CRIMINAL LAW (LAW) (LCR)

LCR 905 - Criminal Law
Credits: 3
The course covers the concepts and topics typical of substantive criminal law courses. We investigate the elements that define crimes and defenses. We look at certain constitutional doctrines as bearing on the limits of legislative authority to define conduct as criminal. The course offers a good opportunity to practice the skills of statutory interpretation, and confronts students with the policy and ethical questions underlying choices and implementation about what conduct should be defined as criminal, and under what circumstances the law should recognize excuses or justifications for otherwise criminal conduct. Eligibility: Open to all except 1Ls. Course format: lecture. This course is recommended for taking the bar exam. Grading: other (see syllabus), 100%. This course cannot be taken for an S/U grade.

LCR 906 - Criminal Procedure I: The Law of Criminal Investigation
Credits: 3
This course falls within the categories of constitutional law and criminal practice. It focuses on the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, and investigates the constitutional regulation of police investigatory activity. Specifically, and although it may also cover other related topics, its principal focus relates to the law governing searches and seizures, and the law regulating police interrogation of suspects. Eligibility: Required JD course. Course format: lecture. This course is recommended for taking the bar exam. Grading: other (see syllabus), 100%. This course cannot be taken for an S/U grade.

LCR 907 - Criminal Procedure II: The Law of Criminal Adjudication
Credits: 2
This course familiarizes students with the Constitutional requirements of a fair criminal trial. Despite the name, students may take this course prior to completing Criminal Procedure I. Eligibility: Open to all except 1Ls. Course enrollment is limited to 40 students. Course format: lecture. Grading: other (see syllabus), 100%. This course may be taken for an S/U grade.

LCR 914 - CyberCrime
Credits: 3
As society becomes more dependent on data and networks to operate our businesses, government, national defense and other critical functions, the risks posed by hacking, 'malware' and cyberattacks escalate. Although cybercrimes can be analogized to more traditional criminal law violations, the technology that offenders employ is very new, making hackers more elusive and the damage they cause often more widespread. Cybercrime examines both new and traditional laws that govern damage caused to or through networks, especially the Internet. With good preparation, good class attendance and constructive participation, students will gain the following: 1. an intermediate technical understanding of cyberattacks; 2. knowledge of conduct that is prohibited under security and privacy laws; and 3. an ability to critically evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of security laws and relevant case law. Cybercrime will provide students with a competitive advantage for practicing law in this cutting-edge field.

LCR 919 - International Criminal Law Seminar
Credits: 2
LCR 921 - Human Trafficking I
Credits: 3
This seminar will explore legal and social issues confronting both human trafficking survivors (foreign nationals and U.S. citizens) and law enforcement within the United States and globally. The seminar will begin with an overview of legal systems for prosecuting traffickers and legal systems affecting survivors of human trafficking, including international law, U.S. criminal, immigration law and labor law. The seminar will then be devoted to exploring advocacy efforts in the U.S. Congress and executive branch to date to hold traffickers accountable while providing assistance to victims of trafficking. In particular, the seminar will look at: U.S. Congress’ efforts to combat trafficking through the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, and executive branch action and federal appropriations funding to implement the Act. The class will also cover challenges to these efforts including inter-agency coordination, definitional issues and political and ideological cleavages within the broader anti-trafficking movement. The seminar will also focus on the Department of State’s Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, the Department of Justice’s efforts to prevent and prosecute human trafficking and protect the victims of trafficking, the Department of Labor’s efforts to better document and deter trafficking and the Department of Health and Human Services efforts to provide services to victims of trafficking, especially children.

LCR 922 - International White Collar Crime
Credits: 3
This course will introduce students to the study of contemporary forms of white collar crime and its explanations, theories, and accounts along with its investigation, adjudication, and regulation. Eligibility: Open to all except 1Ls. Prerequisites: Criminal Procedure I. Course enrollment is limited to 16 students. Course format: online. Grading: class prep. and participation, 50%; research paper, 50%. This course may be taken for an S/U grade.

LCR 923 - International Legal Research
Credits: 2
This course will introduce you to the standard sources used in foreign and international law as well as introduce you to tools and strategies needed to effectively research a relevant topic. An introductory lecture is coupled with a hands-on approach to explore sources of international law in print resources, subscription electronic sources including Lexis and Westlaw, and free internet tools. We will also discuss strategies and methods for finding foreign law. We will discuss research strategy and create research plans; living documents that can keep you on track and can serve as a way to evaluate your own progress. You will practice the skills you have learned to solidify the process and method of foreign and international legal research with a culminating project. There is no final exam but each student will create an annotated bibliography or research guide throughout the semester on an international legal topic of his/her own choosing (with the instructor’s approval). You will meet with the instructor periodically to report on your research process and discuss obstacles and strategies. At the end of the semester, each student will then present the topic and their research strategy and process to the class. The final written research plan is also due the last day of class. Format: Online. Eligibility: Open to all except 1Ls. Course may be taken on a S/U Basis. Grading: Regular submissions/quizzes 45, Research paper: 35; Class prep. and participation: 10; and, Other – see syllabus: 10.
This course will explore the law and practice relating to crimes of terrorism and piracy. We will examine how states have come to define and prosecute these crimes and the subsequent implications for individual liberties, international norms, and the ever-evolving role of the state in protecting national security. Course materials will include treaties, statutes, case law, historical essays, contemporary commentary and news articles, executive orders, and other works. We will cover various themes including: competing international and domestic definitions of the crimes of terrorism and piracy; the law governing states’ jurisdiction to prosecute such crimes; the nexus between terrorism and piracy and the laws of armed conflict—such as that governing detention, trials, and targeted killing; as well as the law governing surveillance for counter-terrorism purposes and the anti-piracy efforts of non-state actors. The course will focus on contemporary U.S. law and policy, but will also provide historical context.