

SCHEDULE AND REGISTRATION-FALL 2020

This document outlines the course offerings and registration procedures for Fall semester of 2020. It also contains some information about the Spring of 2021, and the 2020-21 academic year in general. Please, read it carefully as you prepare for the opening of the registration period, and before making your course selections.

This document is divided into four sections: (I) What's New for 2020-21; (II) Graduation requirements, Bar tested courses, Pre-requisites, Clinics, Externships, Certificates, and Seminars; (III) Registration procedures and important dates; and, (IV) Advising for J.D. and LL.M. students and academic supervision for JD students.

The 2020-2021 academic calendar and the fall 2020 class and examination schedules are available on the College of Law website at <https://law.fiu.edu/academics/registrar/>. The spring 2021 class and exam schedules will be finalized no later than October 2020, in preparation for registration in November. Please, be advised that some changes regarding class delivery modes might occur in light of the exceptional circumstances arising from Covid-19, government and university guidelines. The Dean's Office will communicate those changes as soon as practicable.

You may direct any questions about the information contained in this document to the College of Law Registrar Donna Yff (yffd@fiu.edu).

I. What's New for 2020-21

This year's schedule contains a number of improvements that reflect multiple student suggestions, several focus group discussions with every student constituency at FIU Law, consideration of programmatic and institutional priorities, and most importantly, our interest in providing you with the best possible legal education. Some of the highlights are:

- Both Fall and Spring Schedules are being released simultaneously, so students and faculty can better plan their entire academic year. This is particularly important for students who work or are planning on doing internships, getting jobs, pursuing certificates, enrolling in competitions, or joining the clinics. The annual schedule will also help faculty plan their scholarship and other academic and professional endeavors. (Please note, however, that modest changes may still prove necessary due to circumstances beyond our control.)
- There are no more clashes between mandatory bar tested courses, and reduced friction between other components of the schedule. As a result, students are able to pursue different tracks or areas of concentration with ease. Courses focused on international law, entrepreneurship, dispute resolution (litigation, arbitration, etcetera), and other areas, are scheduled in a manner that allows students to enroll in several related courses without conflict.

- Most courses (with very few exceptions like LSV, FLAP, Trial Advocacy, and the Clinics) are offered in blocks. As a result, there is much more consistency across the schedule, and students have many more available choices than in previous years. Under the new schedule, students can enroll in bar-required or recommended courses, specialty courses, and pursue any area of concentration or certificate with fewer obstacles.
- Both the Intellectual Property and the Environmental Law certificates can be completed in two semesters. We have also added Energy Law (Fall), and Climate Change Law (Spring) to the latter.
- New courses addressing current topics have been added to the schedule. These include, Consumer Finance (Fall), Professionalism, Ethics, and the Legal Profession (Fall), International Banking (Spring), and particularly relevant given the current events, African American Legal Thought (Spring), and a seminar on 21st Century Police Practices and Procedures (Spring).
- There is a consistent midday break throughout the week, so students can plan extra activities, and faculty can bring speakers, or hold meetings without conflicts. There is also a daybreak between four credit block courses for 1Ls, so students have sufficient time to recharge from one course to another.
- Evening classes have been scheduled to start after 6pm, so students who work or have long commutes have sufficient time to arrive in school. However, for programmatic reasons and due to limited classroom space, we still had to schedule some electives during slightly earlier slots, but those are exceptions. The number of late-night courses has been reduced to a minimum.
- Friday is a free day for most upper level students (2L, 3L, 4L), so they can work, do internships, prepare for competitions, and other extracurricular activities.
- Seminars are offered in dedicated time slots, one for day students and the other for part-time students.

II. Graduation requirements, Bar tested courses, Pre-requisites, Clinics, Externships, Certificates, and Seminars

- **Graduation requirements:** Upon completing the Foundation curriculum, all JD students must complete 59 additional credit-hours of upper-level division courses, and the following requirements.

REQUIREMENT	SATISFIED BY	NEED TO BE COMPLETED BY
Professional Responsibility (3 credits)	Obtaining a minimum passing grade of “C”	Last semester

Litigation or Alternative Dispute Resolution	Obtaining a passing grade in two designated courses	Last semester
International and Comparative Law	Obtaining a passing grade in one designated course	Last semester
Seminar	Obtaining a passing grade in one designated seminar	Last semester
Experiential	Obtaining six credits from enrollment in Clinics, Externships, Trial Advocacy, Appellate Advocacy and other designated courses	Last semester
Legal Skills and Values III (3 credits)	Obtaining a passing grade in LSV III	Full time students: Fourth semester Part time students: Sixth semester
Pro Bono Service	As approved by Professor Kotey, Director of Externships and Community Service (lawcsvc@fiu.edu)	Full time students: Fourth semester Part time students: Sixth semester Warning: A registration hold will be placed on any graduating student who has not completed pro bono hours prior to registering for the final semester.

- Bar tested courses:** The following table lists all courses which subject matter is tested on the Multi-State and Florida Bar Examinations. Nevertheless, 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.

Highly Recommended Florida Bar Tested Courses (offered in both semesters)	Recommended Florida Bar Tested Courses
Business Organizations (Fall 2020 Evening; Spring 2021 Day)	Family Law (Fall 2020 Day; Spring 2021 Evening)
Criminal Procedure: Investigation (Fall 2020 Day; Spring 2021 Evening)	First Amendment (Spring 2021 Day)
Evidence (Fall 2020 Day; Spring 2021 Evening)	Florida Civil Practice (Fall 2020 Evening; Spring 2021 Evening)
Law & Procedure: U.S. and Florida* (Fall 2020 Evening; Spring 2021 Day & Evening) *	Payment Systems (Fall 2020 Day)

Sales (Fall 2020 Day; Spring 2021 Evening)	Products Liability (Fall 2020 Evening)
Wills and Trusts (Fall 2020 Evening; Spring 2021 Day)	Remedies (Spring 2021 Day)
	Secured Transactions (Spring 2021 Evening)

***Law & Procedure: U.S. and Florida** 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. **The Fall section of Law and Procedure is restricted to students graduating in the Fall. Students graduating in Spring will need to obtain special permission from Professor Ruiz to take the fall section.**

- **Courses subject to pre- and co-requisites:** The following courses are subject to pre- and co-requisites.

Course	Pre- or co-requisite(s)
Death Penalty Law	Completion of Foundation Courses (Pre-requisite)
Trial Advocacy	Evidence (Pre- or Co-requisite)
Advanced Trial Advocacy	Trial Advocacy (Pre-requisite)

- **Clinics and externships:** Externships and Legal Clinics have pre-requisite or co-requisites as outlined below. Both require a separate application process overseen by Zoraya Ledesma (ledesmaz@fiu.edu), the Clinic’s Senior Administrative Assistant.

Clinics	Credits completed	Pre- or co-requisite(s)
Business Innovation & Technology	45 credits	Professional Responsibility Business Organizations
Death Penalty Clinic	45 credits and Death Penalty Law	Professional Responsibility
Community Lawyering Clinic	45 credits	Professional Responsibility <u>One</u> of the following courses: Health Law, Administrative Law, Disability Law, or Immigration Law
Immigration & Human Rights Clinic	45 credits	Professional Responsibility Evidence Immigration Law

Externships	Credits completed	Pre- or co-requisite(s)
Civil Externship	45 credits	Professional Responsibility, Business Organization or Patent Law or Trademark Law
Criminal Externship	48 credits and Letter of Clearance from the Florida Bar	Professional Responsibility Evidence Criminal Procedure Investigation
Judicial	Completion of Foundation Curriculum	N/A
Advanced Externship	N/A	Must have completed an initial externship.

- **Certificates:** The following tables show the courses being offered during 2020-21 to fulfill both the Environmental Law and Intellectual Property certificates.

Environmental Certificate 2020-2021

Color Code Classification

- Required
- Elective
- Related

Environmental Law Certificate-Fall Semester

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
5:00 - 6:50 PM			Seminar: Energy Law ⁶ Downing (2 credits) RDB 1008	
5:30 - 6:45 PM			Natural Resources Law ⁶ (3 credits) TBD RDB 2006	Natural Resources ⁶ TBD (3 credits) RDB 2006
		Admiralty Law Tanner, T.J (3 credits) RDB 1004	Admiralty Law Tanner, T.J (3 credits) RDB 1009	

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
7:00 - 8:15 PM			Administrative Law Roman (3 credits) RDB 2006	Administrative Law Roman (3 credits) RDB 2006
8:30 - 9:45 PM		Land Use Kerbel (3 credits) RDB 2002	Land Use Kerbel (3 credits) RDB 2002	

Environmental Law Certificate-Spring Semester

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9:00 - 10:15 AM			Construction Law Leiby (3 credits) RDB 2008	Construction Law Leiby (3 credits) RDB 2008
9:00 - 10:15 AM	Federal Courts ⁵ Wasserman (3 credits) RDB 2002	Federal Courts ⁵ Wasserman (3 credits) RDB 2002		
10:30 - 12:20 PM			Seminar: Climate Change Ansah (2 credits) RDB 2080	
3:30 - 4:45 PM	Environmental Law (3 credits) RDB 2001	Environmental Law (3 credits) RDB 2001		

Intellectual Property Certificate-Fall semester

The following table lists only the *mandatory courses* for the IP Certificate.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
10:30 - 11:45 AM	Intellectual Property Travis (3credits) RDB 2008	Intellectual Property Travis (3credits) RDB 2008		
10:30 - 12:20 PM			Seminar: Advanced Topics in IP ^{4,6} Osei Tutu (2 credits) RDB 1006	
3:30 - 4:45 PM	Fashion and Design Law ⁶ Osei Tutu (3 credits) RDB 1004	Fashion and Design Law ⁶ Osei Tutu (3 credits) RDB 1004		
7:00 – 8:15 PM		Computer & Internet Law ⁶ Travis (3 credits) RDB 1031	Computer & Internet Law ⁶ Travis (3 credits) RDB 1031	

Intellectual Property Certificate-Spring semester

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
2:00 - 3:50 PM				Trademarks & GI ⁵ Osei Tutu (2 credits) RDB 2008
4:00 - 5:50 PM				Antitrust ⁵ Travis (2 credits) RDB 2007

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
7:30 - 8:45 PM		Sports & Entertainment Travis ³ (3 credits) RDB 2001	Sports & Entertainment Travis ³ (3 credits) RDB 2001	

- **Seminars:** The following seminars will be offered during 2020-21.

Seminar Name	Semester
Advanced Topics in IP	Fall
Florida Legal History	Fall
Focused Topics on Employment Discrimination	Fall
Property Law and Minority Exclusion	Fall
Law, Business & Politics in Latin America	Fall
Energy Law	Fall
Climate Change	Spring
Advanced Topics in International Law	Spring
International Criminal Practice	Spring
Police Practice and Procedures in the 21 st Century	Spring
Citizenship and Immigration	Spring
Law at the Movies	Spring
Banking Laws and Regulations	Spring
Constitutional Law Issues	Spring

III. Registration procedures and important dates

- **Dates:** Initial course registration for fall will begin by appointment times on Monday, July 6 and will end on Friday, July 17. Registration will reopen on Monday, August 3, and will end on Friday August 23, which coincides with the end of the first week of classes.
- **Self-registration through Panthersoft:**
 1. Log into PantherSoft via the portal at <https://my.fiu.edu/>

2. Home Page —> Manage Classes —> Follow all the required steps.
- **Special approval courses:** You will be able to register in most courses via PantherSoft, with the exception of clinics, externships, and courses that require special approval. Students interested in enrolling in the legal clinics or externships must complete an application and submit it to Zoraya Ledesma (ledesmaz@fiu.edu), the Clinic’s Senior Administrative Assistant. Once their application is approved, the Registrar will complete the process.
 - **Automatic registration:** Third semester part-time students will be automatically registered in their foundation courses, and LL.M. students will be automatically registered in the LL.M. mandatory courses.
 - **Registration priority:** The registration priority period opens on July 6 with Fall graduating students, and is governed by the following rules:
 1. Graduating students (i.e. those who are in their last semester) have general registration priority.
 2. Full time students have priority over part time students regarding day courses, and conversely, part time students will have priority over full time students regarding evening courses.
 - **Enrollment caps and waitlists:** As a general rule, enrollment is limited by the seating capacity of the classroom assigned to each course. Nevertheless, the Registrar may impose certain enrollment caps based on the structure of a course, pedagogical or programmatic reasons. The courses typically subject to this limitation are, (i) seminars (15 students), (ii) LSV III (8 students per section), (iii) Trial Advocacy (6 students per section), and (iv) Advanced Trial Advocacy (6 students per section). Additionally, enrollment in some courses might be subject to instructor’s consent (e.g. Advanced Trial Advocacy, Law & Procedure: U.S. and Florida). When demand exceeds available seats, seats will be allocated by a wait list maintained by the Registrar among those with equal priority.
 - **Clinics and externships:** Students who want to enroll in one of the legal clinics or externships must complete an application (available from the clinical and externship programs) and submit it to Zoraya Ledesma, clinic administrator. Students will be enrolled in a clinic by the Registrar’s Office once their application is approved.
 - **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.

IV. Advice for J.D. students and LL.M. students and academic supervision for J.D. students

- **J.D. students:** If you would like advice regarding fall registration, please contact the following professor according to your last name:

Student Last Name	Professor/Dean	E-mail
A-Ceb	J. Gabilondo	gabilond@fiu.edu
Ces-F	M. Gómez	magomez@fiu.edu
G-Lef	A. Page	apage@fiu.edu
Leo-New	M. Rosenthal	marciros@fiu.edu
Nik-Sch	E. Rodriguez-Dod	elrodrig@fiu.edu
Scu-Z	H. Wasserman	wasserma@fiu.edu

- **J.D. students on academic supervision:** J.D. students who are on academic supervision must contact Dean Schulze at lschulze@fiu.edu or Professor Ruiz at rauruiz@fiu.edu for an advising appointment and submit their proposed class schedule via e-mail, in order to be allowed to register.
- **LL.M. students:** All LL.M. students must contact Dean Manuel A. Gómez at magomez@fiu.edu for an advising appointment and submit their proposed class schedule via e-mail, in order to be allowed to register.
