

ACADEMIC CATALOG COURSES 2023-2024

Div	Code	Title	Description	Credits
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COURSES				
ADR	6410	Alternative Dispute Resolution	Catalog Description: This course presents the theory and practice of negotiation, mediation, and arbitration that constitute the foundation of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) through lecture and simulations. Examines the different theories and approaches to ADR, as well as the wide range of issues that arise in the selection and application of these dispute resolution techniques.	3
ADR	6412	Mediation		2
ADR	6415	Environmental Dispute Resolution	Explores the range of processes that are used to resolve environmental disputes with particular emphasis on consensual processes such as negotiation and mediation. Instruction will be based on lectures and discussions of the theory of dispute resolution and environmental law and simulations to practice the skills needed to resolve environmental disputes.	3
ADR	6420	Negotiation	A hands-on introduction to the theory and practice of negotiation. Explores the tension that is created in every negotiation between cooperating to create value with the other side and competing to claim value against the other side. While there is a lecture component of this course, instruction relies heavily on the use of simulations.	2
ANIMAL LAW COURSES				
ANM	5307	Animals and the Law	This course considers the tensions inherent in trying to serve the needs of humans and animals, plus constitutional limitations of justifiability, due process, and First Amendment guarantees. Students become familiar with litigation tools commonly used in animal law practice.	3

ANM	5408	Law of Animals in Agriculture	Covers the evolution and regulation of animal agriculture in America, contrasted with farmed animal welfare policies in other developed nations. Will evaluate the long-term sustainability of CAFO food production specifically and animal food production generally. Students will explore the pressures from increased international trade in agricultural products.	3
ANM	5420	Animal Undercover Investigations	This course explores legal considerations relating to undercover investigations of animal operations. It examines criminal law, tort, and ethical issues, as well as what does and does not constitute actionable animal cruelty. The course also address evidentiary issues and the impact of undercover investigations on the legal landscape for animals.	2
ANM	5422	Animal Welfare Law	A broad and rapidly evolving field of law has developed concerning the welfare of animals that are used for a variety of human purposes, including food, entertainment, research, and companionship. Animals used for these purposes often endure a wide range of abuses that diminish animal welfare while also having an impact on humans. Public views about such uses of animals are rapidly changing. The class will combine traditional principles of animal welfare laws and advocacy with laws typically applied in the wildlife conservation context, such as the Endangered Species and Marine Mammal Protection Acts. This class will examine the role of law in understanding and reforming the relationship between humans and animals and improving the condition of animals maintained for human profit and entertainment. Students in the class will learn the role of legal institutions and regimes in promoting animal welfare. Past and current litigation, regulatory, and legislative efforts on behalf of animal welfare will be covered, with case studies and current developments.	2

ANM	5431	Animal Protection Policy	Students will learn how to strategically and effectively advance protections for animals on local, national, and international levels through various policy levers. The course will explore the intersection of animal protection with other social justice movements, the roles of animals in society and emerging developments in animal protection policy. A required course for the MAPP degree.	3
ANM	5433	Science of Animal Law & Policy	Scientific literacy is a cornerstone of advancing legal and policy efforts on behalf of animals. This course will provide an overview of foundational scientific concepts, scientific thinking and culture, and scientific vocabulary, and an introduction to how to use this information to inform effective animal protection law and policy. This course is a requirement for the MAPP degree.	3
ANM	5437	Animal Ethics	This course introduces the main ethical frameworks applied to nonhuman animals. students will learn to evaluate different ethical approaches and apply them to specific facts in various contexts. The course will develop students' ethical (and general) reasoning skills and prepare them to make strong policy arguments. This course is a requirement of the MAPP degree. An AWR course.	3
BUSINESS COURSES				
BUS	6213	Real Estate Practice Lab		1

BUS	6218	Intro to Start Up Law	This course offers an introduction to the legal skills and knowledge needed to provide entrepreneurs and emerging start-ups with legal guidance. Using innovative legal tools and processes, the course simulates the legal guidance considerations necessary to launch an enterprise through simulated exercises with triple bottom line companies. The concentration on triple bottom line companies that impact environmental issues and social justice creates the opportunity to explore public benefit enterprise concepts that bring both mainstream and distinct legal concerns to light. A focus on providing innovative legal solutions and tools for offering affordable legal services will deepen students' understanding of legal practice and business as catalysts for environmental and social change. This course is required for the VLSell Practicum.	2
BUS	6235	Corporations (Became Business Associations)	Provides a basic understanding of the different organizational forms for businesses, including corporations, limited liability companies and partnerships, general partnerships and sole proprietorships. The course also examines the law of agency, and surveys selected topics, such as basic accounting principles, business formation, financing, dissolution, and securities regulation. A JD bar course. Formerly "Corporations and Business Assoc".	4
BUS	6235	Business Associations (Was Corporations)	Provides a basic understanding of the different organizational forms for businesses, including corporations, limited liability companies and partnerships, general partnerships and sole proprietorships. The course also examines the law of agency, and surveys selected topics, such as basic accounting principles, business formation, financing, dissolution, and securities regulation. A JD bar course. Formerly "Corporations and Business Assoc".	4

BUS	6237	Debtor-Creditor Law & Bankruptcy	An exploration of consumer bankruptcy law under Chapters 7, 12, and 13 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and how the law impacts the rights of borrowers and lenders. The course covers the creation of consumer lender-borrower relationships, including promissory notes, security agreements, and mortgages; rights of borrowers under the Truth in Lending Act, RESPA, and other consumer protection laws; creditor remedies; and exemption statutes under state and federal law.	2
BUS	6241	Federal Income Taxation	This course is designed to teach the fundamentals of federal income taxation, including concepts of gross income, exclusions from income, gains from the sale of exchange or property, the character of income, business and personal deductions, credits, and tax policy. Coverage is selective, rather than comprehensive, to facilitate in-depth analysis of representative issues. The primary focus will be the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and the regulations. The sections selected represent basic principles and representative models.	3
BUS	6260	Intellectual Property	A basic introduction to the law of patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade secrets.	2

BUS	6280	Sales	<p>Covers primarily Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code governing the sale of goods, including formation and modification of contracts for sale, Article 2's statute of frauds, warranties, parole evidence, risk allocations when goods are stored or transported, breach, remedies for sellers and buyers, and contractual limitations on remedies. The course includes references to consumer rights as well as comparisons between the common law of contract and the Code's rules and concepts. A JD bar class.</p> <p>Please see class descriptions by term.</p> <p>Spring 2018 Class Descriptions</p>	2
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CLINIC COURSES

CLI	9302	Environmental Advocacy Clinic	The ENRLC is a public interest environmental law firm. Student clinicians work on behalf of environmental and conservation organizations under the supervision of clinical faculty. In addition to work on cases, students attend weekly staff meetings and a weekly seminar. Clinic credits range from 6 to 12. AWR class.	6, 12
CLI	9310	South Royalton Legal Clinic FT	An on-campus clinic dedicated to serving Vermont residents who cannot afford private counsel. Students work under supervising attorneys representing real clients in civil cases in state and federal courts in Vermont and before administrative agencies. AWR class.	12
CLI	9311	So. Royalton Legal Clinic - Summer	An on-campus clinic dedicated to serving Vermont residents who cannot afford private counsel. Students work under supervising attorneys representing real clients in civil cases in state and federal courts in Vermont and before administrative agencies.	6

CLI	9312	South Royalton Legal Clinic PT	<p>An on-campus clinic dedicated to serving Vermont residents who cannot afford private counsel. Students work under supervising attorneys representing real clients in civil cases in state and federal courts in Vermont and before administrative agencies. An AWR class.</p> <p>Please see class descriptions by term for registration information.</p> <p>Fall 2017 Class Descriptions</p> <p>Spring 2018 Class Descriptions</p>	3,6,9
CLI	9318	Environmental Justice Clinic	<p>This clinic works on behalf of community-based organizations on administrative cases and projects: administrative complaints, petitions, and comments; litigation; and legislation. The docket includes cases under civil rights and environmental statutes, and supports community based movements challenging the impacts of industrial agriculture and other contamination on communities of color and low-income communities. 6,9 or 12 credits</p>	6, 9, 12
CLI	9321	Farmed Animal Advocacy Clinic	<p>Students in the Farmed Animal Advocacy Clinic work under the close supervision of clinical faculty to develop and execute legal strategies to further the interests of farmed animals. Prereq: REQ7185 or REQ7186, Recommended Prerequisites: Admin Law, Animals and the Law</p>	4

CLI	9323	Adv Environmental Advocacy Clinic	<p>Students will further develop their understanding of law, broad philosophical, economic and scientific underpinnings of their work, and lawyering skills introduced in their initial ENRLC experience. Students will be expected to take greater responsibility for cases and to mentor novice clinicians. Enrollment is by permission of the clinic director. Credits awarded are appropriate for the number of clinic hours worked. A JD skills class.</p> <p>Please see class descriptions by term for registration information.</p> <p>Fall 2013 Class Descriptions Spring 2014 Class Descriptions</p>	12
CLI	9333	Advanced South Royalton Legal Clinic	<p>Students will further develop their understanding of law, broad philosophical, economic and scientific underpinnings of their work, and lawyering skills introduced in their initial SRLC experience. Students will be expected to take greater responsibility for cases and to mentor novice clinicians. Enrollment is by permission of the clinic director. Credits awarded are appropriate for the number of clinic hours worked. A JD skills class.</p> <p>Please see class descriptions by term for registration information.</p> <p>Fall 2017 Class Descriptions Spring 2018 Class Descriptions</p>	3
CLI	9348	Adv Env Justice Clinic	<p>Students in the Advanced Environmental Justice Clinic will build on the knowledge and skills they developed in the EJ Clinic. Students will be exposed to new material and concepts as they work on administrative cases and projects, litigation, and legislation on behalf of environmentally overburdened communities of color and low-income communities.</p>	9
CLI	9355	Justice Reform Clinic		4

CLI	9360	Entrepreneur & Legal Lab Clinic		4
CLI	9361	Advanced Farmed Animal Advocacy Clinic	The Advanced Farm Animal Advocacy Clinic continues the work of the Farmed Animal Advocacy Clinic. Prereq: CLI9321	4
CLI	9411	Semester In Practice (SIP)	Places students under the supervision of an experienced lawyer in a government office, NGO, non-profit organization, corporation, or law firm. Students engage in self-directed learning under the guidance of the supervising attorney and learn about the practice of law through observation and participation in practice.	12
CLI	9412	Semester In Practice Class	The first (a required orientation) of the 10 seminar classes that make up the classroom component of the SIP/ESW is held at the end of the semester prior to that in which the student is enrolled. Other classes are conducted on-line during the practicum semester.	2
CLI	9425	JD Part-Time Externship	Provides an opportunity to obtain field based experience on a part-time basis. Students must work three hours per week for 15 weeks for each credit earned, and may earn from four to six credits depending on the time committed. Students meet regularly with their faculty sponsors for evaluation and reflection of their experience.	8
CLI	9427	Energy Clinic	Provides an opportunity to obtain field based experience on a part-time basis.	3
CLI	9428	Food & Agriculture Clinic	Provides an opportunity to obtain field based experience on a part-time basis. A JD skills class. Please see class descriptions by term for registration information. Fall 2017 Class Descriptions Spring 2018 Class Descriptions	6

CLI	9430	Judicial Externship	Places students in judges chambers, where students learn about the process of judicial decision making by observing the function of a court. Students work with the supervising judge to develop legal skills such as writing, research, and analytical skills. All judicial externship students complete an Academic Component which concentrates on judicial and legal ethics, judicial philosophy and history; decision making and judicial discretion; and judicial opinion writing.	12
CLI	9431	Judicial Externship Seminar		2
CLI	9432	L.L.M. Externship	Provides students with a first-hand field experience in the environmental area. Non-profit groups; international, federal, state and local government agencies; law firms, and consulting firms are among the many organizations from all over the world to sponsor LLM internships. All internships are supervised by a faculty sponsor and an on-site supervisor.	4
CLI	9433	Transnational Environmental Clinic		4
CLI	9435	Judicial Externship PT		6
CLI	9437	Adv Energy Clinic		6
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CLI	9440	MELP Externship	Provide MELP students with field experience in the environmental area. Under the supervision of a faculty sponsor and an on-site supervisor, students can intern in non-profit groups; international, federal, state and local government agencies; law firms, and consulting firms all over the world. Please see class descriptions by term for registration information. Fall 2015 Class Descriptions Spring 2016 Class Descriptions	7
CLI	9442	MERL Externship	Catalog Description: Provide MERL students with field experience in the energy area. Under the supervision of a faculty sponsor and an on-site supervisor, students can intern in non-profit groups; international, federal, state and local government agencies; law firms, and consulting firms all over the world.	9
CLI	9444	MFALP Externship	Catalog Description: Provide MFALP students with field experience in the food and agricultural area. Under the supervision of a faculty sponsor and an on-site supervisor, students can intern in non-profit groups; international, federal, state and local government agencies; law firms, and consulting firms all over the world.	8
CLI	9447	MAPP externship		4
CLI	9449	MCEP Externship		4
CLI	9453	Advanced Transnational Env Clinic	Students in the Advanced TEL Clinic will build on the knowledge and skills they developed in the TEL Clinic. Students will be exposed to new material and concepts as they work on transnational practical environmental law projects in partnership with policy advocacy partners supported by the US-Asia Partnerships for Environmental Law. Prereq:CLI9433	3
CLIMATE COURSES				

CLM	5200	Fundamentals of Climate Change		2
CLM	5212	Climate Change & the Law	Climate change is the most profound social and environmental issue of the 21st century. This course will integrate the emerging science and law of climate change along with economic and inter-generational equity aspects of the problem. We will consider how existing federal laws such as the Clean Air Act and NEPA may be used to address climate change as well as how new more comprehensive laws may be fashioned. Different policy instruments will be considered including carbon taxes and emissions trading. State and regional approaches will be considered along with questions of federalism and preemption. Both supply-side and demand-side energy options will be evaluated, along with the transportation and land use sectors. Measures to reduce tropical deforestation and wetland loss will be included. Corporate responsibility, risk disclosures, and the role of socially responsible institutional investors will be examined. Formerly ENV5212	3
CLM	5214	Climate Change Mitigation	Catalog Description: Addresses current legal, policy, and economic incentives and problems in our attempt to mitigate our carbon footprint and reduce greenhouse gasses to a more tolerable level. Examines on-going controversies and initiatives at the local, state, regional, national, and international level. Formerly ENV5214	3
CLM	5300	Climate Justice	This course examines the climate crisis through the lens of the people most impacted by climate change and the social movements emerging from those communities. Students will analyze the root causes and current impacts of the climate crisis and the role of social movements in dealing with the crisis. Prereq: CLM5200 or CLM5212	3

CLM	5336	Climate Change Extinction & Adaptation	Students examine the ecological, social and ethical consequences of climate change impacts on the natural world. After reviewing climate disruption's potential to invoke significant habitat modification and biological impoverishment, students consider various legal and policy options to address both the phenomenon of climate change and its effects.	3
CLM	5343	Climate Change Adaptations in Human Systems	Examines the legal challenges raised for society to adapt to the impacts of climate change. Students will examine the confusion and inadequacy of current legal and policy structures to address new risks, and the need for alternative tools in light of rapidly changing circumstances. Formerly ENV5343	3
CLM	5343	Climate Change Adaptations in Human Systems	Examines the legal challenges raised for society to adapt to the impacts of climate change. Students will examine the confusion and inadequacy of current legal and policy structures to address new risks, and the need for alternative tools in light of rapidly changing circumstances. Formerly ENV5343	3
CLM	5365	Climate Change- Power of Taxes	This seminar explores the ways in which tax systems can effect change in the energy consumption behavior of business, industry, and consumers. The seminar addresses issues of theory, policy, politics, and law and --while focusing on climate change-- provides students with a framework for understanding how and when to use tax measures to address other environmental problems. An AWR class	2

CRIMINAL LAW COURSES

CRI	7262	Constitutional Criminal Procedure	<p>A basic course on Constitutional Criminal Procedure, with comprehensive consideration of topics under the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Eighth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Among the topics considered are search and seizure law including probable cause to search and arrest, the warrant requirement and its exceptions, and the exclusionary rule; custodial interrogation, confessions and the privilege against self-incrimination; double jeopardy; the right to counsel and effective assistance of counsel; the death penalty and the Eighth Amendment prohibition against cruel and unusual punishments; lineups and other forms of pretrial identification. A JD bar class.</p> <p>Prerequisite: Criminal Law</p>	3
CRI	7307	Criminal Practice & Procedure	<p>Skills-based course focused on the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the 4th, 5th, 6th and 8th amendments to the U.S. Constitution and the corresponding sections of the Vermont and New Hampshire Constitutions. This course will give students the opportunity to develop insight into the theoretical underpinnings of constitutional criminal law and procedure while at the same time learning the practical application of theory to practice. A JD bar class. Prerequisite: Criminal Law</p>	4
CRI	7319	Juvenile Justice Seminar	<p>Explores the historical and current administration of juvenile justice in the US, including the legal and policy justifications for having a separate system for young offenders, and whether this division continues to make sense today</p>	3
CRI	7329	Criminal Procedure: Bail to Jail	<p>This simulation-based course provides exposure to the process and procedure of criminal trial court. Students act as prosecutors and defense attorneys in a criminal matter, from arraignment and bail hearing through plea bargain. Students draft motions, engage in plea negotiations, and perform bail, plea, and sentencing hearings.</p>	2

CRI	7360	Reforming Criminal Justice	This three-credit seminar introduces students to alternative approaches within the criminal justice system. The course considers new approaches from arrest through prison release. Students engage with leading justice reformers then create an alternative program and present their idea orally, supplemented by a paper which can serve as an AWR. (AWR with full time faculty and on campus only) Students cannot take CRI7360 and CRI7305. REQ7140 is recommended as prerequisite.	3
CRI	7380	Pleas, Sentencing and Accountability	This course combines statutory and rule-based explorations of plea bargaining and criminal sentencing in Vermont with an experiential component interviewing and writing background biographical reports about actual defendants for courts and community justice boards. Students will be assessed on their course engagement and the quality of their prepared reports. Prerequisites: Crim Law, Adv Criminal Law Seminar or Applied Criminal Justice	3
DIVERSITY COURSES				
DIV	7606	Civil Rights Seminar	Using PBS video series "Eyes on the Prize" and companion readings, this course examines the civil rights movement that began in the years before Brown v. Board of Education and continued throughout the 1950's and 1960's. Provides social, cultural, and historical perspectives on the civil rights movement and the legal developments that grew out of that movement. AWR	2
DIV	7610	Race & the Law Seminar	Provides an introduction to race as it relates to and is reflected in the law. The seminar focuses on the role and experience of African-Americans, Asian-Americans, Latin-Americans, and Native-Americans in American society, with attention to questions concerning critical race theory, class, family, and feminism. AWR.	2

DIV	7615	Sexual Orientation & the Law Seminar	A look at the way law and the legal systems affect the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered people. The class will explore domestic and international laws that sanction discrimination against the LGBT community and the struggle for equality by this community. Perspective & AWR. Please see class descriptions by term. Spring 2018 Class Descriptions	2
DIV	7620	Native Americans & the Law	An AWR class.	3
DIV	7621	Disability Civil Rights		3
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COURSES				
EJU	5100	Understanding DEI Module	An introduction to how individuals, systems organization and structures recognize, interpret and respond to various dimensions of diversity, equity and inclusion including racism and discrimination, microaggressions, cultural competency, white supremacy and accessibility. Students will learn the relationship between DEI concepts and how they affect the world in which we navigate. This course is required for the MCEP, EMEP, MERL, MFALP and MAPP degrees.	0
EJU	5110	Structural Inequality	This course provides students with an intersectional awareness of structural inequality and systemic racism and their relationships to public policy, law and environmental movements. Course is a requirement of MAPP, MCEP and EMEP degrees.	1
EJU	5120	Fundamentals of Env Justice	An examination of the history and evolution of environmental justice social movements in the US and internationally; root causes of environmental racism and its impacts on the social determinants of health; and legal, policy and community-based solutions. It touches on the relationships between the domestic environmental and climate justice movements. This course is a requirement of the MCEP and EMEP degrees.	2

EJU	5220	Food System Equity through Critical Race Theory		1
EJU	5378	Land Use & Racial Justice	This course views the legal framework for understanding planning and zoning from the perspective of race. We examine the historical use of land laws to establish and enforce racial segregation. We examine the impacts of land use on segregation and the problems of whiteness and privilege in identifying racism in public policy. An AWR class	3
ENERGY COURSES				
ENG	5220	Environmental Economics & Markets	Introduces students to the discipline of environmental economics and expose them to debates over the use of market-based instruments in environmental and energy policy. It also introduces students to basic economics and finance concepts, examines key principles, and applies these basic elements and concepts to common environmental problems and actual case studies. Formerly ENV5220	3
ENG	5226	Energy Law & Policy in a Carbon Constrained World	Examines key issues in American energy policy and searches for ways to ease the strains which that policy puts upon environmental sustainability. The course reviews fundamental facts about our energy demands and sample regulatory orders and legal writings that address many of those elements from the perspective of a legal review. Background readings will include ethical issues of social justice in siting projects and meeting or limiting energy demand, the statutory schemes underlying traditional regulation, and an introduction to wholesale electric markets. Formerly ENV5226	3

ENG	5228	Energy Regulation & Environment	Builds on the course Energy Law and Policy in a Carbon-Constrained World by exposing students to the legal, economic, and structural issues involved in energy regulation and energy markets, focusing on electricity. The course examines the evolution, theory and techniques of monopoly regulation; the current processes for rate setting; and the development of competitive, market-based alternatives. The course exposes students to the latest approaches to managing the electric grid, to renewable energy strategies and procurement, energy efficiency, demand side management and green markets. Prereq:ENV5226 or ENG5226 Formerly ENV5228	3
ENG	5230	Global Energy Law & Policy	Catalog description: Global Energy Law explores the current policy framework in a particular region outside of the US with a focus on clean energy policies. The course will explore the region's policy development process, the current energy policy framework, policies implementing global and regional climate commitments and emerging issues.	2
ENG	5238	Global Sustainability Field Study	The Cuban Farm and Energy Tour.	1
ENG	5402	Offshore Wind		1
ENG	5469	Oil & Gas Development	Examines the legal and regulatory framework of domestic and international upstream and downstream oil and gas activities. Explores key domestic statutory and common law sources, regulations, and industry standards. Surveys selected international and comparative materials such as oil spill prevention agreements, arbitral decisions, and technical regulations. Formerly ENV5469	3
ENG	5510	Engineering Essentials of the Grid	The engineering realities of energy infrastructure systems can greatly constrain the choices that lawyers and policy analysts might otherwise make. This module will cover the engineering fundamentals inherent in electric power grids and will explain how these engineering realities affect market and regulatory choices.	1

ENG	5511	Business Essentials of the Grid	Introduces the major financial and economic factors that energy companies use in making production and investment decisions, and how emerging environmental regulations might affect these decisions. The module will also cover deregulated market structures in the petroleum, natural gas, and electric power industries.	1
ENG	5512	Legal Essentials of the Grid	Provides an overview of the fundamentals of energy law in both the U.S. and the European Union and addresses some of the most important problems faced by energy project development, including facility siting, environmental issues, and authority fragmentation.	1
ENG	5544	Sustainable Transportation	Electric vehicles (EVs) including buses and other forms of transit, are an emerging and disruptive technology and a key piece of the climate puzzle. This course explores the rapidly changing electricity and transportation sectors, including how EVs fit into the utility business model and can support a smarter, cleaner, more efficient "grid of the future".	3
ENG	5547	Energy Efficiency Policy	This course provides an overview of the energy efficiency policies, programs and measures at the federal and state levels. It covers systems, policies and legal frameworks enabling energy efficiency to serve as an energy resource to the energy system and electric grid. It also highlights new approaches to program design. Formerly ENV5547	3
ENG	5550	Renewable Energy Project Finance & Development	This course will provide an in-depth look at the legal and regulatory issues associated with the development and project financing of renewable energy projects such as wind, hydro, solar, and battery storage. After completing this course, students will have a solid understanding of how to help vet the economics of renewable projects and get them permitted, financed, built, hooked-up to the grid and operational.	2

ENG	5556	Sustainable Energy Project Finance	This course will provide an in-depth look at the legal and regulatory issues associated with the permitting, development and project financing of renewable energy projects such as wind, hydro, solar and battery storage. The course will also consider the important energy and climate justice issues that are posed by how energy infrastructure is permitted, financed and developed. After completing the course, students will have a solid understanding of how to help vet the economics of renewable projects and get them permitted, financed, built, hooked-up to the grid and operational as well as the important public and environmental policy and justice issues associated with sustainable energy projects. Prereq-ENV5226. Formerly ENV5556	3
ENVIRONMENTAL COURSES				
ENV	5105	Administrative Law	Provides students with a working knowledge of the general principles of administrative law; implementation of legislative policy through administrative agencies, including the role of administrative agencies in the governmental process, rulemaking, adjudication, and judicial review of agency actions.	3
ENV	5112	Science for Environmental Law	Introduces students to the science critical to environmental law and policy, including climate science, air pollution, toxicology, and natural resource management. It also introduces students to scientific thinking and culture, and explores some of the challenges involved in effectively using science in legal and policy decision-making.	3
ENV	5113	Legal & Policy Writing Seminar	This course will introduce students to key principles of clear and precise writing, familiarize them with legal organization and IRAC (Issue, Rule, Analysis, Conclusion), and teach them the basics of legal research. These basic skills help students succeed in their other classes, as well as in their professional careers. For Masters Students Only	1

ENV	5115	Environmental Law	An introduction to the broader categories of protecting human health and the environment to both assess the successes and failures of environmental protection in the U.S. and gain more detailed substantive knowledge of several key statutes.	3
ENV	5122	Communications , Advocacy & Leadership	<p>Designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills to operate effectively in a variety of careers. Topics include communications to achieve public policy aims; development and implementation of legislative and policy campaigns; and management of enterprises.</p> <p>Offered with both ENV and RSJ designation</p>	3
ENV	5125	Land Use Regulation	A basic course in land use law. Covers planning and all manner of private and public land use regulation from common interest communities, to subdivisions, to zoning, to variances, to planned development districts, to transit-oriented development, to traditional neighborhood design, to form-based codes, to growth management.	3

ENV	5218	International Climate Change Law	<p>This 3-credit hybrid classroom/experiential course demystifies the international climate treaty regime through critique of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Kyoto Protocol, and the Paris Agreement. Sitting at the intersection of science, law and practice, the course provides an opportunity to support a partner delegation from another part of the world, contribute to the development of international climate policy, and inform the ongoing process of building out a framework for operationalizing commitments under the Paris Agreement. To learn more, visit the blog, Ridges to Reefs.</p> <p>Register for the course (your status will appear as “waitlisted”) and submit an application package to Derek Walker at COP@vermontlaw.edu as soon as possible. The application package should be one pdf document including: a statement explaining interest in and qualifications for the course; writing sample; resume; transcript; and a VLS reference.</p>	3
ENV	5223	Env Governance Develop World	<p>Catalog Description: This course is designed to introduce students to the unique challenges regarding the development, implementation, and enforcement of good environmental governance systems in the developing world. To that end, this course will generally eschew discussions of international environmental law and multilateral environmental agreements, and will instead focus on the domestic environmental law of developing countries, with a focus on China and South East Asia. Due to our work at the US-Asia Partnerships for Environmental Law, this course will draw from a variety of case studies from China and the lower Mekong region to illustrate key points. That said, students will be encouraged to research other areas of the world as part of the research they will conduct in this course.</p>	2

ENV	5224	Env Govern Field Study	Trip component to the Environmental Governance class (ENV5223) which is a prereq or co-req. Please contact Courtney Collins for information on the application process. ccollins@vermontlaw.edu	1
ENV	5235	Natural Resources Law	Examines the statutes and regulations governing the management of the federal lands and their resources. Considers the historical, political, and ecological influences on the law and management of these resources, and includes an introduction to the agencies with jurisdiction over the components of the federal estate.	3
ENV	5245	Water Resources Law	Water is the planet's most precious natural resource. Deciding how it will be shared among competing demands is one of a society's most challenging questions. Water Resources Law is a review of the law and policies concerned with the allocation of water resources in the United States. This course will examine the three main systems of water law in the United States: Eastern riparian systems, the prior appropriation doctrine of the West, and the nationally diverse laws regulating the use of groundwater. The course will also review federal water allocation issues, interstate water disputes, tribal water rights matters, and will highlight contemporary water allocation dilemmas throughout the country.	3
ENV	5246	Water Quality	An in depth analysis of the Clean Water Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Ocean Dumping Act, along with relevant regulations, policies and case law. Other federal statutes are covered more selectively, along with state laws. Regulation of groundwater contamination is included as well as tort claims for damages.	3

ENV	5353	Green Finance:Investment Strategies	This course explores the emerging worlds of sustainable finance including the different sustainable investment strategies and players in the industry. Students will become familiar with legal issues that arise and tools to use, including green banks and bonds, shareholder initiatives, carbon disclosure requirements and ESG (environmental and social governance) programs. AWR class.	3
ENV	5412	Biodiversity Protection	An examination of what biodiversity is, the growing threats to it, and U.S. and international laws to combat those threats. The course focuses on current controversies to highlight legal, scientific, and political strategies for protecting biodiversity. Particular emphasis is placed on the U.S. Endangered Species Act.	2
ENV	5423	Ocean & Coastal Law	A review of domestic and international laws and treaties relating to coastal management, pollution, protected areas, endangered species, fish, marine mammals, wetlands, and seabed mineral and hydrocarbon resources. The course considers how effectively these legal authorities blend together to provide rational and comprehensive management and protection of marine resources.	3
ENV	5430	Ecology	Explores the principles of ecology using an interdisciplinary approach and field-based work. Course work stresses the inventorying of biotic and physical components of a landscape, examining how these components are distributed, and determining what forces drive these patterns. Topics include interpreting the natural and cultural histories of a landscape, biodiversity conservation, and the scientific method, among others.	3

ENV	5474	Land Conservation Law	Examines the tools available to preserve ecological diversity, historic places, working lands, scenic viewsheds, and open space, such as conservation easements, purchase of sensitive lands, and private/public partnerships for land conservation. The course provides a practical understanding of both the legal and nonlegal dimensions of land conservation transactions involving conservation easements.	2
ENV	5480	Environmental Crimes	Environmental crime is the most common federal offense committed by U.S. corporations, and among the most profitable criminal activities in the world. Explore this specialized practice, from the relevant investigative agencies, through the benefits of “speaking” indictments, to the applicable federal sentencing guidelines. Students will examine the major pollution prevention and wildlife protection statutes, as well as the Title 18 offenses with which they are most often paired (e.g., conspiracy, false statements, obstruction of justice). Learn how these cases are used to change industry practice and raise public awareness of conduct that threatens human health and the environment.	2
ENV	5525	Fundamentals OF ESG		3
ENV	5902	SPTC:Environmental Jurisprudence		2
ENV	5903	SPTC:Coastal Resource Mgt Maine Field Study	This course will examine the common law and statutory underpinnings of coastal resource ownership and use. Taught along one of the longest coastlines in the US this class will explore real-life conflicts stemming from competing interests, including working waterfronts, energy development, conservation and recreation. Given the field study nature, students will have the opportunity to visit a working waterfront and/or aquaculture facility and speak directly with leaders-from attorneys to fisherman-at the forefront of coastal resource conflict.	3

ENV	7380	Adv Environmental Legal Research	Provides in-depth exposure to the most useful, efficient strategies and resources for environmental law research, including highly specialized information databases, advanced administrative law research, legislative history, and environmental news/updating services.	1
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE COURSES				
FAA	5108	Introduction to Food and Agriculture	Feeding a growing global population—9.6 billion by 2050—without destroying our planet is one of the critical challenges of our time. Overlay the impacts of climate change, international trade, and the influence of corporations on agricultural production, and this is one of the most complex areas of the law and policy. It is also one of the fastest growing areas, fueled by the food movement both domestically and internationally, greater public awareness of food issues and concerns related to the healthfulness of our food. Indeed, this is an exciting time to be studying food systems law. Food and agriculture touch everyone in a multitude of ways. Because of this, students can access the study of food systems from different legal disciplines such as animal welfare, social justice (including immigration and labor), health, environment, and trade. Formerly ENV5108	3
FAA	5130	Farmworkers and the Law	This course will detail farmworkers' current living and working conditions as well as the history of their exclusion from key laws and regulations. It will also explore current tools and strategies used by farmworker advocates at both the state and federal level, including litigation, legislative advocacy, and administrative advocacy.	1

FAA	5310	Cannabis Law	This course will survey historical and policy considerations relating to cannabis regulation and enforcement, explore the current and anticipated regulatory landscapes, and integrate considerations of note to PR actioners in this rapidly developing field. While understanding the roots of cannabis prohibition is essential to our study, our conversation on contemporary regulation will focus primarily on transactional and administrative elements.	3
FAA	5370	Food Sys Equity & Critical Race Theory	Significant legislation and institutional policy perpetuate anti-Black racism, which is firmly rooted in disproportionate property dispossession. This course explores the opportunities presented by agriculture system policy to create a model for eliminating systemic anti-Blackness. The course will lay an analytical foundation through readings on critical race theory and food system policy.	1
FAA	5380	Food Regulation and Policy		3
FAA	5381	Local Farm and Food Law	Teaches the nuts and bolts of providing legal services to farmers and food entrepreneurs (producers/retailers/restaurants), drawing from the rich examples of farmer and food entrepreneurs locally. Such skills are needed to equip students with real world legal knowledge for those students seeking to provide legal services in this area or who wish to start an entrepreneurial career in food and agriculture.	3

FAA	5410	The Farm Bill	<p>American farm and food policy has long been the subject of strenuous debate and criticism. In recent years, prominent criticism has come from a movement of consumer and environmental interests concerned that the way we eat and how we support producers has an impact on our health, natural resources, and the environment. Other interests raise concerns about Federal spending and government footprint. All of them look to the farm bill. The farm bill, however, is difficult to understand and it is challenging to change policies that have proven incredibly resilient over many decades. The class is an attempt to explain the farm bill and the history and development of the policies enacted, with an eye on how policy has changed and been reformed over the years due to changing stakeholder needs. Students will examine the policies before Congress with a strong emphasis on the political trends and motivations. The goal of the class is to inform students about the range and depth of Federal farm and food policy, while also developing a better understanding of the historical, economic, political, and process-based forces in Congress.</p>	2
FAA	5411	Federal Regulation of Food and Agriculture		3

FAA	5478	Global Food Security & Social Justice	This course addresses the legal landscape of global hunger, and the ways in which climate change, population growth and economic inequality intersect with food security law and policy challenges. We'll address how "food security" and "hunger" are defined and measured for policy-making purposes. Then, we'll explore international legal frameworks supporting food security and comparative domestic legal frameworks impacting food security, including Constitutional food rights, agriculture subsidies and tariffs, and public food and nutrition assistance programs. The course examines the ownership of the food supply, including transnational corporations impact on the food system, commodities markets impact on global food prices, intellectual property rights with respect to biotechnology/GMO, and the role and impact of the WTO in moderating trade. Formerly ENV5478	3
FAA	5479	Law & Policy of Local Food Systems	This course explores state and local policies that impact distribution of food, restaurant regulation, and comparisons of state-level initiatives to bolster local food markets. Students will be exposed to specific skills for small and mid-size producers and entrepreneurs working in the agricultural and food industries. Finally, students will examine the state and local food laws and emerging entrepreneurial trends in food production. Formerly ENV5479	3
FAMILY LAW COURSES				
FAM	7710	Estates	This course examines gratuitous transfers by intestate succession, wills, trusts, and other techniques; execution and revocation of wills; will substitutes; administration of estates; family survivors' rights; the nature of trusts and fiduciary relationships; powers of appointment; and future interests. A JD bar class. Prerequisite: REQ7160-Property.	4

FAM	7715	Family Law	This course will examine the roles of law and of private ordering in family law contexts. Topics which may be included are marriage and divorce, child custody and support, alimony, property division, tax consequences of divorce, and family violence. The course will also look at various means of dispute resolution in the domestic relations area, including negotiation, mediation, and litigation. The course will include simulations and other exercises designed to develop practical skills and to consider substantive law through skill exercises.	3
INTERNATIONAL COURSES				
INT	7407	Comparative Law: Comparative LegalSys	Explores how different countries within the Western Legal Tradition understand sources of law, the relationship between codes and cases, and constitutional design, including questions of federalism, judicial review and balance of powers. The course will study selected aspects of legal systems, focusing on France and Germany, with some discussion of "mixed" common/civil law jurisdictions (e.g. Louisiana, South Africa), as well as some aspects of the European Union. AWR class.	3
INT	7410	French Legal Method	Taught by a French law professor (in English), this course provides an introduction the French law and legal system, and French legal methodology.	1

INT	7411	French Corporate Law	<p>Taught by a French law professor (in English), this course addresses the substantive law and underlying policies of the law of French business corporations and the ways in which the law differs from U.S. corporate law. A JD perspective class.</p> <p>Please see individual class descriptions by term.</p> <p>Spring 2016 Class Descriptions</p> <p>Spring 2017 Class Descriptions</p>	1
INT	7412	Law of the European Union	Provides a basic introduction to the institutional architecture and jurisprudence of the European Union, with special focus on key treaty provisions and important judgments of the European Court of Justice.	2
INT	7414	European Union Law Trento	Optional component to European Union Law I taught in Italy during the semester break by European Union law experts at the University of Trento Faculty of Law. Classes address selected topics in European Union law such as labor law, environmental law, criminal law and procedure, and non-discrimination law.	1
INT	7415	Immigration Law	Covers the basics of immigration law; family and employment-based immigration categories; citizenship issues, grounds of inadmissibility/deportability; detention; removal and relief from removal. Special emphasizes placed on the immigration consequences of criminal convictions and humanitarian relief under asylum law and under the Violence Against Women Act.	3

INT	7421	International Environmental Law & Policy	<p>Course Description: This course introduces students to international environmental law and policy principles. After discussing the history and development of the international legal system regulating the environment, the course focuses on crucial areas of international environmental law, such as the legal aspects of climate change mitigation, protection of ecosystems, ocean regulation, and the nexus between international trade and the environment. The course is taught by faculty from the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, Leiden Law School, The Netherlands.”</p>	3
INT	7425	International Law	<p>This course provides an introduction to international law and the international legal system. Using real-world examples, it examines the processes through which international law is made, interpreted and applied, exploring the role of states as well as that of international bodies, non-governmental organizations, and corporations. The application of international law in domestic legal systems is examined, as is the reach of domestic law in the international arena.</p>	3

INT	7435	International Law of Food	This course, one of the few if not the only in the world to address this critical subject matter, identifies and analyzes contemporary international legal and policy issues related to food including supply, safety, security, subsidies, and trade. Students will master legal and structural analytical tools for addressing these increasingly important challenges of concern to all global citizens. The material includes the roles of international institutions, including the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Food Programme, and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). The course stresses the development of skills to enable students effectively to grapple with new and emerging issues in this ever-changing and expanding field. The course includes a simulated multilateral negotiation in which students serve as instructed representatives of states and non-governmental organizations.	2
LITIGATION COURSES				
LIT	7210	Evidence	Considers the rules governing the admissibility of testimonial, physical, documentary, and demonstrative evidence in trials and other formal legal proceedings. Topics considered include relevance, prejudice, competency, hearsay, opinion, impeachment, and privilege.	4
LIT	7220	Trial Practice	This skills course covers the important aspects of a trial, including jury selection, opening statements, direct and cross examination, exhibits, objections, expert witnesses, and closing arguments. The course culminates in a full, simulated trial.	3

LIT	7318	Intensive Trial Practice	Simulates the experience of preparing for trial under the supervision of experienced trial lawyers. Involves intensive review of the Federal Rules of Evidence and applicable trial practice concepts, as well as significant factual analysis, focus, preparation and practice on one detailed problem in order to best replicate the experience of a real trial. 4 Students from each year's class are selected to represent VLS in a mock trial competition.	3
LLM COURSES				
LLM	9606	L.L.M. Seminar	Explores diverse advanced topics and viewpoints over environmental law and policy, through discussion and lectures from environmental scholars who will present their scholarship to the seminar.	3
LLM	9610	L.L.M. Research Project	Provides an individual student with an opportunity to undertake a research project in an area of law in which the student has a particular interest. Projects require intensive research and the completion of a major piece of legal writing under the supervision of a faculty sponsor.	3
MISCELLANEOUS COURSES				
MSC	7921	l'Universite de Cergy-Pontoise-dualdegr	Please consult with International and Comparative Law Programs.	14
MSC	7928	Trento University-Trento Italy		2
POLICY COURSES				
POL	5100	Public Participation Module	This module is an exploration of how environmental public policies are influenced by community-led efforts, including case studies of grassroots organizing and community involvement in lobbying and administrative processes. This class is a requirement of the MERL, MCEP, EMEP, MFALP and MAPP degrees.	0
POL	5200	Professional Identity	This module trains students in professional email etiquette and other communications, as well as how to have respectful conversations about sensitive topics. This course is a requirement of the MCEP, EMEP and MAPP degrees.	0

POL	5300	Negotiation & Consensus Bldg. Module	This module covers negotiation topics from a policy development perspective, particularly consensus-building. This course is a requirement of the MCEP, EMEP and MAPP degrees.	0
POL	5510	Intro to Policy Research & Writing	This course provides instruction in writing ad social science qualitative research methods (e.g. case studies and interviews). Students will learn to conduct efficient policy and legal research; research, analyze and synthesize statutory, regulatory and public policy information and communicate effectively in writing with different audiences. This course is a requirement of the MCEP. EMEP, MFALP and MAPP degrees. For Masters students only	3
POL	5515	U.S. Law and Legal Analysis	This course serves as the general review of the U.S. laws and regulations, and teaches the students the basic practical skills needed in the U.S. legal environment, including legal research, legal writing and legal reasoning. Not approved for JD credit. This class is approved as MARJ and LLM elective,	3
POL	5520	Quantitative Analysis	Social science quantitative techniques such as statistical analysis, survey research, case study research, probability, interpretation of regression analysis results, forecasting and graphical analysis. Emphasis is on public policy applications to help students became effective consumers, producers and critics of evidence supporting policy design, management, implementation and program analysis. This course is a requirement of the MCEP, EMEP and MAPP degrees.	2
POL	5530	Policy Design	Students will learn policy design fundamentals including how to compare policy options, weigh tradeoffs and write compelling policy recommendations. Students will develop leadership, collaboration and project management skills. Students will learn about the role of affected communities in the policy design process and hot to engage those stakeholders. This is a required course for the MCEP, EMEP, MFALP and MAPP degrees.	3

POL	5700	Thesis Seminar I	Students plan, research and draft a significant scholarly paper of publishable quality in the field of environmental public policy; conduct sophisticated policy and legal research; synthesize knowledge from their studies to reflect on important issues; develop advanced writing skills; and communicate professionally with peers to provide and incorporate quality feedback. Part of a 2 course sequence. For Masters students only	3
POL	5710	Thesis Seminar II	This course is the second component of a two-course sequence in which students will plan, research and draft a significant scholarly paper of publishable quality. In this course, students will finish the scholarly paper that they started in Thesis Seminar I. Thesis Seminar I is a non-waivable prerequisite for Thesis Seminar II. Students must take both courses in this sequence.	1
PUBLIC LAW COURSES				
PUB	7500	First Amendment Law	Covers the core issues of First Amendment law: free speech, free press, free exercise of religion, the establishment clause, and freedom of association. A JD bar class.	3
PUB	7541	State Constitutional Law	Explores the nature and significance of state constitutional law, with an emphasis on how state courts can provide individual rights under their own constitutions that the federal courts have not provided under the federal constitution. Preq:REQ7112	2
PUB	7545	Sexual Violence & The Law	This course addresses the history and law of sexual violence in America. Through readings, small group discussions, mock trial exercises, and speakers, students will gain insight and knowledge into how the law shapes rape culture and how, in turn, rape culture affects the law. Prereq: LIT7210	2

PUB	7550	National Security Law	Explores lawyers' involvement in the formulation and implementation of United States foreign and national defense policy through the examination variety of domestic, constitutional, and international law issues such as authority for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, intelligence gathering at home and abroad, detention and interrogation of terrorist suspects, planning for the next terrorist attack, protection of sensitive government information, and other current topics. An AWR	3
PUB	7580	State & Local Government	Examines the interaction between federal, state and local governments, with particular attention to resource management, pollution control, and human rights. The course also covers non-state jurisdictions such as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Indian Country. An AWR	2
REQUIRED COURSES				
REQ	7102	Civil Procedure I	Covers the procedural rules governing civil actions in the state and federal courts, from commencement through appeal, including jurisdiction over parties, joinder of parties and claims, contents of pleadings, pretrial motions and discovery, conduct of trial, post-trial motions, res judicata, collateral estoppel, and conflicts between the state and federal judicial systems.	3
REQ	7105	Civil Procedure II	Continues the study of the procedural rules governing civil actions in the state and federal courts, from commencement through appeal, including jurisdiction over parties, joinder of parties and claims, contents of pleadings, pretrial motions and discovery, conduct of trial, post-trial motions, res judicata, collateral estoppel, and conflicts between the state and federal judicial systems.	2

REQ	7112	Constitutional Law	Catalog Description: This course focuses on the historical development of major constitutional doctrines, including the Commerce, Due Process, and Equal Protection Clauses. The course also studies the process of constitutional decision-making, and explores major techniques of constitutional interpretation."	4
REQ	7123	Illegal Research & Writing	This required course introduces students to the fundamental skills of legal research and writing. It is the first of the required research and writing courses at VLS.	2
REQ	7125	Legal Writing II: Theory & Practice	Develops fundamental legal writing, reasoning, and research skills in the context of the analysis of a specific subject matter. This course also provides the transition from predictive to persuasive legal writing and advocacy and an introduction to other legal problem-solving skills.	3
REQ	7127	Essay Writing for Exams		1
REQ	7130	Contracts	This course examines the requisite elements of a valid contract, while analyzing the effects of contracts on third parties and the impact of outside forces on contracting parties.	4

REQ	7140	Criminal Law	This course focuses on the foundation of our system of substantive criminal law, with emphasis upon mental state, responsibility, justification and excuse, inchoate crimes, and liability for the conduct of another.	3
REQ	7150	Torts	This course presents the study of the legal protection afforded against interference by others with the security of one's person, property, or intangible interests.	4
REQ	7160	Property	An introduction to the concept of ownership and its legal implications: rights to control, enjoy, and transfer real and personal property, including public and private restrictions on use; estates in land; concurrent ownership; adverse possession; easements and licenses; and landlords and tenants.	4
REQ	7170	Legal Methods	Focuses on building and reinforcing the analytical, writing, and reasoning skills essential for success in law school.	3
REQ	7175	Foundations of Legal Analysis	Focuses on building and reinforcing the analytical, writing, and reasoning skills essential for success in law school.	2
REQ	7185	Legislation/Regulation	Catalog Description: This course will provide students an introduction to the legislative process, regulatory agencies, and agency law-making. Students will learn to navigate modern U.S. government institutions and processes, with a particular emphasis on the legislative process and the administrative state. Key topics include the structure and animating principles of the U.S.. For JD Students only.	3

REQ	7186	Legislation and Regulation Survey	Catalog Description: This course will provide students an introduction to the legislative process, regulatory agencies, and agency law-making. Students will learn to navigate modern U.S. government institutions and processes, with a particular emphasis on the legislative process and the administrative state. Key topics include the structure and animating principles of the U.S.. For Masters Students only.	3
REQ	7255	Appellate Advocacy	An exercise in appellate brief writing and oral argument using a case pending before the United States Supreme Court. Classes focus on the appellate process, complex research and analysis, preparation of briefs, critical writing skills, and oral argument.	3
REQ	7265	Professional Responsibility	The study of a lawyer's professional obligations based on the ABA's Model Rules, ethical rules from selected jurisdictions, and other laws and traditions governing professional conduct. Students develop the knowledge and skills necessary to identify ethical dilemmas and acquire the tools to help resolve them.	3
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE COURSES				
RSJ	5122	Communication Leadership and Advocacy	A successful professional should possess the ability to advocate, counsel, investigate, persuade, research, and educate. This course will develop those skills through various writing and oral advocacy projects. In addition to other writing projects, students will compose a Freedom of Information Act request, draft a public comment letter, write a grant proposal letter of inquiry, and create an environmental communication campaign. Different skills will be emphasized through the exploration of these diverse types of writing. Offered with both ENV and RSJ designation	3

RSJ	7115	Principles of Restorative Justice	Catalog Description: This highly participatory course will explore restorative justice and the ideas that form its foundation, question its strengths and shortcomings, examine restorative practices, and investigate opportunities to put the theory into practice. Students will be graded on their class engagement and presentation of a final project.	3
RSJ	7117	Restorative Justice Facilitation	This one credit course will prepare students to facilitate a restorative justice conference and understand the complex dynamics involved in facilitating. Students will practice the role of the facilitator in the pre-conference and conference stages and will hone essential facilitation skills including formulating open-ended, affective questions, reflective statements and reframing. Prereq: Principles of RSJ or Origins of RSJ	1
RSJ	7120	Origins, Evolution & Critical Issues in RSJ	This course covers the evolving definitions and history of restorative justice and related regulatory and relational practices and approaches. Faculty and students will consider the ways concepts and debates in restorative justice are evolving and being used to tackle some of society's most challenging problems.	3
RSJ	7125	Motivational Interviewing		1
RSJ	7130	Restorative Theory & Practice		2
RSJ	7140	Applied Criminal Justice	This course explores the use of criminal legal systems to address social and environmental harms. After an introductory section on criminal law and procedure, the course explores conventional and alternative criminal justice approaches to address harms against people, animals, and the environment. Students will submit a graded paper and presentation.	3

RSJ	7210	Adversity Trauma Victimization	This course will explore the legal, historical, cultural, and psychological frameworks underlying victim rights law, as well as best practices for effective victim/survivor engagement across the American criminal justice system. Topics will include: 1) the history of victim rights and victim/survivor services in the United States, to include the violence against women and/or Mothers Against Drunk Driving movements, the array of state responses (funding, agency-based direct service, correctional/institutional, etc.); 2) statutory, constitutional, evidentiary, and procedural schemes intended to protect and give voice to crime victims in both traditional and restorative criminal justice processes; 3) the psychology and brain science of trauma and how to competently address trauma in direct service/representation of victims; 4) ethical challenges; 5) interviewing techniques; and 6) theories and strategies for effectively managing vicarious/secondary trauma as a legal or restorative justice practitioner in the field.	3
RSJ	7215	Narrative Writing Seminar		3
RSJ	7230	Restorative Justice Indigenous Comm		3
RSJ	7250	Global Restorative Justice		3
RSJ	7260	Truth and Reconciliation	This course explores how institutions, municipalities, states and countries seek to make amends for historical and wide-ranging harm using a truth and reconciliation process. The course is suitable for JD, Master and Professional Certificate students who will be graded on written assignments, class engagement, a presentation and a final paper.	3

RSJ	7280	Drug Policy Reform	This seminar looks at the history and evolution of drug laws in this country, the science and physiology of substance use disorders and the historical, contemporary and anticipated new direction in drug policy. Students will be evaluated on their class engagement, submission of a final paper and a presentation.	3
RSJ	7311	Designing Restoria		3
RSJ	7315	Peacemaking Courts		3
RSJ	7320	New Approaches Domestic/Sex Violence	This course will address how we respond to domestic and sexual violence, the shortcomings to our current approach, and explore meaningful alternatives to our current responses. The course will consider the political, cultural, and legal factors that are influencing shifting attitudes toward crimes of interpersonal violence. Combining cases, with book chapters, law review articles, and online and other material, students will learn about the history of legal responses to crimes of interpersonal violence as well as the current prevailing approach and visions for future approaches.	3

RSJ	7330	Restorative Justice Ed Institutions	<p>This course explores how restorative justice approaches can provide important alternatives to more traditional responses to harm within educational settings. Restorative justice has three primary applications in school settings, which includes both K-12 schools and higher education. Restorative circles are commonly used to build and strengthen relationships between students and with their teachers. Restorative practices help develop “social-emotional learning.” Restorative conferences are used in response to conflict and misconduct. Cognizant of the “school to prison pipeline,” administrators are looking for more effective and less punitive response to school misconduct. Finally, when students are suspended, restorative circles of support and accountability assist with effective reintegration back into the classroom. The course will focus on the restorative justice movement in education, examining the theory behind restorative justice, its various practices, and evidence of effectiveness. The course will also consider the problems of racial bias in K-12 discipline and sexual and gender-based misconduct on college campuses.</p>	3
RSJ	7340	Race, Crimes and Restorative Justice	<p>This course focuses on race, the criminal justice system, and the potential role of restorative justice in healing racial divides and discriminatory injustice. Beginning with our founding documents, the course traces the disparate impact of the criminal justice system on people of color. Final assessment is a graded paper. No prerequisite but Criminal Law is highly recommended.</p>	3
RSJ	7342	Environmental Restorative Justice	<p>This course considers how restorative justice theory and practice can be applied to environmental crimes, conflicts and harms. Students will be introduced to cutting edge thinking and knowledge both at the theoretical and practical level. Course can also fulfill the Environmental Ethics requirement. Prereq: RSJ7120 or RSJ7115</p>	3

RSJ	7371	Youth Justice Reimagined	This three-credit course considers the shortfalls of current juvenile justice approaches and invites students to explore an alternative set of overarching juvenile justice goals, endeavoring to better serve the needs of youth, their families, and their broader communities and consider what practical strategies accomplish these goals.	3
RSJ	7903	SPTC:Evd Based Restorative Justice		3
WRITING COURSES				
WRI	7301	Advanced Writing Seminar	This Seminar provides students an opportunity to produce a significant written paper based on sophisticated research and thinking about a key area in policy and law related to the student's degree and/or certificate requirement. AWR class. Also meets the writing requirement for MERL, MFALP, LLM-Energy and LLM-Food and Ag.	3
WRI	7320	Multistate PR Exam Preparation	MPRE Preparation is a one credit course designed to prepare students to sit for the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE). MPRE Preparation covers all material necessary to pass the required 60 question ethics portion of the Bar Exam. The course includes Kaplan's full MPRE preparation course and additional instruction by VLS professors. This class is for the OHJD students.	1
WRI	7352	Bar Exam Skills & Tactics	Catalog Description: Skills-development course designed to provide students with the analytical, test-taking, writing, and study skills that are critical to students' success on the bar exam and in the practice of law. The course consists of an intensive substantive and analytical review of major multistate bar exam subjects and of numerous writing and practice assignments.	3

WRI	7360	Advanced Appellate Advocacy	Refines and strengthens the written and oral advocacy skills acquired in Appellate Advocacy, and prepares students to represent VLS in extramural moot court competitions. Successful participants will become members of competing teams and/or members of VLS's Moot Court Advisory Board.	2
WRI	7900	Independent Research Project	Working under the supervision of working faculty sponsor, the IRP provides an individual student with an opportunity to research and write about an area of law in which the student has a particular interest. Students must follow the guidelines for Independent Research Projects contained in the Academic Regulations (see Student Handbook). An AWR class	1-3
WRI	7950	Law Review I	AWR	2
WRI	7951	Law Review II		2
WRI	7960	Vermont Journal of Environmental Law I	AWR	2
WRI	7961	Vermont Journal of Environmental Law II		2