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New Course Request

USD	Law	
Institution	Division/Department	
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Institutional Approval Signature		Date

Section 1. Course Title and Description

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Credits
LAW 817	Criminal Defense Practicum	2

Course Description
This course will help students develop a practical foundation for engaging in trial level and appellate level criminal defense work. Students will be trained to appear before courts of limited jurisdiction and on specialized dockets (e.g., Mental Health Court, Juvenile Court, Drug Court, DUI Court, and Veterans' Court), as well as courts of general jurisdiction. Students handle cases under the supervision of the Public Defender or attorneys from the Public Advocate's Office.

Registration Restrictions

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3L status • Good academic standing • Dean's Certification of good moral character and competent legal ability • Prior approval from the Director of Experiential Learning • Any other requirement under S.D.C.L. 16-18-2.2, the South Dakota Student Practice Rule |
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Section 2. Review of Course

2.1. Was the course first offered as an experimental course?
 Yes (if yes, provide the course information below) No

2.2. Will this be a unique or common course?
If the request is for a unique course, verify that you have reviewed the common course catalog via Colleague and the system [Course Inventory Report](#) to determine if a comparable common course already exists. List the two closest course matches in the common course catalog and provide a brief narrative explaining why the proposed course differs from those listed. If a search of the common course catalog determines an existing common course exists, complete the Authority to Offer an Existing Course Form.

Unique Course

Provide explanation of differences between proposed course and existing system catalog courses below:

We are the only school in the system that provides professional legal education. As such, all of our courses are unique both to the school and to our specific mission of preparing future lawyers for practice.

Section 3. Other Course Information

3.1. Are there instructional staffing impacts?

- No.** Schedule Management, explain below:
We are simply making an experimental course a permanent part of our catalog. The same adjunct professor who has been leading the class will continue to do so.

3.2. Existing program(s) in which course will be offered: Law, J.D.

3.3. Proposed instructional method by university: S

3.4. Proposed delivery method by university: U01-Face to face

3.5. Term change will be effective: Fall 2020

3.6. Can students repeat the course for additional credit?

- Yes, total credit limit: _____ No

3.7. Will grade for this course be limited to S/U (pass/fail)?

- Yes No

3.8. Will section enrollment be capped?

- Yes, max per section: 6 students No

3.9. Will this course equate (i.e., be considered the same course for degree completion) with any other unique or common courses in the common course system database in Colleague and the [Course Inventory Report](#)?

- Yes No

3.10. Is this prefix approved for your university?

- Yes No

Section 4. Department and Course Codes (Completed by University Academic Affairs)

4.1. University Department Code: ULAW

4.2. Proposed [CIP Code](#): No change: 22:0101

Is this a new CIP code for the university? Yes No