LAW 501 Foundations of Law 2 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 501 - Foundations of Law I (2 hours) An introduction to the theological and philosophical foundations of law, including the Creator/creature distinction; the development of natural law thinking; the origins and jurisdictional boundaries of family, church and state; and the Biblical basis for the fundamental principles of civil procedure, tort law, criminal law, contract law, and property law which comprise the basic curriculum. 
Offered: Resident

LAW 502 Foundations of Law II 2 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 502 - Foundations of Law II (2 hours)
Offered: Resident

LAW 505 Contracts I 3 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 505 - Contracts I (3 hours) A study of the history of the development of the common law of contracts, and statutory variances from the common law, particularly the Uniform Commercial Code. It focuses on legal theories for enforcing promises or preventing unjust enrichment; and principles controlling the formation, modification, and enforceability of contracts.
Offered: Resident

LAW 506 Contracts II 3 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 506 - Contracts II (3 hours)
Offered: Resident

LAW 511 Torts I 3 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 511 - Torts I (3 hours) A study of intentional torts against persons and property and the privileges thereto. It focuses on the basic principles of negligence and other standards of care.
Offered: Resident

LAW 512 Torts II 2 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 512 - Torts II (2 hours)
Offered: Resident

LAW 515 Property I 2 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 515 - Property I (2 hours) A study of the fundamental precepts applicable to real and personal property. Aspects of real property covered are possessory estates and interests, as well as joint and concurrent ownership.
Offered: Resident

LAW 516 Property II 3 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 516 - Property II (3 hours)
Offered: Resident

LAW 520 Legal Methods 2 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 520 - Legal Methods (2 hours) An introduction to the rules and principles that dictate the process by which civil disputes are resolved by courts. A study of the judicial process and of the relationship between the procedural and substantive law; pleadings; principles of jurisdiction, including jurisdiction over subject matter and persons, and service of process; and an introduction to the allocation of jurisdiction between the state and federal courts and the law to be applied in state courts and federal courts.
Offered: Resident

LAW 521 Civil Procedure I 3 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 521 - Civil Procedure I (3 hours) An introduction to the rules and principles that dictate the process by which civil disputes are resolved by courts. A study of the judicial process and of the relationship between the procedural and substantive law; pleadings; principles of jurisdiction, including jurisdiction over subject matter and persons, and service of process; and an introduction to the allocation of jurisdiction between the state and federal courts and the law to be applied in state courts and federal courts.
Offered: Resident

LAW 522 Civil Procedure II 2 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 522 - Civil Procedure II (2 hours)
Offered: Resident

LAW 525 Lawyering Skills I 2 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 525 Lawyering Skills I (2 hours) An introduction to the law library and basic legal research; interviewing clients; drafting basic pleadings; fundamentals of legal writing; fundamentals of statutory and case analysis; oral communication skills; drafting an objective memorandum of law.
Offered: Resident

LAW 526 Lawyering Skills II 1-3 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 526 - Lawyering Skills II (3 hours)
Offered: Resident

LAW 531 Constitutional Law I 3 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 531 - Constitutional Law I (3 hours) An analysis of the basic principles of constitutional law, including the nature of a written constitution, the covenantal framework of the U.S. Constitution, the Marshall legacy and judicial review, theories of interpretation, and principles of interpretivism. Emphasis is given to the distribution of governmental powers in the federal system; separation of powers; the federal commerce, taxing, and foreign affairs powers; intergovernmental relations; due process; and equal protection.
Offered: Resident

LAW 532 Constitutional Law II 3 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 532 - Constitutional Law II (3 hours)
Offered: Resident

LAW 535 Criminal Law 3 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 535 - Criminal Law (3 hours) An introduction to the general principles, sources, and purpose of criminal law, including the following doctrinal issues that apply to crimes in general: the act requirement, the mens rea requirement, causation, liability for attempted crimes, accomplice liability, defenses, and criminal code interpretation.
Offered: Resident

LAW 541 Criminal Procedure 3 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 541 - Criminal Procedure (3 hours) An introduction to the limitations imposed on law enforcement activities by the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution as applied to the states through the Fourteenth Amendment. The course considers the criminal justice process from investigation through arrest and initial court appearance.
Offered: Resident

LAW 542 Advanced Criminal Procedure 3 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 542 - Advanced Criminal Procedure (3 hours)

LAW 545 Evidence 3 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 545 - Evidence (3 hours) An introduction to the law of evidence and the rules and principles governing its admission within the context of the adversarial trial system. Emphasis is placed upon mastering the Federal Rules of Evidence, examination and cross-examination of witnesses, functions of the judge and the jury, and burden of proof. (NOTE: This course is a prerequisite for Virginia Third-Year Practice.)
Offered: Resident

LAW 561 Business Associations 4 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 561 - Business Associations (4 hours) An examination of agency, partnership, and corporation concepts with emphasis on the rights and obligations of partners; and the formation, management, and operation of for-profit and nonprofit corporations.
Offered: Resident
LAW 565 - Professional Responsibility (2 credit hours) A study of the authority and duties of lawyers in the practice of their profession as advocates, mediators, and counselors; and of their responsibility to the courts, to the bar, and to their clients, including a study of the various ABA standards of professional conduct. (NOTE: This course is a prerequisite for Virginia Third-Year Practice; it must be taken in the spring semester of the student's second year or during an intensive session.)
Offered: Resident

LAW 571 - Lawyering Skills III (2 credit hours)
LAW 571 - Lawyering Skills III (2 hours)
Offered: Resident

LAW 572 - Lawyering Skills IV (2 credit hours)
LAW 572 - Lawyering Skills IV (2 hours)
Offered: Resident

LAW 575 - Wills, Trusts, and Estates (3 credit hours)
LAW 575 - Wills, Trusts, and Estates (3 hours) A study of the basic devices in gratuitous transfers, including the will and trust; selected problems in class gifts, and will and trust substitutes; and social restrictions upon the power of testation, the formation of property interests, and the trust device.
Offered: Resident

LAW 580 - Statutory Interpretation (1 credit hour)
LAW 581 - Jurisprudence (3 credit hours) An introduction to the many schools of jurisprudence. Jurisprudence is the study of legal philosophy. Particular emphasis is given to formulating principles of a distinctively Christian jurisprudence and on reading primary materials. (NOTE: This course is offered in the spring semester of odd-numbered years.)
Offered: Resident

LAW 582 - Law and Economics (2 credit hours) Law and economics as a jurisprudential theory seeks to apply neoclassic economics concepts to the law. Law and economics tends to be both positive (explaining rules in terms of economics concepts) and normative (arguing that legal rules should promote economic efficiency). This course considers a variety of subject areas in order to provide a critique of both positive law and economics from the perspective of the distinct mission of Liberty University School of Law. Possible subject areas for consideration include: property, contracts, constitutional law, human rights, family law, tort law, criminal law, employment law, corporate law, securities regulation, and taxation.
Offered: Resident

LAW 585 - Legal History (3 credit hours) An examination of the nature and meaning of the legal past, particularly the Western legal tradition, with a primary focus on the historical relationship between church and state; and the biblical and theological foundations of the Western legal tradition and the English Common Law heritage. (NOTE: This course is offered in the spring semester of even-numbered years.)
Offered: Resident

LAW 591 - Taxation of Individuals (3 credit hours) Law 591 - Taxation of Individuals (3 hours) An introduction to the federal income tax system. Topics include items of inclusion and exclusion from gross income, deductions from gross income, capital gains and losses, basic tax accounting, and the identification of income to the appropriate taxpayer. The course gives consideration to the private attorney's role in administering the tax law and in advising clients on the interaction of the tax law with their businesses, investments, and personal activities. This course must be taken in the fall or spring semester of the student's second year or in the fall semester of the student's third year.
Offered: Resident

LAW 595 - Law Skills V - Trial Advocacy (3 credit hours)
LAW 595 - Lawyering Skills V (3 hours)
Offered: Resident

LAW 601 - Family Law (3 credit hours) LAW 601 - Family Law (3 hours) A general introduction to the nature and regulation of family associations. This course focuses on the relationships of husband and wife as well as parent and child. It addresses moral, legal, and biblical issues relating to marriage, divorce, and custody, including international and American developments involving same-sex unions.
Offered: Resident

LAW 605 - Children and the Law Seminar (2 credit hours)
Offered: Resident

LAW 608 - Adoption Law (2 credit hours)
LAW 608 - Adoption Law (2 hours) The course explores fundamental issues in adoption law from both international and domestic perspectives. It will examine on a comparative basis the legal relationship among children and families across continents and in the state. Students will understand the legal framework of adoption laws in states such as Virginia, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and a few selected states, as well as processes and procedures involving adoptions in general. Students will also learn, on a step-by-step basis, how adoption treaties in private international law are interpreted and applied in U.S. Courts. The course will further examine issues in assisted reproduction using reproductive technology. The learning process will involve practical hands-on approach including problem solving, case law review and analysis of domestic rules and procedures for the recognition of foreign judgments in U.S. courts.
Offered: Resident

LAW 610 - Child Abuse and the Law (2 credit hours)
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Offered: Resident

LAW 615 - Taxation of Estates and Gifts (3 credit hours)
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Offered: Resident

LAW 621 - Estate Planning (3 credit hours)
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Offered: Resident
LAW 630  Accounting/Finance for Lawyers  2 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 630 - Accounting for Lawyers (2 hours) A study of the principles, theory, and practice of accounting, finance, and auditing. The topics include the accounting equation and conceptual framework; recognition principles; inventory and the cost of goods sold; fixed assets and depreciation; liabilities; financial statements and financial analysis; valuation principles and techniques; audit practice; perspectives and the role of the lawyer in the preceding topics. Students who have already taken any accounting course (at the undergraduate or graduate level of three credit hours or more) are not eligible to enroll in this course. This course is offered as an intensive.

LAW 632  Financial Planning Survey  2 Credit Hour(s)

LAW 635  Secured Transactions  3 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 635 - Accounting for Lawyers (2 hours) A study of the principles, theory, and practice of accounting, finance, and auditing. The topics include the accounting equation and conceptual framework; recognition principles; inventory and the cost of goods sold; fixed assets and depreciation; liabilities; financial statements and financial analysis; valuation principles and techniques; audit practice; perspectives and the role of the lawyer in the preceding topics. Students who have already taken any accounting course (at the undergraduate or graduate level of three credit hours or more) are not eligible to enroll in this course. This course is offered as an intensive.

LAW 636  Payment Systems  2 Credit Hour(s)
A study of the Uniform Commercial Code with focus on Articles 3 and 4, and general principles applicable to promissory notes and drafts, and the special rules for bank deposits and collections.

Offered: Resident

LAW 637  Basic Uniform Commercial Code  3 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 637 - Basic Uniform Commercial Code (3 hours) A study of the Uniform Commercial Code with an emphasis on Articles 3, 4, and 9 covering general principles applicable to promissory notes and drafts, bank deposits and collections, and secured transactions.

Offered: Resident

LAW 641  Taxation of Businesses  3 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 641 - Taxation of Businesses (3 hours)

Offered: Resident

LAW 643  Mergers and Acquisitions  2 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 643 - Mergers and Acquisitions (2 hours)

Offered: Resident

LAW 644  Securities Regulation  3 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 644 - Securities Regulation (3 hours)

Offered: Resident

LAW 645  Business Planning  3 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 645 - Business Planning (3 hours)

Offered: Resident

LAW 648  Law of Nonprofits  2 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 648 - Law of Nonprofits (2 hours) This course includes the study of the state and federal law affecting nonprofit entities, churches and parachurch ministries. Topics covered include formation, exempt purposes, private inurement, board governance, compensation, fundraising and financial regulation, charitable contributions, lobbying, political activity, electioneering, unrelated business income, employment law, church-specific matters, and international law, activities and structure.

Offered: Resident

LAW 651  Real Estate Transactions & Dev  3 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 651 - Real Estate Transactions and Development (3 hours)

Offered: Resident

LAW 654  Business Planning  3 Credit Hour(s)

Offered: Resident

LAW 655  Bankruptcy  3 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 655 - Bankruptcy (3 hours)

Offered: Resident

LAW 661  Intellectual Property  3 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 661 - Intellectual Property (3 hours) An introduction to the basic principles of the law of copyrights, trademarks, patents, and unfair competition. An overview of the U.S. legal systems that protect creations of the mind: inventions, trade secrets, artistic creations, computer software, brand names, and image/persona, with primary focus on patent, copyright, trademark, and trade secret law. It serves as a basic building block for more advanced intellectual property courses.

Offered: Resident

LAW 662  Intellectual Property Clinic 1  2 Credit Hour(s)

LAW 663  Intellectual Property Clinic 2  2 Credit Hour(s)

LAW 665  Entertainment Law  2 Credit Hour(s)
LAW 665 - Entertainment Law (2 hours) An introduction to the basic legal, business, and financial aspects of the entertainment industry including comparisons and contrasts between the motion picture, television, literary, music, and digital industries. In addition to covering general legal concepts relevant to the entertainment industry, students will achieve an understanding of selected topics and transactions germane to this area of law. Customs and practices within the entertainment industry and various legal scenarios will be examined.

Offered: Resident