

CURRICULUM

Abraham Lincoln University offers the following courses in its Juris Doctor Program.

JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE

FIRST YEAR

COURSE	Quarter Units	Weeks of Study
LF100 - Contracts	13	20
LF200 - Criminal Law	10	14
LF300 - Torts	12	18

TOTAL UNITS 35 52

UPPER DIVISION YEARS

COURSE	Quarter Units	Weeks of Study
LU01 - Real Property	8	12
LU02 - Wills & Trusts	8	12
LU03 - Criminal Procedure	4	6
LU04 - Business Organizations	8	12
LU05 - Remedies	7	10
TOTAL UNITS	35	52

COURSE	Quarter Units	Weeks of Study
LU06 - Evidence	8	12
LU07 - Civil Procedure	8	12
LU08 - Professional Responsibility	4	6
LU09 - Constitutional Law	8	12
LU10 - Community Property	7	10
TOTAL UNITS	35	52

FOURTH YEAR

COURSE	Quarter Units	Weeks of Study
LU41 - Advanced Legal Research & Writing	4	6
LU42 - (Advanced Legal Analysis & Writing) ALA&W: Criminal Law & Procedure	4	6
LU43 - ALA&W: Real Property	4	6
LU44 - ALA&W: Prof. Responsibility/Bus.Organizations	4	6
LU45 - ALA&W: Evidence/Constitutional Law	4	6
LU46 - ALA&W: Torts	3	5
LU47 - ALA&W: Contracts & Sales	3	5
LU48 - ALA&W: Wills/Trusts & Community Property	4	6
LU49 - ALA&W: Civil Procedure & Remedies	4	6
TOTAL UNITS	34	52

ELECTIVES

COURSE	Quarter Units	Weeks of Study
<i>(may be substituted for Fourth Year courses only with prior permission)</i>		
LE01 - Administrative Law	4	6
LE02 - Conflicts of Law	4	6
LE03 - Family Law	4	6
LE04 - Federal Courts	4	6
LE05 - Immigration Law	4	6
LE06 - Mortgages	4	6
LE07 - Trial Techniques	4	6
LE08 - Federal Income Taxation	7	10
LE09 - Debtor & Creditor Law	7	10
LE10 - Environmental Law	4	6
LE11 - Independent Legal Research	4	6
LE12 - Intellectual Property	4	6
LE13 - International Law	4	6
LE14 - Labor Law	4	6
LE15 - Medical Jurisprudence	8	12
LE16 - Patent Law	8	12



“ALU works for the working professional.”

Jonathan Kramer
(Recent Graduate)

I'm a communications engineer on-the-road 60,000 miles a year. ALU's law program is the one that works for the working professional. I have never thought that I would say it, but the study of law at ALU is actually fun! ALU works hard for students who work hard.



COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

FIRST YEAR COURSES

LF111

Contracts & ucc Art. II, Sales
(9 QUARTER UNITS - 14 WEEKS)

Students will study common law contract principles relating to oral and written contracts for services. They will learn the rules governing the formation of contracts such as offer, acceptance and consideration; they will study contractual conditions, 3rd party rights, assignments, and the law pertaining to enforcement of contracts, liability and remedies for breach of contract. Students will also study contract defenses such as the statute of frauds, frustration of purpose, impossibility, illegality, unconscionability, fraud, incapacity, undue influence, coercion, and public policy. The class will also discuss interpretation and application of the Uniform Commercial Code in transactions in goods.

LF112, LF114, LF116

Legal Analysis & Writing I, II, III
(11 QUARTER UNITS - 17 WEEKS)

This is a three-phase analysis and writing course designed to teach students the requisite writing skills to excel as advocates in the legal profession. Students will learn how to find the law, how to analyze facts in relation to the law, and how to persuasively write their analysis. Additionally, students will be expected to be able to analyze written hypothetical fact patterns, extract rules of law from various sources, apply those rules of law to the facts, and write practice essays in a logical, well-reasoned, lawyer-like manner.

LF113

Criminal Law
(7 QUARTER UNITS - 9 WEEKS)

Students will examine the common law criminal justice system including its theory of punishment, the classification of crimes, criminal causation and the elements to various crimes. Students will study the criminal culpability rules applicable to perpetrators such as principals, accessories and accomplices. Students will learn the elements to various crimes committed against persons such as homicide, assault, battery, rape and mayhem. They will also study property crimes such as larceny, embezzlement, false pretenses, receiving stolen property, robbery, burglary and arson. Further, students will examine inchoate crimes of attempt, solicitation and conspiracy, and they will also learn many affirmative defenses including mistake, self-defense, consent, corpus delicti, insanity, duress, necessity, coercion and entrapment.

LF115

Torts
(8 QUARTER UNITS - 12 WEEKS)

This course is a survey of civil causes of action for which an injured party may seek redress and compensatory relief in court. Students will learn various theories of tort liability including intentional torts to person and property such as assault, battery, false imprisonment, trespass and infliction of emotional distress. Students will also examine the law relating to causes of action for ordinary and professional negligence, wrongful death, products liability, and dignitary torts such as invasion of privacy, defamation, constitutional torts and nuisance. They will also examine strict liability causes of action such as pet ownership and products liability. Finally, students will examine tort defenses of privilege, mistake, self-defense, consent, necessity, immunity, contributory and comparative negligence and assumption of the risk.

UPPER DIVISION

LU01

Real Property
(8 QUARTER UNITS - 12 WEEKS)

The course provides doctrinal analysis of various common and modern law real property rules. Students will examine ownership, possessory and alienable rights, and other legal interests in freehold and non-freehold estates, future interests, land covenants, equitable servitudes and easements. Students will study the law related to the recordation, use and transfer of property interests, and landlord/tenant law.



LU02

Wills & Trusts

(8 QUARTER UNITS - 12 WEEKS)

This course is a two-part survey of the law of probate. Students will learn California probate law as it relates to the formation and validity of testamentary wills, intestacy succession, and disposition of probate assets. Then, students will study common law revocable and irrevocable trusts, and the statutory, doctrinal and decisional law pertaining to trust creation, modification and termination, trust management, the powers, duties and obligations of trustees, and beneficiary rights.

LU03

Criminal Procedure

(4 QUARTER UNITS - 6 WEEKS)

Students will study the rights of the accused in criminal matters by examining various provisions of the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution. Students will learn the law governing searches and seizures, confessions, double jeopardy, the right to counsel, jury trials, speedy trials, pleas, exclusionary rules and the appellate rights of an accused to enforce constitutional guarantees.

LU04

Business Organizations

(8 QUARTER UNITS - 12 WEEKS)

This course is a didactic inquiry into the law governing American business enterprises. Students will study model, statutory and decisional law related to the formation and dissolution of partnerships, agency relationships, and private, public, close and limited liability corporations. Students will study the law governing public stock and securities transactions, dividends, mergers and hostile takeovers, and the rights of corporate shareholders. Students will study the respective roles, duties, liabilities, rights and remedies of shareholders and business decision-makers, including corporate directors, officers and subordinate employees.

LU05

Remedies

(7 QUARTER UNITS - 10 WEEKS)

Students will learn equitable and legal remedies that are available to civil litigants. They will learn how to allege, measure and define the scope of monetary damage awards, restitution, legal fees, constructive trusts and apportionments in tort and contract actions. Students will explore coercive remedies such as injunctions, specific performance, contempt, and declaratory relief.

LU06

Evidence

(8 QUARTER UNITS - 12 WEEKS)

This course teaches the standards that regulate the admissibility of proof at judicial proceedings placing special emphasis on the federal rules and general principles of evidence law. Students will study burdens of proof, relevancy, the hearsay rule and its exceptions, policy-based exclusionary rules, legal privileges, expert and lay opinions, scientific, forensic and demonstrative evidence, impeachment, authentication, character and habit evidence, and presumptions.

LU07

Civil Procedure

(8 QUARTER UNITS - 12 WEEKS)

This course examines the rules governing civil proceedings and the jury trial system with emphasis on federal procedural rules. Students will study various phases of civil litigation and learn how to proceed with litigation in a court of law. Students will study the statutory and decisional law related to federalism, allocations of power between state and federal courts, personal and subject matter jurisdiction, rules of pleading, claim and party consolidation, venue, pre and post-trial motion practice, claim and issue preclusion, discovery, summary judgment, dismissals, and the appellate process.

LU08

Professional Responsibility

(4 QUARTER UNITS - 6 WEEKS)

This course is a survey of attorneys' legal and ethical obligations, and standards that are attendant to the practice of law and the legal profession. Students will study model statutory codes and decisional law that define an attorney's legal and ethical obligations to clients, the courts, opposing counsel and the profession. They will study various legal conflicts that may arise during client representation while fulfilling the varying roles of advocate, officer of the court, public icon, and working practitioner. Students will study the business and economic aspects of the practice of law, restraints on practice, the role of the judiciary and the state bar in enforcing attorney rules of professional conduct, and sanctions for violating the rules.

LU09

Constitutional Law

(8 QUARTER UNITS - 12 WEEKS)

Students will study the United States Constitution, the three branches and structure of the federal government, limitations and scope of government power, judicial review, the role of the United States Supreme Court, the Bill of Rights, and personal liberties. Students will examine the constitutional distribution of power between the federal government and the individual states and personal liberties under the Due Process clauses with special focus on fundamental rights, equal protection, freedom of assembly, press, religion and speech.

LU10

Community Property

(7 QUARTER UNITS - 10 WEEKS)

Students will examine the law relating to California community and separate property, the division of marital assets upon divorce and death of a spouse, marital agreements, business assets, commingling of funds, property improvements, spousal liability for community and separate debts, education expenses, spousal rights to pension and disability income, lawsuit settlements, life insurance proceeds, and management and transfer of community property assets.



FOURTH YEAR

LU41

Advanced Legal Research & Writing: (4 QUARTER UNITS - 6 WEEKS)

This course is an advanced practical workshop designed to sharpen students' legal writing skills. Students will practice writing memoranda of law, points and authorities, bench memoranda, client letters, attorney communications, discovery responses, and trial and appellate briefs. Students will emulate associate, research, or private attorneys and respond to letters, task memos, or legal documents, from attorneys, clients, judges or special interest groups. Students will utilize sample client files, court documents and law libraries as their tools to gather and analyze facts, research and cite law, apply legal ethics, develop legal tactics, and render legal advice in their performance test answers.

LU42

Advanced Legal Analysis & Writing: **Criminal Law & Procedure** (4 QUARTER UNITS - 6 WEEKS)

Students will practice writing essays at an advanced level relating to common law and modern law crimes, and defenses and the constitutional rights of the accused. Students will analyze written fact patterns and apply substantive and procedural rules of law pertaining to crimes against persons and property and inchoate offenses such as solicitation, conspiracy, and attempt and any criminal defenses. Students will demonstrate their ability to analyze written fact patterns and to distill constitutional issues derived from various provisions of the Bill of Rights. Such issues include searches and seizures, confessions, double jeopardy, right to counsel, jury trials, speedy trials, pleas and government sanctions to enforce the Constitution. Students will be expected to articulate their legal analysis of each fact pattern.



A STUDENT STUDY GROUP

LU43

Advanced Legal Analysis & Writing: **Real Property** (4 QUARTER UNITS - 6 WEEKS)

This course provides in-depth analysis of various common and modern law real property rights and legal interests in freehold and non-freehold estates, future interests, land covenants, equitable servitudes and easements, the recordation, use and transfer of property interests and landlord/tenant law. Students will be expected to analyze hypothetical facts, apply substantive rules of property law and articulate their analysis in written essays.

LU44

Advanced Legal Analysis & Writing: **Professional Responsibility/ Business Organizations** (4 QUARTER UNITS - 6 WEEKS)

This course provides advanced analysis of two substantive areas of law. First, students will analyze model codes, statutory and decisional law which set forth attorneys' legal and ethical obligations to their clients, the courts, opposing counsel and the legal profession. Second, this course provides advanced analysis of the law relating to private, close and publicly traded corporations and other business enterprises such as partnerships, sole proprietorships and agency relationships. Students will review legal doctrines related to public stock, securities sales, corporate board of directors' duties and liabilities, shareholder duties, rights and remedies, dividends, mergers and hostile takeovers. Students will analyze various hypothetical facts, apply substantive law and write essays that provide legal and factual analysis and demonstrate a working application of the law.

LU45

**Advanced Legal Analysis & Writing:
Evidence/Constitutional Law
(4 QUARTER UNITS- 6 WEEKS)**

This course is an advanced practical writing workshop on two substantive areas of law. Students will demonstrate their ability to write cogent, well-reasoned and persuasive practice essays. First, students will review the federal rules of evidence and standards that regulate the admissibility of proof at judicial proceedings. They will examine general evidence law principles such as burdens of proof, relevancy, policy-based exclusionary rules, expert and lay opinions, impeachment, authentication, character evidence and presumptions. Second, students will review the federal Constitution, branches of federal government, limitations and scope of federal government power, the role of the United States Supreme Court, the Bill of Rights and individual liberties.

LU46

**Advanced Legal Analysis & Writing:
Torts
(3 QUARTER UNITS- 5 WEEKS)**

This course is an advanced essay writing course pertaining to civil causes of action and civil wrongs for which an injured party may seek redress and other compensatory relief. Students will be expected to analyze hypothetical fact patterns related to tort law, distill points of law from the facts, and write essays in a logical, well-reasoned, lawyer-like manner. Students will review various theories of tort liability including intentional torts to person and property such as assault, battery, false imprisonment and trespass. Students will examine the law relating to ordinary, and professional negligence, wrongful death, and products liability and dignitary harms such as invasion of privacy, defamation, nuisance, constitutional torts and strict liability causes of action. Students will study tort defenses such as self-defense, privilege, mistake, consent, necessity, immunity, contributory and comparative negligence, assumption of the risk, and others.

LU47

**Advanced Legal Analysis & Writing:
Contracts & Sales
(3 QUARTER UNITS- 5 WEEKS)**

This course is an advanced essay writing workshop and practical analysis of two coextensive substantive areas of law. First, students will examine common law contract principles relating to oral and written contracts for services. Students will analyze contract formation rules including offer, acceptance and consideration, conditions, third party rights, assignments, enforcement of contracts, breach, and remedies. Students will also analyze contract defenses such as the statute of frauds, frustration of purpose, impossibility, illegality, unconscionability, lack of capacity, undue influence, coercion and public policy violations. Second, students will analyze Article II of the Uniform Commercial Code, a statutory body of law, specifically related to the sale of goods. Students will be expected to analyze hypothetical fact patterns in both disciplines, extract points of law from the facts, and write essays in a logical, well-reasoned, lawyer-like manner.



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MEETS WITH A STUDENT



ASSOCIATE DEAN
LESLEY KLEVETER AT HER DESK

LU48

Advanced Legal Analysis & Writing: Wills / Trusts & Community Property (4 QUARTER UNITS - 6 WEEKS)

This course is an essay workshop that examines three substantive areas of law. First, students will analyze California probate law relating to the formation and validity of wills, intestacy succession, and disposition of probate assets. Second, students will study various common law types of trusts and the rules pertaining to trust creation, modification and termination, trust management, the powers, duties and obligations of trustees, and beneficiary rights. Finally, students will review the law relating to California community and separate property, division of marital assets upon divorce and death of either spouse, marital agreements, business assets, commingling of funds, property improvements, spousal liability for community and separate debts, education expenses, spousal rights to pension and disability income, lawsuit settlements, life insurance proceeds, and management of community property. Students will be expected to analyze written hypothetical facts in all three disciplines, extract rules of law from the facts, and write essays in a logical, well-reasoned, lawyer-like manner.

LU49

Advanced Legal Analysis & Writing: Civil Procedure & Remedies (4 QUARTER UNITS - 6 WEEKS)

This course is an advanced writing workshop on two substantive areas of law. First, students will study the federal rules of civil procedure which include statutory and decisional laws related to personal and subject matter jurisdiction, venue, sufficiency of pleadings, counterclaims, cross-complaints, claim consolidation, joining parties, motion practice, claim and issue preclusion, summary judgment and dismissals. Second, students will examine the law of civil remedies and the types of equitable and legal remedies available to civil litigants including monetary damages, restitution, coercive remedies, injunctions, and declaratory relief, and the scope of relief to be awarded to litigants in tort and contract causes of action. Students will be expected to analyze written hypothetical facts in both areas of law, distill the law from the facts, and write essays in a logical, well-reasoned, lawyer-like manner.



ELECTIVES (offered periodically)

LE01 Administrative Law
(4 QUARTER UNITS - 6 WEEKS)

The controls of the administrative operation of government, both regulatory operations such as approval or prohibition of business practices and social service operations.

LE02 Conflicts of Law
(4 QUARTER UNITS - 6 WEEKS)

Choice of law, jurisdiction and the recognition of judgments. Emphasis on the theoretical problems of choice of law.

LE03 Family Law
(4 QUARTER UNITS - 6 WEEKS)

Examines common law, statutory law and federal constitutional principles relating to the formation and dissolution of families.

LE04 Federal Courts
(4 QUARTER UNITS - 6 WEEKS)

Asurvey of the federal court system and an examination of the sources and substance of federal jurisdiction. This course covers federal question, diversity, removal, venue and procedure.

LE05 Immigration Law
(4 QUARTER UNITS - 6 WEEKS)

The effects of legislation, agencies and the courts on immigration and naturalization are discussed. Admissions and exclusions, entry, deportation, relief, refugees, aliens and citizenship.

LE06 Mortgages
(4 QUARTER UNITS - 6 WEEKS)

Considers legal issues concerning mortgages and real estate financing. Covers statutes and regulations, forms, and techniques.

LE07 Trial Techniques
(4 QUARTER UNITS - 6 WEEKS)

Preparation for trial including development of litigation skills, rules and motions, discovery, jury selection, opening and closing arguments, objections, and direct and cross examination.

LE08 Federal Income Taxation
(7 QUARTER UNITS - 10 WEEKS)

A study of personal income taxation. Covering income, deductions, taxpayer status, year of inclusion, gains and losses, deferral and computation.





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LE09 Debtor & Creditor Law
(7 QUARTER UNITS - 10 WEEKS)

The rights of debtors and creditors with a concentration on remedies available to the unpaid creditor and protection of the debtor focusing on debt collection and bankruptcy.

LE10 Environmental Law
(4 QUARTER UNITS - 6 WEEKS)

The current case law and administrative law covering air and water resources, toxic and hazardous substances, and the Environmental Protection Act.

LE11 Independent Legal Research
(4 QUARTER UNITS - 6 WEEKS)

A course designed by the student and approved by the school of law. This is similar to a thesis or dissertation with a focus on an area of law that is of interest to the student.

LE12 Intellectual Property
(4 QUARTER UNITS - 6 WEEKS)

An overview course for the student that wants a working knowledge of the law of copyright, patents, trademarks and trade secrets.

LE13 International Law
(4 QUARTER UNITS - 6 WEEKS)

Basic rules governing the international community. Including the rules of customary law as well as the law of treaties. The protection of individuals, the use of force by states and the basis and limitations of jurisdiction.

LE14 Labor Law
(4 QUARTER UNITS - 6 WEEKS)

Labor law as developed by the National Labor Relations Board and the courts under the Wagner Act, the Taft-Hartley Act and the Landrum-Griffin Act. The relationship of the union, the employee and collective bargaining.

LE15 Medical Jurisprudence
(8 QUARTER UNITS - 12 WEEKS)

A study of the legal issues that apply to medical professionals and the health care industry. Covers medical malpractice liability and litigation process, expert testimony, elderly care, and medical-related employment relationships.

LE16 Patent Law
(8 QUARTER UNITS - 12 WEEKS)

A course designed for the student who intends to become a patent attorney. Includes coverage of patent claim drafting and legal aspects tested on the patent agent/attorney exam.