Courses

The fields of inquiry in the following courses range from technical questions of specialized interests to general ones of great social concern. In each course, one aim is to qualify the student as a strategist and an advocate, equipped with the knowledge, insight, and skills to serve clients through advice, negotiation, and planning, as well as by representing them. Another aim is to qualify the student as a responsible member of a profession that, throughout the history of this nation, has been prominent in the resolution of social, economic, and political problems and has been profoundly concerned with the public welfare. Hence, every law course focuses on the need for creative solutions to conflicts between individuals and between individuals and society. This is as it should be, for the function of law is to serve as a catalyst that makes community life possible and a better society attainable.

Each semester the law school publishes course descriptions and academic advice on the School of Law website, https://law.utexas.edu. Law students are responsible for consulting the law school website prior to registering for courses.

The first digit of a course number represents the value of the course in semester hours; for example, students taking Law 280F earn two semester hours of credit, while those taking Law 380F earn three semester hours.

The dean and faculty of the School of Law may, from time to time, change the courses of instruction. Such changes may include a determination that a course formerly listed as a first-year course should be offered as an advanced course, or the reverse.