Criminal Law and Procedure

Curriculum Plan

This curriculum plan aims to help you select courses if you are interested in a career in criminal law or focusing your studies on this area. We strongly encourage every student to pursue a broad legal education that includes courses beyond your area of core interest, such as bar exam courses, courses that help a student hone their “soft” lawyering skills, including communication skills, negotiation skills, and leadership skills, courses relevant to a student’s professional interests and goals, and courses that appeal to a student for any particular reason.

If you are interested in criminal law and procedure, the Assistant Dean for International and Graduate Affairs is available to meet with students for general academic advising. Please e-mail Dean Pham at pham.521@osu.edu to request an appointment or to ask any questions you may have.

If you intend to pursue a **Concentration in Criminal Law and Procedure** (and earn a certificate of concentration alongside your LLM degree), you will be required to successfully complete at least 12 credits in this area of law out of the 24 credit hours required for the LLM degree. We strongly recommend that you take “Criminal Law”, “Criminal Procedure: Adjudication or Investigations”, and “Evidence”. You may select any other courses from among the courses listed below to complete the remaining concentration credits required for a certificate of concentration in Criminal Law and Procedure.

Core Courses:

- Criminal Law
- Criminal Procedure: Adjudication
- Criminal Procedure: Investigations
- Evidence

Key Elective Courses:

- Computer Crime & Surveillance (seminar)
- Depositions
- Drug Crimes
- Drug Enforcement and the Bill of Rights (seminar)
- Evidence and Trial Practice (seminar; *pre-requisite: Evidence*)
- International Criminal Law (seminar)
- Prisons, Police, and Borders (seminar)
- Reimagining Public Safety (seminar)
- Restorative Justice (seminar)
- Trial Practice (*pre-requisite: Evidence*)
- Story Telling at Trial (*students are recommended to take “Trial Practice” course before or simultaneously with this course*)
- Sentencing Law and Policy
War Crimes (seminar)
White Collar Crime

Related Courses:
Constitutional Law
Human Rights
Immigration Law
Marijuana Law, Policy and Reform (seminar)
Law Externships (externships with non-profit organizations and governmental agencies, such as courts, legal aid agencies, immigration and asylum advocacy groups, federal, state and local prosecutor’ office, etc.)

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Note: This document is provided for advising purposes only. Not all courses listed here will be taught each year. For the most up-to-date information, please consult the schedule of courses for each academic year on Moritz LLM Program Academic Information page. For a full list of all course offerings at Moritz, please visit here.