Planning Your Schedule

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1Ls: Spring classes

- Property
- Contracts II
- Constitutional Law I
- Legal Research & Writing II
- First-Year Elective: Legislation & Regulation, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Comparative Law, or (with Dean Mac Alpine’s approval) any course in the catalogue that fits your schedule.
  - Courses to Consider: Professional Responsibility or Business Organizations
1Ls: Certificate Programs

- If you are interested in a certificate program, educate yourself early on about the requirements.
  - Business Law (Professor Chiappetta)
  - International & Comparative Law (Professor Nafziger)
  - Dispute Resolution (Deans Mac Alpine or Williams)
  - Sustainability (Professor Smith)
  - Law and Government (Professor Diller)
- Take the appropriate 1L Elective Class.
2Ls & 3Ls: Know the Graduation Requirements

- 90 Credit Hours to Graduate, at least 70 of which must be letter graded.
- Letter-graded courses may not be taken on ungraded basis.
- Examples of Ungraded Courses: Most 400-600 series courses, except the Clinic, Intensive Trial Practice, and Judicial Opinion Writing. What’s that mean? Setting Up a Law Practice, Externships, Co-Curriculars (e.g. Journals, Competitions), and Independent Study are graded H/Cr/No Cr.
Graduation Requirements

- Maximum 16 credits per semester. You may petition Dean Mac Alpine to take 1-2 additional credits but this is disfavored (and there is a tuition surcharge)
- No more than 7 credits of co-curricular activities may be counted toward graduation.
- Final GPA of 2.30 or above, plus a 2.30 or above GPA in those courses taken in the final two semesters of study
- Research Writing Requirement
- Professional Skills Writing Requirement
- 6 credits of “experiential” courses
Other Rules You Should Know

• You may not satisfy the RWR requirement with Externship, Clinic, or Competition briefs.
• The RWR must be satisfied in a course taught by a full-time professor or through a comment written for Law Review or WJILDR.
3Ls: Do a Grad Check

- The Office of Student Affairs can do a “grad check” for you to confirm (or not) your progress toward graduation.
- No charge, but may take a few days.
- 3Ls should DEFINITELY do this!!!
- You, however, are still responsible for ensuring you meet all the graduation requirements.
2Ls and 3Ls: Focus on Required and Foundational Courses

- **Required Courses:**
  - Constitutional Law II
  - Evidence
  - Professional Responsibility

- **Foundational Courses:**
  - Administrative Law
  - Business Organizations
  - Criminal Procedure I
Oregon Bar Exam Subjects – February 2017 Exam

- Administrative Law (Oregon & Federal)
- Agency
- Civil Procedure (Oregon & Federal)
- Constitutional Law
- Contracts
- Corporations
- Criminal Law
- Criminal Procedure
- Evidence (Oregon & Federal)
- Federal Income Taxation
- Legal Ethics (Oregon only)
- Partnerships
- Property (which includes some Real Estate Trans. materials)
- Sales (UCC Article 2)
- Secured Trans (UCC Art. 1 & 9)
- Torts
- Trusts and Estates
- Wills
Oregon Bar Exam Subjects – July 2017 Exam

- Business Associations (includes Agency, Partnerships, and Corporations)
- Civil Procedure (Federal only)
- Conflict of Laws
- Constitutional Law
- Contracts (includes UCC Article 2 – Sales)
- Criminal Law
- Criminal Procedure
- Evidence (Federal only)
- Family Law
- Real Property (which includes some Real Estate Trans. materials)
- Secured Trans (UCC Art. 1 & 9)
- Torts
- Trusts and Estates
A Word about the Bar

- Study HARD in Bar classes: a C+ or below is a red light; a B- is a yellow light
- Bar classes are not a substitute for a commercial bar prep course. Knowing the law is NECESSARY BUT NOT SUFFICIENT.
- Take the Legal Analysis & the Bar course.
Legal Analysis & the Bar Class

• There are three sections of the Legal Analysis & the Bar course.
  – Two of the sections are for four credits; one is for three credits.
  – All three sections are letter-graded.
  – 3Ls with a cumulative GPA of 2.70 or below must take one of the four-credit sections.
New Courses

- Business Reorganizations
- Endangered Species Act
- Global Competition Law
- Internet & Social Media Law
- Business Disputes
- State & Local Taxation
Spring Courses that will not be offered next year

- International Criminal Law
- Native American Law
- Public Health Law
- Juvenile Law
Suggested Courses

- Business Law:
  - Business Organizations
  - Business Lawyering
  - State & Local Tax
  - Corporate Tax
  - Business Reorganizations
  - Employee Benefits
  - Global Competition Law
  - Business Disputes
  - Law & Entrepreneurship

- Dispute Resolution
  - Alternative Dispute Resolution
  - Negotiations
  - Business Disputes
  - International Litigation & Arbitration
Suggested Courses

• Criminal Litigation:
  – Criminal Procedure I
  – Oregon Criminal Procedure
  – Sentencing
  – International Criminal Law

• Health Law:
  – Privacy Law
  – Employee Benefits
  – Public Health Law

• Intellectual Property Law:
  – Copyright
  – Patent
  – Internet & Social Media Law
Suggested Courses

- Government:
  - Administrative Law
  - Statutory Interpretation
  - Remedies
  - Civil Rights Litigation

- Environmental Law
  - Sustainable Natural Resources
  - Endangered Species Act
  - Global Sustainability

- TALK TO YOUR ADVISOR!!!
Questions?