

# LONDON LAW CONSORTIUM

## Spring 2012

### COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

#### **British Legal Methods Seminar**

Tuesday, 1:45pm-3:00pm (3 credit hours)

*Professor Adrien K. Wing*

*University of Iowa College of Law*

This course has both classroom and clinical components. Students will participate in a weekly seminar in which they will discuss the British legal profession, including legal ethics issues, legal research methods, and the training of barristers and solicitors. The seminar will also feature guest speakers, and students will take field trips to various local legal institutions.

Additionally, the course offers a clinical component in which students will be assigned a London barrister or other trained legal professional and will spend each Monday accompanying that person to court or case-related activities. While additional hours may be possible at other times, **do not sign up for this course if you are unwilling to devote your entire Mondays.** Students may occasionally have to travel long distances within and outside London to attend trials, and to pay for the cost of transportation themselves. **Please anticipate this expense.**

Students will maintain journals describing their experiences and will meet individually throughout the semester with the instructor. Later in the semester, students will give oral presentations and submit short seminar papers on legal topics growing out of their experiences. Successful completion of these requirements will result in a grade of "Pass." Enrollment in the course is limited to 16 students per semester. Additionally, students participating are required to enroll in the one credit English Legal System course.

#### **Comparative Employment Law**

Thurs & Fri, 12:45pm-2:00pm(3 credit hours)

*Professor Elinor P. Schroeder*

*University of Kansas School of Law*

This course will include a study of regulation of individual employee rights in the workplace, as distinguished from the regulation of collective bargaining between management and unions. Coverage will include laws governing wages and hours, family and medical leave, fringe benefits, employee privacy, and protection from arbitrary firing. The course will compare approaches to these issues taken by the United States and selected other countries.

#### **Comparative Labor Law**

Thurs & Fri, 10:00am-11:15 (3 credit hours)

*Professor Elinor P. Schroeder*

*University of Kansas School of Law*

This course will survey the legal regulation of union-employer-employee relationships. Subjects include employee organizational rights, union collective action, the duty to bargain, enforcement of the collective bargaining agreement, grievance procedures and arbitration, and the union's duty of fair representation. The course will compare approaches to these issues taken by the United States and selected other countries.

**English Legal System**

Friday, 8:00am-9:50am (1 credit hour)

[Class meets 7 wks; time includes a 10-min. break]

*Professor Mark Wyeth Q.C.*

This course will provide an introduction to the history and practice of the English legal system. The course will deal with the following topics: court structure, costs and legal aid, the judiciary, criminal procedure, the legal profession, structure of the U.K. Constitution, human rights in the U.K., juries, and the doctrine of precedent. This course is mandatory for those enrolled in the British Legal Methods seminar.

**International and Comparative Intellectual Property Law**

Tues & Wed, 11:30am-12:45pm (3 credit hours)

*Professor Christopher Buccafusco*

*Chicago-Kent College of Law*

This course will examine issues related to the international protection of intellectual property. The course will survey various international agreements and treaties for copyright, patent, and trademark, focusing on the Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property (TRIPs) of the World Trade Organization. In addition to exploring the basic concepts of territoriality, national treatment, and minimum standards, we will consider political and policy concerns related to efforts to secure and strengthen protection of intellectual property around the world.

**International Human Rights**

Tues & Wed, 10:00am-11:15am (3 credit hours)

*Professor Adrien K. Wing*

*University of Iowa College of Law*

This course will introduce the student to the established and developing legal rules, procedures, and enforcement mechanisms governing the protection of international human rights. It will address both liberal western and developing world notions of human rights as well as highlight recent examples of human rights controversies in all the regions of the world. Special emphasis will be placed on the international human rights of women and human rights issues in the UK.

**Law and Human Behavior**

Tuesday, 3:15pm-6:00pm (3 credit hours)

*Professor Christopher Buccafusco*

*Chicago-Kent College of Law*

This course will explore the implications of recent social science research on human behavior for law and legal decision-making. In the past few decades, new discoveries in psychology, cognitive science, neuroscience, and economics have challenged fundamental ideas about how people think and decide. We will consider their application to a variety of areas of the law including criminal and civil law and jury decision-making. Topics will include happiness and hedonic psychology, the role of emotion and reason in decision-making, creativity, risk assessment, and free will. These topics will be discussed in comparative perspective - e.g. recent efforts by the governments of France and Bhutan to encourage Gross Domestic Happiness. Students will write a series of short (2-3 page) analysis papers.

**Law of the European Union**

Wednesday, 1:45pm-4:30pm (3 credit hours)

[time includes one 15-min. break]

*Professor Alexander H. Türk*

*King's College London*

The purpose of this course is to provide an introduction to the European Union Law. The course is divided into three parts, which examine the constitutional framework and constitutional principles of the EU, and some areas of substantive law. The first part of the course (constitutional framework) will consider the historical development of the EU, its institutions and law-making processes. The second part will examine the constitutional principles governing the EU, such as the supremacy of EU law over national law and mechanisms for its enforcement in the Member States (direct effect and liability of Member States for breach of Union law). The third part will deal with some substantive areas of Union law, such as free movement of goods, persons, establishment and services, and anti-discrimination, as well as the protection of fundamental rights. Professor Türk has taught Law of the European Union since 2007 for the London Law Consortium.