



### **Course Description**

#### **PLA2872 | Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Law | 3.00 credits**

Introduction to the intersection of artificial intelligence and the law, focusing on its challenges, opportunities, ethics, and impact on the law, the legal industry, and society. (3 credits)

**Competency 1:** The student will understand the ethical principles and legal frameworks that govern the development, use, and impact of AI in the legal field, by:

1. Describing the key concepts of AI, including its definition, historical development, and integration into legal fields.
2. Assessing the potential benefits and risks of using AI, focusing on privacy concerns and bias in decision-making in law enforcement.
3. Evaluating real-world AI-related issues, including data privacy, intellectual property, contracts, criminal justice, and tort liability.

**Competency 2:** The student will analyze the implications of AI technologies on First Amendment rights, with a focus on free speech, expression, and content moderation, by:

1. Explaining how the First Amendment protects freedom of speech and expression.
2. Evaluating how AI-generated content (e.g., deepfakes, chatbots, automated media) challenges traditional notions of speaker identity and protected speech.
3. Discussing emerging legal and ethical debates regarding government and corporate use of AI to monitor or suppress speech.

**Competency 3:** The student will examine ethical dilemmas arising from AI use in legal tasks such as research, document review, and decision-making, by:

1. Explaining the importance of responsible AI use in legal practice.
2. Applying ethical practices while using AI-assisted legal research, including ensuring confidentiality and accuracy, and limiting the influence of AI-generated bias.
3. Evaluating and recommending guidelines for the responsible use of AI in various legal roles (e.g., attorneys, paralegals, judges).

**Competency 4:** The student will evaluate the broader impacts of AI on access to justice, workforce, and societal responsibilities, by:

1. Analyzing how AI influences societal issues such as inequality, employment, and social justice within the legal context.
2. Examining the role of AI in expanding or restricting access to legal services, particularly for underserved or marginalized populations.
3. Exploring the impact of AI on the legal workforce, including task automation and the emergence of new roles within the profession.
4. Discussing strategies for planning and developing AI-related competencies that enhance students' professional marketability in the legal field.

### **Learning Outcomes**

- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society