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flection of beams, continuous beams, columns, and combined stresses. Prerequisite: Mechanics 312.

327. *Materials Testing Laboratory*. Laboratory tests of physical properties of wrought iron, steels, cast iron, wood in tension, compression, flexure, and torsion. Prerequisite: Mechanics 322.

Physics

PROFESSOR JENNESS; MR. KEARBY.

- 201, 202. *General Physics*. Lecture, demonstrations, recitation, and laboratory work in mechanics, heat, sound, and light. Prerequisite: Mathematics 103.
301. *General Physics*. Continuation of Physics 201, 202, including instruction in magnetism and electricity. Prerequisites: Mathematics 203, Physics 201, 202.
312. *Electrical Measurements*. Laboratory exercises with instruments of precision. Prerequisites: Mathematics 203, Physics 301.

Physical Education

PROFESSOR ST. CLAIR.

- 1a, 2a. *Elementary Physical Training for Men*.
First term, second term.
- 11a, 12a. *Intermediate Physical Training for Men*.
First term, second term.

Religion

MR. HARDY.

- 301, 302. *Religion*. Old Testament, history of Hebrew people; New Testament, origin and principles of Christianity.

THE SCHOOL OF LAW

Important Recommendations by the AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

At the 1921 meeting of the American Bar Association the following resolution was adopted:

"(I) The American Bar Association is of the opinion that every candidate for admission to the bar should give evidence of graduation from a law school complying with the following standards:

"(a) It shall require as a condition of admission at least two years of study in a college.

"(b) It shall require its students to pursue a course of three years' duration if they devote substantially all of their working time to their studies, and a longer course, equivalent in the number of working hours, if they devote only part of their working time to their studies.

"(c) It shall provide an adequate library for the use of the students.

"(d) It shall have among its teachers a sufficient number giving their entire time to the school to insure actual personal acquaintance and influence with the whole student body."

The above resolution was recommended by a committee consisting of the following:

ELIHU ROOT, Chairman, New York, N. Y.

HUGH H. BROWN, Tonopah, Nev.

JAMES BYRNE, New York, N. Y.

WILLIAM DRAPER LEWIS, Philadelphia, Pa.

GEORGE WHARTON PEPPER, Philadelphia, Pa.

GEORGE E. PRICE, Charleston, W. Va.

FRANK H. SCOTT, Chicago, Ill.

At the 1929 meeting of the Association the following resolution was adopted:

"That law schools shall not be operated as commercial enterprises, and that the compensation of any officer or member of its teaching staff shall not depend on the number of students or on the fees received."

THE SCHOOL OF LAW

The School of Law is a distinct school within the University and, subject to the general regulations governing the various schools, makes and administers its own laws with reference to admission and graduation. The faculty is composed of the duly elected members of the instructing staff and meets in regular session on the first Monday of each month during the scholastic year.

Officers of the Faculty

CHARLES CLAUDE SELECMAN, D.D., LL.D. President
CHARLES SHIRLEY POTTS, A.M., LL.B., S.J.D. Dean
WILLIAM ALEXANDER RHEA, A.B., LL.B., LL.M. Secretary

Faculty

CHARLES SHIRLEY POTTS, A.M., LL.B., S.J.D. Professor of Law
WILLIAM ALEXANDER RHEA, A.B., LL.B., LL.M. Professor of Law
ARTHUR LEON HARDING, A.B., J.D. Assistant Professor of Law
ROY ROBERT RAY, A.B., LL.B., S.J.D. Instructor in Law
HOBART PRICE, LL.B. Lecturer in Civil Procedure

EDDIE KANNENBERG, A. B. Student Assistant in the Law Library
ERNEST WILEY JOHNSON Student Assistant in the Law Library
BEATRICE ROGERS Secretary to the Dean

History

The School of Law was established by the Board of Trustees on February 10, 1925, and was opened September 15, 1925. In 1928, it graduated its first class.

In 1927, the School of Law was placed on the list of law schools approved by the Council on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar of the American Bar Association, and it was recognized by the Texas Supreme Court and the State Board of Legal Examiners as a school whose graduates are licensed to practice law in Texas without taking the bar examinations.

In 1929, The School of Law was admitted to membership in the Association of American Law Schools.

Libraries

The Law Library contains about 12,000 carefully selected books, which are housed in its own library rooms. The Law Library is open to all students from 8:00 a. m. to 10:00 p. m. every day ex-

cept Sunday. It is being constantly added to by purchase, and by gift from friends of the school.

The students also have access to the general library of the University, and to the library of the Court of Civil Appeals, which is located in the Dallas County Court House.

Character of Instruction

The method of instruction is the case system. The study, analysis, and discussion of judicial decisions give an effective knowledge of legal principles and develop the power of independent legal reasoning.

Instruction is offered in most branches of the common law, in equity, and in the statutes of the United States and the American states. Especial stress is given to the law of Texas. It is believed that students are best prepared for the practice of law by instruction in the origin, development, and functions of the law, not by instruction merely in the dogmas and precedents of the law.

Regulations and Requirements

The School of Law has its own rules for registration, changing of courses, examinations and reports, grades, continuance in the school, attendance, and graduation. With these exceptions all students in the School of Law are subject to the rules and regulations of the University, except that the regulation requiring physical education does not apply to the granting of the law degree.

Admission to the School of Law is under the control of the Dean of the School of Law. Correspondence relative to entrance and to transfer of credits from other law schools should therefore be addressed to him.

Regular Students

An applicant for admission as a regular student in the School of Law must be at least nineteen years of age, and must present evidence that he is of good moral character; that he has passed the medical examination; that he has fulfilled the general entrance requirements of the University; and that he has satisfactorily completed two full years, with credits amounting to at least 60 semester-hours, exclusive of physical training, in the College of Arts and Sciences, or the equivalent in another approved institution. Students preparing for the law are urged to arrange their courses so as to get at least one year's work in each of the following subjects: English Composition, English literature, English history, American history, Economics, Government, Mathematics, Accounting, a natural science. Their attention is also directed to the combination of courses listed below by which a student may secure the B.A. degree or the B.S. degree in Commerce, together with the LL.B. within six years.

Special Students

In rare cases, a person twenty-three years of age not meeting the foregoing scholarship requirements may be admitted as a special student, if he satisfies the Dean of the School of Law that he is of good moral character, possesses sufficient capacity, training, experience, and industry to enable him to profit by the instruction offered, and that he will not be a hindrance to the school. Such a person cannot receive credit for work done nor be a candidate for a degree. If such student proves unsatisfactory, he will be dropped from the school. The Association of American Law Schools provides in its articles of association that the number of special students "admitted each year shall not exceed ten per cent of the average number of regular students admitted by the school as beginning law students during the two preceding years." The school applies this rule. A special student who successfully completes the three-year course will be given a certificate so stating.

Advanced Standing

An applicant who is qualified to enter the School of Law as a candidate for a degree, and who has satisfactorily completed one or more years of resident work in a law school of good standing, having a three-year course, and approved by the faculty of this school, will be given equivalent rank in this school upon presenting a properly authenticated certificate of such work, together with a certificate of good moral character. The right is reserved to give credit only on examination and to withdraw credit if the student's work in this school is unsatisfactory. All persons who intend to apply for advanced standing under the above rule should forward or present their credentials to the Dean of the School of Law before the opening of the particular session which the student desires to attend.

Registration

All students must matriculate in person at the office of the Dean of the School of Law. For dates of matriculation see page 6. Classes meet September 28. The classes meet in the second semester on February 8, 1932. Matriculation for the second semester is on February 8 and 9, 1932. An extra fee is charged for late matriculation. An additional fee of \$2.00 is charged for late payments of dues.

The prospective student must present (1) evidence of good character, (2) certificate of physical examination, (3) official statement containing a full record of previous college work, including the credits on entrance, with an honorable discharge from such college, or, if he is the holder of a degree, his diploma, or a certificate showing that he was graduated from such college.

Graduation

The degree of Bachelor of Laws (LL. B.) will be conferred upon a candidate therefor who has credit for 76 semester-hours distributed over a period equal to three scholastic years, who is of good moral character, and who has complied with the following conditions:

1. He must have been a resident at this school for at least one year next preceding the granting of the degree.
2. The work done during his last year must not have been counted toward a law degree elsewhere.
3. An average grade of at least C (70) must be made on all courses taken for credit during the last year in this school.
4. Not more than nine semester-hours with a grade of D in any one year can be counted toward a law degree.

Candidates for the LL.B. degree having the highest average grade, not to exceed ten per cent of the graduating class, may, by vote of the Law faculty, be awarded the degree *cum laude*. No one shall be eligible who shall have taken elsewhere more than one-third of the work offered for this degree. The average grade shall be based on work done in this school only; but to receive the degree *cum laude* a transfer from another college must have at least a B average in law courses in the school previously attended.

The law degree will not be conferred upon anyone markedly deficient in English, nor upon anyone who has not completed all the work in the first year, which is prescribed.

Six-Year Combination Leading to A. B., or B. S. in Commerce, and the LL. B. Degree

A student by pursuing one of the schedules of study suggested below may secure a degree in the College of Arts and Sciences and a degree in the School of Law in six years. To do this, he must, before entering the School of Law, (1) satisfy the catalogue requirements for the college degree he desires, and (2) complete ninety semester-hours of college work, at least thirty of which must be taken in Southern Methodist University. At the end of two years of satisfactory work in the School of Law, he will be granted his college degree, and at the end of another year, upon satisfying the requirements of the School of Law, he will be granted the LL. B. degree.

The suggested schedule leading to the A. B. degree is as follows:

Freshman Year: English 1, 2; foreign language 11, 12, or other intermediate courses, 6 hours; science, 6 or 8 hours; mathematics, 3 or 6 hours; History 1, 2; electives to bring total to 30 hours. Physical Education 1a, 2a or 5a, 6a.

Sophomore Year: English 11, 12; foreign language, intermediate or advanced, 6 hours; science, 6 or 8 hours; social science, 6 hours; electives, 6 hours. Physical Education 11a, 12a or 15a, 16a.

Junior Year: Advanced English, 6 hours; foreign language, 6 hours (not required, if three or more high-school units in language were presented for entrance); Religion 21, 22; social science, advanced, 6 hours; electives, 6 hours, or 12 hours.

The suggested schedule leading to the degree of B. S. in Commerce is as follows:

Freshman Year: English 1, 2; a social science; a science (Biology, Chemistry, Geology or Physics); Mathematics (0, or 3, or 6 hours according to high-school units presented); electives sufficient to bring total to 30 hours; Physical Education 1a, 2a, or 5a, 6a.

Sophomore Year: English 11, 12; Commerce 33, 34; Accounting 41d, 42d; a science (Geography, Psychology, Philosophy, or Mathematics); elective (a social science suggested); Physical Education 11a, 12a, or 15a, 16a.

Junior Year: English, advanced; Commerce 53, 54; Finance 55, 56; Religion 21, 22; an elective, School of Commerce.

Rules and Regulations

Adding and Dropping Courses: No course may be taken up or dropped, except upon the written approval of the Dean of the School of Law. No student will be permitted to attend class in any course without being regularly registered or having been granted permission by the Dean to attend as a visitor. If a course be abandoned or dropped without good reason, a grade of F on the course will be entered on the record; if a course be dropped for good reason before the first written quiz has been given no grade will be entered; if a course be dropped for good cause after one or more quizzes have been given, and the student at the time of dropping the course has a grade of 60 or more in the course, no grade will be entered; but if at the time of dropping the course the student had not a grade of 60 or more, a grade of F will be entered.

Classroom Work: The professor in charge of a course may, with the consent of the Dean of the School of Law, drop a student from the course on account of poor daily or classroom work done therein, or for improper conduct in the classroom.

Absence and Tardiness in Class Work: No leaves of absence are given. No excuses for absences are accepted. A student tardy to class three times is charged with one absence.

Penalties for absence and tardiness are as follows:

No penalty is assessed for the first six class absences, in any one semester, in all law courses taken together. For each additional absence the student's credit will be diminished by a "negative credit" of one-fifteenth of one semester-hour.

"Negative credits" cannot be removed by dropping the course in which they have been incurred, by failure in the course, or by withdrawal from the School of Law."

No student may take the examination in a course in which he has been absent as many as one-fourth of the class exercises regardless of the cause of his absence.

A student registering late in a course is charged with "negative credits" for the time missed, just as though he had registered at the beginning and had been absent an equal number of class hours.

Quizzes and Examinations: One or more quizzes of one or two hours' duration are given in each semester in all first-year courses. Quizzes are also given at the end of the first semester in second-year and third-year courses.

A four-hour examination is given at the end of each course.

Absence From Quizzes and Examinations: A student absent from a regularly scheduled quiz, without excuse acceptable to the Dean of the School of Law, cannot continue in the course, nor take the examination therein. If the Dean shall excuse a student from taking a quiz, for good cause shown, in advance if possible, the quiz will be dispensed with in his case and his final grade in the course will be determined as if such quiz were not scheduled (that is, the grade of any quiz actually taken will count as the quiz average, and if none is taken the grade on the final examination will be the grade for the course) unless such student has already failed to pass enough courses to entitle him to remain in school, in which event the quiz may be deferred by special arrangement with the Dean.

For good cause shown, the Dean may defer an examination, in which case it must be taken with the class in the next examination in that subject.

Grades and Credits: The passing grade in law subjects is 60, ascertained by multiplying the examination grade, which must be at least 60, by 3 and adding to the product the average quiz grade and dividing the sum by 4. The quotient is the final grade in the subject. No quiz or examination paper will be regraded or returned to the student.

There are no "conditions" in law subjects. A student who fails to pass in a required subject must take it again. A student may retake a subject in which he has made a final grade between 60 and 69, but by so doing he will waive all right to have the grade therefore made in such subject counted toward his degree.

Failure in Work: If a student who is taking as many as four courses (12 hours a week) in the School of Law fails to pass in as many as eight hours of work in any one semester, or if a student who is taking not more than three courses (9 hours a week) in the School of Law fails to pass in as many as two courses (6 hours a week) at the end of any semester, he shall not be permitted to

re-enter in any subsequent semester without permission from the Dean of the School of Law and then only upon such terms as the latter shall fix.

Admission to the Bar Without Examination

A graduate of the School of Law is entitled, under the laws of Texas and the orders of the Supreme Court of Texas, to receive a license to practice in all the Courts of Texas, upon filing with the clerk of the Supreme Court proper application therefor.

Expenses

Tuition, each semester (including student activity fee, \$12.00)	\$120.00
Library deposit, returnable less deductions for damages and fines	5.00
Library fee (each semester)	5.00
Medical fee (See pages 32, 49.)	3.00
(Books will cost about \$45.00 a year.)	

Scholarships

Two scholarships worth \$78.50 a semester each are offered to graduates of junior and senior colleges who expect to enter the School of Law. These scholarships are awarded by the Dean of the School of Law to the two applicants who present the highest scholastic record in their college work.

Applications, on blanks to be furnished by the Dean, accompanied by a transcript of the applicant's college record and the names of three or more persons as references, should be in the Dean's hands by July 1.

Reading Course

In addition to the courses offered in the curriculum given below, each first- and second-year student in the School of Law is required to pursue a course of selected reading designed to broaden his conception of the law as an agency of economic and social control. An examination covering the books assigned is given at the beginning of the following school year. No credit toward a degree is given for this work, but it must be done satisfactorily before a degree is awarded.

THE CURRICULUM

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First Year

- AGENCY. Three hours a week, second semester. Mechem, Cases on Agency, second edition. Mr. Ray.
- CONTRACTS. Three hours a week, both semesters. (Casebook to be selected.) Mr. Harding.
- CRIMINAL LAW. Two hours a week, both semesters. Sayre, Cases on Criminal Law. Mr. Potts.
- DEVELOPMENT OF LEGAL INSTITUTIONS. Three hours a week, first semester. Goebel, Cases and Materials on the Development of Legal Institutions. Mr. Rhea.
- PROPERTY Ia. Two hours a week, first semester. Bigelow, Cases on Personal Property. Mr. Potts.
- PROPERTY Ib. Three hours a week, second semester. Bigelow, Cases on Rights in Land. Mr. Rhea.
- TORTS. Three hours a week, both semesters. Bohlen, Cases on Torts, second edition. Mr. Ray.

Second Year

- CIVIL PROCEDURE. Three hours a week, both semesters. Mimeo-graphed Cases on Civil Procedure. Mr. Price.
- EQUITY. Three hours a week, both semesters. Durfee, Cases on Equity; Pound, Cases on Equitable Relief against Defamation, Chafee's Edition. Mr. Harding.
- PROPERTY II. Three hours a week, first semester; two hours a week, second semester. Aigler, Cases on Titles. Mr. Rhea.

Third Year

- CONFLICT OF LAWS. Three hours a week, second semester. Lorenzen, Cases on Conflict of Laws, second edition. Mr. Harding.
Not given in 1931-32.
- CONSTITUTIONAL LAW. Two hours a week, both semesters. Evans, Cases on Constitutional Law, second edition. Mr. Potts.
- EVIDENCE. Two hours a week, both semesters. Hinton, Cases on Evidence. Mr. Ray.
- PROPERTY III. Three hours a week, first semester. Powell, Cases on Future Interests. Mr. Rhea.
Not given in 1931-32.

Courses Open to Second and Third-Year Students

- BILLS AND NOTES. Three hours a week, first semester. Smith and Moore, Cases on Bills and Notes, second edition. Mr. Ray.
Not given in 1931-32.
- DAMAGES. Three hours a week, first semester. Crane, Cases on Damages. Mr. Ray.
- DOMESTIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY PROPERTY. Three hours a week, first semester. Madden, Cases on Domestic Relations. Mr. Rhea.
- LEGAL ETHICS. One hour a week, first semester. Costigan, Cases on Legal Ethics. Mr. Potts.
- MORTGAGES. Three hours a week, second semester. Parks, Cases on Mortgages. Mr. Rhea.
- MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS. Three hours a week, second semester. Tooke, Cases on Municipal Corporations. Mr. Potts.
- PRIVATE CORPORATIONS (including the law of Corporation Finance). Two hours a week, first semester; three hours a week, second semester. (Casebook to be selected.) Mr. Harding.
- PUBLIC UTILITIES. Three hours a week, first semester. Robinson, Cases on Public Utilities. Mr. Harding.
Not given in 1931-32.
- TRUSTS. Three hours a week, second semester. Scott, Cases on Trusts. Mr. Ray.
Not given in 1931-32.
- WILLS AND ADMINISTRATION. Three hours a week, second semester. Mechem and Atkinson, Cases on Wills and Administration. Mr. Rhea.
Not given in 1931-1932.