Planning Your Schedule
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Principles of Good Course Selection

• Take Required or Foundational courses in your second year.
• Prepare for Subsequent Courses: provide knowledge necessary or helpful for subsequent courses in the curriculum.
• Take the Bar Courses.
• Don’t Overdo It – Pace yourself
• And, of course, meet graduation requirements. Plan ahead!
Graduation Requirements

- 90 Credit Hours to Graduate
- Maximum 16 credits per semester. You may petition Dean Santos 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
Graduation Requirements: Letter Graded Credits

- Of your 90 hours, at least 70 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, Civil 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.
Other Rules You Should Know

• The RWR must be satisfied in a course taught by a full-time professor, Independent Study supervised by a full-time professor, or through a comment written for Law Review or WJILDR.

• You may not satisfy the RWR requirement with Externship, Clinic, or Competition briefs.
Required and Foundational Courses

• Required Courses:
  Professional Responsibility
  Constitutional Law II
  Evidence

• Foundational Courses:
  Business Organizations
  Administrative Law
A Word about the Bar

• Oregon will likely adopt the Uniform Bar Exam beginning in July 2017. This will affect which classes you should take to prepare (more on that in a moment).
• Study HARD in Bar classes: a C+ or below is a red light; a B- is a yellow light
• Take Legal Analysis & the Bar course.
Current Oregon Bar Exam Subjects

- 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

For students graduating in January 2017 who are subject to the bar class rule (i.e., a GPA of 2.70 or lower), these are your bar courses. You must take Administrative Law and Federal Income Tax.
UBE Subjects

- Agency
- Civil Procedure
- Constitutional Law
- Conflicts of Laws
- Contracts
- Corporations
- Criminal Law
- Criminal Procedure
- Evidence
- Family Law

- Legal Ethics
- Partnerships
- Property (which includes some Real Estate Trans. materials)
- Sales (UCC Article 2)
- Secured Trans (UCC Art. 1 & 9)
- Torts
- Trusts and Estates
- Wills

What’s changed? Administrative Law and Federal Income Taxation are out; Family Law and Conflicts of Law are in.
What does that mean for Course Selection?

• For students graduating in May 2017 or later and who have a GPA of 2.70 or lower:
  – You must take Business Organizations, Criminal Procedure I, Sales, Secured Transactions, Trust & Estates, and, in your 3rd year, Legal Analysis and the Bar.
  – You must also take two of the courses from the following list:
Fall Courses that will be offered only next year

• Antitrust
• Jurisprudence
• Animal Law

– For 2Ls and 3Ls, this is likely your last chance to take these courses.
Courses that will be offered only in the fall but will be offered the following year too

- Trust & Estates
- Federal Income Tax
- Debtor/Creditor
- Payment Systems
- Secured Transactions
  - For 3Ls, this is your last chance to take these courses. 2Ls will get another opportunity their 3rd year.
Courses that will be offered both semesters

- Constitutional Law II
- Evidence
- Professional Responsibility
- Business Organizations
- Criminal Procedure I
- Conflicts of Law
New Courses

- Healthcare Transactions
- Veterans Law Clinic
Suggested Courses

• Business Law:
  – Antitrust
  – Business Organizations
  – Federal Income Tax
  – Corporate Finance
  – Debtor/Creditor
  – Accounting for Lawyers
  – Payment Systems
  – Secured Transactions
  – Employment Law

• Health Law:
  – Medical Malpractice
  – Affordable Care Act
  – Healthcare Transactions
Suggested Courses

• Civil Litigation/ADR:
  – Conflicts of Law
  – Civil Trial Practice
  – Pre-trial Civil Litigation
  – Arbitration
  – Mediation

• Criminal Litigation:
  – Criminal Procedure I
  – Oregon Criminal Procedure

• Family Law:
  – Trusts & Estates
  – Family Law
  – Elder Law
Suggested Courses

• Government:
  – Administrative Law
  – Environmental Law

• Real Estate
  – Real Estate Transactions

• TALK TO YOUR ADVISOR!!!
Questions?