



MEMORANDUM

TO: College of Law J.D. and LL.M. Students
FROM: José Gabilondo, Associate Dean for Accreditation and Reporting
CC: College of Law Faculty
RE: Summer 2024 Course Registration
DATE: February 16, 2024

As a graduate student in law, you assume responsibility for ensuring that your education at the College of Law furthers your professional objectives. To that end, please review the material in this memorandum, which includes the summer class schedule (Appendix A), the summer examination schedule (Appendix B), and important information about graduation requirements.

Please pay special attention to the upper-level and graduation requirements applicable to *all* J.D. students and listed in Box 1 on page 6. To track your progress in meeting these requirements, please use PantherSoft’s *degree audit* function, a powerful tool discussed on page 4.

This summer we are offering asynchronous sections of *Business Organizations* and *Wills and Trusts*. Please consider using the summer term to meet some of your distributional requirements and to take one or more bar-tested courses.

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I. REGISTRATION MECHANICS

The law school organizes its registration procedure through *Priority Enrollment* (for J.D. students) and *Open Enrollment* (for both J.D. and LL.M. students). Please read the following discussion carefully to identify how this procedure applies to you.

Dates

Initial course registration through Priority Enrollment for J.D. students will begin by appointment times on Monday, April 1 and will end on Friday, April 12 11:59 p.m. Registration through Open Enrollment will reopen on Monday, May 13, and will end on Friday, May 24 at 11:59 p.m., which coincides with the end of the first week of classes.

Self-registration through Panthersoft

Log into PantherSoft via the portal at <https://my.fiu.edu/>
Home Page —> Manage Classes —> Follow all the required steps.

Special approval courses

Via Panthersoft, you will be able to register in most courses, 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 via TWEN. More information about this process will be communicated to students via email. . Once an application is approved, the Registrar will complete the process.

Automatic registration (not applicable for Summer)

During the academic year, 1L students will be automatically registered in their respective mandatory courses, and LL.M. students will be automatically registered in the LL.M. mandatory courses; but this policy *does not apply* during the summer term.

Priority enrollment for J.D. students

Students in the J.D. program enjoy priority enrollment based on the following schedule of credits earned by the time of enrollment.

There are three enrollment appointments assigned based on credits.

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

Please note: veterans receive priority during the registration process. Please email lawregistrar@fiu.edu.

Enrollment caps and waitlists

As a general rule, enrollment is limited by the seating capacity of the classroom assigned to each course. Nevertheless, certain enrollment caps may be imposed based on the structure of a course, or for pedagogical, or programmatic reasons. The courses typically subject to these limitations are, (i) seminars (15 students), (ii) LSV III (generally 10 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) When demand exceeds available seats, seats will be allocated by a wait list maintained by the Registrar among those with equal priority. To be placed on waitlists during registration, email lawregistrar@fiu.edu.

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). 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.

Important deadlines

Please pay attention to these other important dates that impact registration and remaining in good standing:

Registration appointment times available in PantherSoft	Wednesday; March 27
Registration by appointment times	Monday, April 1 - Thursday, April 4
Open registration, visiting students register	Friday, April 5 - Friday, April 12
Initial Summer Registration ends at midnight	Friday, April 12
Summer drop/add resumes	Monday, May 13
Last day to register without late fee.	Sunday, May 19
Classes begin	Monday, May 20
Last day to apply for residency reclassification	Monday, May 20
Drop/add ends. Last day to drop/add without financial liability	Friday, May 24
Last day to pay tuition and fees to late payment fees and to avoid cancellation of classes.	Friday, May 24
Memorial Day Observed. (University Closed)	Monday, May 27
OPERATE A MONDAY CLASS SCHEDULE	Tuesday, May 28
July 4 Independence Day Observed (University Closed).	Thursday, July 4
Return to Title IV deadline for financial aid recipients	Wednesday, July 3
Classes end. OPERATE A THURSDAY CLASS SCHEDULE	Monday, July 22
Reading Period	Tuesday, July 23 - Sunday, July 28
Exams begin	Monday, July 29
Exams end	Thursday - August 1
Final grades due to Registrar by Noon	Tuesday, August 6
Full grade report released to students by 2:00 pm	Wednesday, August 7

II. 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.

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.

Upper-Level and Graduation Requirements

In addition, the College of Law imposes several other requirements summarized below in Box 1. You may 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 later in this Part lets you identify which courses can be taken to satisfy these requirements.

Box 1: Overview of Upper-Level Distributional and Other Requirements for Graduation

<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Satisfied by</i>	<i>Must be completed by this date</i>
<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>Legal Skills and Values III</i>	Passing LSV III.	FT students: 4 th semester. PT students: 6 th semester
<i>Litigation and alternative dispute resolution (2 courses required)</i>	Passing two of the qualifying courses listed in the degree audit. Box 1a on page 6 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 1b on page 6 lists examples of qualifying courses.	Your last semester
<i>Seminar</i>	Passing a seminar. Seminar offerings change each semester.	The end of your penultimate (next-to-the-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 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.

<i>Box 1a: Examples of courses that satisfy the Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution requirement</i> (must complete two courses to graduate)	<i>Box 1b: Examples of courses that satisfy the International and Comparative Law requirement</i> (must complete one course to graduate)
<i>**Please consult the degree audit for the most up-to-date information about courses that satisfy these requirements**</i>	
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 Trial Advocacy Competition (several) Trial Practice	Admiralty 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 Legal Research International Litigation Legal History Profesión Juridica Comparada 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

The following courses have pre-requisites, co-requisites, or other enrollment restrictions:

Box 2: Prerequisites, Corequisites, and Other Enrollment Restrictions

<i>Course</i>	<i>Pre-requisite, co-requisite, or restriction</i>
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)
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 office of the Dean may waive these requirements.

Degree audit

To track your degree progress, you should be regularly using 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 it is not apparent from the printed version, when you are in the audit, it will let you 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. ****

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.

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.

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.

For example, special topics can be taken *only pass/fail*.

III. ADVISING

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 resources.

Transfer students

Please reach out to Dean Rodriguez-Dod at elrodrig@fiu.edu with any questions about course selection or registration.

Faculty advising

If you have specific questions about course selection, please put them in writing and send them to the professor corresponding to your last name as listed below in Box 3b.

Box 3: Faculty advising contacts

Ab-Deh	M. Gomez	magomez@fiu.edu
Del-Lam	M. Rosenthal	marciros@fiu.edu
Lap-Ri	E. Rodriguez-Dod	elrodrig@fiu.edu
Ro-Z	H. Wasserman	wasserma@fiu.edu

Feel free to consult any other faculty member for further advice on the courses you should select.

LL.M. students

All LL.M. students must contact LL.M. Program Director Gilberto Guerrero Rocca at giguerre@fiu.edu for an advising appointment and submit their proposed class schedule via e-mail, in order to be allowed to register.

Law review students

All Law Review students are offered one-on-one advising sessions with Dean Lisa Davis to ensure that they are on track for graduation and can balance their Law Review responsibilities with their other academic and extracurricular pursuits.

IV. DISTANCE EDUCATION

As a result of the pandemic, legal education now makes increasing use of technology to deliver distance education. The law school has responded by increasing its offerings of both synchronous (the instructor and students meet at the same time) and asynchronous distance modalities. Our faculty are extremely diligent in their teaching; however, in general, all forms of distance education demand more independence and self-organization from students because there is less external structure than with in-person instruction. Try to figure out which modality works best for you.

ABA standards

Previously, the American Bar Association (ABA) restricted distance education by limiting its use during the first year of law school and capping the total amount of distance education credits that a law student could earn to one-third of a legal program's credits. Limits on distance education still apply, but the ABA is in the process of amending these limits so that law schools can provide more distance education <https://www.reuters.com/legal/government/law-students-can-take-50-classes-online-with-aba-rule-change-2023-05-12/#:~:text=The%20arm%20of%20the%20American.student's%20total%20credits%20to%20half>

FIU COL students are subject to a maximum limit of 30 online credits. Should you attempt to self-enroll in classes exceeding this threshold you will encounter an error. Please reach out to the registrar's office with any questions regarding the online limit.

Modalities

We offer courses in the following modalities:

1. ***In-person:*** Both the instructor and the student are physically located in the same room and engage in face-to-face learning. Unless otherwise indicated, all courses are offered in person.

2. ***Asynchronous remote:*** This is a fully on-line course in which the faculty member has developed materials that students review at their convenience. This mode has no scheduled class meetings.
3. ***Certified hybrid:*** a hybrid course meets for one-half of class sessions; the rest of the course is asynchronous.
4. ***OnLine Live:*** These courses have regularly scheduled class sessions that are offered remotely through Canvas.

Please note

Even distance education classes offered as certified hybrid, fully asynchronously, or OnLine Live may include an ***in-person final examination***, which requires your physical presence. Please check with your instructor to confirm how any final examination is administered.

V. PART-TIME PROGRAM

Meeting credit requirements

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.

Distance education

By expanding our distance education offerings, we are able to set up the entering part-time program so that students have to come to campus only twice a week during the fall semester, i.e., Mondays and Wednesdays.

Seminars

The schedule includes one seminar: Advanced Topics in Intellectual Property.

VI. CERTIFICATE OFFERINGS

The Registrar's office has implemented a policy allowing students to apply for the Intellectual Property or Environmental & Natural Resources certificates at any stage of their JD program. Upon application for the certificate, students gain access to the degree audit specific to their chosen certificate. This feature facilitates tracking progress towards completion of the certificate requirements.

Students enrolled in the Intellectual Property or Environmental & Natural Resources certificates are responsible for meeting additional course and grade requirements. Please consult the applicable requirements for these programs <https://law.fiu.edu/academics/jd/certificate-programs/>

IP Certificate: The following courses count towards some of the requirements of the Intellectual Property certificate: Advanced Topics in Intellectual Property, Business Organizations, and Administrative Law.

Environmental & Natural Resources Certificate: The International Environmental Law and Administrative Law courses count towards some the requirements of the Environmental & Natural Resources Certificate.

VII. CLINICS AND EXTERNSHIPS

Externships and Legal Clinics have pre-requisite or co-requisites as outlined below. Both require a separate application process.

Box 4: Requirements applicable to experiential education offerings

<i>Clinics</i>	<i>Credits already completed</i>	<i>Pre- or co-requisite(s)</i>
Business Innovation & Technology	45 credits	Professional Responsibility Business Organizations
Death Penalty Clinic	45 credits	Professional Responsibility and Death Penalty Law
Community Lawyering Clinic	45 credits	Professional Responsibility <u>One</u> of the following courses: Health Law, Administrative Law, Disability Law, Immigration Law, or Family Law
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	N/A
Semester In Practice (Bankruptcy Externship)	45 credits	Professional Responsibility and Bankruptcy Law
Advanced Externship	N/A	Must have completed an initial externship.

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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).

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

SUMMER 2024-COMBINED CLASS SCHEDULE (JD & LLM)					
Instruction: May 20 to July 22 May 28 operates as Monday July 22 operates as Thursday		Reading period: July 23 to July 28		Final exams: July 29 to August 1	
ASYNCHRONOUS ONLINE COURSES (AO)					
<u>DOCTRINAL</u>		<u>EXPERIENTIAL</u>		<u>RESEARCH</u>	
Business Organizations (Markham) (AO) 4 credits Wills and Trust (El-Sabawi) (AO) 4 credits International Environmental Law (Santana) (AO) 3 credits Special Topics-Vaccine Law: Regulation, Access, Mandates, and Responses (Abramson) (AO) 2 credits Pass/Fail		Civil, Criminal, and Judicial Externship (Kotey) (AO) 4 credits Pass/Fail & 2 credits Graded Law Firm Externship (Mason) (AO) 4 credits Pass/Fail & 2 credits Graded		Law Practice Technology (Toft-Nielsen) (AO) 2 credits Advanced Legal Research (Toft-Nielsen) (AO) 2 credits	
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5:00 - 7:50	Domestic Arbitration (Leiby) [5:00-7:05] 3 credits RDB 2001	Administrative Law (Coffey) [5:00-7:05] 3 credits RDB 2006	Domestic Arbitration (Leiby) [5:00-7:05] 3 credits RDB 2001	Administrative Law (Coffey) [5:00-7:05] 3 credits RDB 2006	

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	<p>Seminar: Advanced Topics in IP (Suarez) [5:00-7:05] tentative 2 credits RDB 1006</p> <p>Special Topics: Hospitality Law (Moore) [5:00-7:50] 2 credits P/F RDB XXXX</p>	<p>Professional Responsibility (Correoso) [5:00-7:05] 3 credits RDB 2008</p> <p>Florida Civil Practice (Rodriguez) [5:00-7:05] 3 credits RDB 2001</p>	<p>Complex Litigation (Mullins) [5:00-7:05] 3 credits RDB 2002</p> <p>Special Topics: Public Speaking for Lawyers (Milic) [5:00-6:25] 1 credits P/F RDB 2006</p>	<p>Death Penalty Clinic (Gorman) [5:00-7:05] 4 credits RDB 1004</p> <p>Florida Civil Practice (Rodriguez) [5:00-7:05] 3 credits RDB 2001</p> <p>Immigration Law Clinic (J. Gómez) [5:00-7:05] RDB 1031 4 credits</p> <p>Community Lawyering (Batista) [5:00-7:05] 2-4 credits RDB 1006</p>	
<p>7:15 - 9:20</p>		<p>Criminal Procedure-Adjudication (Fingerhut) [7:15-9:20] 3 credits RDB 2002</p> <p>Florida Constitutional Law (Armstrong/ Kerbel) [7:15-9:20] 3 credits RDB 2001</p>	<p>Criminal Procedure-Adjudication (Fingerhut) [7:15-9:20] 3 credits RDB 2002</p>	<p>Florida Constitutional Law (Armstrong/ Kerbel) [7:15-9:20] 3 credits RDB 2001</p>	

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- 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	Armstrong
Administrative Law	May be bar tested in other jurisdictions	3	Coffey
Domestic Arbitration	Litigation/ADR	3	Leiby
Complex Litigation	Litigation/ADR	3	Mullins
Seminar: Advanced Topics In IP	International	2	Suarez
Professional Responsibility	Ethics and MPRE tested	3	Correoso

- 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, Evidence and Criminal Procedure Investigation	4 credits pass/fail & 2 credits graded	Kotey
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	Batista
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			

- Environmental Law Certificate

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

APPENDIX B

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

SUMMER 2024 EXAM SCHEDULE MONDAY, JULY 29 – THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

THE READING PERIOD AND THE EXAMINATION SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE SHOULD INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS ARISE.

STUDENTS SHOULD MAKE NO TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS DURING THE EXAMINATION PERIOD.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Domestic Arbitration Leiby RDB 2008 6:30pm	Professional Responsibility Correoso RDB 2008 6:30pm	Criminal Procedure: Adjudication Fingerhut RDB 2005 6:30pm	Florida Civil Practice Rodriguez RDB 2008 6:30pm
Complex Litigation Mullins RDB 2007 6:30pm	Administrative Law Coffey RDB 2005 6:30pm	Florida Constitutional Law Armstornng/Kerbel RDB 2008 6:30pm	International Environmental Law Santana RDB 2007 6:30pm
Business Organizations Markham RDB 2006 6:30pm	Wills & Trusts El-Sabawi RDB 2006 6:30pm		