Project Excellence Courses & Registration Information:

Through the program known as Project Excellence, Barrett juniors and seniors in good standing (at least 18 honors credits and 3.25 cumulative GPA) have the extraordinary opportunity to take selected classes in ASU's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. Pre-law students and other students interested in law should consider taking one of these classes.

You should be aware that if you participate in Project Excellence, you will be taking an actual law school course; in most cases law students will form the large majority of each class. But past Project Excellence participants report that the professors in the law school are extremely free with advice and assistance for Honors students.

Project Excellence Grading Policy

PE students are required to take graduate law courses on the same grading basis as the matriculated law students. This policy means that PE students cannot take a course on a Pass/Not Pass basis where this option does not exist for law students. However, when grading PE students, faculty will grade PE students separately from the law students, and the law school curve.

Spring 2016 Project Excellence Offerings

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**Registration Instructions:**

Space is very limited for these classes (2-10 seats) and an override is required to enroll. Barrett juniors and seniors in good standing (at least 18 honors credits and 3.25 cumulative GPA) interested in enrolling in a particular Project Excellence course should email Sara Jarvie at Sara.Jarvie@asu.edu. Exceptions may be made for Barrett Upper Division admits who have less than 18 honors credits.

In your email:

Please include your name and 10-digit ASU ID number. Please list up to 3 choices of classes with your priorities in order 1-3. Example:

1. Sports Law, # 28970
2. English Legal History, #29078
3. International Institutions, # 28973

Once we have confirmed your eligibility to enroll in the class and given you an override, you’ll be sent a confirmation email and may register online. **NOTE:** You will not receive an immediate response to your email but should hear back in at least 3 business days—please be patient!
If you later decide that you can no longer take the Project Excellence class it is important that you email Sara.Jarvie@asu.edu to notify us that the space is open. We will be running a waitlist for available seats and trying to place as many students as possible into these classes.

Finally, there will be a required Project Excellence orientation session before classes start. By signing up for a class, you are also agreeing to attend the required orientation. Dates and times for the orientation session(s) are not established at this point, but you will be contacted over the break with that information. For students who have previously completed a Project Excellence course the orientation is optional, but strongly encouraged.

PE Course Descriptions

**HON 494 – Employment Law**
The course is a survey course covering the major statutes and common law governing the employment relationship. Subjects include discrimination in employment, wage and hour law, workplace safety, employee benefits, wrongful discharge, and the National Labor Relations Act, and other statutory and common law regulation of the employment relationship.

**HON 494 – Federal Income Taxation**
Federal income tax touches virtually every aspect of modern American life. For practicing lawyers, a basic understanding of the structure and vocabulary of the tax code is critical. In this course, an introduction to federal income taxation, we will learn the basic rules that govern the income tax system, with a particular focus on individuals and unincorporated businesses. Unlike courses that are based on common law, this course will require students to study statutory and administrative law extensively. As we delve into the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, we will also consider fundamental tax policy questions along the way, asking not just what the law is, but also, what it could be and, perhaps, should be.

**HON 494 – Foreign Relations Law**
The course examines the constitutional and statutory doctrines related to the foreign relations of the United States. It will analyze the distribution of foreign relations powers between the Executive, the Congress, and the Courts. The course will also cover topics including the status of treaties and other types of international agreements, the role of the states in foreign relations, and recent developments in foreign relations law.

**HON 494 – Genetics and the Law**
Many commentators predict that the 21st Century will be the Century of the Genome, in which advances in genetic technology will fundamentally transform society, the economy, and our day-to-day lives. Already, advances in genetic sciences are having a substantial impact on diverse areas such as criminal law, health care, agriculture, and pharmaceuticals. The legal system is increasingly being called upon to address issues related to genetics, and many legislators, judges, regulators, and practicing attorneys are scrambling to learn about the new legal problems and opportunities created by advances in genetic sciences. This course will provide students with background on genetics and recent genetic advances, and it will address the legal consequences and issues associated with such advances. Specific legal topics that will be covered include forensic uses of DNA, genetic privacy and confidentiality, genetic discrimination in employment and insurance, genetic testing in the workplace, genetic screening, gene
therapy and genetic enhancement, pharmacogenomics, stem cell and tissue culture research, cloning, and patenting and licensing of genetic technology. No prior study or knowledge of genetics or molecular biology is required. The readings will include materials presenting the fundamental ideas of modern genetics.

HON 494 – Health Technologies, Innovation and the Law
Innovative new technologies are playing an ever more central and important role in health care, but face a number of legal and policy challenges. This seminar will explore emerging health technology innovations, and examine the legal and policy hurdles facing these technologies. The first hour of each class will focus on a case study of a specific emerging medical technology by discussing the status and trends of that technology, and the unique legal, policy and ethical issues that technology presents. Examples will include including personalized medicine, nanomedicine, regenerative medicine, molecular diagnostics, telemedicine, gene therapy, electronic health records, neuroimaging, medical robots, and digital or “smart” medicine. The second hour will address critical legal and policy issues affecting medical technology innovation generally, such as R&D, financing, intellectual property, regulatory, reimbursement, clinical uptake, liability and bioethical issues.

HON 494 – Int’l Environmental Law
The course provides a general introduction to international environmental law. It examines the processes by which international environmental standards have developed, are implemented and enforced, and surveys a variety of international environmental issues, including both transboundary problems such as acid rain, as well as global problems such as climate change and loss of biodiversity. The course also examines the intersection of international environmental law with other areas of international law, including international trade law and human rights law.

HON 494 – Land Use Regulation
This course focuses on governmental regulation of land use and real estate development. Coverage will include a heavy emphasis on constitutional aspects of land use regulation. The bulk of the course will deal with zoning, including inverse condemnation, zoning administration, variances, rezoning, nonconforming uses, exclusionary zoning (density and building size restrictions and use restriction). We will also cover aesthetic and architectural control, landmark preservation, subdivision regulation, and regulation of urban growth.

HON 494 – Privacy, Big Data & Emerging Technologies
This course will identify the sources for privacy protections in tort, statutory and Constitutional law. It then focus upon contemporary challenges arising from (1) government policies and (2) emerging technologies, in particular the increased use and functionality of electronic communications, encryptography and rapidly improving biotechnologies.

HON 494 – Public Health Law and Ethics
The protection and preservation of the public’s health are quintessential goals of government. Equally critical is the need to respect individual rights and morals in American society. Public Health Law and Ethics explores the inherent tensions between promoting the public’s health and protecting the legal and ethical rights and interests of individuals. Primary objectives are to: (1) better understand the structure and functions of the public health system; (2) define public health and law through an examination of their theory and practice; (3) understand the roles of government, private sector entities, and individuals in assuring the conditions for people to be
healthy; and (4) assess multifarious legal and ethical conflicts between governmental interests in public health and individual rights. These conflicts will be examined in multiple topical areas including health promotion and communication; public health powers such as immunization, testing, screening, quarantine, and isolation; public health emergencies; regulation of businesses and professions; and tort litigation. While protecting the public’s health has global dimensions, this course focuses on public health law in the U.S.

**HON 494 – Real Estate & Business Valuation**

This course will focus upon the valuation of interests in real property and closely-held businesses. The valuation principles to be examined apply in business and economic damages litigation, private property rights disputes, eminent domain proceedings, family law disputes, securities and insurance actions, and almost every other type of litigation which involves a determination of the value of, or damage to, an interest in real property or in a business enterprise. The same principles apply in a wide range of business transactions including mergers, acquisitions, financing and estate planning. This introductory valuation and damages course is specifically designed for prospective real estate, land use, corporate, tax and trial attorneys who anticipate practice in the real estate or business law fields. With respect to real estate valuation, the entire appraisal process will examined, including the provisions to the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP). The three methodologies for valuing interests in real property (cost analysis, sales comparison analysis, and income analysis) will each be explored. Special issues, such as the valuation of leasehold interests will also be discussed. With respect to business valuation (including the valuation of professional practices), the course will examine the different standards of value, the compilation and analysis of necessary financial information, and the different methodologies available to assist in the valuation process. Among the specific methodologies which will be discussed will be the guideline publicly traded company method, the capitalized excess earnings method, and capitalized economic income methods. Discounts for lack of control and lack of marketability will also be discussed. One class session will be devoted to a demonstration courtroom examination of a prominent business valuation expert. No prior accounting or mathematics training is required.

**HON 494 – Sports Law**

Sports Law is a course that deals with the legal issues relating to the structure and operation of the sports industry. The course reviews various principles applicable to sports including antitrust, labor, intellectual property, league policies, NCAA regulations, and general business operations. Various other legal issues relating to professional and amateur sports will be covered.

**HON 494 – State & Local Tax**

In this course, we will study the variety of ways state and local governments finance public services, focusing on income, property, and sales taxes. We will pay particular attention to constitutional limits on state taxing authority. The course will consider both state and local government’s fiscal policy choices and tax planning opportunities under varying tax regimes.

**HON 494 – Professional Responsibility**

This course will examine the law of lawyering with significant focus on the ethical rules by which attorneys should conduct themselves in their various professional roles. The ultimate objective of the course is to give students both a working knowledge of the law governing lawyers and the practice of law and legal ethics and an appreciation for the difficulties and challenges that the professional currently confronts. Students may be expected to participate in in-class simulations and write short reflective paragraphs for on-line posting. Attendance and class participation is required.