

A collection of black graduation caps with gold tassels are shown in various orientations, appearing to fall or be tossed against a clear blue sky. The caps are scattered across the frame, with some in the foreground and others further back, creating a sense of motion and celebration.

Selecting Upper-Level Courses

Spring 2022

Agenda

Florida Bar Applications

JD Graduation Requirements

Upper-Level Courses

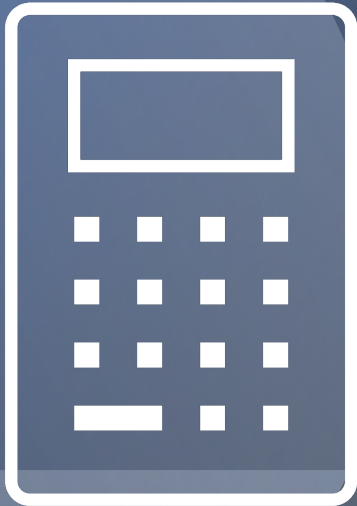
Journals and Teams

Summer 2022

Pro-Bono Requirement

YOUR STUDENT REGISTRANT APPLICATIONS WITH THE FLORIDA BOARD OF BAR EXAMINERS....





90 credits for J.D.

– 31 foundation credits =

**59 credits of electives
remaining to complete
J.D. requirements.**

Upper-Level J.D. Requirements

- Earn at least 90 hours of passing grades in all courses.
 - 78 of those hours must be in graded courses.
 - A passing grade is D or above , but no more than 13 credits of D.
- Must earn a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above at the end of every semester.*

Upper-Level J.D. Required Courses

- Complete Professional Responsibility with a grade of C or better.
- LSV III
- Complete two Litigation/ADR courses.
- Complete one Upper-Level International Law course.
- Complete one seminar.
- Complete six credit hours of experiential courses.
- Complete pro bono requirement before you start your final academic year.

Upper-Level J.D. Requirements



How do I know whether a course satisfies the specific J.D. requirements?

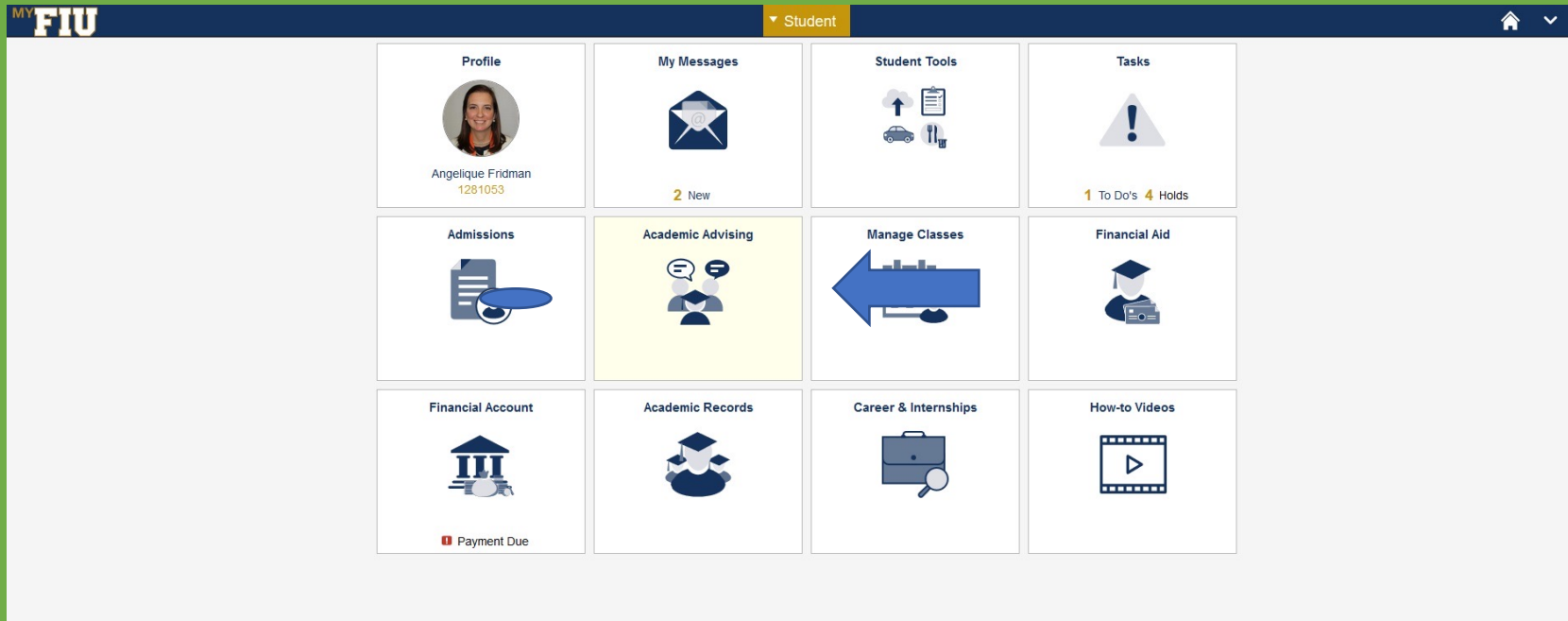
Registrar's Office will provide Course Registration Guide, which lists all courses and which (if any) requirements they fulfill; and

Degree audit on <https://myfiu.edu>.

Can a single course satisfy two or more specific J.D. requirements?

Yes. For example, you could satisfy both the International and Seminar requirements by taking The Sierra Leone Tribunal Seminar.

How to do a Degree Audit

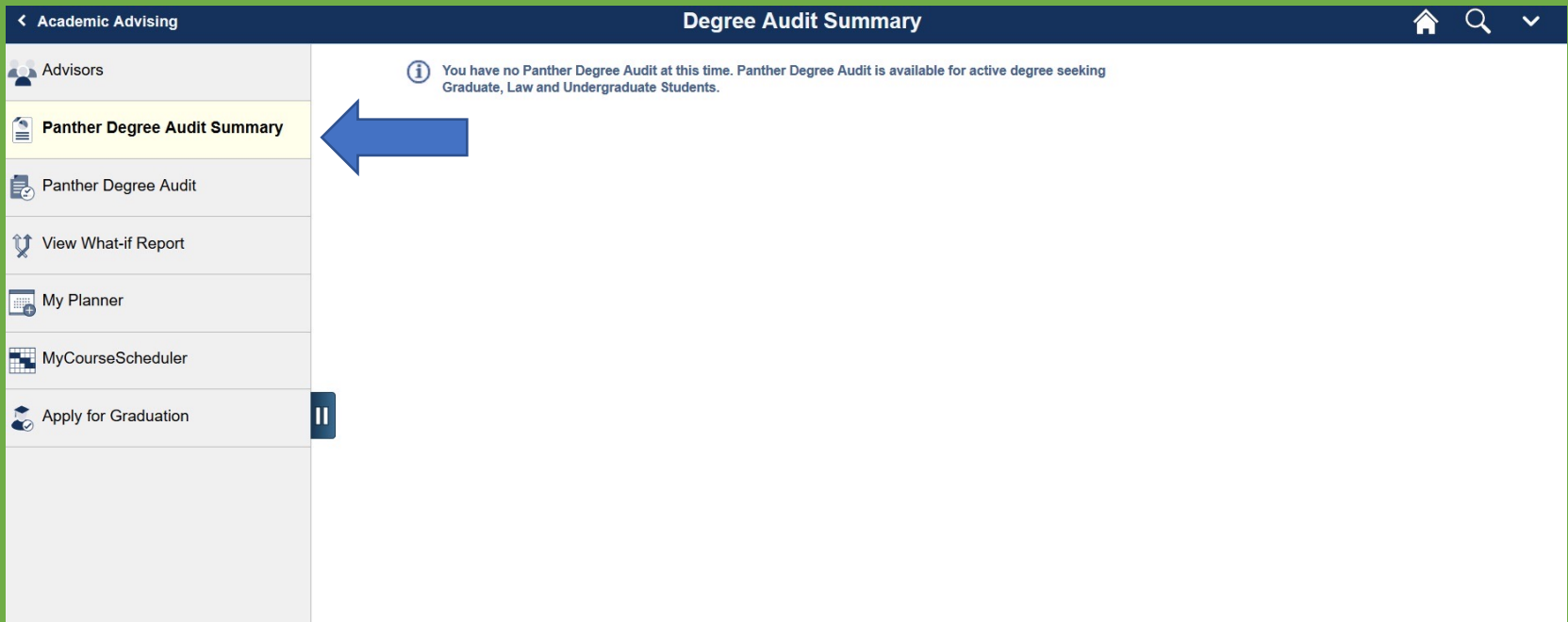


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"student portal"

How to do a Degree Audit



How to do a Degree Audit



The screenshot shows the 'Degree Audit Summary' page within the 'Academic Advising' section. The left sidebar contains a list of navigation options: 'Advisors', 'Panther Degree Audit Summary' (highlighted in yellow), 'Panther Degree Audit', 'View What-if Report', 'My Planner', 'MyCourseScheduler', and 'Apply for Graduation'. A blue arrow points from the 'Panther Degree Audit Summary' link to the main content area. The main content area displays a message: 'You have no Panther Degree Audit at this time. Panther Degree Audit is available for active degree seeking Graduate, Law and Undergraduate Students.' The top navigation bar includes a back arrow, the text 'Academic Advising', the title 'Degree Audit Summary', and icons for home, search, and a dropdown menu.

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Selecting Upper-Level Courses

What types of Upper-Level Courses are offered at FIU
Law?

- 1. Doctrinal Courses
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- 4. Non-Classroom Work



Doctrinal Courses

Bar-Tested Courses

Highly Recommended Courses	Recommended Courses
Business Organizations	Family Law
Criminal Procedure: Investigation	First Amendment
Evidence	Florida Civil Practice
Law and Procedure: U.S. and Florida (aka "FLAP") *Take this the semester before you graduate*	Florida Constitutional Law
Sales	Payment Systems
Wills and Trusts	Products Liability
	Remedies
	Secured Transactions

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Experiential Course Requirement

SIMULATION/
SKILLS

EXPERIENTIAL

Examples of
Skills/Simulation
Courses
That Satisfy the
6-credit
"Experiential"
Requirement

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Negotiation
- Trial Advocacy/Advanced Trial Advocacy
- Pre-Trial Practice

Experiential Course Requirement

SIMULATION/
SKILLS

EXPERIENTIAL

EXTERNSHIPS

CLINICS



Experiential Courses (Externships)

What is an Experiential Course?

A course that allows students to earn law-school credit for real-world legal work representing-- or working on behalf-- of a client.

What Experiential Courses does FIU Law offer?

Externships

Law-related work in **off-campus** field placements.

Clinics

In-house law offices in different areas of practice. Students represent clients under the supervision of a clinical professor and/or staff attorney.

Experiential Courses (Externships)

What types of Externships does FIU law offer?

- Judicial

Prosecutors
State Attorney's Office
U.S. Attorney's Office

- Criminal

Government Defense
State Public Defender Office
Federal Public Defender

- Civil

Government Office

Non-Profit
Organization

Law Firm

In-House Corporate
Counsel

Experiential Courses (Externships)

What are the requirements to enroll in an Externship ?

Type of Externship	No. of credits that must be completed before enrollment	Course Pre-Requisites	CLI Florida Bar Clearance Required?
Judicial	Completion of all Foundation Courses	None	No
Civil	45 credit hours	1) Professional Responsibility (pre-or co-req.) 2) Evidence (if law firm)	No (but recommended)
Criminal	48 credit hours	1) Professional Responsibility; 2) Criminal Procedure: Investigation; 3) Evidence *All pre-or-co-requisites)	Yes for SAO and State PD only; not for FPD, USAO.

Experiential Courses (Externships)

How many credits do I earn from completing an Externship?

Type of Externship	Semester of Enrollment	No. of Credits	Graded or Pass/Fail?	In-Class/ Non-Classroom Work Credit?
Civil / Criminal Externship	Fall or Spring	4	All Pass/Fail	In Class
Judicial Externship	Fall or Spring	3	Pass/Fail	In Class
	Summer	3	1 Graded 2 Pass/Fail	In Class
Civil/Criminal Externship	Summer	6	2 Graded 4 Pass/Fail	In Class
Advanced Externship	Fall, Spring, or Summer	2-4	All Pass/Fail	Non-Classroom Work

Experiential Courses (Externship)

May I get paid from
my externship
placement and also
receive course credit?

Yes





Experiential
Courses
(Externships)

Can I work for my current law
firm/legal employer and get
experiential
(Externship) credit?

Yes*

Experiential Courses (Externships)



What is the hour
requirement for
an
externship place
ment?

Fall / Spring:
180 hours

Summer:
210 hours

Experiential Courses (Clinics)

What types of Clinics does FIU law offer?

- Death Penalty Clinic
- Immigration Clinic
- Community Lawyering Clinic
- Business, Innovation, and Technology (BIT) Clinic (formerly Small Business Clinic)

Experiential Courses (Clinics)

Clinic	No. of Credits B/F Enroll.	Course Pre- or Co Requisites	No. of Credits	Pass/Fail or Graded In-Class/ Non- Classroom Work Credit?
Death Penalty Clinic (Fall/Spring/Summer)	45	Death Penalty Course (P) Professional Resp. (C/P)	4	Graded In-Class
Immigration Clinic (Fall/Spring/Summer)	45	Professional Resp. (C/P) Evidence (C/P) Immigration Law (C/P)	4	Graded In-Class
Community Lawyering Clinic (Fall/Spring/Summer)	45	Professional Resp. (C/P) and ONE: Family Law (C/P) Health Law (C/P) Admin Law (C/P) Disability Law (C/P) Immigration Law (C/P)	2-4	Graded In-Class
BIT Clinic	45	Professional Resp. (C/P) Bus. Orgs. (C/P)	4	Graded In-Class

Credits/Hours Conversion for Clinics

- 2 credits = 112 hours / semester
- 3 credits = 168 hours / semester
- 4 credits = 196 hours / semester

Experiential Courses (Externships and Clinics)

All of you must meet with Zoraya Ledesma to plan for your six-credit Experiential Requirement and Pro-Bono Hours



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Non- Classroom Work

What is Non-Classroom Work?


- Credit-earning work that is not completed in a classroom.
- Pass/Fail.

What types of credit-earning work is considered Non-Classroom Work?

- Advanced Externship credits;
 - Journals
 - Competitions; and
 - Independent Study.
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Non- Classroom Work

Are there credit caps on Non-Classroom Work?

- Students are limited to a total of **6 credits** for Non-Classroom work; **no more than 4** of those can be for Independent Study.
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Journals & Teams

Journals:

- FIU Law Review
- African Journal of Legal Studies
- World Arbitration and Mediation Review

Competition Teams

- Moot Court
- Trial Team*
- International Commercial Arbitration Team*
- Negotiation and Mediation Team*

Moot Court

You must register for Advanced Appellate Advocacy in Fall following completion of your foundation courses to be eligible for the Moot Court Team.



Summer 2022

- The COL offers IN-PERSON AND ONLINE LIVE classes at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the summer session.
- You can take up to 6 credit hours of courses over the summer.
 - For waiver of 6-credit limit, please contact Dean Rodriguez-Dod.
- **Seville, Spain, Summer Study Abroad**



Summer Term and Financial Aid

You must be enrolled
in at least **5** credits
over the summer to
receive financial aid
(loans).



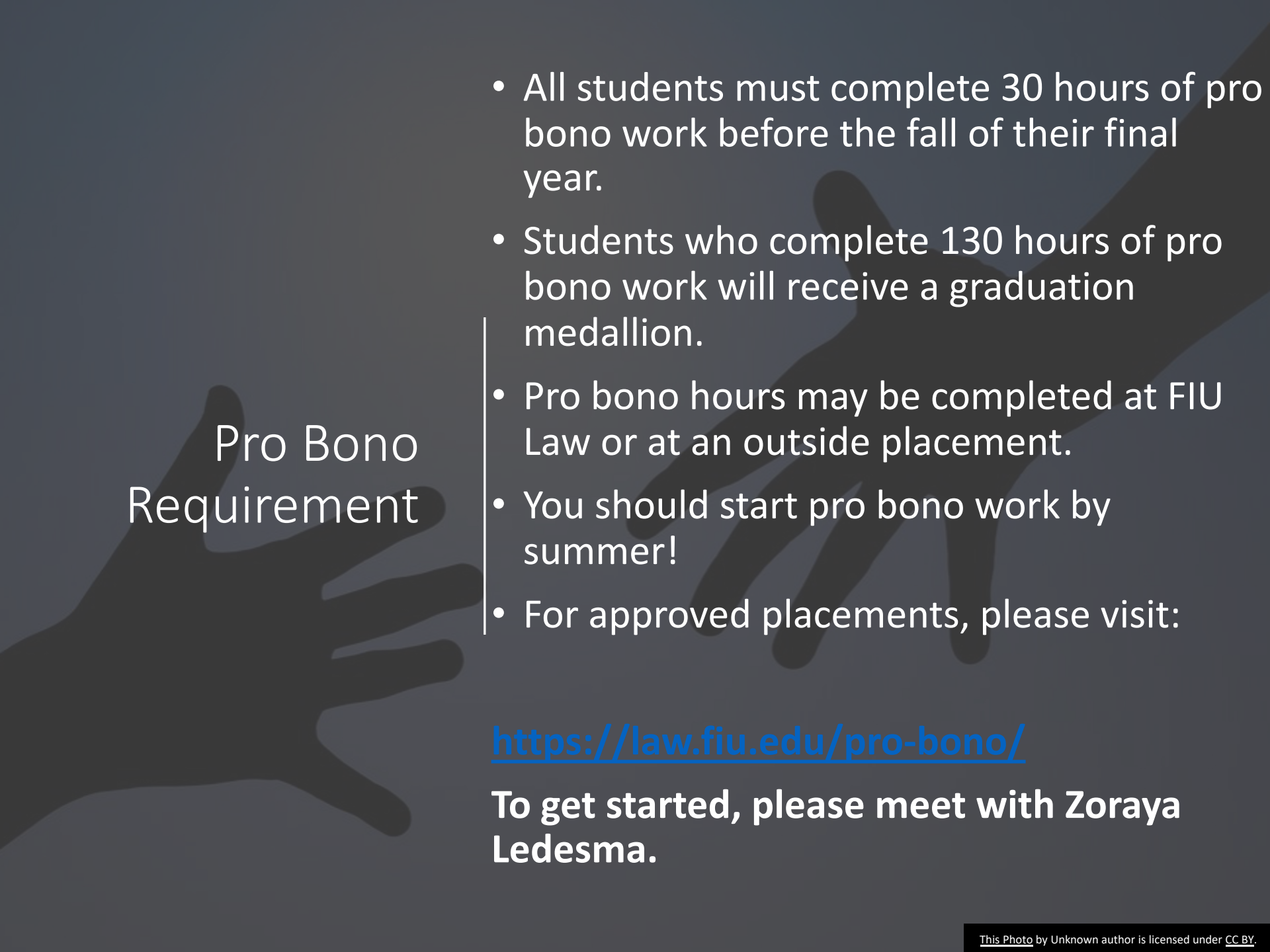
Summer Term and Scholarships

- Scholarships are not awarded for the summer term.
- According to Financial Aid Office, If you have a full scholarship you will be refunded in subsequent terms. Please contact Gabby Mendez for details.



How do I register for Upper-Level Courses?

- You register for classes through [my.FIU.edu/Student Portal/Panthersoft](https://my.fiu.edu/StudentPortal/Panthersoft).
- For Summer 2022 courses, you will register in April 2022.
- For Fall 2022 courses , you will register in June 2022.
- For Spring 2023 courses, you will register in November 2022.
- You will receive registration instructions and a registration appointment from the Registrar's Office.



Pro Bono Requirement

- All students must complete 30 hours of pro bono work before the fall of their final year.
- Students who complete 130 hours of pro bono work will receive a graduation medallion.
- Pro bono hours may be completed at FIU Law or at an outside placement.
- You should start pro bono work by summer!
- For approved placements, please visit:

<https://law.fiu.edu/pro-bono/>

To get started, please meet with Zoraya Ledesma.