



CAL NORTHERN SCHOOL OF LAW ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

COURSE #	COURSE NAME	COURSE DESCRIPTION
E-115	Debtor-Creditor Law	<p>This course covers three areas of law: secured transactions under the Uniform Commercial Code; bankruptcy law; and debtor's rights and creditor's remedies. Also covered in an introduction on how to collect a debt (for or from a client) and how to protect clients from someone trying to collect from them, together with the rights of a secured party or the obligations of someone owning property encumbered by a security interest.</p> <p>2 Units</p> <p><i>Hours of Instruction: 3 hours each week for 10 weeks</i></p>
E-120	Employment Law	<p>An in-depth study of federal and California employment laws. Emphasis is upon the legal rights and responsibilities of employers and employees in the employment relationship. Included in the course are the following topics of discussion: Hiring, Discrimination, Statutory protections (ERISA, FMLA, etc.), Terms and conditions of employment, and Termination of employment.</p> <p>2 Units</p> <p><i>Hours of Instruction: 3 hours each week for 10 weeks</i></p>
E-125	Insurance Law	<p>An overview of insurance-related legal issues, including insurance contract formation and interpretation, regulation, and coverage and defense issues. Also covered are legal issues in differing types of insurance policies, including Fire and Property, Life, Health and Disability, and Liability Insurance, together with substantive issues involving Automobile Insurance, uninsured/underinsured motorist, and no-fault coverages.</p> <p>2 Units</p> <p><i>Hours of Instruction: 3 hours each week for 10 weeks</i></p>

E-130	Practical Skills	<p>This course covers a general survey of Debtor-Creditor Law; an Introduction to Civil Litigation; and hands-on training in Practical Family Law. Each section will be held over 3 weeks.</p> <p>Debtor-Creditor Law covers secured and unsecured debts including the preparation of Judicial Council forms. Introduction to Civil Litigation covers an overview of civil litigation, descriptions of the primary stages of a civil case as well as practical approaches to managing each aspect of a case effectively and efficiently. Practical Family Law provides hands-on training in family law, including the art of pleadings, arguing cases, use of Judicial Council forms, and the use of computer programs available to assist the family law attorney.</p> <p>2 Units</p> <p><i>Hours of Instruction: 3 hours each week for 10 weeks</i></p>
E-135	Child Welfare Dependency Law	<p>A practical overview of the Dependency (Child Welfare) process. By participating in this course, students will have an in-depth understanding of the Child Welfare process in California and gain practical experience in preparation of representing parents, children, or the Department in these complex and challenging matters.</p> <p>2 Units</p> <p><i>Hours of Instruction: 3 hours each week for 10 weeks</i></p>
E-150	Externship/ Independent Study	<p>Externship opportunities with the surrounding County District Attorney Offices, Public Defender Offices and private sector licensed attorney offices are available for third and fourth-year law students, to provide practical experience in specific areas of the law as an elective. Students may also apply for independent study credit, subject to the approval of the Dean.</p> <p>2 Units</p> <p><i>Hours of Instruction: 45 hours per unit</i></p>
E-200	Practical Family Law	<p>Hands-on training in family law, including the art of pleading, arguing cases, use of Judicial Council forms, and the use of computer programs available to assist the family law attorney.</p> <p>2 Units</p> <p><i>Hours of Instruction: 3 hours each week for 10 weeks</i></p>

E-230	Special Studies in Civil Discovery	<p>This course provides an overview of the Civil Discovery Act and practical experience drafting all forms of discovery.</p> <p>2 Units</p> <p><i>Hours of Instruction: 3 hours each week for 10 weeks</i></p>
E-250	California Workers' Compensation	<p>A general survey of California Workers' Compensation laws, and the legal issues encountered by attorneys in both handling and identifying such cases. The course will cover a bit of the history of the California Workers' Compensation system, the recent changes effective April 19, 2005, what constitutes an "industrial injury", the types of benefits available, penalties for failure to provide benefits, Discrimination for filing a Workers' Compensation Claim, Serious and Willful Misconduct, Illegally Uninsured Employers, Jurisdiction of the California Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, Appeals, Statutes of Limitation, and procedural requirements.</p> <p>2 Units</p> <p><i>Hours of Instruction: 3 hours each week for 10 weeks</i></p>