

University of Washington School of Law Course Planning Packet for Academic Year 2020-2021

General Instructions: Rising 2L and 3L students who expect to attend any quarter during the 2020-21 academic year should review this packet and the referenced UW Law webpages. Students should note that they are submitting course requests for the full academic year. **Students must submit requests by Noon on Wednesday, May 6 and requests are limited to 18 credits per quarter.** Requests in excess of 18 credits will be disregarded.

Important Dates:

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| Monday, April 20 | Clinic Information Session via Zoom |
| Wednesday, April 22 | Clinic application page activated. Students may start requesting clinics. |
| Monday, April 27 | Academic Planning Overview via Zoom |
| <u>Monday, April 27, Noon</u> | <u>Deadline for online Clinic Requests and applications.</u> |
| Tuesday, April 28 | Course Request Page Activated. <i>Students may start requesting courses.</i> |
| Monday, May 4 | Clinic Results posted on individual student's Course Request page. |
| April 23 through May 5 | Program-based Advising Sessions: Asian Law, Global Business Law, Health Law, Intellectual Property Law, Sustainable International Development, Tax Law, etc. Please see The Docket for announcements of details. |
| <u>Wednesday, May 6, Noon</u> | <u>Deadline for Course Request Submissions</u> <i>Failure to submit by the deadline excludes you from all course lotteries.</i> |
| Wednesday, May 13 | Course request results available. <i>Registration for Autumn 2020 is open.</i> |
| Monday, June 22 | Summer classes begin. |
| <u>Monday, June 22, Noon</u> | <u>Deadline for priority registration for Autumn 2020 clinics and courses.</u> <i>Failure to register on MyUW may result in the loss of a spot in a clinic or high-demand course.</i> |

* **Individual advising for concurrent students (JD/LLM or JD/MBA or JD/MPA, etc. and/or FLAS recipients:** please contact Dean Endter (aendter@uw.edu) or Dean West (jwest2@uw.edu).

Academic Advising: In addition to advising sessions, check online for:

1. Our dynamic [online catalog](#), with sample syllabi and instructor profiles;
2. Detailed information about [concentration tracks](#) and [specialized practice areas](#); and
3. Guidance on how to satisfy [graduation requirements](#).

Students are encouraged to seek advice from faculty and professional mentors, SCS coaches, and 2L/3L students.

Please note that 2020-21 course offerings are subject to change:

The actual offering of courses is subject to enrollment, faculty availability, and funding. We plan to offer the listed courses if (a) pre-enrollment justifies it; (b) appropriate faculty are available; and (c) the required funding is available. **The Autumn 2020 Time Schedule on MyUW may not reflect recent changes.**

I. J.D. Graduation Requirements

J.D. students must earn 135 credits, in at least 8 residence quarters, and complete these requirements:

- A. Professional Responsibility course (at least 4 credits)** - All JD students must successfully complete Problems in Professional Responsibility, LAW B 510.¹

LAW B510 will be offered during the Autumn, Winter, and Spring. All faculty teach ethical problems and considerations of the Rules of Professional Conduct, but their emphasis may differ. 3L students receive priority when registering for LAW B 510 but not for a particular section or quarter.

Students are encouraged to take the MPRE (Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam) before graduation. The MPRE is administered in August, November and March. See the [National Conference of Bar Examiners website](#) for registration and deadlines. Register early to ensure your preferred testing location!

- B. Administrative Law (at least 4 credits)** LAW A 509
C. Business Organizations (at least 4 credits) LAW A 515
D. Evidence (at least 4 credits) LAW B503

- E. Advanced Writing Requirement** – All JD students must successfully complete an advanced writing project.² Students may fulfill this requirement by:

1. By writing & revising an acceptable paper, brief or other writing in any 2L or 3L course which carries at least 3 credits, including clinics (advanced consent of the instructor is required), or
2. By completing 1-2 credits of LAW E 500 Independent Advanced Writing, with faculty supervised student revision of work from a prior class, externship, competition or journal seminar.

This ABA requirement ensures students have significant experience developing skills in research, analysis and writing. Writing projects vary, but must be substantial, providing evidence of high-level research and analysis. Faculty supervision and student revision are essential. The project should extend over two or more quarters but may, with the faculty supervisor's approval, be completed in one quarter. **We strongly encourage students satisfy this requirement by the end of the quarter before their final quarter, whenever possible.** Look to the [UW Law Advanced Writing Requirement](#) form for an in-depth description.

- F. Experiential Requirement** – All JD students must complete at least 9 credits of experiential course work through simulation courses, law clinics, or externships.³ Courses satisfying this requirement must be primarily experiential in nature, integrating doctrine, theory, skills and ethics, with opportunities for performance & self-evaluation. Look to the [UW Law Experiential Coursework Requirement](#) page for details of this requirement.

- G. Public Service Requirement** – All JD students must perform at least 50 hours of uncompensated public service legal work during their 2L or 3L year in a pre-approved course or program, under the supervision of a judge, attorney, or otherwise qualified individual. The Gates Public Service Law Program will maintain a list of pre-approved courses and projects, including student-led pro bono projects, that satisfy this requirement. Courses include clinics, public service externships, or Street Law. UW Law-based programs include the Moderate Means Program and the Rural Alaska Tax Program. **All externships must be**

¹ ABA Standard 303(a)(1).

² ABA Standard 303(a)(2).

³ ABA Standard 303(a)(3).

approved by the Director of Externships, Esther Park, in advance. See the [UW Law JD Public Service Requirement](#) page additional information.

Important Limitations: A multi-quarter clinic may count towards the Experiential Requirement in one or two quarters and the Public Service Requirement in a third quarter. An externship in a For-Profit Small Firm (LAW C 530) or For-Profit Corporate Counsel (LAW C 535) may count towards the Experiential Requirement but it will not count towards the Public Service Requirement. Under the ABA Standards, a course that includes a writing experience used to satisfy the upper-class writing requirement in Standard 303(a)(2) cannot be counted as one of the experiential courses required in Standard 303(a)(3).

II. General Policies

A. The ABA limits the number of credits earned outside of regularly scheduled law school courses. This rule provides the maximum number of credits a JD student may count in each of the below categories:

- a) **LAW 600 C, D, E or F*** (Independent Study) – 8 credits
- b) **LAW E 500** (Advanced Writing Project) – 3 credits
- c) **Outside Courses** (those taken in other units of the University or externships) – 18 credits

* LAW 600 credits for Moot Court must be claimed in the quarter of the competition or the following quarter.

B. Full-time faculty are required to supervise LAW 600 Independent Study and LAW E 500 Advanced Writing Projects. Part-time faculty may supervise E500 projects only with the permission of an Associate Dean.

C. Cautionary note on Credit/No Credit and Satisfactory/Non-Satisfactory courses. UW Law does not restrict the number of credit/no credit credits. The Order of the Coif, the national honor society for the top 10% of the graduating JD class requires that at least 75% law school work be graded. **Note: an analysis of bar results shows a correlation between a high number of ungraded credits and failure to pass the bar exam on the first attempt.** We strongly encourage 3L students to take several exam-based courses in their final two quarters before graduation.

D. Satisfactory/Not Satisfactory (S/NS) grading. JD students may take up to 8 credits of non-required classes on a Satisfactory/Not Satisfactory (S/NS) basis. {This individual election is not visible to faculty. Faculty submit grades. During the posting process, the University converts grades of "C" (2.0) or above to S ("Satisfactory"). Courses taken on an S/NS basis count as non-graded courses for the purposes of qualifying for Order of the Coif. Students may elect S/NS through the 7th week of the quarter. A designation of S/NS cannot be reversed after the 7th week. For LLM students, use of the S/NS option must be approved by your program director.

E. Eight-Week Spring Quarter 2021 – All upper-level courses meet for eight weeks spring quarter.

III. General Planning Advice

Focus on developing a strong, balanced knowledge base and professional skills. Check out the UW Law's "[Becoming a Lawyer](#)" page for additional information regarding specialized areas of practice and externships.

A. What's the normal upper-level course load? How do I know if there is an exam or final paper? Most upper-level students take 16-17 credits a quarter (4-5 courses). The Exam Schedule lists known exam and paper courses; some faculty finalize this decision closer to the quarter. Past syllabi are posted in the Course Catalog. Students seeking to accelerate and graduate in 2+ years should review the [Accelerated JD page](#).

B. What are the high-demand, strongly recommended upper-level courses?

- A509 Administrative Law *
- A515 Business Organizations *
- A519 Transmission of Wealth
- A530 Individual Income Tax
- A592 Constitutional Law II
- B500 Civil Procedure II
- B503 Evidence *
- B510 Professional Responsibility *
- B515 Criminal Procedure: Investigation
- B520 Trial Advocacy I
- B523 Negotiation

* Required upper division JD courses

C. Will completion of a seminar fulfill the Advanced Writing Requirement? Not without pre-approval from the instructor. See <https://www.law.washington.edu/students/academics/advancedwritingrequirement.pdf>.

D. What courses should I take for the Bar Exam? The law school faculty has voted to require, effective with the Class of 2021, that all JD students take Evidence, Administrative Law, and Business Organizations. Additionally, the law school faculty strongly recommends that JD students also take the following five courses: Civil Procedure II, Constitutional Law II, Criminal Procedure: Investigation, Individual Income Tax, and Transmission of Wealth.

To determine the admissions requirements (and specific subjects tested) in the state in which you intend to practice, see the National Conference of Bar Examiners' *Comprehensive Guide to Bar Admissions Requirements* posted at <http://www.ncbex.org/publications/bar-admissions-guide/>.

Washington applicants must pass the Uniform Bar Exam (UBE). The UBE consists of:

1. **The Multistate Bar Exam (MBE)** - Subjects tested include Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Evidence, Real Property and Torts;
2. **The Multistate Essay Exam (MEE)** - Subjects that may be covered include Business Associations, Conflicts, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law & Procedure, Evidence, Family Law, Federal Civil Procedure, Real Property, Torts, Trusts & Estates, and UCC courses; and
3. **The Multistate Performance Test (MPT)** - tests lawyering skills such as drafting a memo, a client letter, a contract provision, a will, etc.

Applicants must also pass the **Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE) and the Washington Law Component** within one year of passing the UBE.

E. What courses should I take if I am thinking about a judicial clerkship? Select courses strategically to maximize the knowledge and skills needed for clerking and to build strong relationships with faculty. See the materials posted at <https://www.law.washington.edu/clerkships/> for specific recommendations.

F. Why should I consider doing a Concentration Track? To gain expertise in a specialized practice area and to prepare for practice. Tracks include Asian Law; Dispute Resolution; Environmental Law; Global Business Law; Health Law; Intellectual Property & Technology Law; International & Comparative Law; Law, Business and Entrepreneurship; and Public Service Law. Look to the [UW Law Concentration Track](#) pages for details.

IV. Faculty Sabbaticals and Leaves

Faculty go on leave from time to time. The online catalog includes faculty teaching in the upcoming academic year.

V. Master of Laws Classes (LLM)

Courses with the prefix of LAW H, LAW P, or LAW T are designated as graduate law courses in Health, Intellectual Property and Tax. JD students may take these courses provided they meet the prerequisites or obtain permission from the program director. Some courses restrict enrollment to graduate students; for example, Law B588 Leadership in Sustainable Development Colloquium is restricted to graduate students in the SID program. Most tax classes require completion of Law A530 Individual Income Tax and the permission from the tax program director.

VI. Clinics – Policies

- A. Clinical Requirements:** Enrollment in all clinics is limited. Most clinics are open to both 2L and 3L students. Some clinics require students to be Rule 9 certified which requires completion of at least 90 credits, or 3L standing. Several clinics have prerequisites or co-requisites. For an overview of requirements, including FAQs, see <https://www.law.washington.edu/students/clinics/default.aspx>. A chart of each clinic's requirements is at: <https://www.law.washington.edu/Clinics/Students/Schedule.aspx>.
- B. Enrollment Priorities for Clinics:** In general, priority is given to: (1) 3L students with no prior clinic; (2) 2L students with no prior clinic; (3) 3L students with a prior clinic; and (4) 2L students with a prior clinic. Each clinic may have additional selection criteria (linked in the eligibility chart at <https://www.law.washington.edu/Clinics/Students/Schedule.aspx>).
- C. Selection Process: Students must submit the online Clinic Request Form and associated documents by the published deadline.** If required, students must complete the relevant application form posted on the Clinic Requests site (available only during the enrollment period). For non-application clinics, Academic Services will conduct a lottery and offer students the clinic as close as possible to their ranked preferences. **Students offered a place in a clinic that begins Autumn Quarter must accept and register by the published deadline.**
- D. Clinic Policy for Multi-Quarter Clinics:** For most multi-quarter clinics, students must commit to enrolling for the entire academic year, and they will receive credit only upon completion of all three quarters.
- E. Early Graduation:** A faculty member, on an overload basis, may allow a 3L student graduating early to enroll in and receive credit for fewer than all quarters of a multi-quarter clinic. This policy requires clinic supervisor approval **before** enrolling in the clinic.

VII. Limitations on Enrollment – See course catalog for enrollment caps on seminars and experiential courses.

- A. Assignment to limited-enrollment courses and to sections:** The number of students requesting each course will be tallied to assess whether there are more requests than spaces available. If the requests do not exceed available space or enrollment limitation, all students will be approved. For high-demand courses eligibility is determined by lottery. Students in “accept” status receive add codes; the remaining students are notified of their waitlist status.
- B. Registration for limited enrollment classes:** Students awarded a space by lottery must register for the class by the deadline or they will lose their space to students on the wait list.

VIII. Non-law Courses for JD Credit

A law student may earn up to 18 quarter-hours of credit toward the JD degree for non-law coursework. Students must seek approval through completion of the online form to document how such course work contributes to their professional education. See <https://www.law.washington.edu/students/forms/private/creditrequest.aspx>.

Only graded, graduate-level or courses numbered 400-level or above will be approved. **Non-law courses and externship credits combined cannot exceed a total of 18 credits; a significant externship may therefore limit the amount of non-law credits that can be counted toward a JD degree.**

IX. Study Abroad Planning Considerations

We believe that meaningful and closely monitored educational opportunities abroad help our students become culturally competent leaders and lawyers

- A. Study Abroad:** Before enrolling in a study abroad program students must obtain academic approval from UW Law and develop, in consultation with the Dean for Students, a written plan that defines the student's objectives for the study abroad. Grades from study abroad programs are not calculated into the UW Law GPA. See <http://www.law.washington.edu/Students/Academics/IntlStudyExtern.aspx?vw=Abroad>
- B. Tuition and Financial Aid:** Students participating in UW Law or UW exchange programs are eligible to pay UW tuition for study abroad rather than the overseas tuition. The student must enroll concurrently in the foreign institution and UW and pay a concurrent enrollment fee each quarter. Students should consult with the Law School Financial Aid Office about financial aid for study abroad. Travel scholarships include funding through the Asian Law Center and the Bretschneider Scholarship to Study Intellectual Property Law Abroad.
- C. UW Law School Study Abroad Partners for Quarterly Exchange:** The Law School has exchange agreements with the law faculties of the universities listed on the [UW Law Guidance on International Externships and Study Abroad](#) page.

Important Academic Dates for 2020-2021

Summer Quarter 2020

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| June 22 (Monday) | Instruction Full-Term Starts and Modified A-Term Starts |
| July 3 (Friday) | Independence Day Holiday |
| July 31 (Friday) | Instruction Modified A-term Ends |
| August 3-4 | Examination Period Modified A-term |
| August 21 (Friday) | Instruction Full-Term Ends |
| August 24-25 | Examination Period Full-Term |

Autumn Quarter 2020

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| September 21 – 24 | Law School Orientation/FLS |
| September 28 (Monday) | Law School Instruction Starts |
| November 11 (Wednesday) | Veterans Day Holiday |
| November 26 – 27 | Thanksgiving Holiday |
| December 9 (Wednesday) | Instruction Ends |
| December 12 – 19 | Examination Period |

Winter Quarter 2021

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| January 4 (Monday) | Instruction Starts |
| January 18 (Monday) | Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday |
| February 15 (Monday) | Presidents' Day Holiday |
| March 11 (Wednesday) | Instruction Ends |
| March 14 – 21 | Examination Period |

Spring Quarter 2021

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| March 29 (Monday) | Instruction Starts (1Ls and Upper-Levels) |
| May 22 (Friday) | Instruction Upper-Level Ends |
| May 24 – 30 | Examination Period Upper-Level |
| May 31 (Monday) | Memorial Day Holiday |
| Early June* | Law School Graduation |
| June 2 (Wednesday) | Instruction 1L Ends |
| June 7 – 11 | Examination Period 1L |
| June 12 (Saturday) | University Commencement |

*We are waiting for confirmation of the June 2021 date and venue.