

JD ACADEMIC PLANNING 2025-2026 For Rising 2Ls

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How will I know what to take?

IF YOU KNOW YOUR PATH, IS IT COVERED BY ONE OF OUR CONCENTRATION TRACKS?

- [Asian Law](#)
- [Environmental](#)
- [Global Business](#)
- [Health Law](#)
- [Indigenous/American Indian Law](#)
- [Intellectual Property](#)
- [International and Comparative Law](#)
- [Law, Business & Entrepreneurship](#)
- [Public Service Law](#)
- OR Is there a [professor](#) who teaches in your chosen area?

IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF YOUR PATH, BE A GENERALIST.

Take a mix of business courses, skills courses and small practice-oriented courses.

Find the professor that teaches the closest thing to something that excites you, and talk to them about future courses, options.

Attend panel discussions on various topics, join affinity groups/RSOs/attend Social Justice Tuesday events to see what sparks interest.

COURSE PLANNING OVERVIEW

CHRONOLOGY

Friday April 25	Course Catalog and Course Schedules published.
Wednesday May 7	Course Request page activated with clinic results included.
Monday May 12	Deadline for Course Request Submissions 10:00 AM.
	Course Request results and Autumn add codes available.
	MyUW Registration for Autumn opens.
Monday June 16	Priority registration deadline Autumn clinics and courses 9:00 AM.

The [Planning Packet](#) is available on the [Students](#) page.



COURSE PLANNING OVERVIEW

PRE-REGISTRATION PROCESS

Clinic Selection Results available 04/25

Clinic results will form the “start” for course requests.

Course selection 04/25 – 05/07

- **Submit requests for Autumn, Winter, and Spring.**
- **Limit to 18 credits of requests per quarter, including clinics.**
- **No advantage/disadvantage to early/late submission.**
- **Lottery for oversubscribed courses.**
- **Results will be available 05/12.**



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REGISTRATION PROCESS

Register on [MyUW](#).

[UW information on registering with SLNs.](#)

Add code retraction dates.

Register or risk losing a spot in classes with waitlists.

First registration deadline Monday 06/16.

Complete list and additional information available on the

[Registration Instructions](#) page.



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- CREDITS
 - **135 TOTAL = 45 1L + 90 2L/3L**
- COURSES
 - 1L Curriculum
 - LAW A 509 Administrative Law
 - LAW A 515 Business Organizations
 - LAW B 503 Evidence
 - LAW B 510 Professional Responsibility
 - Perspectives Distributional Requirement
 - Global Law Distributional Requirement
- ADVANCED WRITING
- EXPERIENTIAL
- PUBLIC SERVICE

<https://www.law.washington.edu/students/academics/graduation.aspx>



TRACKING DEGREE REQUIREMENTS - THE DARS AUDIT

Every student is responsible for making sure that they satisfy all graduation requirements.

The Degree Audit Reporting System (DARS) is available through MyUW for students to track degree progress.

Questions about your audit? Contact

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ADVANCED WRITING REQUIREMENT

A student may satisfy the Advanced Writing Requirement in the following ways:

- 1. By writing and revising a paper, brief or other writing in any 2L or 3L course which carries at least 3 credits. Advance consent of the instructor is required.**
 - 2. By completing 1-2 credits of LAW E 500 Independent Advanced Writing, when the work involves revision of work begun in a class, externship, or moot court competition, under the supervision of a faculty member.**
- Students should satisfy the Advanced Writing Requirement by the end of the second-to-last quarter of enrollment before graduation, unless they will satisfy it in a course that continues into the last quarter of enrollment.
 - A course that is used to meet the advanced writing requirement may not also meet the public service or experiential requirements.

More info at <https://www.law.washington.edu/students/academics/graduation.aspx#Writing>

AWR form: <http://www.law.washington.edu/Students/Forms/Documents/AdvancedWritingRequirement.pdf>



EXPERIENTIAL REQUIREMENT

J.D. students must complete at least 9 credits of experiential coursework in their 2L and 3L years.

What is experiential coursework?

- **Simulation courses**
- **Law clinics**
- **Externships**

More info and list of approved simulation courses at <https://www.law.washington.edu/students/academics/graduation.aspx#Experiential>

PUBLIC SERVICE REQUIREMENT

J.D. students must perform at least 50 hours of public service legal work during their second or third year of law school in a pre-approved course or program, under the supervision of a judge, attorney, or otherwise qualified individual.

HOW THE EXPERIENTIAL REQUIREMENT FITS WITH THE PUBLIC SERVICE REQUIREMENT

- A multi-quarter clinic may count towards the Experiential Requirement (9 credits) and the Public Service Requirement (2 credits)
- The same credits cannot be used to cover experiential and public services or advanced writing requirement at the same time (no double dipping).
- An externship in a For-Profit Small Firm (LAW C 530) or Corporate Counsel (LAW C 535) will count towards the Experiential requirement but it will not count towards the Public Service Requirement.



GRADUATION APPLICATION

The [JD Graduation Application](#) is due by the end of week 3 of the quarter in which you seek to graduate.

DEADLINES

	<u>2025-2026</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
SUMMER	July 11, 2025	July 10, 2026
AUTUMN	October 10, 2025	October 16, 2026
WINTER	January 23, 2026	January 22, 2027
SPRING	April 17, 2026	April 16, 2027



GRADUATION DATES

2025-2026

SUMMER 2025: 8/22/2025

AUTUMN 2025: 12/12/2025

WINTER 2026: 3/20/2026

SPRING 2026: 6/12/2026

2026-2027

SUMMER 2026: 8/21/2026

AUTUMN 2027: 12/18/2026

WINTER 2027: 3/19/2027

SPRING 2027: 6/11/2027

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- These are the dates on which degrees at UW are conferred.
 - These are the dates that appear on your transcript and diploma.
 - These are the dates you should use when you fill bar exam applications, and any other time you need to list your graduation date.