



REGISTRATION MEMORANDUM

TO: College of Law Students
FROM: José Gabilondo, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
THROUGH: College of Law Faculty
RE: Revised summer 2026 Course Registration
DATE: March 25, 2026 (supersedes March 11, 2026 version)

To prepare you for the summer semester, this memorandum includes the summer class schedule (Appendix A), the summer examination schedule (Appendix B), instructions on enrolling in courses, selected academic policies, advising resources, and guidelines on how often courses are offered. Please pay close attention to the registration deadlines in Box 1 (page 4) and the distributional and graduation requirements in Box 2 (p. 7). To better understand these requirements, become familiar with PantherSoft’s degree audit function, discussed on page 5 and in Appendix C. This memorandum supersedes the Registration Memorandum sent on March 11, 2026.

REGISTRATION

As explained in Part III and Box 1 infra, appointments for registration become viewable on March 25th, with initial registration by appointment starting on April 6th and closing on April 10th. Open registration starts April 13th and closes on April 14th. Please note that law students can enroll in courses offered through the new Master of Science in the Law of Technology.

PETITIONS

If your petition relates to overloads or underloads, you must submit it through the student portal at my.fiu.edu by Tuesday March 31st. Petitions regarding these issues submitted after this date will not be considered. You will be notified of the resolution by Friday April 3rd. If your petition is simply to add or drop a course, you have until the end of the first week of class to file it.

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I. DEAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Student Members of the College of Law,

Congratulations on another successful year! Please let me express my excitement about your academic possibilities for the summer and the coming year. Picking the right courses is an important part of making the most of your program of legal education. To that end, please review our summer offerings, reach out to your assigned faculty advisor, and take full advantage of the resources of the law school. We look forward to supporting you in your journey of personal and professional development.

Dean Michelle Mason

II. COMPLIANCE

In addition to complying with Florida law and federal law, the law school is subject to several laws and norms.

American Bar Association

The law school is accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA), which establishes standards with which law schools must comply. See [ABA Standards](#). Every year, the law school submits comprehensive information to demonstrate our ongoing compliance with these standards. The ABA uses this information to prepare the Standard 509 disclosure of consumer information, which you can find [here](#).

If you are aware of a problem or situation that may implicate the law school's compliance with an ABA Standards, please send an email to [Daisel Nunez](#) titled "ABA Standards Complaint." Your email should identify and describe the problem or situation that you believe implicates the Standard. You will receive confirmation that your email has been received. If you are not satisfied with the eventual resolution, you may write directly to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

Association of American Law Schools

The law school belongs to the Association of American Law Schools, which establishes the following [core values](#), which its member schools must promote.

Zero-tolerance policy on sexual harassment and sexual misconduct

The law school has a zero-tolerance policy against all forms of sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, and discrimination based on sex (or other prohibited basis). This policy applies to students, faculty, and staff. As set forth in [Regulation FIU-105](#), the policy extends not only to sexual misconduct and sexual harassment, but also to gender-based harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. To report a possible violation, please follow the instructions provided by the department of Human Resources [here](#).

College of Law JD Handbook

You may wish to download a complete version of our J.D. Handbook from the website for the Registrar's office.

III. SUMMER REGISTRATION MECHANICS

Please read the following discussion carefully to learn about our staggered approach to self-registration.

A. Dates

Initial course registration for Summer 2026 will begin by appointment times on Monday, April 6th, and will end at 11:59 pm on Friday, April 10th. Registration will reopen on Monday, May 11th, and will end at 11:59 pm on Friday, May 22nd, which coincides with the end of the first week of classes.

B. Self-registration through Panthersoft

Summer enrollment is limited to a maximum of 6 credit hours, unless an approved overload exception applies.

Via Panthersoft, you will be able to register in most courses, with the exception of clinics, externships, and courses that require special approval, discussed *infra* in Part XII Clinics and Externships. Log into PantherSoft via the portal at <https://my.fiu.edu/> Home Page → Manage Classes → Follow all the required steps.

For summer, all students, including those on academic supervision, must self-register.

A. Automatic registration

For the summer term, there is no automatic registration.

B. Registration priority

Veterans receive priority registration. Please email the [Registrar](#).

There are three enrollment appointments assigned based on completed credits.

1. 73-90 Credits
2. 44-72 Credits
3. 21-43 Credits

C. Enrollment caps and waitlists

As a general rule, enrollment is limited by the seating capacity of the assigned classroom. Some courses may have lower caps based on their format or instructional needs. For example, seminars are

typically limited to 15 students. When demand exceeds available seats, the Registrar will manage a waitlist and fill seats in order. To be added to a waitlist during registration, please email lawregistrar@fiu.edu.

D. Independent study

Students interested in pursuing Independent Study credit shall communicate with the Registrar regarding specific requirements, which include: (i) securing a faculty advisor, (ii) preparing a proposal, and (iii) obtaining authorization from the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Important deadlines

Please pay attention to the following important dates that impact registration and remaining in good standing:

There are no ranks in Summer

Box 1: Registration deadlines

Summer 2026	
Registration appointment times available in PantherSoft	Wednesday, March 25
Registration by appointment times	Monday, April 6 - Friday, April 10
Open registration, visiting students register	Monday, April 13 - Tuesday, April 14
Initial Summer Registration ends at midnight	Tuesday, April 14
Summer drop/add resumes	Monday, May 11
Last day to register without late fee	Sunday, May 17
Classes begin	Monday, May 18
Last day to apply for residency reclassification	Monday, May 18
Last day to pay tuition and fees to late payment fees and to avoid cancellation of classes	Wednesday, May 20
Drop/add ends. Last day to drop/add without financial liability	Friday, May 22
Memorial Day Observed(University Closed)	Monday, May 25
Return to Title IV deadline for financial aid recipients	Wednesday, July 1
July 4 Independence Day Observed (University Closed).	Friday, July 3
Classes end.	Monday, July 20
Reading Period	Tuesday, July 21 - Sunday July 26
Exams begin	Monday, July 27
Exams end	Thursday, July 30
Final grades due to Registrar by Noon	Wednesday, August 5
Full grade report released to students by 2:00 p.m.	Thursday, August 6

E. Petitions

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IV. YOUR FRIEND THE DEGREE AUDIT

All students are required to take all foundation courses and sufficient upper-level course credits to reach the 90-credit graduation requirement. This includes 59 credit hours of upper-level courses after completion of the Foundation Curriculum. Please familiarize yourself with the Panthersoft degree audit, the single most important tool for tracking your progress in meeting degree requirements.

A. Panthersoft degree audit

To track your degree progress, you regularly use the degree audit, a powerful tool that puts you in the driver's seat in terms of understanding and monitoring your ongoing progress in meeting degree requirements. Please see the sample degree audit in Appendix F. Though not apparent from the printed version, when you are in the audit, you can identify which courses you can take to meet graduation requirements

To access your degree audit, go to my.fiu.edu, select the academic advising tile, then click on panther degree audit. If you have any questions about your degree audit after review, please contact the Law Registrar.

****The Registrar's office can help you track your completion of these requirements, but you are solely responsible for meeting them and for monitoring your progress by periodically performing your own degree audits.***

B. Meeting credit requirements

Full-time program

Students in the full-time program should be aware that if they take ***only*** the minimum number of credits required for each semester (12 credits) and do not take summer classes, they will have earned only 72 credits at the end of three years, which is not enough to earn the law degree.

Part-time program

Students in the part-time program should be aware that they will have to take courses during ***at least one summer semester*** if they want to graduate in the spring of their fourth year. In general, the part-time program lasts 4 academic years. If a student takes courses ***only*** during the fall and spring terms, they have 8 semesters to meet their graduation requirements. However, part-time students are capped at taking 11 credits a semester, which means that attending ***only*** during the fall and spring will leave them with a

maximum of 88 credits, i.e., 2 credits short of the 90-credit requirement to graduate. Therefore, students who want to graduate in the spring of their fourth year must take some summer classes.

Failed courses

Please note that failing a class may keep you from satisfying graduation requirements within the regular time period, i.e., three years for full-time students and four years for part-time students.

C. *Course underloads and overloads*

Minimum course load: A student must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours in a semester to be considered a full-time student. A student must be enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours in the fall/spring semester or a minimum of five credits during the summer session to be considered a part-time student.

Maximum course load. A full-time student may not enroll in more than 16 credit hours of courses, and a part-time student may not enroll in more than 11 credit hours of courses in one semester.

Limitations on overloads. If you wish to deviate from these minimums or maximums, you must submit a petition. To submit your petition, go to [my.fiu.edu>student tools>e forms](http://my.fiu.edu/student_tools/e_forms). In general, you may take an overload ***only once*** during your program of legal education.

D. Upper-Level and Graduation Requirements

The College of Law imposes several other requirements summarized below in Box 2. You are allowed to graduate *only* if you have satisfied each of these requirements, many of which have additional sub-requirements as to timing or grading. For example, you must get at least a C in Professional Responsibility to satisfy the upper-level requirement. The degree audit described below lets you identify which courses can be taken to satisfy these requirements. Please pay special attention to our recommendations about when to meet your LSV III and seminar requirements.

Box 2: Overview of Upper-Level Distributional and Other Requirements for Graduation

Requirement	Satisfied by	Must be completed by this date
<i>Professional Responsibility (3 credits)</i>	Taking the Professional Responsibility course. You must receive no lower than a C in this course.	Your last semester
<i>Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution (2 courses required)</i>	Passing two of the qualifying courses listed in the degree audit. Box 2a on page 8 lists examples of qualifying courses.	Your last semester
<i>International and Comparative Law</i>	Passing one of the qualifying courses listed in the degree audit. Box 2b on page 7 lists examples of qualifying courses.	Your last semester
<i>Experiential Education</i>	Complete a minimum of 6 credits of experiential courses, which includes clinics, externships, semester-in-practice, trial and appellate advocacy, and simulation courses.	Your last semester
<i>Pro Bono Service</i>	As approved by Professor Kotey, Director of Externships and Community Service (lawcsvc@fiu.edu)	FT students: 4 th semester PT students: 6 th semester
Special Note		
Our Academic Policies also require you to take and pass both <i>Legal Skills and Values III</i> and a <i>seminar</i> that meets the writing requirement. You have until your final semester to do so, but we strongly recommend that you observe the following guidelines to avoid delaying your graduation, as has happened to numerous students.		
<i>Legal Skills and Values III</i>	FT students: 4 th semester PT students: 6 th semester	
<i>Seminar</i>	The end of your penultimate (next-to-the-last) semester	

<p>Box 2a: Examples of courses that satisfy the Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution requirement (must complete two courses to graduate)</p>	<p>Box 2b: Examples of courses that satisfy the International and Comparative Law requirement (must complete one course to graduate)</p>
<p>**Please consult the degree audit for the most complete and up-to-date information about courses that satisfy these requirements**</p>	
<p>Advanced Appellate Advocacy Alternative Dispute Resolution Appellate Advocacy Competition (several) Bankruptcy Externship Civil Externship: Law Firm Placement Civil Externship: Civil Placement Civil Rights Community Lawyering Complex Litigation Criminal Externship Placement Death Penalty Clinic Evidence Federal Courts Florida Civil Practice Immigration Clinic International Commercial Arbitration International Litigation Interviewing and Counseling Judicial Clinic Mediation Negotiation Pre-Trial Practice Remedies Toxic and Environmental Tort Litigation Trial Advocacy Competition (several) Trial Practice</p>	<p>Admiralty Law American Indian Law Antitrust Aviation and Space Law Computer and Internet Law Conflicts of Law Copyright Fashion and Design Law Immigration Law Immigration Clinic International Business Transactions International Commercial Arbitration International Criminal Law International Human Rights International Intellectual Property International Legal Research International Litigation International Trade Law and Policy Legal History Ocean and Coastal Law <i>Profesión Juridica Comparada</i> Seminar: Advanced Copyright Law Seminar: Caribbean Law Seminar: Citizens, Immigrants, and the Constitution Seminar: Law, Society & Web3 Seminar: Law, Business & Politics in Latin America Trademarks and GI</p>

The following are most of the courses that have pre-requisites (pre), co-requisites (co), or other enrollment restrictions:

Box 3: Prerequisites, Corequisites, and Other Enrollment Restrictions

<i>Course</i>	<i>Pre-requisite, co-requisite, or restriction</i>
Trial Advocacy	Evidence (pre or co)
Corporate & Partnership Tax <i>(offered in spring)</i>	Federal Income Tax (pre)
Estate & Gift Tax <i>(offered in spring)</i>	Federal Income Tax (pre) Wills & Trusts (pre)
Bankruptcy	It is recommended that students take Secured Transactions before taking Bankruptcy
Bankruptcy Externship	45 credits (pre), Professional Responsibility (pre or co), Bankruptcy (pre or co), Evidence (pre or co)
LSV III	Though not an official prerequisite, LSV II is generally taken before LSV III
Advanced Trial Advocacy	Trial Advocacy (pre)
Civil Externship	45 credits (pre), Professional Responsibility (pre or co)
Law Firm Externship	45 credits (pre), Professional Responsibility (pre or co), Evidence (pre or co)
Criminal Externship	48 credits and a letter of clearance from the FL Bar (pre); Professional Responsibility, Evidence and Criminal Procedure Investigation (pre or co)
Business, Innovation & Technology Clinic	45 credits (pre), Professional Responsibility and Business Organizations (pre or co)
Community Lawyering Clinic	45 credits (pre), Professional Responsibility and one of these courses: Health Law, Disability Law, Administrative Law, Immigration Law or Family Law (pre or co)
Immigration Clinic	45 credits (pre), Professional Responsibility, Evidence, and Immigration Law (pre or co)
Death Penalty Clinic	45 credits (pre), Professional Responsibility (pre or co), Death Penalty (pre)

In certain situations, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs may waive these requirements.

E. *Other limits*

You are also subject to other policies about course selection, laid out in our academic rules. For example, you can take a maximum of 12 credits pass/fail. Of these 12, no more than 6 may be earned outside of the classroom. You are also subject to a limit on the number of courses that you can take pass/fail, such as the Special Topic courses listed below.

V. INTRODUCING THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN THE LAW OF TECHNOLOGY

The College of Law is proud to introduce the Master of Science in the Law of Technology (MSLT), an innovative program that prepares students for the emerging information economy.

A. *Program structure*

The MSLT is a 30-credit interdisciplinary Master of Science focused on the convergence between law, science and technology, and situated within both the STEM and Global areas of programmatic strategic emphasis at FIU. The specially designed curriculum that can be completed in three semesters, covers key areas like artificial intelligence, blockchain, data protection, intellectual property, and cybersecurity is a perfect fit for entry level, mid-career and seasoned professionals alike who want to gain knowledge and become attractive in a competitive marketplace.

Faculty experts with vast experience and expertise in their respective fields will impart the knowledge and skills needed to prepare students for industry roles that demand both legal and technological proficiency. Classes are offered online to ensure full accessibility, breaking down geographical barriers, and enabling seamless academic engagement with the program's well-regarded faculty. This format, which is ideal for working professionals allows students to become totally immersed in a dynamic learning environment, interacting in real time with professors, collaborating with peers, and engaging with course content from anywhere in the world.

Students will have access to an exclusive self-paced bootcamp offered at no additional cost, covering three relevant areas: U.S. law, Python programming language, and cybersecurity. Each module offers 16 hours of content that provides a foundation to students from different background and knowledge. Join us and embark on a transformative educational journey that will give you the knowledge and skills needed to compete and excel in a world driven by the intersection between law, science and technology. For more information, please visit <https://law.fiu.edu/programs/master-science-law-technology/>.

MSLT students are a valued part of the College of Law community. The general registration policies in this memorandum apply to MSLT students, subject to the following program-specific considerations.

B. *Summer 2026 course offerings (May 11th through July 31st – note different schedule)*

The MSLT program will offer the following courses during Summer 2026 (Summer C). **These courses run from May 11 through July 31, 2026, and are delivered in the Online LIVE modality.**

Course	Instructor(s)	Day	Time
LAW 6821 – Law, Science and Technology	Choudhury	Monday	7:15 – 8:55 p.m.
LAW 6883 – Blockchain Fundamentals for Lawyers	Powers	Tuesday	7:15 – 8:55 p.m.
LAW 7707 – Cybersecurity and Privacy Law	Fonseca / Harbour	Thursday	7:15 – 8:55 p.m.

C. Registration and advising (J.D. students welcome)

All MSLT students should contact Program Director Manuel A. Gómez at magomez@fiu.edu for advising and registration assistance.

J.D. students are welcome to enroll in any MSLT courses, some of which may count towards the distributional requirements of the Certificate in Intellectual Property.

VI. SEMINARS AND NEW COURSE OFFERINGS

We are happy to introduce the following seminars and new offerings. To make informed decisions about timing your course selection, please consult Appendix D, which outlines how often upper-level courses are typically offered.

New offerings

LAW 6297 NAFTA AND OTHER REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS (3) (Guerra)

This course analyzes the legal structures of non-global freer trade agreements, including but not limited to NAFTA. It reviews GATT Article XXIV and the economic and policy debate (global vs. regional trade arrangements); discusses key aspects of NAFTA, including industrial development, investment dispute and other disputes; and analyzes legal and policy issues relating to the negotiation of a Free Trade Agreement of the Americas (FTAA). Other regional trade arrangements, including the Southern Cone Common Market (Mercosur), are also considered. A focus of the course is efforts in NAFTA to deal with environmental and labor concerns.

SPECIAL TOPIC: SPACE LAW AND POLICY (2) (Dagley) (Pass/Fail)

This course provides a foundational understanding of the legal frameworks governing outer space, including the Moon and other celestial bodies. The coursework will encompass discussion on the fundamental legal principles and structure applicable to the use and exploration of outer space, including the role of government agencies and intergovernmental organizations. In addition, the coursework will cover topics ranging from the structure of the International Space Station (and what lies beyond the ISS), commercial space activities, space resources, private human spaceflight, the military use of space, and environmental issues. Finally, students will have the opportunity to participate in an interactive simulation presenting a hypothetical scenario of a dispute in outer space that engages a multidisciplinary aspect.

SPECIAL TOPIC: ACCESS TO JUSTICE (2)
(Dollar)
(Pass/Fail)

This course examines how the civil legal system serves—or fails to serve—the legal needs of everyday people. The course is divided into three parts. First, we will examine the regulation of the legal profession, tracing its historical development and recent reforms in states such as Arizona, Utah, and Alaska. Second, we will analyze key components of the civil justice system, including courts, legal service providers, and self-represented litigants. Third, we will focus on practice areas where access to legal assistance is particularly constrained: family law, immigration, housing, and medical benefits. Throughout the course, we will consider potential solutions and opportunities for systemic reform.

Seminars

The summer schedule includes three seminars. For seminars offered in the hybrid or asynchronous modality, see *infra* Part VII Distance Education to appreciate the implications of taking distance education courses.

SUMMER 2026		
<i>Topic</i>	<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Time</i>
Poverty Law	Mason	Monday 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Law and Order: Advanced Criminal Law	Schulze	asynchronous
Special Topics in IP	Suarez	Monday 5:00 p.m. – 7:05 p.m.

ADVANCED TOPICS IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
(Suarez)

This advanced seminar presumes knowledge of intellectual property (IP) law fundamentals and will explore current issues, decisions, and developments in IP law, practice and policy. Although the specific topics discussed may change, the seminar will cover topics related to patent, trade secret, trademark, and copyright, including prosecution and litigation considerations—especially in light of recent developments surrounding Artificial Intelligence. Time permitting, the seminar may also touch upon topics related to name, image, and likeness (NIL) rights and considerations of international IP law and rights. Students will write papers on some specific aspect of IP law, not limited to those topics covered in class.

LAW AND ORDER: ADVANCED CRIMINAL LAW
(Schulze)

This seminar uses the narrative framework of the long-running series *Law & Order* to explore the profound friction between black-letter law and the pursuit of justice. Each week, students will analyze a specific episode alongside foundational jurisprudential texts—ranging from Bentham’s utilitarianism to modern critiques of prosecutorial discretion—to evaluate whether the legal outcomes depicted are not only doctrinally sound but ethically and philosophically justifiable.

POVERTY LAW
(Mason)

This course serves as a comprehensive exploration into the intersection of law, policy, and poverty. It delves into the multifaceted nature of poverty, providing both a historical and contemporary context. Through a blend of theoretical analysis, case studies, and practical applications, participants will gain a deep understanding of the challenges faced by impoverished individuals and communities, here in South Florida,

nationally and globally, exploring effective strategies for legal advocacy. Interaction is integral to this course's design. Weekly, students will be asked to actively engage in class discussion.

By its conclusion, students will have:

1. Explored the historical evolution and diverse interpretations of poverty in the United States.
2. Discussed the barriers to legal representation and considered strategies for enhancing access to justice.
3. Analyzed landmark cases addressing poverty-related legal issues.
4. Engaged with real-word case studies and best practices in poverty law and advocacy.
5. Investigated substantive areas within poverty law such as public benefits, healthcare, and housing.
6. Evaluated contemporary perspectives on mitigating poverty, locally, nationally and internationally.

VII. ADVISING RESOURCES

Study the course options before your scheduled appointment for registration and plan a tentative schedule for the year. When deliberating about course selection, please take advantage of the following advising resources.

A. *Faculty advising contacts*

We are grateful to the many faculty who have volunteered to advise you on course selection. If you have specific questions about course selection, please put them in writing and send them to the professor corresponding to your last name

Box 4: Faculty advising contacts

A-Ben	L. Davis	lisdavis@fiu.edu
Ber-Chi	Y. Delionado	ydeliona@fiu.edu
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B. Specialized advising

If you are interested in one of the following areas, please feel free to reach out to the individual listed.

Box 4A: Specialized advising

Advanced Standing students	Dean Gomez	magomez@fiu.edu
Bar Applications	Dean Ortega	afridman@fiu.edu
Commercial Law	Prof. Norberg	norbergs@fiu.edu
Death Penalty Law	Prof. Gorman	hgorman@fiu.edu
DOJ Honors Program	Prof. Suarez	mduarez@fiu.edu
Environmental Law	Prof. Ballan Prof. Hefti	ballan@fiu.edu mhefti@fiu.edu
Experiential Education	Judge Kotey	koteyp@fiu.edu
Externships	Prof. Batista	kbatist@fiu.edu
Federal and civil rights legislation	Prof. Wasserman	wasserma@fiu.edu
FIU Law Review students	Dean Davis	lisdavis@fiu.edu
Immigration Law	Prof. Gomez	jcagomez@fiu.edu
Intellectual Property	Prof. Travis Prof. Zhao	travish@fiu.edu yiyzhao@fiu.edu
International Dispute Resolution	Dean Gomez	magomez@fiu.edu
International Human Rights	Prof. Gorman	hgorman@fiu.edu
International Law	Dean Gomez	magomez@fiu.edu
Labor and Employment law	Prof. Stone	stonek@fiu.edu
Legal Clinic	Prof. Dollar	jdollar@fiu.edu

LL.M. Students	Prof. Gomez	magomez@fiu.edu
Military Law	Prof. Carpenter	ercarpen@fiu.edu
Moot Court	Prof. Mullins	rmullins@fiu.edu
New Technologies (blockchain, metaverse)	Dean Gomez	magomez@fiu.edu
Non-Profit Organizations	Prof. Milic	amilic@fiu.edu
Pro Bono	Judge Kotey	koteyp@fiu.edu
Transfer students	Dean Ruiz	rauruz@fiu.edu

As well, please feel free to consult any other faculty member for further advice on selecting courses.

C. *LL.M. students*

All LL.M. students must contact Dean Manuel Gomez at magomez@fiu.edu for an advising appointment and submit their proposed class schedule via e-mail to be allowed to register.

VIII. DISTANCE EDUCATION AND ACTIVE LEARNING

Law schools now make increasing use of video conferencing, learning management systems like Canvas, and other forms of technology to deliver legal education in various modalities beyond the traditional classroom. Welcomed by students and faculty, this trend raises challenges for law schools, universities, and state bars. Nomenclature is one challenge because different terms may be used for the same kind of modality or, conversely, the same term, for example *hybrid*, may mean different things based on context. Another challenge is balancing the benefits of these new instructional modalities with the risk that not all students will benefit from alternative ways of encountering course content.

A. *Are these modalities for you?*

The University offers courses in four different modalities, listed in the schedule in black (in-person), red (asynchronous), blue (hybrid), and purple (Online LIVE). Review the definitions below. As demonstrated by the rising student demand for them, nontraditional modalities are popular, though they may require some extra planning from students accustomed to the behavioral scaffolding of conventional in-person instruction, i.e., meeting every week in the same place at a regular time, an instructor's probing glare, being in a room with colleagues. Our faculty care deeply about teaching, so when using these new technologies we take pains to adjust the class structure to best promote your learning. Nevertheless, taking a class in one of these new modalities may demand more independence and self-organization on your part, because there is less external structure than with in-person instruction. Be honest with yourself about which modalities work best for you. Only you can decide which modality works best for you.

The law school is fortunate to have one of the country's leading authorities on effective learning in the legal classroom—Dean Schulze. To learn about his work promoting active learning, please consult his seminal [article](#) on the subject.

B. *In-person*

This is the traditional modality for legal education. Both the instructor and the student are physically located in the same room and engage in face-to-face learning, though the course may involve digital resources such as a TWEN site, periodic taped lectures rather than in-person meetings, out-of-class exercises, and other forms of digital content. Unless otherwise indicated, all courses on the schedule are offered in person.

C. *Asynchronous*

This is a fully on-line course with no scheduled class meetings. The course is built by a faculty member working with an instructional designer and delivered on Canvas, the University's official learning management system. These materials may include taped lectures, PowerPoint presentations, and team exercises, as well as the full range of conventional assignments, i.e., quizzes, papers, and final examinations, used in in-person classes.

D. *Hybrid*

As this term is used at FIU, a hybrid course combines two modalities: (i) in-person meeting and (ii) asynchronous study. These courses meet in-person for one-half of class sessions; the rest of the course is asynchronous, as defined above. Hybrid law school classes follow a variety of meeting structures:

- In general, a 3-credit or 4-credit course that ordinarily meets twice a week will meet only once a week when it is taught in a hybrid format.
- When so indicated on the schedule, some hybrid or Online Live 3-credit or 4-credit courses may follow an alternating class schedule better suited to course goals, e.g., giving students time to complete out-of-class assignments, such that one week the course meets twice in-person and the following week the course has no in-person meetings.
- A 2-credit course (including a seminar) that meets for 100 minutes each week will generally meet for seven times for 100 minutes when taught as a hybrid course.
- When taught as a hybrid course, LSV II (a 2-credit course) meets every week for 50 minutes.
- A 1-credit course that ordinarily meets for 50 minutes each week will generally meet seven times for 50 minutes, rather than meeting 14 times for 50 minutes; other configurations are possible too.
- In some hybrid courses, the first part of the course is delivered in person with asynchronous content making up the later part of the course.

E. *Online LIVE*

Courses taught using Online LIVE combine two modalities: (i) remote synchronous and (ii) asynchronous study. These classes are taught entirely on-line, typically on Canvas. As part of the remote synchronous part which comprises 50% of the course content, these classes meet remotely in regularly scheduled class sessions attended by both the instructor and students. The rest of course content is delivered asynchronously, as defined above. As with hybrid courses, the first part of the course is delivered in person with asynchronous content making up the later part of the course.

Please note

Final examinations may be in-person regardless of course modality, therefore requiring your physical presence. Please check with your instructor to confirm how any final examination is administered.

F. Cap on distance education (30 credits)

As a law school accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA), the College of Law must comply with national standards for educational technologies that deliver course content beyond the traditional classroom. The ABA groups these modalities under the umbrella term of *distance education*. At present, we classify all **asynchronous**, **hybrid**, and **Online LIVE** as forms of distance education. A course taught in-person that includes only occasional taped lectures, out-of-class assignments that substitute for class meeting, and other forms of digital content does not count as distance education.

We cap the maximum number of distance education credits that a student can take to 30 credits. The Registrar's office tracks how much distance education students have taken so as not to exceed our limits or those of the ABA. In exceptional circumstances, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs may waive the 30-credit cap based on the following factors: demonstrated professional benefit to the student, the degree to which the student has already taken bar-relevant courses, grade point average, and any previous waiver of administrative or distributional requirements, including those related to distance education.

G. BEWARE: restrictions on those interested in practice outside of Florida

Some state bars impose restrictions on granting credit for distance education courses, be it asynchronous, remote synchronous, or a hybrid form. For example, New York requires that students take professional responsibility in-person rather than through distance education. We cannot monitor the practice requirements for other states or countries, so you must assume responsibility for that. If you are interested in taking the bar of a state other than Florida, please educate yourself about the corresponding local Bar rules so that you take qualifying courses. When researching these questions, please make sure to drill down and to understand exactly what a particular modality involves.*

H. Restrictions of special interest to LL.M. students

Our LL.M. graduates should take note of the restriction above regarding state bar limitations on distance education courses. For example, the NY Bar accepts a maximum of 4 credits earned during the summer. Other countries also may impose similar restrictions that would apply to a U.S. graduate seeking admission to practice law, LL.M. students with questions or concerns about bar eligibility requirements may write to Professor Erin Loeb at eloeb@fiu.edu.

IX. PART-TIME PROGRAM – SUMMER CLASSES

Students in the part-time program should be aware that they will have to take courses during ***at least one summer semester*** if they want to graduate in the spring of their fourth year. In general,

the part-time program lasts 4 academic years. If a student takes courses *only* during the fall and spring terms, they have 8 semesters to meet their graduation requirements. However, part-time students are capped at taking 11 credits a semester, which means that attending *only* during the fall and spring will leave them with a maximum of 88 credits, i.e., 2 credits short of the 90-credit requirement to graduate. Therefore, students who want to graduate in the spring of their fourth year must take some summer classes.

X. OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO OUR LL.M. STUDENTS

A vital part of the College of Law community, our LL.M. students take specialized courses as well as foundation courses and the same upper-level electives taken by J.D. students. With certain exceptions stemming from regulatory restrictions, they are welcome to participate in the full range of certificate offerings, co-curricular activities, and extra-curricular professional groups which can form an important part of a rewarding legal education. The general policies in this memorandum apply to both J.D. and LL.M students. As well, LL.M students should be aware of the following issues that are unique to their situation as foreign law graduates who may be planning to practice law in the United States.

A. Meeting credit requirements

LLM students must take 24 credits over a minimum of two semesters.

B. Automatic registration

LL.M. students will be automatically registered in the LL.M. mandatory courses.

C. Mandatory advising

All LL.M. students must contact Dean Manuel Gomez at magomez@fiu.edu for an advising appointment and submit their proposed class schedule via e-mail, in order to be allowed to register.

D. Applying for admission to the bar—Florida and other states

LL.M. students planning to take the bar exam in a U.S. jurisdiction benefit from the specialized Law and Procedure course offered every semester. LL.M. students should consult with Professor Erin Loeb at eloeb@fiu.edu regarding advising and bar eligibility in U.S. jurisdictions. Because tested subjects vary by jurisdiction, if you are interested in seeking eligibility in another state, you should check with the relevant Board of Bar Examiners regarding bar tested courses and other requirements. Some of this information was provided to LL.M. students during orientation.

E. Restrictions on distance education

In the United States, some state bars impose restrictions on granting credit for distance education courses, be it asynchronous, remote synchronous, or a hybrid form. For example, New York requires that students take professional responsibility in-person rather than through distance education and also imposes a maximum number of credits obtained through such modality, which is of special relevance to our LL.M. graduates. Other countries also may impose similar restrictions that would apply to a U.S. graduate seeking admission to practice law. When researching these questions, please make sure to drill down and to understand exactly what a particular modality involves.

XI. PREPARING FOR THE BAR EXAMINATION

The law school is proud to have one of the country's leading programs in academic excellence and bar preparation. To learn about Dean Ruiz's pioneering work in this area, please read [his article](#) about our program. Central to its success are the following requirements and recommendations about course selection, including the bar-tested courses that we *strongly* urge you to take.

A. *Law & Procedure: U.S. and Florida*

This four-credit course is available *only to third-year and fourth-year graduating students*, who are strongly encouraged to take it during their final semester. This is a bar-focused course that emphasizes the particularities of Florida law and the multi-state exam. We offer the course three times a year.

B. *Law & Procedure: U.S. and Florida*

- This course is taught in the evening *only* in the fall.
- The spring 2026 section of Law and Procedure is restricted to students graduating in that semester.

Automatic registration into Law & Procedure

Beginning in the 2025-2026 year, graduating students will be automatically enrolled in this class. To opt out of the class, they must get the approval of Dean Ruiz.

C. *Multi-State and Florida Bar Examinations*

In addition to subjects covered in the foundation curriculum, the subject matter of the following courses is regularly tested on the Multi-State and/or the Florida Bar Examinations.

Box 5: Bar-tested subjects

<i>Topics tested on the Florida Bar and/or the Multistate</i>	
Business Organizations	Florida Law & Procedure
Criminal Procedure: Investigation	Products Liability
Evidence	Professional Responsibility
Family Law	Remedies
First Amendment	Sales
	Secured Transactions
	Wills and Trusts

Not all bar-tested courses are created equal. Our bar preparation program continually analyzes the bar exam to identify which subjects are tested most frequently. In particular, we pay close attention to how our students perform on particular subjects tested on the bar examination, focusing in Florida. Based on the testing frequency, difficulty of the subject matter, patterns of student performance, and overlap of the subject between other subjects, we distinguish between bar-tested courses that are “highly recommended” or “recommended.”

Based on our research of student performance, the former are more important than the latter, so, all else being equal, it is better for students to take a highly-recommended than a recommended course. Of course, taking a course reduces a student’s “cognitive load” for that course during bar review, because the student has already encountered the material. Nevertheless, we believe that highly recommended courses can be particularly challenging, which is borne out in our students’ raw scores on the bar exam.

D. Summer bar-tested and recommended courses

Box 5A identifies bar-tested and other recommended courses offered this summer. Bar examiners periodically change the scope of what is tested. Depending on what Florida does with the coming changes to the bar exam, these recommendations may change.

Box 5A: Summer 2026 Bar-tested offerings

<i>Highly-recommended</i>
Business Organizations
Criminal Procedure: Investigation
Florida Constitutional Law
Wills and Trusts
Professional Responsibility
Florida Civil Practice
Administrative Law (not tested on Florida Bar but recommended)

E. Other jurisdictions

Because tested subjects vary by jurisdiction, if you are interested in seeking eligibility in another state, you should check with the relevant Board of Bar Examiners regarding bar tested courses and other requirements. LL.M. students should consult with Prof. Erin Loeb regarding advising and bar eligibility in U.S. jurisdictions.

XII. CERTIFICATES

The College of Law has three excellent certificate programs in Intellectual Property, Environmental & Natural Resources, and National Security & Military Law. Students enrolled in these certificates are responsible for meeting additional course and grade requirements to earn the certificate. The Registrar's office now allows students to apply for these certificates as soon as they finish their foundation requirements. Please consult the applicable requirements for these programs <https://law.fiu.edu/academics/jd/certificate-programs/>

A. Certificate in Intellectual Property

Professor Hannibal Travis supervises the certificate. To explain how it works and to introduce you to IP, Professor Travis recorded the video below (13 minutes):

[Certificate in Intellectual Property Video](#)

B. Certificate in Environmental & Natural Resources

To explain how the certificate works and to introduce you to the field, please see the video below (10 minutes).

[Certificate in Environmental & Natural Resources Video](#)

C. Certificate in National Security and Military Law

Please watch the video that Professor Carpenter prepared introducing the certificate and Military Law in general:

[Military Law Video](#)

XIII. CLINICS AND EXTERNSHIPS

Students who want to enroll in one of the legal clinics or externships must complete and upload an application (available on Canvas, Clinical Registration Summer 2026 Shell or Externship Registration Summer 2026 Shell, beginning March 27). Students will be enrolled in a legal clinic or an externship course by the Registrar’s Office once their application is approved.

The Clinical, Externship, and Pro Bono Programs will hold an informational session hosted on March 24, 11am – 6:00pm. in the legal clinic. There will be snacks! You are strongly encouraged to attend this session and to also review all program information that will be posted to Canvas by March 27. If you have questions after the informational session and reviewing the materials posted to Canvas, please email: Ms. Zoraya Ledesma, @ledesmaz@fiu.edu.

Box 6: Requirements applicable to experiential education offerings

<i>Clinics</i>	<i>Credits already completed</i>		<i>Pre- or co-requisite(s)</i>
Death Penalty Clinic	45 credits		Professional Responsibility and Death Penalty Law
Community Lawyering Clinic	45 credits		Professional Responsibility Additional co-requisites will be determined in consultation with individual students
Immigration & Human Rights Clinic	45 credits		Professional Responsibility Evidence Immigration Law
<i>Externships</i>	<i>Credits already completed</i>		<i>Pre- or co-requisite(s)</i>
Civil Externship	45 credits		Professional Responsibility
Criminal Externship	48 credits and Letter of Clearance from the Florida Bar		Professional Responsibility Evidence Criminal Procedure: Investigation
Law Firm Externship	45 credits		Professional Responsibility and Evidence
Judicial	Completion of Foundation Curriculum		Professional Responsibility

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APPENDIX A



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Classes listed in RED will be delivered as Asynchronous Online (AO).

Classes listed in BLUE will be delivered as Certified Hybrid (H).

Classes listed in PURPLE will be delivered as Online Live (OL)

Credit hours follow the course title and the course number appears at the bottom.

SUMMER 2026-COMBINED CLASS SCHEDULE (JD & LLM & MSLT)			
ASYNCHRONOUS ONLINE COURSES (AO)			
DOCTRINAL		EXPERIENTIAL	RESEARCH
<p style="color: red;">BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS (4) (Markham) (AO) 6060</p> <p style="color: red;">FLORIDA CONSTITUTIONAL LAW (3) (Ruiz) (AO) 7503</p> <p style="color: red;">WILLS AND TRUSTS (4) (El-Sabawi) (AO) 6430</p> <p style="color: red;">CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (3) (Kotey) (AO) 6112</p> <p style="color: red;">SEMINAR: LAW AND ORDER: ADVANCED CRIMINAL LAW (2) (Schulze) (AO) 6936</p>	<p style="color: red;">NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS (4) (Milic)(AO) 6061</p> <p style="color: red;">SPECIAL TOPICS: AI AND THE CORPORATE CLIENT (2) (Zayalet) AO 7930</p> <p style="color: red;">INTERNATIONAL ENVIROMENTAL LAW (3) (Santana) (AO) 7268</p> <p style="color: red;">SPECIAL TOPICS-VACCINE LAW: REGULATION, ACCESS, MANDATES, AND RESPONSES (2) (Abramson) (AO) 7930</p>	<p style="color: red;">CIVIL, CRIMINAL, AND JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP (Kotey) (AO) 4 credits Pass/Fail & 2 credits Graded</p> <p style="color: red;">LAW FIRM EXTERNSHIP (Mason) (AO) 4 credits Pass/Fail & 2 credits Graded</p>	<p style="color: red;">ADVANCED LEGAL RESEARCH (2) (Hoskisson) (AO) 6798</p> <p style="color: red;">LAW PRACTICE TECHNOLOGY (2) (Golsby) (AO) 6823</p>

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
5:00 - 6:30	<p>SEMINAR: POVERTY LAW (2) (Mason) [5:00-6:30] 6936 RDB 1008</p>			
5:00 - 7:05	<p>PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBLTY (3) Gomez, J. [5:00-7:05] 6750 RDB 2008</p> <p>SEMINAR: ADVANCED TOPICS IN IP (2) (Suarez) [5:00-7:05] 6936 RDB 1006</p>	<p>ADMINISTRATIVE LAW (3) (Coffey) [5:00-7:05] 6520 RDB 2006</p> <p>PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (3) (Correoso) [5:00-7:05] 6750 RDB 2008</p> <p>SPECIAL TOPICS: ACCESS TO JUSTICE (2) (Dollar) [5:00-7:05] 7930 RDB 2001</p>	<p>PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBLTY (3) Gomez, J. [5:00-7:05] 6750 RDB 2008</p> <p>COMPLEX LITIGATION (3) (Mullins) [5:00-7:05] 7308 RDB 2002</p>	<p>ADMINISTRATIVE LAW (3) (Coffey) [5:00-7:05] 6520 RDB 2006</p> <p>DEATH PENALTY CLINIC (4) (Gorman) [5:00-7:05] 6106 RDB 1006</p> <p>COMMUNITY LAWYERING CLINIC*(4) (Batista) [5:00-7:05] 6723 RDB 1004</p>

<p>7:15 - 8:55</p>	<p>LAW, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (3) ** (Choudhury) 6821</p>	<p>BLOCKCHAIN FUNDAMENTALS FOR LAWYERS (3) ** (Powers) 6883</p>		<p>CYBERSECURITY AND PRIVACY LAW (3) ** (Fonseca / Harbour) 7707</p>
<p>7:15 - 9:20</p>	<p>NAFTA AND OTHER REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS (3) (Guerra) [7:15-9:20] 6297 RDB 2006</p> <p>SPECIAL TOPICS: SPACE LAW AND POLICY (2) (Dagley) [7:15-9:20] 7930 RDB 2001</p>	<p>FLORIDA CIVIL PRACTICE (3) (Lewis) [7:15-9:20] 7303 RDB 2001</p> <p>NEGOTIATION (3) (Reich) [7:15-9:20] 6313 RDB 2002</p> <p>Community Lawyeing: IP Simulation (2) [O'Stein] [7:15-9:20] 6723 RDB 1004</p>	<p>NAFTA AND OTHER REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS (3) (Guerra) [7:15-9:20] 6297 RDB 2006</p> <p>IMMIGRATION LAW CLINIC (4) (J. Gómez) [7:15-9:20] 6943 RDB 1008</p>	<p>FLORIDA CIVIL PRACTICE (3) (Lewis) [7:15-9:20] 7303 RDB 2001</p> <p>NEGOTIATION (3) (Reich) [7:15-9:20] 6313 RDB 2002</p>

****This is an MSLT class, which begins on May 11th rather than May 18th and run through July 31st, .**

*Students in the Community Lawyering Clinic can pick from among the following four projects:

- Project 1 (Family Law - Batista) 2 credits
 - Project 2 (Guardianship - Batista) 2 credits
 - Project 3 (Medical Legal Immigration - Jordan) 2 credits
 - Project 4 (FIU IP Transactional Lab - O'Steen) 2 credits
- Courses designated as "AO" are delivered under the "Asynchronous Online" modality.
 - The reading period and examination schedule are subject to change due to extraordinary conditions (e.g., inclement weather, health emergency)
 - Courses fulfilling different graduation requirements are listed below:

Course name	Requirement met	Number of credits	Professor(s)
Florida Constitutional Law	Recommended bar tested	3	Ruiz
Florida Civil Practice	Recommended bar tested	3	Lewis
Administrative Law	May be bar tested in other jurisdictions	3	Coffey
Complex Litigation	Litigation/ADR	3	Mullins
Negotiation	Litigation/ADR	3	Reich
Seminar: Advanced Topics In IP	International & Seminar	2	Suarez
International Environmental Law	International	3	Santana
NAFTA and Other Regional Trade Agreements	International	3	Guerra
Special Topic: Space Law and Policy	International	2	Dagley
Professional Responsibility	Ethics and MPRE tested	3	Correoso/Gomez
Business Organizations	Highly recommended bar tested	4	Markham
Wills & Trusts	Highly recommended bar tested	4	El-Sabawi
Criminal Procedure	Highly recommended bar tested	3	Kotey
Seminar: Advanced Topics In IP	Seminar	2	Suarez
Seminar: Poverty Law (hybrid)	Seminar	2	Mason
Seminar: Law and Order Advanced Criminal Law (asynchronous)	Seminar	2	Schulze

- Courses with pre-requisites or other enrollment restrictions are listed below:
- The following externships and clinics satisfy both the litigation/ADR and the experiential requirements.

Course name	Pre-requisite, co-requisite, or restriction	Number of credits	Professor(s)
Civil Externship	45 credits, Professional Responsibility	4 credits pass/fail & 2 credits graded	Kotey
Law Firm Externship	45 credits, Professional Responsibility, Evidence	4 credits pass/fail & 2 credits graded	Mason
Criminal Externship	48 credits and a letter of clearance from the FL Bar; Professional Responsibility,	4 credits pass/fail & 2 credits graded	Kotey

	Evidence and Criminal Procedure Investigation		
Community Lawyering Clinic	45 credits, Professional Responsibility and one of these courses: Health Law, Disability Law, Administrative Law, Immigration Law or Family Law	2-6	O'Steen
Death Penalty Clinic	45 credits (pre), Professional Responsibility (pre or co), Death Penalty (pre)	4	Gorman
Immigration Clinic	45 credits, Professional Responsibility, Evidence and Immigration Law	4-6	J. Gómez

Intellectual Property Certificate

Interested students need to earn at least 14 credits from IP course list, take IP and 2 courses from the Entrepreneurship course list.

Course name	Category	Number of credits	Professor(s)
Seminar: Advanced Topics In IP	Intellectual Property Course	2	Suarez
Administrative Law	Entrepreneurship	3	Coffey
Business Organizations	Entrepreneurship	4	Markham
Complex Litigation	Entrepreneurship	3	Mullins
AI and the Corporate Client	Entrepreneurship	2	Zayalet

Environmental Law Certificate

Course name	Category	Number of credits	Professor(s)
Administrative Law	Required	3	Coffey
International Environmental Law	Elective course	3	Santana

Military Law Certificate

Course name	Category	Number of credits	Professor(s)
Administrative Law	Required	3	Coffey
Special Topic: Space Law and Policy Law	Elective course	3	Dagley

APPENDIX B

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

SUMMER 2026 FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JULY 27 – THURSDAY JULY 30

The reading period and examination schedule are subject to change.

Students should make no travel arrangements during the entire examination period in the event examinations have to be rescheduled. Travel plans are not an excuse to miss an examination.

Make-up examinations for conflicts will normally be held within one day of the original examination.

Make-up examinations take place every day, Monday through Friday, at 10 a.m. during the exam week.

Online classes may have in-person exams.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Administrative Law Coffey RDB 2001 6:30PM	Complex Litigation Mullins RDB 2001 6:30PM	Florida Constitutional Law Ruiz RDB 2005 6:30PM	Special Topics – RVCC Zalayet RDB 2001 6:30PM
Business Organizations Markham RDB 2008 6:30PM	Crim Pro Investigation Kotey RDB 2006 6:30PM	NAFTA & Other Reg Agreements Guerra Hernandez RDB 2001 6:30PM	Special Topics – U11 Dagley RDB 2002 6:30PM
Florida Civil Practice Lewis RDB 2002 6:30PM	Professional Responsibility J. Gomez RDB 2008 6:30PM	Wills and Trusts El-Sabawi RDB 2008 6:30PM	
Professional Responsibility Brenan Correoso RDB 2006 6:30PM			

APPENDIX C

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▼ J.D. DEGREE

The JD degree is earned with 90 credits, a cumulative grade point average minimum of 2.00, with a minimum of 59 credit hours in residence at the College; and, upon completion no earlier than 24 months and no later than 84 months after a student has commenced law study at the College of Law, or at a law school from which the College of Law has accepted transfer credit. No more than 6 credits of approved non-Law FIU graduate level classes earned with a grade of B or better will be accepted, except for students in an approved FIU Joint Degree program who may transfer 9 credits. Courses from an ABA accredited study abroad or an approved visiting/student exchange program must be earned with a grade of C or better to receive transfer credit.

Status: **Not Satisfied**

GRADE LIMIT AND RESIDENCY

Student must complete at least 59 units at FIU and no more than 13 units of "D" grades will be accepted toward the degree.

Status: **Not Satisfied**

▶ Grade Limit

▼ Residency

Complete 59 units in FIU Law courses.

Status: **Not Satisfied**

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LAW5781	Legal Reasoning	2.00				
LAW6372	Adv Appellate Advocacy	2.00				
LAW6780	Legal Analysis	1.00 - 2.00				
LAW6905	Independent Study	1.00 - 2.00				
LAW6919	Law Review: Staff II	1.00 - 2.00				
LAW6941	Legal Clinic (Immigration and Human Rights)	2.00 - 7.00				
LAW6941	Legal Clinic (Education Advocacy)	2.00 - 7.00				
LAW6941	Legal Clinic (Health, Ethics, Law & Policy)	2.00 - 7.00				
LAW6941	Legal Clinic (Investor Advocacy)	2.00 - 7.00				
LAW6941	Legal Clinic (Criminal/Civil Externship(CRM))	2.00 - 7.00				

Out of Classroom Pass/Fail Limit

Up to 6 units may be earned from out of classroom P/F courses such as Appellate Procedure and Clinics with a P/F component.

The following courses may be used to satisfy this requirement:

Course	Description	Units	When	Grade	Status	Type	Repeat
LAW6905	Independent Study	1.00 - 2.00					
LAW6919	Law Review: Staff II	1.00 - 2.00					
LAW6950	Law Review: Board of Editors	1.00	Fall Term 2023		◆	IP	
LAW6956	Law Review: Senior Members	2.00	Summer Term 2023		◆	IP	
LAW6957	Law Review: Staff	1.00	Fall Term 2022		✔	EN	
LAW6957	Law Review: Staff	1.00	Spring Term 2023		✔	EN	
LAW6958	Board of Advocates (BOA Member)	1.00 - 2.00					
LAW6958	Board of Advocates (BOA Officer)	1.00 - 2.00					
LAW6984	Judicial Externship Placement (Florida Supreme Court Extern)	2.00 - 4.00					
LAW7940	Judicial Clinic (Florida Supreme Court Extern)	3.00 - 12.00					

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Minimum of 6 units of coursework is required to earn the J. D. degree.
 Status: **Not Satisfied**

6 Units 66.00 required, 70.00 taken, 20.00 needed
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The following courses were used to satisfy this requirement:

Course	Description	Units	When	Grade	Status	Type	Repeat
LAW5000	Contracts	4.00	Fall Term 2022		✓	TR	
LAW5100	Criminal Law	3.00	Fall Term 2022		✓	TR	
LAW5259	Intro International & Comp Law	3.00	Fall Term 2022	-	✓	EN	
LAW5300	Civil Procedure	4.00	Fall Term 2022	S	✓	TR	
LAW5400	Property	4.00	Fall Term 2022	R	✓	TR	
LAW5501	Constitutional Law	4.00	Fall Term 2022	TR	✓	EN	
LAW5700	Torts	4.00	Fall Term 2022		✓	TR	
LAW5792	Legal Skills & Values I	3.00	Fall Term 2022		✓	TR	
LAW5793	Legal Skills & Values II	2.00	Fall Term 2022		✓	TR	
LAW6031	Payment Systems	3.00	Spring Term 2023		✓	EN	

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FOUNDATION COURSES

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Complete 31 units in the first year of the full-time program or the first three semesters of the part-time program. Foundation coursework accepted for transfer students will display with a grade of TR.
Status: **Satisfied**

▶ **Foundation Courses**

UPPER LEVEL COURSES

Complete 59 upper level units; 2 litigation/alternative dispute resolution courses; 1 upper level international course; Legal Skills and Values III; Professional Responsibility; and a seminar.
Status: **Not Satisfied**

▶ **Seminar Course**

▶ **Litigation or Alternative Dispute Resolution Courses**

▶ **International and Comparative Courses**

▼ **Legal Skills and Values III**

Complete one course.

Day Students: It is highly recommended that LSV III be taken no later than your fourth (4th) semester of regular enrollment (summer excluded).

Evening Students: It is highly recommended that LSV III be taken no later than your sixth (6th) semester of regular enrollment (summer excluded).

Status: **Not Satisfied**

- Courses: 1 required, 0 taken, 1 needed

The following courses may be used to satisfy this requirement:

Course	Description	Units	When	Grade	Status	Type	Repeat
LAW6797	Legal Skills & Values III	2.00 - 3.00					

▸ **Ethics/Professional Responsibility**

▾ **Experiential Courses**

Complete a minimum of 6 credits. Experiential courses are capped at a maximum of twenty (20) credits and include clinics, externships, trial and appellate advocacy, and simulation courses. Within the twenty credit cap, students are also capped at a maximum of twelve (12) credits in clinics; 12 credits in externships; twelve (12) credits in trial and appellate advocacy courses, or 12 credits in simulation courses.

Status: **In Progress**

The following courses may be used to satisfy this requirement:

Course	Description	Units	When	Grade	Status	Type	Repeat
View Course List	Experiential courses						
LAW6949	Civil Externship Placement (Law Firm Placement)	2.00	Summer Term 2023		◆	IP	
LAW6949	Civil Externship Placement (Law Firm Placement)	4.00	Summer Term 2023		◆	IP	
LAW7225	Transnational Disputes	2.00	Spring Term 2023		✔	EN	

▾ **Upper Level Total Units**

All students must complete 59 Upper Level units. Including: 2 litigation/alternative dispute resolution courses; 1 upper level international course; Legal Skills and Values III; Professional Responsibility; and a seminar.

Status: **Not Satisfied**

- Units: 59.00 required, 39.00 taken, 20.00 needed

The following courses may be used to satisfy this requirement:

Course	Description	Units	When	Grade	Status	Type	Repeat
View Course List	Upper Level Total Units						
LAW6031	Payment Systems	3.00	Spring Term 2023		✔	EN	
LAW6060	Business Organizations	4.00	Spring Term 2023		✔	EN	
LAW6330	Evidence	3.00	Fall Term 2022		✔	EN	
LAW6750	Professional Responsibility	3.00	Fall Term 2022		✔	EN	

LAW6936	Seminars	2.00	Spring Term 2023	A		EN	
LAW6949	Civil Externship Placement (Law Firm Placement)	2.00	Summer Term 2023			IP	
LAW6949	Civil Externship Placement (Law Firm Placement)	4.00	Summer Term 2023			IP	
LAW6950	Law Review: Board of Editors	1.00	Fall Term 2023			IP	
LAW6956	Law Review: Senior Members	2.00	Summer Term 2023			IP	

Pro Bono

The Pro Bono Requirement: The College of Law Faculty requires that all students must satisfy a pro bono service requirement through the College's Pro Bono Program. The requirement, to be completed by full-time students during the second year of law school and by part-time students during the fourth through seventh semesters of law school, entails 30 hours of useful legal-related community service in a program established or approved by the College.

Direct questions to Professor Phyllis Kotey, Director of Externship and Pro Bono Programs by email koteyp@fiu.edu or Zoraya Ledesma ledesmaz@fiu.edu or visit RDB 1010 for assistance.

Status: **Not Satisfied**

Community Service

Complete 30 hours of qualifying Pro Bono work.

Status: **Not Satisfied**

OTHER ENROLLED COURSES

Course enrollments not included in approved Program of Study.

Courses Not Used

APPENDIX D
HOW OFTEN ARE COURSES OFFERED?

In addition to the foundation curriculum, we offer upper-level courses following the guidelines below. These guidelines are designed so that you can meet your requirements, choose between electives, and pursue your specialized interests. These guidelines are not a contract (factors beyond our control can limit our ability to offer a course), but it is reasonable for you to rely on the information below when planning your legal studies and picking courses.

Please be advised that these guidelines assume that, in the J.D. program, a full-time student will attend six semesters (not including summer) and that a part-time student will attend eight semesters. If you are an LL.M. student, the regular full-time length is two semesters. Shortening your program of legal education at the College of Law—for example by taking courses during the summer or consistently taking extra credits—may limit your ability to take some of these courses; this is also true for transfer students.

EVERY FALL AND SPRING SEMESTER
<i>Required</i>
<i>LSV III</i> (multiple sections alternating day and night)
<i>Professional Responsibility</i> (alternating day and evening sections)
<i>Seminars</i> (various seminars alternating day and evening)
<i>Bar-tested in Florida*</i>
<i>Business Organizations</i> (alternating day and evening sections)
<i>Evidence</i> (two day sections in the fall; one evening section in the spring)
<i>Family Law</i> (alternating day and evening sections) (offered during summer 2025 and twice in fall 2026)
<i>Criminal Procedure: Investigation</i> (alternating day and evening sections)
<i>Law and Procedure</i> (only open to students who graduate at the semester in which they take the course; one evening section in the fall; two day sections in the spring)
<i>Wills and Trusts</i> (alternating day and evening sections)
<i>Other</i>
<i>Advanced Legal Research</i>
<i>Advanced Trial Practice</i> (alternating day and night semesters)
<i>Civil, Criminal, and Judicial Externship</i>
<i>Civil Externship: Law Firm Placement</i>
<i>Immigration Clinic</i> (alternating day and evening sections)
<i>Immigration Law</i> (alternating day and evening sections)
<i>Pretrial Practice</i> (alternating day and night semesters)
<i>Trial Advocacy</i> (alternating day and night semesters)

YEARLY (EITHER THE FALL OR SPRING SEMESTER)
<i>Bar-tested in Florida*</i>
<i>First Amendment</i> (taught in the spring)
<i>Payments</i> (asynchronous)
<i>Florida Civil Practice</i>
<i>Products Liability</i>
<i>Remedies</i>
<i>Sales</i> (one day and one night section)
<i>Secured Transactions</i> (asynchronous)
<i>May be bar-tested outside of Florida</i>
<i>Administrative Law</i>
<i>Federal Courts</i>
<i>Federal Income Taxation</i> (to be taught in the fall evening for the next two years)
<i>Other</i>

<i>Admiralty Law</i>	<i>Intellectual Property</i>
<i>Advanced Appellate Advocacy</i> (offered in the fall)	<i>International Arbitration Competition-Moot Madrid</i> (usually in the fall)
<i>ADR</i>	<i>International Arbitration Competition-Vis Moot</i> (usually in the fall)
<i>Advanced Legal Research</i>	<i>International Commercial Arbitration</i> (usually in the fall)
<i>Antitrust</i>	<i>International Legal Research</i>
<i>Aviation and Space Law</i>	<i>International Litigation</i>
<i>Bankruptcy</i>	<i>Law Firm Management</i>
<i>Blockchain Regulation</i> (usually in the spring)	<i>Law of Armed Conflict</i>
<i>Business, Innovation, and Technology Clinic</i>	<i>Law of Corporate Finance</i>
<i>Cannabis Law</i>	<i>Law Practice Technology</i>
<i>Civil Rights</i>	<i>Legislation</i>
<i>Community Law Teaching</i>	<i>LSV: LL.M.</i>
<i>Community Lawyering Clinic</i>	<i>Medical Malpractice</i>
<i>Complex Litigation</i>	<i>Military Justice</i>
<i>Computer and Internet Law</i>	<i>Mindfulness and the Law</i>
<i>Construction Law</i>	<i>Negotiation</i>
<i>Copyright Law</i>	<i>National Security and the Constitution</i>
<i>Elder Law</i>	<i>Natural Resources Law</i>
<i>Employment Law</i>	<i>Patent Law</i>
<i>Employment Discrimination</i>	<i>Real Estate Transactions</i>
<i>Environmental Law</i>	<i>Transnational Disputes</i> (usually in the spring)
<i>Environmental Legal Research</i>	<i>U.S. Law I</i> (offered in the fall)
<i>Federal Income Taxation</i>	
<i>Financial Technology Law</i> (usually in the fall)	<i>U.S. Law II</i> (offered in the spring)
<i>Florida Condominium Law</i>	<i>Veterans Law</i>
<i>Foreign and International Legal Research</i>	<i>White Collar</i>

AT LEAST EVERY OTHER YEAR
<i>Climate Change</i>
<i>Conflict of Laws (may be bar-tested outside of Florida)</i>
<i>Corporate and Partnership Tax</i>
<i>Death Penalty Clinic</i>
<i>Death Penalty Law</i>
<i>Education Law</i>
<i>Election Law</i>
<i>Estate and Gift Tax</i>
<i>Legal History</i>
<i>Information and Data Privacy</i>
<i>International Human Rights</i>
<i>Local Government Law</i>
<i>Securities Regulation</i>
<i>Sports and Entertainment Law</i>
<i>Trademark</i>
TYPICAL SUMMER OFFERINGS
<i>Bar-tested*</i>
<i>Florida Constitutional Law</i>
<i>Florida Civil Practice</i>
<i>Professional Responsibility</i>
<i>Other</i>
<i>Administrative Law (may be bar-tested outside of Florida)</i>
<i>Civil, Criminal, and Judicial Externship</i>
<i>Civil Externship: Law Firm Placement</i>
<i>Community Lawyering</i>
<i>Complex Litigation</i>
<i>Immigration Law Clinic</i>
<i>International Environmental Law (asynchronous)</i>
<i>Law Practice Technology</i>

* Please note the distinction in Part X of the Registration Memorandum between bar-tested courses that are highly-recommended versus recommended.

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