

Appendix A: CURRICULUM OUTLINE

Required (Core) Courses (Total # of courses required = 20)		
Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
Core Program First Year		
510, 511	Legal Skills I & II	6
515, 516	Torts I & II	5
520	Criminal Law and Procedure	4
525	Legal Professional Ethics	3
530, 531	Property I & II	5
540	Contracts	4
545, 546	Civil Procedure I & II	5
Core Program Second Year		
550	Legal Skills III	3
555, 556	Constitutional Law I & II	6
560	Administrative Law	3
Two "Code" courses	Students take two "code" courses, chosen from a number of courses whose primary purpose is to focus on close statutory analysis. The courses numbered between 607 and 619 in Appendix C satisfy this requirement.	6-8
Six credits, "Practice" courses	The program offers students a variety of opportunities for independent work and internships, including pro bono opportunities, legal clinics, a field placement program, and a judicial internship. The courses numbered between 620 and 640 in Appendix C satisfy this requirement.	6
One Upper-level "Writing" course	Students take one upper-level writing course. The courses numbered 624, 630, 686, 695, and 697/698 in Appendix C satisfy this requirement. In addition, students may satisfy the Upper Level Writing Requirement by obtaining a grade of 75 or greater on a paper that is at least 20 pages in length. Upper Level Writing Requirements must be approved by the faculty member involved in advance. NOTE: In the first year UMass Dartmouth will work with the law faculty to identify additional courses that will have an embedded Upper Level Writing Requirement.	2-3
Sub Total # Core Credits Required		
Elective Course Choices (Total courses required = 10-11)		
Concentrations—Students may choose one Concentration among the Elective courses		
Economic Justice Concentration		29-32
600	Improving the Delivery of Justice	3

Select remaining courses from:		
611	Bankruptcy/Predatory Lending	3
618	Environmental Law	3
621	Arbitration	3
640	Community Development Clinic	3
647	Consumer Protection Law	3
672	Landlord-Tenant/Housing Law	3
	Specialty/thematic electives can be added to fill in this area and respond to specific student interests	
Civil and Human Rights Concentration		29-32
600	Improving the Delivery of Justice	3
Select remaining courses from:		
617	Employment Law and Discrimination	3
619	Immigration Law	3
650	Constitutional Civil Rights Law	3
665	International Law	3
625, 626	Immigration Law Clinic	3, 3
	Specialty/thematic electives can be added to fill in this area and respond to specific student interests.	
Legal Support for Operating Businesses Concentration		29-32
600	Improving the Delivery of Justice	3
Select remaining courses from:		
611	Bankruptcy Law	3
613	Tax Law	3
615	Secured Transactions	3
624	Drafting Trusts	3
685	Business Organizations	3
	Specialty/thematic electives can be added to fill in this area and respond to specific student interests.	
Community Law Practice Concentration		29-32
600	Improving the Delivery of Justice	3
Select remaining courses from:		
647	Consumer Protection	3
658	Family Law	3
672	Landlord-Tenant Law	3

681	Real Estate Transactions	3
689	Elder Law (including the law of Insurance)	3
	Specialty/thematic electives can be added to fill in this area and respond to specific student interests.	
Specialty/thematic electives		
618	Environmental Law	3
642	Advanced Electronic Legal research	3
645	Bioethics	3
648	Computer Law	3
651	Admiralty Law	3
652	Education Law	3
660	Health Law	3
661	History of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	3
676	Law of the Sea	3
677	Issues in Marine Environmental Protection	3
680	Race and the Law	3
682	Religion and the Law	3
684	Women, Law, and the Legal System	3
691	Starting Your Own Law Practice	2
695	Independent Legal Research	2 or 3
697, 698	Law Review I, II, & III	3
	Other Electives as Offered	
	Students may also propose to use appropriate courses from the graduate offerings of UMass Dartmouth.	
	Sub Total # Elective Credits Required	29-32
Curriculum Summary		
Total number of courses required for the degree		30-31
Total credit hours required for degree		90
Prerequisites, Concentrations, or Other Requirements:		
- Students may elect to take a 3-credit bar preparation course (694). These credits are not applied toward the degree. - NO CLASS MAY BE USED TO SATISFY MORE THAN ONE REQUIREMENT (for example, Moot Court, Drafting Wills and Trusts, or Appellate Advocacy may be a Practice Course OR an ULW.) - All students must complete a 30-hour Pro Bono requirement in which they conduct volunteer legal work for the equivalent of one (short) work-week in a law office, community organization, government office or other non-profit organization.		