

ELECTIVES PRIMER

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ELECTIVES PRIMER TEAM

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1 UNIT ELECTIVES

INTERNATIONAL LEGAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS
DR. MANSIBANG (SECTION A)

In this class, you will learn about the basics of accounting. Students will be taught bookkeeping and even financial data analysis.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

The Professor is Dr. Mansibang. He was the former registrar of Ateneo Professional Schools. He is a nice teacher and he lectures all the time. He expects students to volunteer for recitation.

WORKLOAD:	Light
BEST TAKEN:	Whichever year you have a heavy load
TYPE OF EXAM:	This class has no written exams. The final requirement is financial data analysis of four companies that are found in the book of Dr. Mansibang.
GRADE RANGE:	90 and above
IN DEMAND:	Yes

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

Never be absent. There is an incentive for perfect attendance. You will be required to answer and submit the study guide questions of Dr. Mansibang's book after the discussions of every chapter. Be prepared!

SPECIAL PENAL LAWS

JUDGE PIMENTEL (SECTION A)

The name speaks for itself - Special Penal Laws. Special Penal Laws are laws punishing acts that are not otherwise penalized under the RPC. These also include laws that amend the nature of or penalties for crimes already punished by the RPC. Technically, then, you will be studying "offenses" rather than "crimes." You will learn about said offenses' requisites and elements, penalties, and qualifying circumstances. For some laws, you will also learn about the agencies tasked to undertake enforcement, as well as the procedure they would need to follow to effect said enforcement.

Examples of SPL are:

- Illegal Possession of Firearms
- Anti-Drug Trafficking
- ISL
- Probation Law
- Death Penalty Law
- Anti-Arson Law
- VAWC
- Child Abuse
- Juvenile Justice Act
- Anti-highway robbery

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

Judge Pimentel – his style is to conduct lectures. Pay attention. It can get boring, but listening pays off. Also, he is very nice and considerate, so just listen to his lectures.

WORKLOAD: DEFINITELY LIGHT

BEST TAKEN: Generally, it doesn't matter, but it is strategic to take it on your 4th year. This serves two purposes. First, it is useful for reviewing Criminal Law concepts. Second, since the load is never too heavy and the professors are nice, you can have some elbow room for thesis concerns. If you take it during your third year, you might forget the concepts once you take the bar.

GRADE BREAKDOWN: Midterms 50%

Finals 50%

TYPE OF EXAM: 30% multiple choice, 70% essay, give or take 10%.

IN DEMAND: Not so much, but it could be because of the schedule.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

You can come to class completely unprepared because he doesn't conduct recitations. HOWEVER. THAT IS NOT ADVISABLE. When he assigns a law, make an effort to at least go through the codal provisions so you can follow his lecture. He appreciates students asking questions, so reading up before the class helps. There are times though, when he forgets to give an assignment.

For exams, what you need is to put in a moderate amount of effort listening through his weekly lectures, and brush up on codal provisions during exam week. Exams cover 6-7 laws, so it should not be difficult to memorize. To cut down on the study time you need for longer laws, go back to his lecture and review only those parts he puts emphasis on.

OTHER TIPS/INFORMATION:

The lectures can get long, so have a voice recorder ready, for when you would want to replay those parts you missed because you zoned out.

The exams are pretty long, since 70% essay means a LOT of essay questions. HOWEVER. The questions are straightforward and easy to answer. He does not require you to sort through a lot of facts. Also, if you were patient enough to listen to his lectures and take notes down, you would immediately know how to answer his questions.

SPECIAL PENAL LAWS
ATTY. RONALD CHUA (SECTION B)

The subject covers offenses provided in special laws, such as the Dangerous Drugs Act, anti-voyeurism, wiretapping, etc. Unlike other SPL classes where the professors assign only select laws, the class under Atty. Chua shall learn basically around 34 laws. There are also no cases assigned under this class.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

The professor is Atty. Ronald Chua (Chui). He is a good professor with lenient and effective way of teaching. His recitations are manageable and you will learn a lot from his questions.

WORKLOAD: Light to Average. Usually the class is extended to 2 hours which is reasonable considering you discuss several laws per session

BEST TAKEN: Can be 3rd year or 4th year, important since this will help in the bar and in other subjects as well

GRADE BREAKDOWN: 50% - Recit
25% - Midterms
25% - Finals

TYPE OF EXAM: Midterms – written exam (Essay)
Finals – written exam (Essay)
Note: The class can negotiate that a class project or paper be submitted in lieu of the midterms exam

IN DEMAND: Yes

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

Study the codals and the annotation for the codals.

TAX ON MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS

ATTY. BELLO

The class will basically revolve around the tax implications of Section 40(C) of the NIRC. The provision relates to tax-free exchanges of mergers and acquisitions. It is also a good way to review tax lessons from Tax 1 and Tax 2.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

Recitations are voluntary and are usually just about the cases included in the coverage.

WORKLOAD:	Light
BEST TAKEN:	I think taking it during 3 rd year is better because it wouldn't conflict with Tax Review
GRADE RANGE:	He didn't return the exams
IN DEMAND:	Yes

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

For the recits – study the cases and read his powerpoint slides

For the exams – listen to class because he usually gets his questions from things he has already discussed. Studying the powerpoint slides are enough for exams.

2 UNIT ELECTIVES

ASEAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS, LAW AND POLICY
ATTY. GULAPA

This elective will discuss what ASEAN is, its history, purpose, members and effects of being a member country.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

Atty. Gulapa will randomly call people, and should you fail to answer or show that you've read the readings, he will show he is displeased and will probably ask harder questions.

WORKLOAD :	Average
BEST TAKEN:	4 th year (It will be lighter in a way because the finals would be group reporting about a particular ASEAN country)
GRADE BREAKDOWN:	20% - Recits 40% - Midterms 40% - Finals (Group Reporting)
TYPE OF EXAM:	Essay (difficult all about the readings)
IN DEMAND:	No

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

Read about 80 pages about ASEAN that will be provided by the professor.

OTHER TIPS/INFORMATION:

On group work: It would be good to take it with friends since you have group reporting which is considered as the final examination.

APPELLATE PRACTICE & BRIEF MAKING
ATTY. ERDELYN GO (SECTION B)

This is a rehash of the APPRAC part of civil procedure. This elective will provide students with a detailed learning of the specific rules of court provisions concerning appeals.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

Straight to the point, expects students to remember what they learned in civil procedure. She gives quizzes and a lot of cases for recitations. Exams are very hard and tricky.

WORKLOAD:	Heavy. No group work. it's like a regular subject.
BEST TAKEN:	4 th year
GRADE BREAKDOWN:	Recitation, Midterm Exam, Final Exam
TYPE OF EXAM:	MCQ & Essay
GRADE RANGE:	75-90. She does not hesitate to fail students even if it is only an elective.
IN DEMAND:	No

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

Students should prepare the same way they would prepare for a regular subject. Read cases, and memorize codal provisions.

CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION II

ATTY. GILBERT SEMBRANO (SECTION A)

CLED deals with the practical application of the theories of law. Mostly legal forms and remedial law subjects comprise the bulk of what is being taught in CLED. The students are somewhat 'employed' in the Ateneo Legal Aid clinic as interns.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

This elective is taught by Atty. Gilbert Sembrano. He assigns readings that he discusses in class. The readings will sometimes be the subject of quizzes. He gives premium on students who participate in class, so it is better to volunteer during recitations.

WORKLOAD: Light, the case handling is average to heavy

BEST TAKEN: Regardless of the year level, this subject is helpful. It teaches legal forms during the First Semester as one is required to make affidavits and other pleadings. It may come in handy during the Second Semester of Junior Year. On the remedial law matters, this subject teaches evidence and rules on civil procedure and may thus serve as a review or an advance knowledge of those subjects. If you're in fourth year, you are given the chance to appear in court in a case to handle direct or cross examination. It is a good opportunity to appear in court

GRADE BREAKDOWN: 25 % - Class work (includes seatworks, recitations, homeworks)
20% - Midterms
35% - Case Handling (includes attending hearings, meeting with clients, preparing pleadings, etc.)
20% - Finals

TYPE OF EXAM: MT – could be a paper or the average of all your quizzes; quizzes are based on the readings or the required forum/talks
FINALS – could be a pleading

GRADE RANGE: High 80s to those who really participate in class and all matters regarding case handling

IN DEMAND: No.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS: Read the assigned readings and eagerly participate in class.

CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION II

ATTY. PATTY SISON-ARROYO (SECTION B)

CLED II involves supervised student practice under Rule 135-A of the Rules of Court. This includes interviewing potential clients, formulating theories of the case, and so on. CLED II focuses on litigation techniques, with a focus on cross-examination.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

She expects that you have read the assignment, but she's pretty relaxed. She's a mixture of recit/group work.

WORKLOAD: Average to Heavy.

BEST TAKEN: If you want to focus on litigation, I advise to take it in your senior year, since 4th year students are expected to cross examine the witness/es of the prosecution. If you don't want to do that, just take it in 3rd year.

TYPE OF EXAM: MT - group paper on judicial affidavit
FINALS - Written exam, MCQ, T or F and Essay.

GRADE RANGE: High 80s to low 90s.

IN DEMAND: Yes.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

For Recits – Read the required HW. Ma'am is stricter here as compared to CLED I. Her recits are random, shuffled class cards. But ma'am is fair; will just ask whatever is in the assignment; if she asks anything else it's more of an opinion question.

For Exams – Focus on the codal.

For Papers – Our papers were a reflection paper and a judicial affidavit. For the judicial affidavit, focus on the proper form, she's strict about that.

OTHER TIPS/INFORMATION:

Read codal for finals/written tests, that's all you need.

(Books/Reviewers) - Rules of Court, certain sections of Francisco's Book on trial technique (don't buy, just photocopy).

The readings for the class are all right, but the challenging part would be for group work. Students are assigned to a group which will have a case for the whole sem. For the midterms, the group would do a paper for midterms. There will be times wherein the group is required to go to court to defend the client. Furthermore, you will also have to go to the CLED office and the Public Attorney's Office for duty hours, which may get in the way of your other subjects. In the CLED office you will get the chance to setup your schedule, but for PAO, its always in the morning, from 8am to 12noon. Ma'am also requires us to attend talks in lieu of class.

EUROPEAN BUSINESS LAW
ATTY. PADILLA

The elective extensively discusses the treaties entered into by the members of the European Union. It also discusses the possibility of using some of the provisions of these treaties to address issues of the ASEAN. You will learn about the five pillars of the GATT. For the second half of the class, you will learn about different international financial institutions, and how the monetary system works. If international law is your thing, this is an interesting elective.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE: The elective is purely lecture.

WORKLOAD:	Light (super)
BEST TAKEN:	Either 3rd or 4th year
GRADE BREAKDOWN:	50% - Midterm Paper 50% - Final Paper
TYPE OF EXAM:	MT – Take home paper Finals – Take home paper
IN DEMAND:	No

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

No need to prepare.

OTHER TIPS/INFORMATION:

For the MT paper – You are required to submit a paper answering the questions in the terms of reference. The grades are really high for the midterm paper. The highest grade for the midterm paper was 95, while the lowest was 89.

For the Final Paper – You are required to assess your midterm paper. You are also required to draft a treaty.

FAMILY CONFLICTS AND DISPUTE RESOLUTIONS
ATTY. SISON-ARROYO/ ATTY. ESTORNINOS

The elective is a mix of children's rights and gender class. As the course title suggests, it teaches the students how to resolve conflict/s in a family unit. You will learn concepts, as well as procedures and remedies.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

The first few meetings are lectures, however when laws are already involved, she calls on people to recite. She doesn't like it when you prepare for other classes while in class. She doesn't like it when you look down at your notes.

WORKLOAD:	Average. She assigns readings ahead of time. You'll only get called twice at most but you can always volunteer. There are group presentations and some of the work are done outside the classroom
BEST TAKEN:	Doesn't matter
GRADE BREAKDOWN:	Atty. Patty Sison-Arroyo gives more consideration with recitation and finals
TYPE OF EXAM:	Enumeration, MCQs and Essay. Past exams are helpful.
GRADE RANGE:	83-90
IN DEMAND:	Yes. There are some firms that demand that you know conflict resolution with regard to family

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

Read ahead of time. Some even read minutes before class, it's fine. She doesn't go out of her scope anyway.

OTHER TIPS/INFORMATION:

No prior electives are needed in this subject, although it's highly advantageous if you've already taken up children's rights and/or gender.

When she assigns group work, it doesn't matter if you take the subject with friends because she chooses your groupmates anyway.

For exams, 90% of what was asked before would be asked during the present exam. What changes are the situations she gives for essay. Most of the time, she uses situations which were used during recit so you have to pay close attention. She'll tell you the things that she expects you to memorize during class so take note.

GENDER AND THE LAW
ATTY. ARRIOLA, ATTY. STA. MARIA and ATTY. CERVANTES-POCO

This elective discusses anything related to Women, Gender and LGBTIs. UN issuances.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

Recitations, Alternative class (talks), written outputs, group works sometimes

WORKLOAD:	Heavy – a lot of readings
BEST TAKEN:	Any time
GRADE BREAKDOWN:	It varies on the result of the midterms. Usually: 1/3 Midterms 1/3 Gender Week Activities/ Recitations 1/3 Final Paper
TYPE OF EXAM:	For midterms, multiple choice (20%) essay (80%). For finals, paper if they are satisfied with gender week
GRADE RANGE:	High 70s to mid 80s
IN DEMAND:	No.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

Read the readings. Attend class with an open mind and heart.

OTHER TIPS/ INFORMATION:

There are a lot of readings. Mostly UN documents, journal articles and some jurisprudence.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND THE LAW

ATTY. GULAPA

This elective class on Indigenous Peoples Right's Act (IPRA) is where we learn more about this controversial law, the history behind it and the effects it has brought about to the Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous Cultural Communities (IP/ICC). This class will help you appreciate the importance of this *sui generis* law and how it has revolutionized and challenged many traditional legal concepts we learned in our other classes. This class will help you respect and appreciate the contributions of the IP/ICC. Through the group case studies, hopefully you'll even get to interact with IP/ICC. You will come out of this class, more knowledgeable about the IP/ICC of the Philippines and hopefully be an advocate for IP rights.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

In the previous years, Dean Candelaria and Prof. Aris Gulapa. Last 2012-2013 school year it was taught by Professors Aris Gulapa and Angelica Benedicto-Gascon. The professors alternate in teaching for the week, most often it is according to the part they authored in the book. They conduct recitations in class, but sometimes class activities are conducted in lieu of individual recitations. There will also be class fieldtrips to meet key players in this field, *e.g.*, Justice Marvic Leonen.

WORKLOAD:	Average to Heavy
BEST TAKEN:	3 rd , if you need a thesis topic. Otherwise, 4 th yr.
GRADE BREAKDOWN:	30% Recitation 30% Midterms 40% Case studies
TYPE OF EXAM:	Midterms – written, Finals – group case study
GRADE RANGE:	Low to high 80s.
IN DEMAND:	No.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

Read "INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND THE LAW: A COMMENTARY ON THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S RIGHTS ACT OF 1997 (R.A. 8371)". This book is authored by Dean Candelaria, and Professors Aris Gulapa and Angelica Benedicto-Gascon. Also listen to the discussions, because the professors expect you to know the previous class discussions as the class progresses.

OTHER TIPS/ INFORMATION:

Take it with friends. It would be good to take it with friends since you choose your own group for the case study. Yet you would also meet other people if you do not know anyone in the class. There is only one main group work, the case study. The case study is equivalent to your final grade.

INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION
ATTY. RICO-PAMFILO

The elective focuses on the basic principles in arbitration. It teaches what is a valid arbitration clause, the different procedures involved in arbitration, and also touches on the Philippine arbitration laws.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

The professor is Atty. Rena Rico-Pamfilo. Her teaching style is calling students for recitations every meeting. She asks hypothetical situations and also details about the assigned cases. She is very kind and only has one demand from her students: read the assignment. She's very reasonable.

For four Saturdays, Atty. Jun Bautista took over the class. He also conducted recitations but his questions were hard. Also, he does not follow the order of the cases in the syllabus however, his recitations are voluntary.

WORKLOAD:	Heavy
BEST TAKEN:	Any semester
GRADE BREAKDOWN:	Recitations, Midterms, Finals
TYPE OF EXAM:	MCQ and Essay
GRADE RANGE:	86-90
IN DEMAND:	Yes

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS: Read the assignments. It will be helpful if you had a digest group.

OTHER TIPS/INFORMATION:

On the case assignments – You will have recitation every meeting. The case assignments are difficult to understand at first but once you reach the middle of the semester, you'll get the hang of it.

On the workload – The workload is heavy but not unreasonable. It is heavy because you have a lot of foreign cases to ready for every meeting and it would be difficult to adjust the kind of writing. There is also an interplay of different rules and laws so it will take some time to adjust to the subject.

On recitation – Rounds

INTERNATIONAL CONSUMER PROTECTION LAWS

ATTY. GUTIERREZ

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

The elective is not bar-related. Atty. Gutierrez speaks his mind, and occasionally lets the discussion drive its own course. He is strict at times, and it would be wise to always attend class. Atty. Gutierrez gives free cuts generously, but of course, make-up classes towards the end of the semester are scheduled to compensate.

WORKLOAD:	Light to Average
BEST TAKEN:	Any semester
GRADE BREAKDOWN:	Recitations, Midterms, Finals
TYPE OF EXAM:	No written exam but he sometimes gives surprise quizzes about the readings.
GRADE RANGE:	90s
IN DEMAND:	Yes

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS: Make sure to cover the reading assignments for the day just in case he gives a surprise quiz.

OTHER TIPS/INFORMATION:

On normal days, the workload is light because recitations are mainly about examples of consumer product is and how they are related to the law. However, projects and the MDG talk/campaign usually happen during the second half of the semester when there are lots of other things to do in other subjects. A good sense of humor will come handy.

For the midterms – you have to think of a consumer protection-related project guided by the question: *How can you help improve the life of a consumer?*

For the finals – you will form a group and you will either do sort of an AWARENESS CAMPAIGN or a TALK about the Millennium Development Goals.

INTERNATIONAL CORPORATE FINANCE

ATTY. JOSE COCHINGYAN III

Special Problems in Business Law Practice gives you a feel of how it is to be a lawyer for businesses, small or big. It merges interesting and important topics in Labor I (special laws, wages, leaves, constructive dismissal, demotion, transfer), Corporate Law (foreign equity requirements, capitalization requirements) and Tax I (deductions, withholding taxes, documentation requirements) and Tax II (VAT, local business taxes). Therefore, it will help you prepare for the Bar.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

Atty. Cochingyan observes Admin policy so he may vary the course requirements depending on the prevailing policy at the time you take this course. If the policy is that electives must have a written sit-down final exam, then he might have it but for the last two years, the final exam is a staggered, 5-stage or 5-part SIMULATED EXERCISE that will take up a large part of your time in the last three weeks of classes before the finals week and even during the finals week.

WORKLOAD: Workload is very heavy because you have to read the materials assigned in the syllabus either because you are on deck or because you cannot afford to have a backlog come midterms, finals time, or simulated exercises time. Also, materials are very long. The simulated exercise requires both individual work and partner work and some degree of class collaboration so it is better if you know everyone in class.

BEST TAKEN: This elective may be taken either during 3rd year or 4th year, but if you do not want to be hassled in the last three weeks before your last final exams in your 4th year, then take it in your 3rd year.

GRADE BREAKDOWN: Grade breakdown is variable.
Course requirements are 1) recitation every meeting, 2) a sit-down written midterm exam during the exams week, 3) the simulated exercises.
Final exam may be the simulated exercises if Admin does not strictly require written, sit-down final exam. Students usually get low scores in the midterms so the weight for midterms may be lower than that for recitation and finals.

TYPE OF EXAM: The midterm exam is written essay sit-down exams, and the midterm is taken during the exams week.

GRADE RANGE: Atty. Cochingyan is known to be fair. The students get the grade that he works for. Sir gives 75 to 90.

IN DEMAND: No.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS: You prepare for weekly class by studying the homework he assigns for the meeting.

INTERNATIONAL CORPORATE PRACTICE
ATTY. CEBALLOS

This elective will discuss how a corporation is born, its processes and its death. The paper work which are needed to be filed. Basically, it's the Corporation Code in practical mode.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

Recitations are voluntary and are usually just about the cases included in the coverage.

WORKLOAD:	Light to Average.
BEST TAKEN:	It doesn't matter when you take it but it's a QPI booster
GRADE RANGE:	90 to 95
IN DEMAND:	Yes.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

For recits – Make sure you know your report/topic very well because he grills you during your report.

For exams – No exams (if you can convince him)

For papers – It's just reaction papers.

OTHER TIPS/INFORMATION:

Depends on your assigned topic but most definitely the Corporation Code

Don't make a video you'll regret. Keep it still classy but sexy. High grades, minimum workload.

INTERNATIONAL CORPORATE SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS, REHABILITATION, & INSOLVENCY LAWS
(WITH FRIA)
ATTY A. DE CASTRO

This course is a lecture series focusing on the local and international implications of the Financial Rehabilitation and Insolvency Act, as well as other practices involving corporate rehabilitation and insolvency.

PROFESSORS AND TEACHING STYLE:

Atty. Arturo de Castro - He mainly lectures but in the first few weeks he conducts recitation. He is often late or absent. The beadle will have to constantly text him to ask if there is class or if he will be late.

- WORKLOAD:** No workload during the sem. The only requirement is the final paper. Just bring the codal during class and try to listen.
- BEST TAKEN:** Advisable for both. For 3rd year, it could be a source of a thesis topic. For 4th year, if writing a final paper isn't much of a problem then it's okay.
- TYPE OF EXAM:** For midterms, we had an open notes long quiz , all essay. We also had to submit our outlines and present it in class. There will be a final paper on any legal issue involving the FRIA (you can get a 100 as a final grade if you have the paper published in a newspaper or law journal). Everyone has the report on the outline and submit the final paper or else the class will have to take a final written exam.
- GRADE RANGE:** 81-85, unless you get your paper published.
- IN DEMAND:** No.

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW
ATTY. MONSOD

In ICL, you will learn the different crimes treated in the international sphere (i.e. genocide, crimes against humanity), the role of the ICC in prosecuting these crimes vis a vis the role of national courts.

PROFESSORS AND TEACHING STYLE:

Atty. Monsod knows her stuff very well. She is very well versed in International Law in general.

WORKLOAD:	Average
BEST TAKEN:	Either 3rd or 4th year
TYPE OF EXAM:	Essay and Paper
IN DEMAND:	No.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

There are a lot of readings, mostly cases in the ICJ, plus international journals. Just read the assigned readings.

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW II

ATTY. ABAD/ ATTY. BARCENAS

The class focuses on the World Trade Organization and the regional mechanisms for economic cooperation.

PROFESSORS AND TEACHING STYLE:

Atty. Tony Abad - He is very well versed with the topics. He shares his experiences in world trade and economic arbitration. He also lets you go to events wherein you can learn about Int economic law. He is quite lenient but he looks upset when people are not reciting.

WORKLOAD: Light to average especially when during the final stretch of the sem. It would be nice if you'll have friends in the subject. Just read the assigned cases for recitation.

BEST TAKEN: 4th year

GRADE BREAKDOWN: 1/3 recitation,
1/3 midterm paper,
1/3 moot court and memorial

TYPE OF EXAM: No exam.

GRADE RANGE: Quite high.

IN DEMAND: Yes.

INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND REGULATION **ATTY. VILLEGAS (SECTION A) and ATTY. TONY OPOSA (SECTION B)**

International Environmental Law and Regulation is all about the legislations and legal instruments related to the environment locally and internationally. Under Atty. Villegas' class, the pre-midterms topics cover local legislation, while the post-midterms topics cover international agreements, treaties, etc. on the environment.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

Atty. Liberador Villegas – He either lectures first then conducts recitation or vice versa. He generally assigns readings/topics a day/night before the class. His recitations are predictable in a way that if you read through the law or reading, such as when you pay attention to the definitions, procedures, and concepts involved, you'll do okay in recitation. He is also nice and does not mind a little debate in class.

WORKLOAD: Average
BEST TAKEN: 3rd /4th year
GRADE BREAKDOWN: 1/3 - recitation
1/3 – midterms (or class reports in lieu of midterms)
1/3 – finals
TYPE OF EXAM: Objective (definition of terms, MCQ, T or F, essay)
GRADE RANGE: 86-90
IN DEMAND: Yes

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

Just read the assigned readings and you'll do fine. You are required to read about the assigned laws and/or reading every meeting. This will be the basis for recitation. You can study the readings a night before or even on the day itself, depending on the length of the topic. Also, Atty. Villegas has a technical approach to the laws so there's a need to pay closer attention to definitions and concepts. It doesn't really entail a lot of group work. It's one of those subjects that you may enrol in even without your friends because it is a unique topic of interest and not everyone may like it or need it.

OTHER TIPS/ INFORMATION:

When to take it – It matters if you need it for thesis or future practice, for example. If your thesis is related to Environmental Law, you should take this subject on your 3rd year. If your legal interests also skew toward Environmental Law, this would be an interesting subject to take. Ultimately, it doesn't matter when you take it as long as it is something you like or at least something that interests you.

INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION

DEAN TONY LA VINA

We covered most of the international environmental law instruments. We also watched several movies about the environment like The Cove. You will learn many things from Dean Tony but the core lesson of this subject is how to do climate change negotiations and draft a climate change/environmental law instrument.

PROFESSORS AND TEACHING STYLE:

Very extemporaneous but very brilliant. He is not bookish. He is very knowledgeable and passionate about the topic. If you want to pursue environmental law, this is a must subject. His teaching style is far from spoon feeding. He assigns tons of readings and lets you read them in your own pace in time for the negotiations and moot court. Very chill classroom environment.

WORKLOAD:	Light to average especially during the final stretch of the semester. It would be nice if you'll have friends in the subject. Just read the assigned cases for recitation. Just have an open and critical mind. It wouldn't hurt if you read readings.
BEST TAKEN:	Whenever you need a light load
TYPE OF EXAM:	No exam, just negotiation and moot court.
GRADE RANGE:	90 and up.
IN DEMAND:	Yes.

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW 2

ATTY. SANTIAGO, ATTY. STA MARIA, ATTY. QUAN

This elective should not be confused with IHRL 1 which is offered during the first semester. IHRL 2 is an elective on emerging issues in the field of international human rights. It requires a background of PIL. A background on human rights framework (IHRL 1) will be helpful but is not required. The subject discusses human rights perspective on issues of exploitative industries, right to water, LGBT rights, trafficking, persons with disabilities, good governance and gender violence in armed conflict among others. One issue will be tackled per session. The students may be required to attend seminars in lieu of classes.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

The subject is taught by three professors, Atty. RP Santiago, Atty. Ampy Sta. Maria and Atty. Ryan Quan.

Atty. Santiago teaches most of the issues on civil and political rights. He divides the class in groups which change per meeting. He gives guide questions for discussions and reports. He also uses visual presentations to aid discussion.

Atty. A. Sta. Maria teaches the gender-related topics. She conducts recitations but in a more conversational manner than in Persons.

Atty. Quan teaches the environment-related topics. He conducts recitations but usually directs the discussion beyond the readings. In his class, just listen to his flow of discussion.

WORKLOAD:	Average. The readings are long but you can breeze through most of them.
BEST TAKEN:	Can be 3 rd year or 4 th year, all that is required is a background on PIL.
GRADE BREAKDOWN:	No final grade breakdown was given but the following are the requirements: one written exam (midterms) one paper (finals) recitation papers on the forums
TYPE OF EXAM:	Midterms – Written Exam Finals – Paper

IN DEMAND: Not in demand the last few years but because of the manageability of the subject, it may have a higher demand in the future

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

Read the assigned readings and familiarize yourselves with the important parts like definitions, codal provisions discussed, basic storyline, and the summary of the readings.

OTHER TIPS/INFORMATION:

Who is this elective most appropriate for – This elective is helpful for aspiring legislators, human rights advocates, and even litigators who wish to have the human rights perspective on these emerging issues. Policy and legal considerations with regard to the issues are discussed to enable the students to have a more holistic understanding of the issues involved.

INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LAW

ATTY. JOHANN ESPIRITU

In this elective, you will learn how the Internet works, its history, and how its repercussions on the legal system. The elective also discusses copyright issues over files shared online and whatnot. You will learn about trade names and its relation to domain names and the like. Also a part of the curriculum is a discussion on the E-Commerce Act, the Data Privacy Act, and the Cybercrime Prevention Act.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

Atty. Espiritu likes cracking jokes and sharing a lot of trivia about information technology. He sometimes allows voluntary recitation on the cases, and for the difficult cases and readings, he helps out the person called. Most of the time, the recitation is random, but he's fair so he does rounds, but only when he feels like it.

WORKLOAD: Average

BEST TAKEN: If you want to write a thesis on information technology or anything related to that subject matter, it is advisable to take the elective in your 3rd year.

GRADE BREAKDOWN: *Atty. Espiritu did not give any grade breakdown.

TYPE OF EXAM: MT – Written (open books and laptops; no internet use)

GRADE RANGE: high 80s to 90s

IN DEMAND: Yes (super)

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

Just read the digests he gives out on the first meeting. All of the cases are already there. Be ready to give your opinion on current events that involve information technology.

OTHER TIPS/INFORMATION:

For the recitation – It is based on the case list, but Atty. Espiritu already provided the digests for the cases. You don't need to read the originals, because the digests he provides the class is good enough for recitation and discussion. He's very open to opinions, so that's a good way of impressing him.

For the midterms – It is open books and laptops. You won't really have time to look through your notes, because the questions tend to be really open-ended. For his exams, he looks for your insight and opinions on the legal issue posed.

For the final paper – You are given the option of doing the final paper on your own or in groups (maximum of three). If you're doing the paper on your own, it's considered as extra credit work if you didn't do really well in the midterm exam. If you're confident with your final exam, you can prepare the paper in groups.

INTERNATIONAL LABOR LAW

ATTY. JOY CASIS

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

Atty. Joy Casis – He's very lenient, but always be in class on time. He likes class participation and it's normal for us to have food inside the class that's shared with everyone. This includes pizza, burgers, candies, whatever :)

WORKLOAD: Light. Best taken with friends as it involves mostly group work like group reports.

BEST TAKEN: 3rd or 4th year – it doesn't matter.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS: Two group reports and a final paper, either focusing on a particular ILO Convention and comparing it with a PH law, or a combination of any ILO convention that was discussed in class.

TYPE OF EXAM: No exams, reports all throughout and a final paper.

GRADE RANGE: Not sure – yet. But they say it's mid-80s.

IN DEMAND: Not sure about this one, but probably yes, because of the workload.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

Listen when somebody reports. Participate in the games and other stuff prepared by the reporting group. And make your reports on the Conventions full of *pakulo* - videos, roleplaying, games, etc.

INTERNATIONAL LAW ON SECURITIES, PUBLIC OFFERINGS AND STOCK EXCHANGE LISTINGS

ATTY. OZAETA

This subject will teach students the Securities Regulation Code (SRC), the law governing sales of stocks, bonds and other financial instruments to the public. This will not tackle the whole SRC but only those pertaining to registration, fraudulent practices in the sale of securities. This is helpful for the bar. The subject matter is part of Commercial Law Subject. This is also a very interesting subject.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

Atty. Ozaeta – lecture

WORKLOAD:	Light
GRADE BREAKDOWN:	Recitation (once only), Midterm and Final Exams
TYPE OF EXAM:	Essay type, True or False, Definition
GRADE RANGE:	90-able
IN DEMAND:	Yes

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS: Read the Codal and Annotation (Morales)

LABOR LAW REVIEW

ATTY. MANUEL

As the course name suggests, the class is a comprehensive review of Labor 1 and 2.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

Atty. Manuel conducts recitation. But he ties everything up with a quick lecture at the end of every major point or topic.

- WORKLOAD:** The workload is average. The coverage is one topic every meeting, although sometimes the coverage reaches two topics per meeting.
- BEST TAKEN:** This elective is mandatory and available to seniors only
- GRADE BREAKDOWN:** Recitations, Midterms, Finals
- TYPE OF EXAM:** The midterms last year comprised of 10 questions, all essay. In the midterms, the goal was to figure out what was wrong in the story and explain why. The final exams were 80% essay/short answer and 20% MCQ.
- GRADE RANGE:** He curves and gives mid-80s and up.
- IN DEMAND:** Yes the elective is in demand. According to Atty. Manuel, the 1st semester class numbered at least 50 students. The 2nd semester class numbered at around 30.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

You can just opt to read the Glen Tuazon reviewer. That's good enough for class. But if you want to really study then go read the codal and a Labor book, either Azucena or Abad.

LAW AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ATTY. MEJIA/ ATTY. CARMONA

Basically you will learn the interplay between law and economics, how the economic policies affect the judicial decisions, etc.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

Atty. Cecile Mejia is our professor for the whole semester. She is really kind. She summarizes the readings by making an outline at the start of the class then the students will recite based on the outline.

WORKLOAD: Average
BEST TAKEN: Either 3rd or 4th year
GRADE BREAKDOWN: 50% Recit
25% midterms
25% finals
TYPE OF EXAM: Midterms – Paper
Finals – moot court debate and paper
GRADE RANGE: High 80s
IN DEMAND: No.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

The readings for every class is usually 40 pages and above. Just study the readings provided because it's recit every meeting.

MANAGEMENT AND ENFORCEMENT OF IP RIGHTS
ATTY. KALAW IV/ ATTY MANUEL/ATTY. NEGRE

This elective has 3 modules: Management, Enforcement, and Arbitration of IP Rights. For the management module, students are taught how to view intellectual property from a business perspective. For the second module, the various means for enforcing intellectual property rights as provided in the IP Code and other laws are discussed. Finally, the arbitration module discusses the treaties and laws applicable for arbitration.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

Management module: Atty. Kalaw IV, all lecture, no recitation, printed copy of powerpoint presentations given.
Enforcement module: Atty. Negre, recitation every class, case heavy, gives hard exams.

WORKLOAD: Depends on the module.
Management module – Light
Enforcement module – Heavy
Arbitration module – Light

BEST TAKEN: 3rd or 4th year – it doesn't matter

GRADE BREAKDOWN: Each module comprises 1/3 of the overall grade and will have its own exam.
For the management and arbitration modules – the class is in lecture format without recitation.
For the enforcement module – there is regular recitation. Participation/attendance is part of the grade for the management module

TYPE OF EXAM: Management module – 4 essay questions, 25 points each
Enforcement module – MCQ, short essay, and long essay
Arbitration module - 4/5 essay questions

IN DEMAND: No.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

Enforcement module – recitations on cases. Recitations are very detailed as to the doctrines but not as to the facts.

MEDIA LAW AND ETHICS

ATTY. DOMINGO

As can be deduced from its name, this elective is about the legal and ethical side of media. Unfortunately, we don't have that many laws regarding the topic. Hence, it is basically a rehash of constitutional cases (free speech cases). These are cases that were already taken up in Constitutional Law 2 (and eventually, Political Law review in 4th year). In short, nothing new.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

Atty. Domingo – normal teaching style

WORKLOAD:	H.E.A.V.Y.
BEST TAKEN:	Doesn't matter. Remember: heavy workload.
GRADE BREAKDOWN:	1/3 - recitation 1/3 – midterms 1/3 - finals.
TYPE OF EXAM:	Essay. The exam is really long.
GRADE RANGE:	86-90 but see Other Info below.
IN DEMAND:	Yes.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

Graded recitation (normal case recit), written midterms, group report (optional), symposium and final individual paper. Normal preparation for a regular subject.

OTHER TIPS/ INFORMATION:

You don't need to take it with friends. You'll only need friends for the group report which is optional.

Grades. You can get an 86-90 but taking into consideration the heavy workload, you could get a higher grade in a bar elective.

NEGOTIATION SEMINAR

ATTY. M. AGUINALDO

(AVAILABLE TO SENIORS ONLY)

The course provides students with an experience-based introduction to the theory and practice of negotiation. The course considers topics such as the nature of conflict and dispute, integrative and distributive bargaining, barriers agreement and ways to overcome such barriers, client relationships, negotiation skills such as listening, communication and persuasion, negotiation power, and the role of culture, language and gender in negotiation. The course will largely utilize simulation and role-playing exercises as well as critiques and reflections on students' experiences.

In simple terms, the course teaches you how to negotiate. At the end of the semester you should be better in negotiating, handling people and getting what you want. It also gives you an insight on some game theories.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

It is exercise based. Students give insights after every exercise. It is very insightful to learn about your classmate's strategy/ies.

WORKLOAD:	LIGHT
BEST TAKEN:	Only available to seniors
GRADE BREAKDOWN:	He doesn't give the grade breakdown but as long as you participate in all the negotiations you'll surely get a 90's grade.
TYPE OF EXAM:	No Exams.
GRADE RANGE:	90-95 for those who exert effort, 80s for those who don't give as much effort
IN DEMAND:	Very in demand.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

There is no need to prepare for class because you won't know what the exercise will be. However, reading "Getting to Yes" is helpful.

OTHER TIPS/INFORMATION:

It is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED to take this course. A good lawyer needs to be a good negotiator. You only have to participate in the negotiations. Atty. Aguinaldo will distribute 3 informations sheets. The first, the general information sheet available to the two negotiators. The second, is the secret information of the first negotiator. The third, is the secret information of the second negotiator. You just need to be present in class and participate in ALL negotiations because Atty. Aguinaldo will base your grades with the result of your negotiations, your reflection paper after every negotiation and your final paper.

You just need to negotiate with your assigned partner and make a reflection paper. The negotiation is fun and the reflection paper is two pages maximum, so no sweat. Also, Atty. Aguinaldo gives sufficient time for you to write your final paper.

PATENT LAW, INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS, AND PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION

ATTY. NEGRE/ ATTY. MEDRANO/ ATTY. SAPALO

As implied by that subject title, the class is about the patent system. Specifically, you will go into validity of patent applications, grounds for patentability, how to go about defending your client's patents, and likewise how to defend your client from a patent infringement claim. You might also pick up a few things about engineering, biology, chemistry, metallurgy, and even software design, simply because the subject necessarily deals with inventions and discoveries.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

(Note: Last year's professors were Atty. Baranda, Atty. Ong, and Atty. Sapalo)

Atty. Sapalo conducted recitations, but very few students were actually called. He also assigned a lot of cases but only asked about a few of them. Take note that the previous year's class had a very different experience, as they claimed that he was much stricter when it came to recitation then. Sir also invited some guest lecturers to talk about conducting patent searches, as well as some recent high-profile patent cases (i.e. the several Apple v. Samsung cases filed throughout the world.)

WORKLOAD:	Varies per session
BEST TAKEN:	Either 3 rd or 4 th year
GRADE BREAKDOWN:	50% - Recit 50% - Finals *No MT
TYPE OF EXAM:	Essay
IN DEMAND:	No

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

Just read the cases – that will be enough. Sometimes, Atty. Baranda will ask policy based questions or hypotheticals, so

when it comes to those, you'll just have to rely on your logic. But aside from the number of cases and the fact that they're quite different from the cases that most students are used to, the class isn't really that work-intensive.

OTHER TIPS/INFORMATION:

On the varying workload – The case assignments can vary from just a handful (around 5) up to 15-20 per session. A lot of the assigned cases will be from the U.S., and will be heavily science-based, so it might take students who don't have a science background longer to read them. Thankfully, Atty. Baranda asks most of the science-related questions to those students who have undergraduate degrees in those fields, so you can focus your reading on just the legal aspects of the case.

On the final exam: Application of doctrines to hypothetical situations. Make sure that you distinguish between controlling doctrines for the US and the Philippines, because there are several crucial distinctions and you don't want to write the wrong answer just because you followed US law. Memorize the enumerations in the codal (don't worry, there's only a few of them) because they will be extremely helpful during the exam. And also don't forget to review the OTHER LAWS! Some students had a harder time on the test because they focused only on the IP Code, and forgot to review the other patent laws (i.e. Plant Variety Protection Act, Cheaper Medicines Act, etc.)

PROVISIONAL REMEDIES
ATTY. MELO (SECTION B)

This course basically tackles all provisional remedies, from Rules 57-61. It is a good way to supplement your civil procedure.

PROFESSORS AND TEACHING STYLE:

Atty. Jorge Alfonso Melo - very very accommodating. He is pleasant and doesn't haunt you when you don't know the answer. He makes complicated REM concepts simpler. Discussion is based on the reading list but he gives other stuffs to ponder on which he usually asks on the exams.

WORKLOAD: Work load is average. He assigns cases and calls recits every meeting. There are days when he is absent but don't rely on that. Read cases. It will help you on the exams. Digests will be sufficient at times but you probably won't have so much workload that you won't be able to read originals.

BEST TAKEN: Either 3rd or 4th year

GRADE BREAKDOWN: 1/3 recitation
1/3 midterm exam
1/3 final exam

TYPE OF EXAM: Exams are pretty hard. MCQ (5 pts each) and essay. There is always a bonus question which is some random question about the topic

GRADE RANGE: Fair and reasonable

IN DEMAND: Yes

REFUGEE LAW
ATTY. SEMBRANO

This elective discusses Refugee Convention, Stateless Convention, Guiding Principles on Internally Displaced Persons and related domestic laws

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

A lot of readings and the substitute prof asks interesting questions during recitations. A lot of group works which comprise bulk of the activities.

WORKLOAD:	Heavy
BEST TAKEN:	Any time
GRADE BREAKDOWN:	Varies depending on class consensus
TYPE OF EXAM:	MT - multiple choice and essay (situational). FINALS - multiple choice and true or false.
GRADE RANGE:	He grades very generously but you have to earn it. Work very hard.
IN DEMAND:	YES. SUPER.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

Read the conventions and listen in class. The discussion in class appears in the midterms and finals.

SPECIAL CIVIL ACTIONS
ATTY. MELO (SECTION A)

This elective discusses Rules 62 to 71; and a lot of cases regarding such.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

He wants active class participation through recitations but he is reasonable; you can ask for voluntary recitations but someone has to volunteer. When he is in the mood, he will just lecture – provisions first and then cases.

WORKLOAD:	Average to Heavy
BEST TAKEN:	Any time, but for the 4 th year, second sem along with RemLaw review
GRADE BREAKDOWN:	1/4 – Recitation 1/4 – Midterms 1/2 - Finals
TYPE OF EXAM:	Essay and multiple choice
GRADE RANGE:	75-100
IN DEMAND:	YES. SUPER.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

Read the cases. Breeze through the codal provisions.

SPECIAL CIVIL ACTIONS

JUDGE CALDONA (SECTION B)

This course is an elective that delves into the provisions and jurisprudence on Special Civil Actions. These provisions on Special Civil Actions can be found in Rules 62-71 of the 1997 Rules of Court.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

It is important to be present for recitations and then prepare well for the midterms and finals. Judge Caldonia gives lectures on provisions before cases sometimes and also expounds on cases after.

WORKLOAD:	Light to average.
BEST TAKEN:	3 rd or 4 th year
GRADE BREAKDOWN:	1/3 – recitation 1/3 – midterms 1/3 - finals
TYPE OF EXAM:	MCQ and Essay
GRADE RANGE:	Before it was from 86 to 90. Now it is probably 81 to 85.
IN DEMAND:	Not so much.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

Just familiarize yourself with facts of the case and doctrines, also on the provisions.

OTHER TIPS/INFORMATION:

Judge Caldonia is kind but as a general advice, people should not take advantage. He does not give surprises in the exams and you can expect that the assigned cases will appear in the essay questions.

TAX LAW REVIEW (4D)
ATTY. MONTERO

This is a mandatory elective that involves a review of Taxation 1 and Taxation 2. It includes cases, NIRC, Revenue Regulations, Revenue Memorandum Circulars, everything related to tax.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

He wants active class participation, including volunteering. Atty. Montero is very fair. I think he gives you what you deserve. He can give high 90s and 75s. It all depends on the student. He allegedly curves.

WORKLOAD:	Average to Heavy
BEST TAKEN:	Fourth year
GRADE BREAKDOWN:	Negotiable but usually 1/3 – Recitation (However, there aren't a lot of recitations due to time constraints, so he gave quizzes to form part of the recitation grade) 1/3 – Midterms 1/3 – Finals
TYPE OF EXAM	Essay, multiple choice, enumeration, fill in the blanks (codal)

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

Read cases, listen to his lectures, read laws/codal. He doesn't recommend a textbook so you can use anything.

OTHER TIPS/ INFORMATION:

If you really want to learn tax, read his cases, originals if possible, but the digests passed on will also do. Pierre Reyes made a reviewer based on Atty. Montero's syllabus which is very helpful.

TAXATION LAW REVIEW (4C)
ATTY. SERAFIN SALVADOR JR.

A general integration of principles of tax laws, including income, transfer, value-added and other business taxes. It also includes a review of local and real property taxation, as well as remedies available to both taxpayer and taxpaying authorities, and the basic principles of the Tariff and Customs Code.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

He lectures for the whole two (2) hours and cracks some jokes in between. You will usually not follow his discussions because his discussions are very fast and he covers a lot of topics in two (2) hours. For example, he can finish VAT, Remedies, LG, and Customs Law in *one* meeting. He gives a lot of free cuts because he travels frequently. You will probably meet around seven (7) times in one semester.

WORKLOAD:	Light
BEST TAKEN:	4 th Year. This is a required elective.
GRADE BREAKDOWN:	100% Finals
TYPE OF EXAM:	Mixed MCQs and essay
GRADE RANGE:	75-85
IN DEMAND:	He only handles 4C's Tax Law Review.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

There is a pirated notes reviewer which has soft copies around, but since the coverage is too long for one meeting, and he always lectures, students usually do not prepare for class.

THE JUDICIAL MIND
DEAN CANDELARIA/ATTY. ABAD-GAMO/ATTY. ROSALES

This elective exposes the student to the various aspects of the judiciary and judgeship. It hopes to encourage and prepare the student for a career in the judiciary.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

Dean Candelaria/Atty. Abad-Gamo/Atty. Rosales – Dean Candelaria lectures a few times during the semester, but most of the classes are handled by Atty. Abad-Gamo and Atty. Rosales. Lots of group work regarding the assigned readings. Infrequent recitations.

WORKLOAD:	Average/Heavy
BEST TAKEN:	Either 3 rd or 4 th year
GRADE BREAKDOWN:	There will be recitation on certain sessions, but not every class. There is a midterm exam, but only a group research paper for finals
TYPE OF EXAM:	Midterms – MCQ and essay Finals – Group Research Paper (3 members per group)
IN DEMAND:	Not yet, but expected to be

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

Read the readings. Lots of readings but there are also a lot of lecture/guest speaker days. It gets lighter after midterms.

UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

ATTY. JV CHAN-GONZAGA

UN and Other International Organizations is a seminar class on understanding about the UN System and other international organizations that play an important role in International Law. This class gives you a range of learning, from a general overview of the whole gamut of international law bodies, to a zooming in a particular organization. This particular organization serves as your baby organization, which you should be experts of at the end of the semester. Samples of these organizations are the World Trade Organization, Financial Action Task Force, UN Security Council, etc.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

This is a newly offered elective class for the school year 2012-2013. The professor is Prof. Jose Victor Chan-Gonzaga. He is extremely nice. Although there are few times where individual recitations are conducted on assigned readings, most of the time there are class discussions. During the discussions, you are expected to throw out your normal law school vibe and just treat it as a normal discussion group. He emphasizes everytime that we should not be afraid to give right or wrong answers, because he will summarize everything in the end. There will also be guest speakers every now and then. These guest speakers are key persons who are or have been directors of different international organizations.

WORKLOAD:	Light to Average
BEST TAKEN:	3 rd Year (in case you need a thesis topic)
GRADE BREAKDOWN:	30% - Midterms 30% - Finals 30% - Class Participation 10% - Recitation for assigned readings
TYPE OF EXAM:	Midterms and Finals - take home exams.
GRADE RANGE:	Mid to High 80s
IN DEMAND:	Yes

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

Read up on the topics and the possible discussions. Prof. JV Chan-Gonzaga prefers not to give specific reading materials,

thus you need to do individual or class research. However for his first class, he asked that their finals paper will serve as the primer for the next batch.

OTHER TIPS/INFORMATION:

On recitation – There are no group works in this subject. Yet, you are expected to contribute to the class discussion. The class participation is in effect the recitation grade of the class. Thus the more lively the discussion, the higher the grade for your class participation.

UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEAS (UNCLOS)

ATTY. JV CHAN-GONZAGA

In this elective, you will learn about the important provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Seas (UNCLOS III) and its applications, including, but not exclusive to historical or recent cases, e.g. the National Territory under the Philippine Constitution, and the Scarborough Shoal and China's 9-dash line.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

At the beginning of the elective, he puts a premium for participating in the discussions; as his student, you will find the breakdown to be the least of your worries. Rather, the student will want to do his best to contribute to the conversation. Due to the small number of enrollees last semester, the class was conducted in a seminar-type fashion. Any student, with Atty. JV facilitating, may share his or her substantive ideas on the topic at hand, which topics are set in the outline for each session, or reset to adapt to the flow of the discussions. Bottom-line: read up and share what you know during the class. Also, it does not entail a lot of group work. On the contrary, the unique interests of each student relevant to the topics would most likely come to the fore.

However, note that the manner in which the class is conducted depends on the number of students enrolled in the class. Because of the small number of students who enrolled, the class was held in a seminar-type manner. If number of enrollees is substantial in number, say 18 and up, Atty. JV has said he prefers to conduct the class using the traditional classroom recitation using the Socratic method.

WORKLOAD: Average

BEST TAKEN: Either 3rd or 4th year

TYPE OF EXAM: For a seminar-type class: no midterms; and a take-home research for finals.

IN DEMAND: No

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

First, read the UNCLOS provisions. I can't emphasize that enough. Second, read the suggested readings, and understand the suggested readings, and understand the principles behind them. Third, read his thesis available at the APS library. Fourth, research on your own on topics of interest.

UNDERSTANDING ANTITRUST AND COMPETITION LAW

ATTY. TONY ABAD AND ATTY. TIMMY LIMCAOCO

Basically, what is taught in this elective is the concept of antitrust. Though antitrust laws originated from the Sherman Act of US, the same is not only commonplace to such country. In Phil, we have the provision on monopoly. Because the concept of antitrust is not yet fully developed in our country, the elective teaches the intricacies surrounding antitrust using the relevant model laws i.e. UNCTAD.

PROFESSOR AND TEACHING STYLE:

Atty. Tony Abad – research-based. He usually assigns topic that the student must research individually.

Atty. Timmy Limcaoco – case-based approach. He usually assigns cases that you have to read in order to understand the concepts. Recit will be based on the cases.

WORKLOAD:	Average
BEST TAKEN:	Either 3 rd year or 4 th year
GRADE BREAKDOWN:	Voluntary recits <i>For midterms</i> – paper <i>For finals</i> – either a final paper or exam Breakdown is 1/3 each.
TYPE OF EXAM:	Midterms – Paper. Finals: Practical
GRADE RANGE:	81-85
IN DEMAND:	Yes

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLASS:

Read the cases assigned or research the topics assigned.

ELECTIVES ***NOT*** IN THIS PRIMER:

INTERNATIONAL LEGAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS (SECTION B)	-	Kho-Sy
BANK CONSERVATORSHIP, RECEIVERSHIP, AND LIQUIDATION	-	Carmona
APPELLATE PRACTICE AND BRIEF MAKING (SECTION A)	-	Singh
ENERGY LAW AND PRACTICE	-	Del Callar
INTERDISCIPLINARY COURSE ON CORRUPTION, IMPUNITY..	-	Sembrano/Zialcita
INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT	-	Rances/Sereno
INTERNATIONAL TAXATION	-	Baniqued
LEGAL PSYCHOLOGY AND EVIDENCE	-	A. Aguinaldo
LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE	-	Gruba
PROVISIONAL REMEDIES (SECTION A)	-	Certeza
SEMINAR ON LAW & POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: FROM ANTIQUITY..	-	Fr. David
THE LAWYER AS LEADER AND POLICY MAKER	-	Lat