Hawai‘i Law Summer Program

If you have completed at least one year of study at an ABA-accredited law school, the Hawai‘i Summer Law Program offers:

- An excellent selection of courses, including bar exam subjects, taught by world-class faculty.
- Evening and online classes for students who are working or doing internships during the day.
- The chance to network with students from other law schools across the U.S.
- The amazing beauty and rich cultural diversity of the Hawaiian Islands.

Learn more about class meeting times, modalities, credits, and more on our website.

Important Deadlines:

Current UH Law Students, registration starts March 6, 2024.

Non-UH Law Students, apply online by May 1, 2024.
2024 Hawai‘i Law Summer Courses

- LAW511: PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
- LAW520K: SPORTS LAW
- LAW520M: CANNABIS LAW
- LAW520N: INTRODUCTION TO ANIMAL LAW & ADVOCACY
- LAW520P: BAR EXAM TOOLKIT (CONSTITUTIONAL LAW)
- LAW552: WILLS, TRUSTS & ESTATES
- LAW590K: SMALL BUSINESS ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- LAW590P: MEDIATION WORKSHOP
- LWPA575B: INT’L PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS
LAW511: PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

This course considers some of the history of the profession, training for the practice, the lawyer in the office, the lawyer and the public, the lawyer as lawmaker, limitations on personal conduct, the lawyer as judge, the canons of professional ethics, and many other incidents to the practice.

LAW520K: SPORTS LAW

This course considers issues in both intercollegiate and professional sports with an emphasis on constitutional law; tort and criminal law; antitrust, labor law, and other issues of law in the field of sports, such as considerations of Title IX, drug testing, violence, and the role of agents.

LAW520M: CANNABIS LAW

Cannabis is simultaneously regulated as one of the most dangerous substances on the planet and as a growing industry providing health and economic benefits. While still federally illegal, a growing majority of states have joined several international jurisdictions in permitting medical and legal access to cannabis. This course surveys legal issues and policy considerations facing the cannabis industry, exploring cannabis issues in: constitutional law and federalism; criminal law; public health law; business law; intellectual property; taxation, banking, and bankruptcy; employment law; and legal ethics. We will compare policy approaches, resulting regulations, and real-world impacts in Hawai‘i, the U.S., and foreign jurisdictions. Students completing the course will gain a firm grasp of the fundamentals of the cannabis compliance industry and a set of tools for responding to the challenges facing governments, individuals, and businesses engaged in this vibrant new industry.
LAW520N: INTRODUCTION TO ANIMAL LAW & ADVOCACY

This course provides a broad foundation upon which to build deeper animal law study and practice, and is a survey of how our legal, cultural, and philosophical views of animals affect and shape our societal and legal treatment of animals. Topics may include evolution and interpretation of animal law; animal welfare and animal rights; the legal and societal status of animals; overview of federal and state animal-related law and enforcement; an introduction into aquatic animal law; Constitutional issues raised in animal-related cases; regulation of animal use in commercial industry, entertainment and media, research, and agriculture. In addition to reading the materials and participating in class discussions, students will write a paper on an issue related to animal law.

LAW520P: BAR EXAM TOOLKIT (CONSTITUTIONAL LAW)

This course is designed to jumpstart your bar exam preparation by developing your substantive knowledge and sharpening critical bar exam success skills. Specifically, you will receive in-depth review of highly tested topics in Constitutional Law. You will then put that knowledge to use while learning effective processes for working through practice MBE and essay questions. You will learn how to develop a strong but flexible framework for how to study for the bar, and you will sharpen your reading comprehension, issue identification, rule mastery, critical thinking, and legal analysis skills. This course is designed as a complement to Extended Bar Review I and II (which cover different substantive topics), and this course should not be viewed as a replacement for those classes.
LAW552: WILLS, TRUSTS & ESTATES

This course teaches students knowledge of how property passes when a person dies intestate or with a Will and how to create, administer, and enforce trusts. In addition, the student will receive an introduction to general estate planning principles including the other documents that constitute a complete estate plan and wealth transfer taxation.

LAW590K: SMALL BUSINESS ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The purpose of this course is to provide students with practical knowledge and experience counseling small businesses in Hawaii. This course covers substantive areas of the law that relate to advising small businesses and provides hands-on experience advising small business clients in a professional and ethical manner. In addition to providing legal services to clients, we anticipate that each student will provide at least one presentation to the community.

LAW590P: MEDIATION WORKSHOP

This is a clinical course that is conducted through lectures combined with skills practice and simulated mediations. The course provides students with: an understanding of different approaches to mediation; the stages of mediation; core mediation skills; tools to adapt the process to deal with challenging personalities; and ethical considerations. Learning the basics of mediation will enable students to become effective advocates in the mediation process. The skills learned are life skills that are invaluable in any setting.
During this five-day course, we will have five interdependent modules, aiming to finish one for each day. First, an overview of the fundamental principles behind all international treaties for intellectual property rights, including the concepts of priority, national treatment, and most-preferred nations. In this module, we will also discuss the two international organizations that administer international IP treaties, WIPO and WTO. For the next three modules, we will deep-dive into the treaties that govern each of the three most commonly used intellectual property rights: patents (including designs), trademarks, and copyrights. In the final module, we will discuss the increasing importance of protection for confidential information/trade secrets as unregistered rights. This course prepares students who want to develop an understanding of how intellectual property rights receive protection across national borders.

At the conclusion of this course, the successful student will competently: (i) identify and explain how intellectual property rights can be protected globally; (ii) demonstrate the ability to identify the treaties which govern each type of patents, trademarks, or copyrights; and (iii) have a basic understanding of how intellectual property protection can vary from country to country. Some prior knowledge of the different types of intellectual property rights is recommended for taking this course.