LA 101 Law and Society  (3 credits)
Pre-Req: GB 110.
This course explores the subject of law and the social order. It illustrates how changes in our laws reflect changes in society and vice versa. In this way, the course provides a focused study of the law as a dynamic force in social change. It presents tangible examples of the power (and the limits) of law to address contemporary social problems. Themes of the course include: the legal ramifications of membership in certain societal groups (e.g., non-citizens, homeless, mentally ill, criminals); the legal impact of changing religious demographics and social attitudes (e.g., euthanasia, legalization of marijuana and/or prostitution, LGBTQ rights); and the legal impact of STEM advances (e.g., guns, reproductive rights, education). Students will learn to critically examine current laws as well as articulate suggestions for improvements to these that will be true to our constitutional framework.
Focus: CI
LSM: AMP; ESR

LA 102 Environmental Law  (3 credits)
Pre-Req: GB 110.
This course discusses the origins, history and trends that have evolved in environmental law. It explores the basic legal and ethical issues related to environmental law with major emphasis on how these issues, and the applicable laws, past and present, impact the business and personal environments. The course focuses on relevant statutes and laws at the federal, state and local levels of government. Important federal and state case decisions will also be discussed. The course seeks to put into perspective the extent of the impact environmental laws have on society and business as the attempt to protect and preserve the environment from the effects of global warming and other threats continues to be a major concern to life as we know it.
LSM: EEGS

LA 104 Gender and the Law  (3 credits)
Pre-Req: GB 110.
This course provides a legal lens for both the history and the continuing social evolution of gender issues. This legal perspective on gender issues will provide tangible examples of the power of law both to worsen and to improve social problems. In examining ways in which United States law has created, exacerbated, ameliorated, and/or remedied social issues related to gender, the course will address areas where United States law and/or American culture have been unfair to men as well as to women. It will also examine issues where equal treatment of men and women under the law seems inappropriate and/or ineffective. Finally, the course will consider the legal complications caused for transgendersed individuals by legislative definitions of gender.
Focus: DIV
LSM: DSC; ESR

LA 105 Race and the Law  (3 credits)
Pre-Req: GB 110.
This course examines the role of the law both as a force in maintaining the second-class citizenship of racial minorities and as a tool in dismantling racial discrimination throughout society. It considers the law as an instrument of oppression of racial minorities through historical reviews of laws and court decisions that have treated whites and non-whites differently; and examines legal efforts to liberate and empower racial minorities. The course focuses on selected topics particular to Native Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic/Latino Americans, and African Americans, as well as legal issues common to all racial minorities (hate crimes, housing segregation, equal education opportunity, discrimination in the criminal justice system, workplace discrimination, affirmative action). It looks at the intersection of gender and race to identify issues unique to female members of racial minorities.
Focus: DIV
LSM: AMP; DSC; ESR

LA 106 "Outsiders" and the Law  (3 credits)
Pre-Req: GB 110.
This course examines law as both an instrument of institutionalized oppression and a tool for liberation and empowerment of minority groups—those "outside" the majority. It focuses on four groups: the disabled; religious minorities; LGBTQ+ individuals; and age minorities (minors and the elderly). The course addresses the law's current and potential future role both in maintaining the second-class citizenship of these groups and in dismantling discrimination against them. Throughout, the course also considers the limitations of the law for ensuring fair and equal treatment of the different groups studied.
Focus: CI, DIV
LSM: AMP; DSC; ESR

LA 107 Social Justice Law  (3 credits)
This is a domestic travel embedded course and the students will need to pay an extra fee.
Pre-Req: GB 110.
Social Justice Law is a travel embedded course that examines legal issues around social justice and issues dealing with Human Rights law and Civil Rights law. Specifically looking at the past, present and future of human rights law in the United States and internationally. We consider the historical development of human rights in this country, focusing on one of the biggest human rights movements, the Civil Rights Movement. Additionally, we will look at the historical and contemporary issues and laws around women's rights, immigration, LGBTQ, religion, sex trafficking and genocide. This course has a mandatory travel component to Atlanta and Alabama during spring break. The travel is meant to enrich and enhance some of the materials students will learn during the course.
Focus: DSC
Note: This is a domestic travel embedded course and the students will need to pay an extra fee.

LA 108 Moot Court  (3 credits)
Pre-Req: GB 110.
This upper-level law course simulates a moot court exercise as conducted in law school. In the course, students prepare and present a legal argument before a simulated appeals court. Working in teams of two, students are assigned a contemporary legal problem, which they are required to analyze, research, prepare and argue. Argument is made both in writing with the submission of a formal legal memorandum and orally in a simulated appellate court setting. The course also includes a visit to the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, where students observe an actual hearing.
Focus: CI
LA 112 Law and Film (3 credits)
This course explores the impact and consequences of the ways lawyers and the legal system are depicted on film. Law affects every area of our lives, yet most people know little about the legal system apart from what they see in movies and on TV. In this course, we take a closer look at the impact of those depictions on our understanding and expectations of the legal system. How do those depictions color our views of law and its place in society? How do movies about law and lawyers shape our understanding of the relationship between the legal system and justice? How is justice defined in those films? Through a combination of selected films, textbook readings about the history behind and techniques used in those films, class discussions and written assignments, this course takes a deep dive into the social impact of law and film. In doing so, it identifies and clarifies common misperceptions about the legal system that those films tend to perpetuate.
Focus: CI
LSM: AMP; GP

LA 145 English Origins of the Law (3 credits)
Formerly ID 245. Instructor Permission required. Travel course to England during spring break.
Students study the developments in early English history that form the basis of the American common law system. As part of the study, students travel to London during spring break to enrich their understanding of this English foundation by visiting places and people relevant to course materials. The materials are in the form of readings, case studies, and discussion that focus on the period 1066-1215. Specifically, topics include the historical origins of the common law system under Henry II and the establishment of limits on royal authority under Magna Carta. These topics are developed in relation to the king's interest in protecting real property rights and protecting individuals from criminal activity, both of which came to be the basis of common law jurisdiction in the royal courts.
Focus: INTL
LSM: AMP; GP
Note: Includes travel to England during Spring break.

LA 198 Art/ScienceExper Course in Law (3 credits)
Experimental courses explore curriculum development, with specific content intended for evolution into a permanent course. A topic may be offered twice before it becomes a permanent course. Students may repeat experimental courses with a different topic for credit.

LA 199 Experimental Course in Law (3 credits)
Pre-Req: GB 110.
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LA 210 Business Law (3 credits)
Pre-Req: GB 110.
This course includes topics on the business law section of the CPA exam not covered in GB110 Legal and Ethical Environment of Business and also acquaints the student with laws relevant to accountants’ and auditors’ liability; with emphasis on ethical issues as they relate to legal obligations. The course provides an in-depth understanding of contract law and other vital business laws by studying the Uniform Commercial Code. Topics include: the formation, avoidance, discharge and enforcement of a contract; laws governing personal property, real estate, sales, commercial paper, banking law, secured transactions, agencies, securities regulations, bankruptcy, insurance, wills, and the various business forms, including partnerships, limited partnerships, corporations, limited liability companies, and limited liability partnerships.

LA 298 Experimental Course in Law (3 credits)
Pre-Req: GB 110.
Experimental courses explore curriculum development, with specific content intended for evolution into a permanent course. A topic may be offered twice before it becomes a permanent course. Students may repeat experimental courses with a different topic for credit.

LA 299 Experimental Course in LAW (3 credits)
Pre-Req: GB 110.
Experimental courses explore curriculum development with specific content intended for evolution into a permanent course. A topic may be offered twice before it becomes a permanent course. Students may repeat experimental courses for credit with a different topic.

LA 302 Marketing Law (3 credits)
Pre-Req: GB 110.
This course provides a comprehensive overview of the laws relating to marketing activities, with emphasis on modern corporate activity. Students will become acquainted with the laws that relate to the four P's of Marketing (product, place, price and promotion). Students will gain an appreciation for legal problems encountered by those involved in the research, development, manufacture, promotion, sales and distribution of products and services. Additionally students will learn how businesses can keep key personnel from engaging in illegal marketing activities and what redress consumers may have based on such behavior. The following areas of law will be addressed: jurisdiction, debt practices, intellectual property (patent, trademark, trade secret), antitrust, franchisor-franchisee relationships, contracts, regulation of advertising, consumer protection, product warranties and product liability.

LA 308 International Business Law (3 credits)
Pre-Req: GB 110.</p>
Surveys the leading principles in international business law by understanding sources of law, interpretation and enforcement of various treaties, and the various tribunals and organizations that have shaped international business law over the years. Additionally, the course discusses the benefits and the risks of entering a foreign jurisdiction through different types of business structures: trade; licensing; and, foreign direct investment. Topics such as the laws governing the European Union, and the various trade laws between the U.S. and other foreign jurisdictions are also discussed.
Focus: INTL
LSM: EEKS; GP

LA 309 Management and Human Resources Law (3 credits)
Pre-Req: GB 110.
As both employees and future managers, it is important for students to have a working knowledge of workplace laws that govern the rights of employers and employees. In addition to federal and state statutes, the course will examine court cases, federal and state agency decisions, and pending controversies taken from current news headlines. Topics include: job interview questions, performance evaluations, employee terminations, maternity, medical and other leaves, monitoring of employees’ email, texts and voicemail, employment discrimination, workplace romances, sexual harassment, drug testing, wages and other terms of employment, union representation, collective bargaining, unfair labor practices, occupational safety regulation, and public sector employment topics. Classes will employ student analysis of textual material, including court and agency decisions, and discussion of relevant current events, supplemented by lectures, role playing, student presentations, and films.
LSM: ESR
LA 311 Real Estate Law  (3 credits)
Pre-Req: GB 110.
This course helps students recognize potential problems related to the purchase or rental of real estate. It includes the treatment of contracts for the sale of real estate, transfer of title, title examination, security for real estate transactions such as mortgages, methods and problems of co-ownership, zoning ordinances, brokerage contracts, and constitutional issues related to real property. Landlord and tenant rights and liabilities, as well as environmental issues related to real estate are addressed. This course satisfies Massachusetts real estate salesperson licensing requirements.

LA 313 Securities Regulation  (3 credits)
Pre-Req: GB 110.
This course discusses, within a legal context, the roles and ethical considerations of corporate management, the underwriter, CPA, directors and "insiders." The nature of a security, the registration process, exemptions from registration and civil liability are explained within the Securities Acts and regulations promulgated thereunder by the Securities Exchange Commission.

LA 315 Court and Alternatives  (3 credits)
Pre-Req: GB 110.
Litigation has decreased 75 percent over the last 20 years. How are companies and consumers solving their legal issues if they are not going to court? This class discusses the fundamentals of a trial, emphasizing those aspects that have led to an increase in the use of alternative means of resolving legal disputes. In addition to preparing students for the costs and risks of business litigation, the course focuses on the evolution of negotiating settlements, mediations and arbitration, along with collaborative law, summary jury trials, mini-trials and private judging. Develops dispute resolution skills, business considerations on a domestic and international level, and ethical concerns in selecting and using alternative dispute resolution.

LA 317 Media Law  (3 credits)
Pre-Req: GB 110.
The study of media is the study of the lifeblood of world culture, art, entertainment, politics, knowledge and transmission of information. From the invention of movable type by Johannes Gutenberg through the evolution of media technology including radio, television, cable television, satellite radio, the Internet, VCRs, DVDs, CDs, TiVos, IPODs, cell phones and numerous other technologies, there have been constant expansions of information, while the world has shrunk and truly become a global village. Regulation of media through law is essential to an orderly, positive utilization of media in the public interest. Rules and regulations established through legislatures, administrative agencies, court rulings and industry-established regulations are of primary importance. In addition, as media has become more of a global phenomenon, the interworking of the law and ethical business practices of countries around the world has become a major factor in today's media law.

LA 318 White Collar Crime  (3 credits)
Pre-Req: GB 110.
This course examines the growing list of white collar crimes, including: corporate crimes, accounting, securities and bank fraud, insider trading, bribery, extortion, kickbacks, tax crimes, money laundering, corporate environmental crimes, counterfeit products, intellectual property piracy, corporate espionage, state-sponsored corporate crimes, healthcare, insurance, and mortgage fraud, and identity theft, credit card fraud, database hacking, and an ever expanding list of scams. This course considers the history of white-collar crime and its evolution as a framework for understanding the current wide scope and rapidly growing prevalence of these criminal acts which endanger everyone. Considers efforts to combat white collar crime through civil and criminal statutes and regulations.

LSM: ESR

LA 320 Entertainment Law  (3 credits)
Pre-Req: GB 110.
The world of entertainment law is increasingly dynamic and complex. It encompasses many areas of the law including constitutional law, intellectual property law, labor law, contract law and international law. Traditional forms of entertainment such as music, movies, books, television and radio are being transformed by the digital revolution bringing with it many new legal issues. This course helps students understand the legal aspects of entertainment law and how they apply to traditional and new forms of entertainment and media.
Note: Offered at least once per year.

LA 321 Sports Law  (3 credits)
Pre-Req: GB 110.
The purpose of this course is to teach students about the broad world of the law as it relates to both amateur and professional sports. The course will alert students to the many legal concerns involved with amateur and professional sports including labor law, intellectual property law, gender equality, performance enhancing drugs, public stadium financing and even criminal and tort law. It will also deal with the many ethical issues connected to sports law including the ethics of genetic manipulation and the use of performance enhancing drugs.
Note: Offered at least once per year. Formerly LA 316.

LA 401 Directed Study in Law  (3 credits)
Pre-Req: GB 110 or GB 103
This course permits superior students to engage in specialized study. Allows repetition for credit.

LA 402 Seminar in Law  (3 credits)
Pre-Req: LA 108 and Instructor's permission.
This course provides opportunity for small groups of advanced students to study selected topics. (Allows repetition for credit.)
Note: Not offered regularly. Check with department chair for availability.

LA 421 Internship in Law  (3 credits)
Students interested in law are afforded the opportunity to apply and expand their academic learning with hands-on experience that focuses on the laws and procedures of the legal system as related to consumers and others in need of assistance. Minimum hour requirement: 12 hours per week for 12 weeks or the equivalent of 144 hours. It may include more hours. It is expected that the student will do additional reading outside these hours and assignments as well. In the summer it is understood that the student may well have to work the equivalent of three days a week additionally to earn money outside the internship, especially if it is an unpaid one.
Note: May be used to fulfill unrestricted elective credits