artificial Intelligence (2cr) (LAW 6896)
 Law and Neuroscience (2cr) (LAW 6063)
 Minnesota Law Remote Semester Field Placement (LAW 7640) (depends on nature of the placement and for a maximum of four credits)
 Nonprofit Law (2cr) (LAW 6873)
 Public Interest Field Placement (1-3cr) (LAW 7623) (depends on nature of the placement and requires permission of concentration chair)
 Reproductive Rights (3cr) (LAW 6036)
 Risk and Compliance: Theory and Practice (2cr) (LAW 6803)
 Saeks Public Interest Residency Externship (Law 6067) (depends on nature of the placement and for a maximum of four credits)
 Sports Concussions and the Law: Neuroscience and Liability (2cr) (LAW 6948)
 Women's International Human Rights (2cr) (LAW 6827)

6. Eligible Graduate Level Courses (5000-8000) in Other University Departments:

Advanced Topics in Bioethics (1-4cr) (BTHX 8000)
 Bioethics, Psychiatry & Psychology (3cr) (BTHX 5540)
 Dying in Contemporary Medical Culture (2cr) (BTHX 5120/8120)
 Economics of the Health Care System (3cr) (PUBH 6832)
 Ethics in Public Health: Professional Practice and Policy (1 cr) (PUBH 6741)
 Ethics in Public Health: Research and Policy (1 credit) (PUBH 6742)
 Foundations in the History of Modern Medicine (3cr) (HMED 8002)
 Gender and the Politics of Health (3cr) (BTHX 5510/8510)
 Genetic Counseling Issues (3cr) (BTHX 8114) (effective Fall 2019)
 Genetics in Public Health (2cr) (PUBH 6381)
 Health and Health Systems (3cr) (PUBH 6556)
 Health and Human Rights (3 credits) (PUBH 6801)
 Health Economics II (3cr) (PUBH 8821)
 Independent Study in Bioethics (1-4cr) (BTHX 5900) [topic dependent]
 Legal Considerations in Health Services Organizations (2cr) (PUBH 6596)
 Medical Consumerism (3cr) (BTHX 8610)
 Pharmaceutical Geographies, Pharmaceutical Economies (3cr) (HMED 8220)
 Principles of Health Policy (2cr) (PUBH 6835)
 Private Purchasers of Health Care: Roles of Employers & Health Plans in U.S. Health Care System (2cr) (PUBH 6564/7564)
 Public Health Law (2cr) (PUBH 6711)
 Seminar on Medical Ethics (3cr) (PHIL 8320)
 Social Inequalities in Health (2cr) (PUBH 6055)
 Structural Racism and Health Inequities (2cr) (PUBH 6780)

7. Core faculty for this Concentration are listed below. Faculty may be added (e.g., upon joining this University) or removed (e.g., if the faculty member's teaching interests move away from the subject matter of this Concentration) at the discretion of the Faculty Chair.

Stephen F. Befort, JD (emeritus)
Brian Bix, DPhil, JD (Law; Philosophy)
Susanna Blumenthal, PhD, JD
June Carbone, JD
Ralph Hall, JD (Professor of Practice)
Jill Hasday, JD
William McGeeveran, JD
Amy B. Monahan, JD
Christopher N.J. Roberts, JD, PhD (Law; Sociology)
Daniel Schwarcz, JD
Frances Shen, JD, PhD
Susan M. Wolf, JD (Law; Medicine; Bioethics)
Judith T. Younger, JD, LLD
Mitchell E. Zamoff, JD
Lynn Blewett, PhD (Public Health)
Kathleen Thiede Call, PhD (Public Health)
Debra DeBruin, PhD (Bioethics; Medicine; Philosophy)
Carl Elliott, MD, PhD (Bioethics; Pediatrics; Philosophy; Journalism)
Sarah Gollust, PhD (Public Health)
Jennifer L. Gunn, PhD (History of Medicine)
Rachel Hardeman, PhD, MPH (Public Health)
Sarah Holtman, PhD, JD (Philosophy)
Susan D. Jones, PhD, DVM (Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior; History of Science, Technology, & Medicine)
Bonnie LeRoy, MS, CGC (Genetic Counseling; Bioethics)
Joan Liaschenko, RN, PhD (Bioethics; Nursing)
Michelle Mason-Bizri, PhD (Philosophy)
Jennifer Needle, MD, MPH (Pediatrics; Bioethics)
Michael T. Osterholm, PhD, MPH (Public Health)
Edward Ratner, MD (Bioethics; Medicine; Health Informatics)
Valerie Tiberius, PhD (Philosophy)
Dominique Tobell, PhD (History of Medicine)
Leigh Turner, PhD (Bioethics; Public Health; Pharmacy)
Beth A. Virnig, PhD, MPH (Public Health; Bioethics)
Eileen P. Weber, DNP, JD, BSN, PHN, RN (Nursing; Law; Ethics)
Heather Zierhut, PhD (Genetic Counseling)

Appendix: Human Rights

1. Faculty Chair: Christopher Roberts
2. Advising Support: Human Rights Center
Students are strongly encouraged to meet with the Human Rights Center in the spring of 1L year and each fall to discuss course selection and plans for fulfilling concentration requirements.
3. Number of Required Credits in Approved Courses: 12
4. Mandatory Courses: At least two of the following:
 - Human Rights Advocacy (3cr) (LAW 6058)
 - International Criminal Law (3cr) (LAW 6648)
 - International Human Rights Law (3cr) (LAW 6886)
 - International Law (3cr) (LAW 6011/6071)
 - Laws of War (2-3cr) (LAW 6889)
5. Research Paper or Immersion Experience. This concentration requires students to complete a research paper or immersion experience.
 - a. The research paper requirement can be satisfied by receiving a passing grade in a course that satisfies this concentration and satisfies the Law School's upper division writing requirement. LL.M. students may satisfy the paper requirement by successfully completing both LL.M Legal Writing and Legal Skills I & II (LAW 6021/6022). The credits for these courses count toward the concentration credit requirement.
 - b. Instead of writing a research paper, students may complete any of the following immersion experiences:
 - Human Rights Law Field Placement (2-3cr) (LAW 7622) [Note: Available for LL.M. students]
 - Human Rights Litigation and International Legal Advocacy Clinic (7cr) (LAW 7400) (maximum of 4 credits may count towards the concentration credit requirement)
 - Immigration and Human Rights Clinic (7cr) (LAW 7842) (maximum of 4 credits may count towards the concentration credit requirement)
 - Immigration Law Field Placement (2-3cr) (LAW 7621) (with approval of concentration chair) [Note: Available for LL.M. students]
 - Minnesota Law Remote Semester Field Placement (LAW 7640) (depends on nature of the placement and for a maximum of four credits)
 - Public Interest Field Placement (2-3cr) (LAW 7623) (depends on nature of the placement and requires permission of concentration chair)
 - Saeks Public Interest Residency Externship (Law 6067) (depends on nature of the placement and for a maximum of four credits)

6. Recommended Courses at the Law School:

Arab Israeli Conflict: Legal Aspects (2cr) (LAW 6802)
Business and Human Rights (2cr) (LAW 6637)
Civil Rights Competition Team (2cr) (depending on subject) (LAW 7097)
Civil Rights / Civil Liberties Moot Court (2cr) (depending on subject) (LAW 7055)
Civil Rights: Citizenship and Human Rights (3cr) (LAW 6621)(through Spring 2019)
Comparative Criminal Procedure (2-3cr) (LAW 6892)
Death Penalty (2cr) (LAW 6801)
Equal Protection and Civil Rights Acts (3cr) (LAW 6084)
European Human Rights Law (3cr) (LAW 6636)
European Union Law (3cr) (LAW 6216)
First Amendment (3cr) (LAW 6083)
Gender Theory and the Law (3cr) (LAW 6645)
George Floyd's Minneapolis: Past, Present, and Moving Forward (1cr) (LAW 6869)
Immigration Law (3cr) (LAW 6872)
Immigration Law Field Placement (1-3cr) (LAW 7621) (with approval of concentration chair)
Immigration Reforms through History (1cr Fall 2019; 2cr Fall 2020) (LAW 6719)
Independent Research and Writing (1-3cr) (LAW 7606/7608) (depends on project and requires permission of the concentration chair)
Indian Law (3cr) (LAW 6236)
International and Foreign Legal Research (2cr) (LAW 6867)
International Law Moot Court and the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (on a human rights topic; 2cr) (LAW 7075/7078)
Poverty and Human Rights (2cr) (LAW 6879)
Public Interest Field Placement (1-3cr) (LAW 7623) (depends on nature of the placement and requires permission of concentration chair)
Race and the Law: Systems, Structures, and Solutions (2cr) (LAW 6915)
Race and American Law (2cr) (LAW 6953)
Refugee & Asylum Law (2cr) (LAW 6921)
Rights in Conflict: Citizenship and Human Rights (formerly Civil Rights...) (2cr as of Spring 2020) (LAW 6621)
Rule of Law (2cr) (LAW 6918)
Saeks Public Interest Residency Externship (Law 6067) (depends on nature of the placement and for a maximum of four credits)
Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Human Rights (2cr) (LAW) 6862)
Terrorism, Counter-Terrorism and International Law (2cr) (LAW 6708)
Transitional Justice (2cr) (LAW 6893)
Women's International Human Rights (2/3cr) (LAW 6827)

Recognizing that the course offerings related to human rights vary from year to year, a student may petition the Faculty Chair to approve a course not listed here if it will substantially further the student's understanding of an area or aspect of the law related to human rights.

7. Eligible Graduate Level Courses (5000-8000) in Other Departments:

Applied Policy Research and Human Rights NGOs (PA 5890)
Health and Human Rights (2-3cr) (PUBH 6801)
Human Rights and Crimes against Humanity (3cr) (HIST 8245)
Human Rights Policy (3cr) (PA 5885)
Immigration, Health & Public Policy (PA 5451)
International Norms and Institutions (3cr) (POL 8403)
Topics in Social Policy (1-3cr) (PA 5490) (Depends on specific topic of course)

8. Core faculty for this Concentration are listed below. Faculty may be added (e.g., upon joining this University) or removed (e.g., if the faculty member's teaching interests move away from the subject matter of this Concentration) at the discretion of the Faculty Chair.

Benjamin Casper Sanchez
Linus Chan
Richard Frase (emeritus)
Barbara Frey
Jennie Green
Oren Gross
Neha Jain
Amanda Lyons
Deepinder Mayell
Steve Meili
Fred Morrison (emeritus)
Fionnuala Ní Aoláin
Myron Orfield
Leigh Payne (Affiliated: Institute for Global Studies)
Christopher Roberts
Robert Stein
Michael Tonry (emeritus)

Appendix: Immigration Law

1. Faculty Chair: Steve Meili
2. Minimum Number of Required Credits in Approved Courses
 - For J.D. candidates: 15
 - For LL.M candidates: 12
3. Mandatory Course:
 - Immigration Law (3cr) (LAW 6872)
4. Research Paper or Immersion Experience: This concentration requires students to complete a research paper or immersion experience.

- a. Students may complete a research paper to fulfill this requirement. The research paper requirement can be satisfied by receiving a passing grade in a course that satisfies this concentration and satisfies the Law School's upper division writing requirement.

In addition, LL.M. students may satisfy the paper requirement by successfully completing LL.M Legal Writing and Legal Skills I (LAW 6021) (effective Fall 2021)

- b. J.D. students may instead complete one of the following immersion experiences:
 - Detainee Rights Clinic (7cr) (LAW 7844)
 - Federal Immigration Litigation Clinic (7cr) (LAW 7042)
 - Immigration and Human Rights Law Clinic (7cr) (LAW 7842)
 - Immigration Law Field Placement (2-3cr) (LAW 7621) [Note: Available for LL.M. students]
 - Minnesota Law Remote Semester Field Placement (LAW 7640) (depends on nature of the placement and for a maximum of four credits)
 - Rural Immigration Access Clinic (2cr) (LAW 7910)
 - Saeks Public Interest Residency Externship (Law 6067) (depends on nature of the placement and for a maximum of four credits)

5. Recommended Courses at the Law School:

All of the courses listed above

Clinic Director positions in any of the courses listed above (maximum of 2 credits may count toward the concentration)

Journal note on an immigration topic with approval of concentration chair (2cr)

Advanced Administrative Law (3cr) (LAW 6650)

Civil Rights: Citizenship and Human Rights (3cr) (LAW 6621)(through Spring 2019)

Employment and Family-Based Immigration Law (2cr) (LAW 6845)

Employment Discrimination (3cr) (LAW 6631)

Employment Law (3cr) (LAW 6632)

Family Law (3cr) (LAW 6604)

Human Trafficking (2cr) (LAW 6046)

Immigration and Criminal Law (2cr) (LAW 6718)
Immigration Reforms through History (1cr Fall 2019; 2cr Fall 2020) (LAW 6719)
Independent Field Placement (1-3cr) (LAW 7607/7609) (depends on nature of the placement and requires permission of concentration chair)
Independent Research and Writing (1-3cr) (LAW 7606/7608) (depends on project and requires permission of the concentration chair)
International Law (3cr) (LAW 6011/6071)
International Human Rights Law (3cr) (LAW 6886)
Overturning Criminal Convictions: Post-conviction Relief Policy, Law and Practice (2cr) (LAW 6810)
Poverty and Human Rights (2cr) (LAW 6879)
Refugee & Asylum Law (2cr) (LAW 6921)
Rights in Conflict: Citizenship and Human Rights (formerly Civil Rights...) (2cr as of Spring 2020) (LAW 6621)
Special Topics in Administrative Law (3cr) (LAW 6651) (paper may count with permission)

6. Recommended Courses that Do Not Count Toward the Concentration:

Students who plan to litigate should take courses such as Evidence and Trial Practice. The Law School allows students to complete two concentrations, so students might consider completing the requirements for both Immigration Law and Civil Litigation.

7. Core faculty for this Concentration are listed below. Faculty may be added (e.g., upon joining this University) or removed (e.g., if the faculty member's teaching interests move away from the subject matter of this Concentration) at the discretion of the Faculty Chair.

Benjamin Casper Sanchez
Linus Chan
Deepinder Mayell
Steve Meili
Sam Myers (Adjunct)
Sarah Peterson (Adjunct)

Appendix: Intellectual Property & Technology Law

1. Faculty Chair: Tom Cotter

2. Number of Required Credits in Approved Courses: 15

In fulfilling the credit requirement, students may not exceed three credits in disciplines other than law.

3. Mandatory Courses:

- Copyright Law (3cr) (LAW 6613)
- Patents (3cr) (LAW 6224)
- Trademarks (3cr) (LAW 6608)

4. Research Paper or Immersion Experience: This concentration requires students to complete a research paper or immersion experience.

- a. The research paper requirement can be satisfied by receiving a passing grade in a course that satisfies this concentration and satisfies the Law School's upper division writing requirement.
- b. Instead of writing a research paper, students may complete one of the following courses:
 - Independent Field Placement (1-3cr) (LAW 7607/7609) (depends on nature of the placement and requires permission of concentration chair)
 - Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Clinic (2cr) (LAW 7088)
 - Patent Drafting and Oral Advocacy Competition Team (2cr) (LAW 7127)
 - Patent Field Placement (1-3cr) (LAW 7629)
 - Patent Law Capstone: Innovation (3cr) (LAW 6490)
 - Patent Portfolio Management (2cr) (LAW 6250)

5. Recommended Courses at the Law School:

- Advanced Patents (2cr) (LAW 6248) (through Spring 2017)
- Biotechnology & Patent Law (2cr) (LAW 6949)
- Coding for Lawyers (1cr) (LAW 6959)
- Cybercrime and Cybersecurity (2cr) (LAW 6832)
- Cybersecurity Law and Policy (3cr) (LAW 6638)
- Data Compliance Practicum (1cr) (LAW 6133)
- Data Privacy Law (3cr) (LAW 6103)
- Digital Evidence (2cr) (LAW 6876)
- E-Discovery (2cr) (LAW 6714)
- Emerging Sciences and Technologies: Law, Ethics and Policy (3cr) (LAW 6037)
- Energy Law (3cr) (LAW 6062)
- First Amendment Law (3cr) (LAW 6083) (previously LAW 6241)
- Food and Drug Law (3cr) (LAW 6402)
- Genetics & Assisted Reproduction: Law & Ethics (2cr) (LAW 6824)
- Health Law (3cr) (LAW 6605)
- Independent Research and Writing (1-3cr) (LAW 7606/7608) (depends on project and requires permission of the concentration chair; maximum of two credits unless concentration chair approves a third credit)

Information Governance (2cr) (LAW 6705)
 Intellectual Property and Technology Proseminar (1cr) (LAW 6926)
 Intellectual Property Moot Court and Competition Team (LAW 7085/7086) (max. 2cr)
 Intellectual Property Transactions (2cr) (LAW 6707)
 International Business Operation and Negotiation (3cr) (LAW 6622)
 International Intellectual Property (3cr) (LAW 6609)
 Law, Biomedicine & Bioethics (3cr) (LAW 6853)
 Law & Neuroscience (3cr) (LAW 6063)
 Minnesota Law Remote Semester Field Placement (LAW 7640) (depends on nature of the placement and for a maximum of four credits)
 Patent Law Proseminar (1cr) (LAW 6925)
 Patent Prosecution Practice I (2cr) (LAW 6231)
 Patent Prosecution Practice II (3cr) (LAW 6232)
 Patent Remedies (1cr) (LAW 6241)
 Patent Research & Writing (2cr) (LAW 6243)
 Saeks Public Interest Residency Externship (LAW 6067) (depends on nature of the placement and for a maximum of four credits)
 Trade Secret Law (2cr) (LAW 6836)
 Unfair Competition (2cr) (LAW 6610) (through Spring 2018)
 U.S. Economic Sanctions and Export Controls (2cr) (LAW 6703)
 Winning Patent Litigation (2cr) (LAW 6225)

6. Eligible Graduate Level Courses (5000-8000) in Other University Departments (max 3 cr.):

Law of Internet Communication (3cr) (JOUR 5552)
 Medical Device Industry: Business and Public Policy (2cr) (MILI 6726)
 Pharmaceutical Industry: Business and Public Policy (2cr) (MILI 6235)
 Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy (3cr) (PA 5711)

7. Other Valuable Courses:

The following courses do not count toward concentration requirements, but students interested in specializing in intellectual property and technology law may find some or all of them valuable, depending on their particular areas of specialization:

Advanced Administrative Law (3cr) (LAW 6650)
 Antitrust (3cr) (LAW 6207)
 Business Associations/Corporations (4cr) (LAW 6051)
 Contract Drafting (2cr) (LAW 6837)
 Federal Jurisdiction (3cr) (6152)
 Federal & State Courts (3cr) (LAW 6120)
 Law & Economics: Private Law (3cr) (LAW 6644)
 Taxation I (3cr) (LAW 6100)

8. Core law school faculty for this Concentration are listed below. Faculty may be added (e.g., upon joining this University) or removed (e.g., if the faculty member's teaching interests move away from the subject matter of this Concentration) at the discretion of the Concentration Faculty Chair.

-Tom Cotter
 -William McGeeveran

9. In addition, the following faculty teach elective courses within the Concentration:
- June Carbone (Robina Chair in Law, Science and Technology)
 - Susan M. Wolf (McKnight Presidential Professor of Law, Medicine & Public Policy)
 - Alan Rozenshtein (Associate Professor)
 - Francis Shen (Associate Professor)
 - Ralph Hall (Professor of Practice)
 - Michael Hannon (Associate Director for Library and Educational Technology)
 - Jane Kirtley (Affiliate; Professor of Journalism and Mass Communications)
 - Jon Lee (Professor of Practice)
 - Christopher Turoski (Director of Patent Law Programs and Lecturer in Law)
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- Gregory Brown (Adjunct Professor)
 - Ted Budd (Adjunct Professor)
 - Brian Clark (Adjunct Professor)
 - Elizabeth Cowan Wright (Adjunct Professor)
 - Brian Dawley (Adjunct Professor)
 - Patrick Finn (Adjunct Professor)
 - Tim Grimsrud (Adjunct Professor)
 - Victor Jonas (Adjunct Professor)
 - Braden Katterheinrich (Adjunct Professor)
 - Teresa Lavoie (Adjunct Professor)
 - Ambar Nayate (Adjunct Professor)

Appendix: International Law

1. Faculty Chair: Oren Gross
2. Number of Required Credits in Approved Courses
 - For J.D. candidates: 18
 - For LL.M candidates: 15
3. Mandatory Courses:
 - a. International Law (3cr) (LAW 6011/6071)
 - b. At least two of the following:
 - International Business Transactions (3cr) (LAW 6601)
 - International Criminal Law (3cr) (LAW 6648)
 - International Environmental Law (2 or 3cr) (LAW 6400)
 - International Human Rights Law (3cr) (LAW 6886)
 - International Trade Law (3cr) (LAW 6619)
 - Laws of War (2-3cr) (LAW 6889)
4. Research Paper or Immersion Experience. This concentration requires students to complete a research paper or immersion experience.
 - a. The research paper requirement can be satisfied by receiving a passing grade in a course that: (1) satisfies this concentration; **and** (2) requires a research paper that satisfies the Law School's upper division writing requirement.
 - b. LL.M. students may satisfy the paper requirement by successfully completing Practice Ready International Legal Research (LAW 6867).
 - c. J.D. Students may also satisfy the paper requirement by successfully completing either International Law Moot Court or the Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition (LAW 7075/7078) if the Faculty Chair concludes that the research and writing done as part of the course is comparable to that of a research paper and if such research and writing (or relevant portion) are the sole work of the student. Students planning to submit portions of a co-authored brief, memo etc. should retain a draft of the writing that is their sole work to submit in satisfaction of this requirement.
 - d. Instead of writing a research paper, J.D. students may complete any of the following immersion experiences:
 - Field Placement or Public Interest Residency Externship (As noted in Section (5) below, depends on nature of the placement or externship and requires permission of concentration chair)

Human Rights Litigation & International Advocacy Clinic (4crF/3crS) (LAW 7400) (maximum of 4 credits may count towards the concentration credit requirement)*

Immigration and Human Rights Law Clinic (4crF/3crS) (LAW 7842) (maximum of 4 credits may count towards the concentration credit requirement)*

5. Recommended Courses at the Law School – all of the courses above, and:

Arab-Israeli Conflict: Legal Aspects (2cr) (LAW 6802)

Complex and Cross-Cultural Negotiations (2cr) (LAW 6626)

European Human Rights Law (2cr) (LAW 6636)

European Union Business Law (3cr) (LAW 6647)

European Union Law (3cr) (LAW 6216)

Human Rights Litigation & International Advocacy Clinic (7cr) (LAW 7400)

Immigration Law (3cr) (LAW 6872)

Independent Field Placement (1-3cr) (LAW 7607/7609) (depends on nature of the placement and requires permission of concentration chair)

Independent Research and Writing (1-3cr) (LAW 7606/7608) (depends on project and requires permission of the concentration chair)

International Bankruptcy (2cr) (LAW 6898)

International Business Operations and Negotiations (3cr) (LAW 6622)

International Commercial Arbitration (2cr) (LAW 6911)

International Contracts (2cr) (LAW 6800)

International Intellectual Property (3cr) (LAW 6609)

International Law Moot Court (LAW 7075/7076/7077) (maximum of 3 credits per course and a total maximum of 6 credits may count towards the concentration credit requirement)*

International Law Workshop (2cr) (LAW 6861)

International Moot Court Competition Team (LAW 7079) (maximum of 3 credits may count towards the concentration credit requirement)

International Tax (2cr) (LAW 6627)

Law of International Organizations (2cr) (LAW 6887)

Law of the Sea (2cr) (LAW 6027)

Minnesota Law Remote Semester Field Placement (LAW 7640) (depends on nature of the placement and for a maximum of four credits and requires permission of concentration chair)

Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition (LAW 7078) (maximum of 3 credits may count towards the concentration credit requirement)

Practice Ready International Legal Research (2cr) (LAW 6867)

Public Interest Field Placement (1-3cr) (LAW 7623) (depends on nature of the placement and requires permission of concentration chair)

Rule of Law (2cr) (LAW 6918)

Saeks Public Interest Residency Externship (LAW 6067) (depends on nature of the placement and for a maximum of four credits)

Terrorism, Counter-Terrorism and International Law (2cr) (LAW 6708)

* Limit on number of credits that may count toward the concentration applies only to students who started in the 1L program in or after 2017, or started as a transfer student in or after 2018.

Transitional Justice (2cr) (LAW 6893)
U. S.-China Trade War (2cr) (LAW 6847)
U.S. Economic Sanctions and Export Controls (2cr) (LAW 6703)
Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition Team (Vienna)
(LAW 7079) (maximum of 3 credits may count towards the concentration credit
requirement)
Women's International Human Rights (2cr) (LAW 6827)

6. Eligible Graduate Level Courses (5000-8000) in Other University Departments:

-Political Science:

International Norms and Institutions (3cr) (POL 8403)
Topics in Comparative Politics (1-3cr) (POL 5410) (depends on course topic)
Topics in International Relations (3cr) (POL 8460) (depends on course topic)

-Other

Global Economic Policy (3cr) (PA 5802)
Migration, Human Rights, and the Southern Border (1cr) (PA 5890)
Sociology of Law (3cr) (SOC 8101)

7. Recognizing that the course offerings related to international law vary from year to year, a student may petition the Faculty Chair to approve a course not listed in either Section 5 or 6 above if it will substantially further the student's understanding of an area or aspect of the law related to international law.

8. Core faculty for this Concentration are listed below. Faculty may be added (e.g., upon joining this University) or removed (e.g., if the faculty member's teaching interests move away from the subject matter of this Concentration) at the discretion of the Faculty Chair.

Tom Cotter
Jennifer Green
Oren Gross
Neha Jain
Steve Meili
Fred Morrison (emeritus)
Fionnuala Ní Aoláin
Christopher Roberts
Robert Stein
Paul Vaaler
Elizabeth Boyle (Affiliated: Sociology)
Cosette Creamer (Affiliated: Political Science)
Bob Kudrle (Affiliated: Carlson School of Management)
Ford Runge (Affiliated: Carlson School of Management)
Jochim Savelsberg (Affiliated: Sociology)

Appendix: Labor and Employment Law

1. Faculty Chair: Amy B. Monahan
2. Number of Required Credits in Approved Courses: 12
3. Mandatory Courses: Students must take at least two of the following courses:
 - Labor Law (3cr) (LAW 6203)
 - Employment Discrimination (3cr) (LAW 6631)
 - Employment Law (3cr) (LAW 6632)
4. Research Paper or Immersion Experience: This concentration requires students to complete a research paper or immersion experience. Instead of writing a research paper, J.D. students may enroll in the following immersion courses:
 - Employment Law Clinic (4cr) (LAW 7015)
 - Independent Field Placement (1-3cr) (LAW 7607/7609) (depends on nature of the placement and requires permission of concentration chair)
 - Minnesota Law Remote Semester Field Placement (LAW 7640) (depends on nature of the placement and for a maximum of four credits)
 - Public Interest Field Placement (1-3cr) (LAW 7623) (depends on nature of the placement and requires permission of concentration chair)
 - Saeks Public Interest Residency Externship (LAW 6067) (depends on nature of the placement and for a maximum of four credits)
5. Recommended Courses at the Law School (in addition to the courses listed above):
 - Advanced Topics in Labor and Employment Law (2cr) (LAW 6860)
 - Alternative Dispute Resolution (2cr) (LAW 6833)
 - Conflict Resolution (2cr) (LAW 6859)
 - Disability Law (formerly Disability in the Workplace) (3cr) (LAW 6625)
 - Employee Benefits (3cr) (LAW 6244)
 - Employment and Family-Based Immigration Law (2cr) (LAW 6845)
 - Human Trafficking (2cr) (LAW 6046)
 - Immigration Law (3cr) (LAW 6872)
 - Independent Research and Writing (1-3cr) (LAW 7606/7608) (depends on project and requires permission of the concentration chair)
 - International Employment Law (LAW 6611)
 - Labor and Antitrust in the Gig Economy and Beyond (2cr) (LAW 6825)
 - Sex Discrimination (2cr) (LAW 6866)
6. Eligible Graduate Level Courses (5000-8000) in Other University Departments:
 - Human Resources and Industrial Relations:
 - Labor Relations and Collective Bargaining (4cr) (HRIR 6701; previously 8071)
 - Managing Diversity (2cr) (HRIR 5222)
 - Public Policies on Work and Pay (3cr) (HRIR 5655)
 - Public Policies on Employee Benefits (3cr) (HRIR 5654)

Topics in Human Resources and Industrial Relations (2cr) (HRIR 5000) (depends on topic)

-Public Affairs:

Poverty, Inequality, and Public Policy (3cr) (PA 5401)

Public Policies on Work and Pay (3cr) (PA 5431)

-Other:

Labor Economics (3cr) (APEC 5511)

7. Core faculty for this Concentration are listed below. Faculty may be added (e.g., upon joining this University) or removed (e.g., if the faculty member's teaching interests move away from the subject matter of this Concentration) at the discretion of the Faculty Chair.

Stephen Befort (emeritus)

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Amy B. Monahan