

OPEN ENROLLMENT PERSPECTIVES COURSES
(LSM.900)
Course Descriptions
Spring 2027

LSM.900.A- Health Law and Policy Workshop

Professor: Ellen Farwell

1 Credit

Meeting Time: The following Tuesdays from 4:15-6:15 in Bristol- 1/26, 2/9, 2/23, 3/9, 4/6
Enrollment in LAW.720 is required and can be used to satisfy the graduation writing requirement.

Health Law & Policy Writing Workshop (LSM.900) will be offered with the elective course for those students who want to complete a writing project to satisfy the graduation requirement. Students must be enrolled in the elective course to register for the writing workshop.

Building off concepts discussed in the elective course, the workshop will allow students to explore legal and policy solutions to health-related issues and guide students through the research and writing process. The writing workshop will meet on select Tuesdays from 4:15-6:15pm immediately following the elective course.

LSM.900.B - Litigation: Dispositive Motion Practice

Professor: Anthony Paolino

1 Credit

Meeting Time: The following Tuesdays from 5:30-7:30 in Providence – 1/26, 2/2, 2/16, 3/2, 3/23, 3/30, 4/13

A writing and presentation-based class, that tries to teach future litigators about helpful tools and tricks for writing and arguing a Rule 12(b)(6), and Rule 56 Motion; goes over the general “to dos” and “to refrain from doing” that I basically wish I knew since day one, but needed to learn in time. (Four assignments: writing and presenting a Rule 12b6 and Rule 56). The “body of law” I will base the assignments is 1L subjects. So that way, we are really focusing in on the argument and in the writing/presenting.

LSM.900.C – Corporate Finance**Professor: George Shuster****1 Credit****Meeting Time: Thursdays from 12:15-2:15 for six weeks beginning January 14th in Bristol**

Raising money is at the core of any business. From personal and angel investment at the start-up phase, through rounds of preferred and common stock, to more advanced instruments like convertible debt, revolving and term loan debt, and special-purpose/structured debt ... each type of corporate investment carries its own set of legal and practical risks and rewards for both investor and target company. This class will survey the array of corporate finance options from the perspectives of the investors and the targets. We'll also engage in a deeper analysis of certain corporate finance transactions to discover the driving factors that lead to success, and sometimes failure, in the world of corporate finance, and how lawyers can assist clients in navigating that world.

LSM.900.D – Trauma-Informed Practice**Professor: Sarah McConnell****1 Credit****Meeting Time: Thursdays from 10:00-12:00 for 7 weeks beginning January 28th in Providence**

Trauma is present in every courthouse, in every case, and in every person who moves through the legal system—parties, witnesses, jurors, judges, court personnel, and lawyers themselves. This seminar examines how trauma shapes human behavior, memory, disclosure, and decision-making, and what it means for legal professionals to understand and account for it in their practice. Through discussion, students develop a trauma-informed lens they can carry into any area of law. The seminar culminates in a collectively designed vision of what a trauma-informed legal system could look like, as well as a personal commitment to helping build it.

*This course will meet for six 2 hour weekly sessions with an additional session at the courthouse.

LSM.900.E- AI in Legal Practice**Professor: Rebecca Bermudez****1 Credit****Meeting Time: Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 for six weeks beginning March 12th in Bristol**

This course prepares students to use generative artificial intelligence tools in legal practice competently, critically, and ethically. Students will learn and apply fundamental skills for AI use in legal practice: effective prompting, verification and evaluation of AI output, ethical AI use, and integrating effective AI workflows into practice.

Through weekly prompts, readings, and in-class workshops, students will explore a variety of legal AI tools that exist in the current marketplace and learn how to navigate RWU-licensed legal AI tools. By the end of the course, students will be proficient in using AI in legal practice.