

LL.M. Executive Track Fall 2026

W202, Contracts for LL.Ms- Abbye Atkinson (letter graded), 3 UNITS

- Instruction: Monday, August 17th - Monday, October 5th
- Exams: Tuesday, October 6th - Monday, October 13th

Live sessions on Tuesdays at 9am.

Office hours on Tuesdays at 10am.

This survey course explores the basic principles of U.S. common law that govern the formation of, limits on the ability to enter into, breach and enforcement of, and remedies relating to, contracts. Students will also study the related principles embodied in the Uniform Commercial Code, a model for the law shaping sales and other commercial transactions.

Required textbook: 7th Edition of Contracts by Barnett & Oman, ISBN: 9781543826272

W206.6, Capstone Writing Workshop- Jodi Collova (credit/no credit), 1 UNIT

- Instruction: Monday, August 17th - Friday, November 20th

Sections 1-3: Students will revise and complete their Capstone writing project, a legal memorandum of 5,000 to 5,500 words in length. They will have already submitted a draft of this paper during the summer LL.M. Legal Research and Writing course. Students will implement the feedback that they received and revise their paper to meet the grading criteria.

Sections 1-3: Live Session August 19, 7:00-8:00am

Section 4: Students will revise and complete their Capstone writing project, a research paper of 5,000 to 6,000 words in length. They will have already submitted a draft of this paper during the summer Advanced Writing Project course with Professor Farber. Students will implement the feedback that they received and revise their paper to meet the grading criteria.

Section 4: Live Session August 19, 8:00-9:00am

W254.8 Sustainable Capitalism & ESG- Angeli Patel- (credit/no credit), 2 UNITS

- Instruction: Monday, August 17th - Friday, September 11th
- Exams: Saturday, September 12th - Friday, September 18th

Live Sessions:

- Monday, Aug 24 @ 8am PT
- Wednesday, Sept 2 @ 5pm PT

Office Hours:

- Wednesday, Aug 26 @ 8am PT
- Monday, Sept 7 @ 5pm PT

The prediction that companies and investors would retreat from Sustainability & ESG efforts in the face of criticism and economic downturn is proving to be incorrect. Companies are increasingly using the stakeholder approach to meet the challenges posed by the global pandemic, racial injustice, rising income inequality, and climate change. Investors, regulators, employees, and the public are increasingly asking companies to manage their environmental and social impact. Precisely how to meet this growing demand remains unclear.

The course brings fresh perspective directly from in-house attorneys of companies in various sectors that are taking on the challenge of becoming stakeholder-focused companies. The course will use a mix of theory, case study, discussion and speakers to bring to life the day-to-day of practicing sustainability & ESG law at companies. Students will learn how to think strategically about legal risks and opportunities and ultimately how to lead in both law and business. No textbook.

W276.7 Hot Topics in GenAI- Sheila Leunig (credit/no credit), 1 UNIT

- Instruction: Wednesday, September 23rd and end it on Wednesday, November 4th from 8:00-9:50am.

This course explores the dynamic legal, regulatory, and policy landscape surrounding generative artificial intelligence, with a focus on helping practicing lawyers navigate the real-world challenges posed by this transformative technology. Designed for lawyers working in and around technology, the course combines foundational knowledge with practical frameworks for analyzing emerging legal issues in a fast-moving and often unsettled environment.

Topics will include copyright and training data disputes, ownership and liability issues related to AI-generated outputs, privacy and data protection concerns, emerging regulatory frameworks in the U.S. and abroad, governance and risk management strategies, and the growing use of GenAI in legal and corporate practice. The course will also examine high-risk AI systems, commercial and procurement issues involving AI tools, and frontier topics such as agentic systems, synthetic media and deepfakes, and open-source AI development.

The course will feature interactive discussions and guest lectures from lawyers, academics, policymakers, and industry practitioners, paired with instructor-led deep dives into each week's topic through practical case studies and applied legal analysis. Students will gain a broad understanding of the legal risks, policy debates, and strategic considerations shaping generative AI today in preparation to advise clients, support product and business teams, shape policy, and lead governance initiatives in this fast-changing field.

No textbook required.