



# PLANNING YOUR FALL SCHEDULE

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# Choosing a Course of Study: Introduction

- Begin with the end in mind
  - Practice Area: what type of lawyer do you want to be?
  - Diversify—important in today's legal market.
  - Pass the Bar—take courses that will help prepare you
- Prerequisites
  - For other courses
  - Externships
- And, of course, meet **graduation requirements**.

# Begin with the End in Mind: Graduation Requirements

- 88 Credit Hours to Graduate
- Maximum credits
  - 17 credits a semester
  - 8 credits during summer session
- Constitutional Law II and Professional Responsibility (in addition to all first year classes)
- ULWR (Upper level paper)
- Skills Training Requirement
  - 6 credits for rising 2Ls
  - One class for rising 3Ls
- 20 Hours of Pro Bono Service
- Per-Class Limit: Can meet either ULWR or Skills Training in any one class, not both

# A Few Other Things

- Of your 88 hours, at least 66 must be graded
  - 72 graded hours if cumulative GPA is below 72
  - Transfer students:  $\frac{3}{4}$  credit hours graded (credit eval. letter)
  - Externships/Clinics (S/U)
  - Co-Curriculars—Journals, Advocacy Teams (S/U)
- S/U Credits
  - Not available for:
    - Required courses: Constitutional Law II and Professional Responsibility
    - Upper Level Writing Requirement Seminar.
  - No more than one S/U course elected per semester.
- You are limited to no more than 15 credits of online classes (including classes taken in other departments)
- Request a Graduation Check through the Registrars Office—Elizabeth Boyette (Advocacy Center 3rd floor).
  - Be aware that the grad check feature on myFSU or the Records website may not be completely accurate/up to date.

# Courses Offered Multiple Times a Year

- Corporations - Fall & Spring
- Closely Held Business Organizations - Fall & Spring
- Gratuitous Transfers – Fall & Spring
- Professional Responsibility - Fall, Spring & Summer
- Evidence - Fall, Spring & Summer (occasionally)
- Criminal Procedure: Police – Fall, Spring & Summer (usually)
- Constitutional Law II: Fall & Spring

# Preparation for Bar Exam

- Topics I: Florida Practice
- Topics II: Multistate
- Topics in Real Property, Torts & Commercial Law
- Classes with issue-spotting exams
- Other Classes:
  - Gratuitous Transfers
  - Evidence
  - Criminal Procedure: Police
  - Closely Held Business Organizations/Corporations
  - Sales & Leases

# Business Law and Tax

- Core Courses:
  - Closely Held Business Organizations
  - Corporations
  - Corporate Finance
  - Sales & Leases
  - Secured Transactions
  - Taxation
- General Business Courses:
  - Antitrust
  - Business Ethics
  - Class Action & Multi-Party Litigation Practice
  - In-House Counsel
  - Insurance Law
  - Law & Economics
  - Law and Risk Management
  - Mergers and Acquisitions
  - Taxation of Business Entities

# Business Law and Tax (cont.)

- ULWR:
  - Advanced Topics in Corporate Governance
  - Consumer Privacy and Data Security
  - Global Health & Pharmaceutical Law
  - Liability Among Associated Business Entities Seminar
  - Trusting Relationships & the Law Seminar
- Skills Training:
  - Business Law Clinic
  - Commercial Real Estate Transactions
  - Due Diligence Skills and Practice
  - International Business Transactions
  - International Trade Transactions
  - Negotiation



# Real Estate

- Real Estate Law Foundations
- Real Estate Finance
- Real Estate Transactions
- Condominium & Community Housing Law
- Land Use Regulation
- Planned Communities
- Water Law

# Litigation Courses

- Core Courses:
  - Evidence
  - Federal Courts
- Skills-Training Classes
  - Appellate Advocacy
  - Civil Discovery
  - Civil Pre-Trial Practice
  - Class Action & Multi-Party Litigation Practice
  - Cross-Examination
  - E-Discovery and Digital Evidence
  - Florida Civil Practice
  - Jury Selection
  - Technology for Lawyers
  - Trial Practice
- Co-Curriculars
  - Moot Court
  - Mock Trial

# Criminal Law

- Core Courses:
  - Criminal Procedure: Police
  - Criminal Procedure: Adjudication
  - Postconviction Remedies
  - White Collar Crime
- ULWR:
  - Capital Punishment Seminar
  - Prison Reform Seminar
- Skills-Training Classes:
  - Criminal Litigation Skills
  - Immigration Enforcement & Procedures
  - Juvenile Law: Florida Practice

# International Law

- Core Courses:
  - Admiralty Law
  - Counterterrorism Law
  - Foreign Relations Law
  - Immigration Law
  - International Aspects of Intellectual Property
  - Public International Law
  - International Sales and Arbitration
- ULWR:
  - Global Health & Pharmaceutical Law
  - Human Trafficking
  - International Human Rights: Special Topics
  - Seminar on Constitution Revision
- Skills Training:
  - Immigration Enforcement & Procedures
  - International Business Transactions
  - International Trade Transactions

# Governmental Relations and Administrative Law

- Core Courses:
  - Administrative Law (offered only in fall)
  - Florida Constitutional Law
  - Immigration Law
- ULWR:
  - Separation of Powers Seminar
- Skills Training:
  - Florida Administrative Practice
  - Florida Legislative Practice: From Bill Drafting to the Governor's Desk
  - Florida Legislative Practice: The Budget & Appropriations Process
  - Labor Law: Public and Private Sector Skills

# Intellectual Property & Privacy

- Intellectual Property
  - Entertainment Law
  - Patent Law
  - International Aspects of Intellectual Property
  - Law and Entrepreneurship
  - Trademark and Unfair Competition
- ULWR:
  - Global Health & Pharmaceutical Law
- Skills Training:
  - Technology for Lawyers

# Environmental Law

- Energy Law and Policy
- Environmental Law
- Land Use Regulation
- Oil and Gas Law
- Water Law
- ULWR:
  - Emerging Issues in Energy Law: Renewables & Unconventional Fuels
  - Natural Resources Law Seminar
  - Seminar on Climate Change
- Skills Training:
  - Commercial Real Estate Transactions
  - Florida Administrative Practice
  - Planned Communities

# Family Law & Juvenile Law

- Family Law
- Florida Family Law
- Gratuitous Transfers
- Human Trafficking
- Skills Training:
  - Children's Advocacy Clinic
  - Estate Planning
  - Family Law Clinic
  - Juvenile Law: Florida Practice



# Academic Advising Available

- We are here to help. Please see Dean Utset, Dean Benavides, or Dean Ingram if you have any questions about planning your course of study, about the best ways to prepare for the bar exam, or about the exam generally.