

Title: Deals Seminar (E)

Credits: 3 credits (2 in-class; 1 out-of-class)

Schedule Type: Seminar; Writing

Repeatable: No

Prerequisites: Business Associations and Mergers & Acquisitions OR Corporate Finance

Description: This course treats complex corporate and commercial transactions including mergers and acquisitions involving public and private company targets and strategic and private-equity buyers; bank financings, including syndicated loan transactions; offerings of debt securities, including private placements, Rule 144A transactions, and public offerings; private credit transactions; securitization transactions; PIPEs and IPOs; venture capital investments; joint ventures; and fund formation transactions.

Grade mode: Law Regular: Letter Grade

Restrictions: JD students only

Effective Term: Fall 2025

Title: Military Law

Credits: 2

Schedule Type: Lecture

Repeatable: No

Prerequisites: N/A

Description: This course will introduce students to the military justice system in the United States. The domain of "military justice" is a criminal legal system. Sources of military law include the Constitution, the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), the Rules for Courts-Martial (RCMs), and the Military Rules of Evidence (MREs), among others. This course will provide both an overview of the military justice system's legal framework and an overview of the system from start to end. It will also cover topics including court-martial jurisdiction, the role of commanders, alternatives to criminal trials, constitutional rights of the accused, pretrial issues, the trial phase of courts-martial, sentencing, appellate review, and substantive military crimes.

Grade mode: Law Regular: Letter Grade

Restrictions: JD students only

Effective Term: Fall 2025

Title: Foundations of Cybersecurity & AI Practice

Credits: 3

Schedule Type: Lecture

Repeatable: No

Prerequisites: N/A

Description: This course explores core cybersecurity and AI concepts and tools through case studies, simulations, and expert-led instruction. Students will learn about cyber risk management frameworks and how organizations use them to think about, prioritize, and mitigate risk, as well the role of data governance frameworks to ensure data accuracy, consistency, and security across an organization. Key topics also include data privacy, regulatory compliance, and the ethical implications of emerging technologies. Following the course, students will be able to provide direct cybersecurity support to vulnerable organizations in their local communities. This course is a prerequisite to the NSI CTC Cybersecurity and AI Clinic. Students enrolling in this course must commit to take the NSI CTC Cybersecurity and AI Clinic in the Spring.

Grade mode: Law Regular: Letter Grade

Restrictions: JD students only

Effective Term: Fall 2025

Title: NSI CTC Cybersecurity and AI Clinic

Credits: 3

Schedule Type: Internship

Repeatable: No

Prerequisites: Foundations of Cybersecurity & AI Practice

Description: The NSI CTC Cybersecurity and AI Clinic is a multidisciplinary clinic that educates and trains students from both George Mason and Howard University on cybersecurity and AI in a clinical setting.

This course is the follow-up to Foundations of Cybersecurity & AI Practice, which is offered in the preceding fall semester. The Clinic offers students a unique opportunity to gain hands-on cybersecurity experience while providing direct cyber support to vulnerable organizations in their local communities.

Grade mode: Law Regular: Letter Grade

Restrictions: JD students only

Effective Term: Spring 2026

Title: Bank Regulation

Credits: 2

Schedule Type: Lecture

Repeatable: N/A

Prerequisites: None

Description: This course surveys the legal and regulatory environment within which banks operate. The course examines the history and structure of the federal and state regulation of banks generally (i.e., the "dual banking system"); criteria and limitations on chartering; principal controls on the business of banking (deposit taking, lending, securities and insurance activities) including activities of holding company affiliates; capital and liquidity regulation; regulation of troubled financial institutions; liability of officers, directors, and professionals. This course also emphasizes the social and policy issues raised by the regulation of banks.

Grade mode: Law Regular: Letter Grade

Restrictions: JD students only

Effective Term: Spring 2026

Title: Readings in Financial Markets

Credits: 1 credit

Schedule Type: Lecture

Repeatable: Yes

Prerequisites: N/A

Description: This course explores foundational and emerging ideas in the social science literature on finance, markets, and the law. Readings may include scholarship on market structure, financial crises, regulatory reforms, systemic risk, financial innovation, and the role of institutions such as central banks and international financial bodies.

Grade mode: Law Regular: Letter Grade

Restrictions: JD students only

Effective Term: Fall 2025

Title: Federal Criminal Investigations

Credits: 3

Schedule Type: Lecture

Repeatable: No

Prerequisites: Criminal Law

Description: This course will focus on the legal and practical aspects of conducting a federal criminal investigation.

Grade mode: Law Regular: Letter Grade

Restrictions: JD Students only

Effective Term: Spring 2026

Title: Comparative Environmental Law

Credits: 2

Schedule Type: Lecture

Repeatable: No

Prerequisites: N/A

Description: This course will compare United States environmental law with other national, subnational, and regional jurisdictions such as the European Union and Asia. Students will learn about the underlying theories of environmental law around the world, and they will have an opportunity to analyze and compare specific regulations and case law. Topics include: Air and Water Pollution, Hazardous Waste, Climate Change, and Wildlife Protection.

Grade mode: Law Regular: Letter Grade

Restrictions: JD Students only

Effective Term: Spring 2026

Title: Congressional Oversight

Credits: 2

Schedule Type: Lecture

Repeatable: No

Prerequisites: N/A

Description: The course will examine the constitutional and legal authorities that underlie Congress's investigative powers and discuss the tools—legal, political, and otherwise—that Congress has at its disposal to obtain the information it seeks.

Through the study of landmark Supreme Court cases, significant circuit and district court cases, major congressional investigations, and secondary authorities, students will develop a sophisticated understanding of a fascinating subject that has been described by congressional experts “as one part law, one part history, and one part politics.” In so doing, students will think about how best to conduct effective congressional oversight, from the perspective of an aggressive congressional oversight counsel, and how best to defend clients who find themselves in Congress's crosshairs, from the perspective of a seasoned DC defense lawyer.

Grade mode: Law Regular: Letter Grade

Restrictions: JD Students only

Effective Term: Spring 2026

Title: Practicing Law in the AI Era

Credits: 2

Schedule Type: Lecture

Repeatable: No

Prerequisites: N/A

Description: The focus of this class will be the law in practice. Through real case studies, demonstrations, guest lectures from practicing lawyers, interactive work and interdisciplinary engagement, students will learn core skills valuable to practicing law in the age of AI.

Grade mode: Law Regular: Letter Grade

Restrictions: JD Students only

Effective Term: Spring 2026

Title: Comparative Regulation and Public Policy (E)

Credits: 2

Schedule Type: Seminar

Repeatable: No

Prerequisites: Administrative Law

Description: This course attempts to put the rise of the Administrative State in the U.S., and its on-going reconsideration by the courts and the Trump Administration, into a broader perspective by considering comparable developments in other countries, including Brazil, China, and the European Union thru both readings and guest lecturers. The course is conducted in English, but students may write about administrative law and regulatory policy in other countries as well.

Grade mode: Letter Grade

Restrictions: JD students only

Effective Term: Spring 2026

Title: Antitrust in Practice (W)

Credits: 2

Schedule Type: Lecture

Repeatable: No

Prerequisites: Antitrust I

Description: This course examines advanced topics in antitrust law through a practical lens from the perspective of practitioners—specifically associates. This course intends to prepare students to be a practitioner in a variety of antitrust-related settings, including an antitrust associate in private practice or an antitrust attorney for the government. Specific topics include a detailed breakdown and analysis of the full lifecycle of a transaction, from early stage analysis and through to litigation as well as a variety of other important antitrust topics, including CIDs, representing a divestiture buyer, Clayton Act Section 8 (interlocking directorates), and antitrust criminal investigations. Economic concepts and thinking characteristic of modern antitrust law are integrated throughout the course. No background in economics beyond what you learned in Antitrust I is necessary or assumed.

Grade mode: Letter Grade

Restrictions: JD students only

Effective Term: Spring 2026