DOMESTIC RELATIONS LAW (DRGL)

DRGL 0132. COMPARATIVE FAMILY LAW: UNITED STATES AND TAIWAN. (1 Credit)

DRGL 0232. COMPARATIVE FAMILY LAW: UNITED STATES AND TAIWAN. (2 Credits)
This five-credit, full-year seminar is a capstone course for students with a background in juvenile and family law or women’s rights. The seminar is intended to provide students with an in-depth opportunity to tie together the materials they have studied in various courses relating to juvenile and family law and women’s rights and to develop this understanding in a global context. The seminar will address issues of child abuse, elder law, and domestic violence. During fall semester, students will meet once a week in a seminar format to learn about these issues in the United States and Taiwan. Students are responsible for researching the Taiwanese law, creating readings for the class, and leading class discussions. Students will also develop a proposal for an individual research paper. Over winter break (approximately December 29, 2015, to January 7, 2016), Professor Huntington and enrolled students will travel to Taiwan to spend time at the National Taiwan University and visit Taiwanese non-governmental organizations working on these issues. Students will have time to conduct research on their individual topics. During spring semester, students will meet once a week in a seminar format to reflect on the experience and write and present their research papers.

DRGL 0337. FAMILY LAW. (3 Credits)
The family plays a central role in American society, affecting both individual lives and the nation as a whole. Family law is the system of direct and indirect regulation that structures family life by determining both entry and exit from familial relationships, the rights and responsibilities that flow from family status, and the larger context for family life. Family law is one of the most important areas of law, as measured by its effect on people’s lives, the volume of litigation, and the financial and affective issues at stake. This course defines the reach of family law very broadly. We will cover the bread and butter of traditional family law (including marriage, divorce, and the child welfare system), but we will also reach more broadly to look at the relationship between families and poverty and the multiple ways the state structures family life. This course will cut across traditional law school disciplines, such as civil, criminal, and constitutional law. We will consider important and complex questions, including the following: What is a “family”? How does this definition vary according to the context? How does, and how should, family law address nontraditional families? How do race, gender, and class affect family law?

Attributes: INLJ, LMCO, PIE.

DRGL 0929. CHILD WELFARE. (2 Credits)
This course is designed for students who are interested in understanding how the state intervenes in cases of suspected child abuse and neglect. Through an interdisciplinary lens of law and social work, this course offers a comprehensive overview of the child welfare system in America. When parents are deemed unable to provide adequate care for their children due to abuse and/or neglect, a state can intervene by providing oversight and services, including removal of the child from the home to ensure that children are cared for and safe. Through class discussion, and assigned readings and projects, this course will examine the history of the child welfare system and its evolution, the constitutional underpinnings of the role of the state with regard to family, key issues concerning both parental and children rights, and current directions. This semester-long course will impart both theoretical and practical knowledge.

Attribute: LLM.