This year, DePaul College of Law will have its inaugural J-Term session. J-Term classes are one week intensive courses that focus on a narrow area of law or legal skills. Here’s what you need to know:

• J-Term classes count within your spring term credit load

• Deadline to add a J-Term course is Sunday, January 6, 2019 at 11:59:59 pm

• Deadline to drop a J-Term course is Monday, January 7, 2019 at 11:59:59 pm

• Because of the intensive nature of each course, students are limited to 1 J-Term course per year

• 1Ls are eligible for some J-term courses, as long as they meet any prerequisites
J-Term Research Courses

In these courses, students will spend a week honing legal research skills while focusing on a narrow topic of law. Descriptions of each of the four practical research courses can be found inside.

Business Law:

This course is intended to give students an overview of general business law library resources along with basic corporation and company/business information resources (in print, online via Westlaw, Lexis Advance & Bloomberg Law; via DePaul databases & the Internet). Students will gain practical skills when searching for Business Law via secondary source materials & case, statute & regulatory materials; along with gaining practical skills for finding specific company & news/currency resources to help them stay current on Business Law matters.

Cultural Heritage Law:

The purpose of this course is to provide students who are interested Cultural Heritage Law an opportunity for a more intensive research experience. It is an immersive and concentrated week-long course, introducing students to the various tools and resources specific to researching cultural heritage topics available to them as students and as future practitioners. You will expand your knowledge and understanding of how cultural heritage as a subject intersects with many areas of law, including international law, criminal law, copyright, intellectual property, and sales. It can also intersect with interdisciplinary topics such as those with a historical or sociological focus. Students in this course will be required to have access to their Westlaw, Lexis, Bloomberg, and CALI passwords, and an active email account.
**Intellectual Property:**

This one week one credit J Term Course will introduce students who have an interest in Intellectual Property issues to the tools and resources that are available to them as students and for future reference to them as practitioners. Students who take this course will be able to search for copyright, patent, and trademark, as well as to use legal research sources to locate specific, cases, statutes, and regulations. Finally, students will be able to keep abreast of proposed changes to this area of law by signing up for current awareness services. Guest lecturers will be utilized to emphasize practice tips and tricks in the area.

**Law Practice Technology:**

In this course, students will become familiar with the commonly used and increasingly essential software used by legal practitioners. The types of software covered will include e-filing, case and practice management, document assembly, e-discovery, and legal analytics. Particular emphasis will be placed on the cross-applicability of the skills learned and the ethical concerns of using digitized copies of client information.

**Additional J-Term Courses**

**Choice of Entity:**

When embarking on a business venture, business owners can select a given type of state law entity from various available business organizational forms. The business owners can also decide how to classify the entity for U.S. federal income taxation purposes. “Choice of Entity” refers to the process of evaluating and selecting from different available business organizational forms and tax classifications. This course will address how various factors influence “choice of entity” decisions. The course will cover pros and cons of various available classifications, describe which options are available in various circumstances and explain the steps that a business owner must take to implement the selection that he or she makes. Students will apply the materials to various fact patterns that simulate “choice of entity” decisions on which new business owners seek legal advice.

**MPT Strategies:**

This one-credit version of MPT Strategies is for upperclassmen looking to get a jump-start on their preparation for the bar exam. In this course, students will receive tips, tricks, and training in how to master this section of the bar exam. Many commercial bar courses spend very little time on this element of the exam, so this course is a great opportunity to get ahead on your prep!
Writer’s Workshop:

Hey 1Ls! Are you feeling like you need some more practice with your analysis and writing skills? This course is for you. We will spend a week working on our written analysis skills and learning how to best use samples to improve our work.

Transnational Legal Drafting:

This course simulates pretrial practice in the context of transnational civil litigation in U.S. courts. Students will examine many of the strategic and practical considerations necessary to draft correspondence, pleadings, briefs, and contracts. Students will learn how to handle legal problems that involve international issues or cross international borders and learn how to interact with people of different cultures and from different countries, preparing them to effectively practice law in today's globalized market.

Courses in IP and Technology

New course in IP:

Data Privacy Law: US & EU

This 10 week, 100% online, 2 credit hour course devotes about 6 weeks to U.S. data privacy law and about 4 weeks to EU data privacy law. It covers legal principles, relevant privacy principles, and provides some coverage of technology concepts relevant to the law. The course serves as helpful background for CIPP/US and CIPP/E (Certified Information Privacy Professional US and Europe), surveying many of the topics on these exams. For more information, visit: https://iapp.org/certify/get-certified/

Did you know you can take these CDM courses as a law student and count them as law credits?

Business Continuity/Disaster Recovery

Bad things happen...hurricanes, data breaches, espionage, terrorism.... The responsible business is a prepared business. Take LAW 921 Business Continuity/Disaster Recovery and learn how to protect businesses, including as corporate counsel. Learn to use Business Impact Analysis data to develop disaster recovery strategies, identify critical corporate planning needs, draft Service Level Agreements, negotiate Business Interruption Insurance and Terrorism Insurance, and handle other aspects of corporate governance. Catastrophes were never so much fun!

Information Security Management

Hacks. Breaches. Cambridge Analytica. We need lawyers, economists, policy-makers, and people of all walks of life because cybersecurity risk is felt and dealt with by all of us. LAW 920 welcomes you to participate and learn what's the buzz in cyberspace about security and privacy. It's a learner-centered class, so law student can bring the rest of the class up to speed on GDPR, the new regulation in California banning default passwords in IoT devices, and all cool things bringing legal and cybersecurity together. Join us!
New Course in Health Law

Health Privacy, Cybersecurity, and IT Law:

Health care is now the most prevalent sector for privacy issues and cybersecurity threats. Electronic medical records, health device big data, and new artificial intelligence applications increasingly change the data protection landscape. Learn the difference between privacy and cybersecurity laws, ethical and practical obligations, and smart business strategies for protecting data. Both technology law enthusiasts and health law students will enjoy exploring the new horizon of health data and technology.

Special Topics Courses

Special topics courses are 1 or 2 credit classes that allow students to study narrower topics that would not fill a typical 3-credit course. These courses often have shorter or irregular meeting patterns. Special Topics sections are being offered this spring in the following areas:

International Humanitarian Law

This course will examine international humanitarian law (IHL), the body of law that regulates conduct during times of armed conflict. This course will cover the development and codification of IHL, its main sources of law, its scope and application, and case studies on the application of IHL in recent conflicts. Topics that will be covered include the classification of armed conflicts, conduct of hostilities, treatment of protected persons, proportionality, war crimes, the role of the ICRC, and the changing nature of warfare and its challenges to IHL.

Health Compliance

Health Care Compliance will cover a broad array of federal healthcare regulatory topics, with an emphasis on health and welfare plans governed by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, ERISA, HIPAA, the Internal Revenue Code, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act. Students will learn about the regulatory roadmap for employee benefit plans offering health benefits to employees and beneficiaries, and how these plans are governed by state law and the tri-agency oversight of HHS, the Department of Labor, and the Treasury Department.

IP Valuation in Tech, Health, and other Industries

Intellectual property assets are increasingly recognized as amongst the most important assets that a company owns. This course is designed to assist intellectual property practitioners in understanding how valuable these important assets truly are and to provide the tools necessary to understand how valuations are performed.

Consortium Courses will be announced in December.