



MEMORANDUM

TO: COLLEGE OF LAW STUDENTS
FROM: Marci A. Rosenthal, Acting Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
CC: Law Faculty
RE: Fall 2019 Course Registration Guide
DATE: May 24, 2019

As a graduate student in law, you assume primary responsibility for ensuring that your education at the College of Law furthers your professional objectives. To help you make the most of your experience, this guide highlights points that merit your particular attention as you register for fall 2019 courses.

- Part I explains the mechanics of the registration process.
- Part II explains the upper-level requirements applicable to all law students. Your graduation is contingent on your satisfaction of each of these requirements, many of which have additional sub-requirements as to timing or performance. Please be aware that you are responsible for monitoring whether you have satisfied these requirements by your intended graduation date. Box 1 on page 3 provides a schematic overview of these requirements.
- Part III highlights courses that are not strictly required, but are strongly recommended either because they are tested on the state bar or because they address a core area of legal knowledge that every lawyer should have. This Part also identifies pre-requisites and co-requisites for courses.
- Part IV addresses academic supervision and probation.
- Appendix A lists descriptions of seminars offered in fall 2019.
- The 2019-2020 academic calendar and the fall 2019 class and examination schedules are on the College of Law website at <https://law.fiu.edu/academics/registrar/>. The spring 2020 class and exam schedules will be available no later than October 2019 in preparation for registration in November.
- Students on academic supervision or probation **must** submit a proposed fall schedule to Dean Schulze or Professor Ruiz (as outlined in Part IV).

I. REGISTRATION MECHANICS

Evening (part-time) 2L students will be registered automatically for their third semester foundation courses. For all other students, please keep in mind that several policies (discussed below) influence whether you may take a particular course.

Timing

Fall registration appointment times will be available for viewing in PantherSoft on May 29. Initial course registration for fall will begin by appointment times on June 3 and will end on June 14, 2019, and will reopen on August 12 until the end of drop/add on August 16.

Students with advanced standing (3L and 4L graduating students) will have registration priority.

Procedures

To register online, log into PantherSoft via the portal at <https://my.fiu.edu/>, select Manage Classes from your Home Page, select the term and follow all the steps required.

Although the online registration procedure will permit you to register for most law classes, students may be bumped based on priority rules described below. Students who are bumped from classes will be notified by the Registrar's Office before the end of the summer semester.

Enrollment Caps

The following fall 2019 classes have enrollment caps: Negotiation (14 students and requires the instructor's consent); International Commercial Arbitration (15 students); Seminars (15 students); LSV III (10 students); and Trial Advocacy (6 students); Family Law (40 students). Enrollments in all other classes will be limited by the size of the classroom.

Course Registration Priorities

Third-year, full-time students and fourth-year, part-time students have registration priority, if they register within the priority period. In all other cases, students have priority within their division of enrollment. Day students have priority over evening students for day classes, and evening students take priority over day students in evening classes. When demand exceeds available seats, seats will be allocated by a wait list maintained by the Registrar among those with equal priority. After scheduled registration times have ended, and during open enrollment on June 12-14, you may continue to register along with visiting students.

Legal Clinics

Students who want to enroll in one of the legal clinics or externships must complete an application (available from the clinic) 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.

II. UPPER LEVEL REQUIREMENTS

All students must complete 59 credit hours of upper-level courses after completion of the Foundation Curriculum. In addition, the College of Law imposes several requirements summarized below in Box 1.

Box 1: 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 Professional Responsibility. You must receive no lower than a “C” in this course.	Your last semester
<i>Legal Skills and Values III (3 credits)</i>	Passing LSV III.	Full time program: by the 4 th semester. Part-time program: by the 6 th semester
<i>Litigation or alternative dispute resolution (2 courses required)</i>	Passing two of the courses listed in Box 2 on page 4.	Your last semester
<i>International and comparative law</i>	Passing one of the courses listed in Box 3 on page 4.	Your last semester
<i>Seminar</i>	Passing at least one Seminar. Seminar offerings change each semester. Check the current schedule.	Your last semester
<i>Experiential (for 1L admits Fall 2016, and all JD admits beginning fall 2017)</i>	Clinics, Externships, Trial Advocacy, Appellate Advocacy and courses identified as experiential on the class schedule each semester	Your last semester, a minimum of 6 credits required
<i>Pro Bono Service</i>	Consult Professor Kotey, Director of Externships and Community Service, or email lawcsvc@fiu.edu	2L day students must complete this requirement by the end of the second year. 3L evening students must complete this requirement by the end of the third year. A registration hold will be placed on any graduating student who has not completed pro bono hours prior to registering for the final semester.

Box 2: Courses expected to be offered during Fall 2019 that satisfy the Litigation or Alternative Dispute Resolution requirement. Must complete two courses to graduate.	Box 3: Courses expected to be offered during Fall 2019 that satisfy the International and Comparative Law requirement Must complete one course to graduate.	Box 4: Experiential Courses Must complete a minimum of 6 credits to graduate
Fall 2019 Advanced Appellate Advocacy Evidence Civil and Criminal Externships Civil Rights Federal Courts All Clinics Pre-Trial Practice Trial Advocacy Negotiation International Commercial Arbitration Transnational Representation and Advocacy	Fall 2019 Computer and Internet Law Conflicts of Laws Immigration & Human Rhts Clinic Immigration Law International Criminal Law International and Comparative Sales Legal History Seminar: Florida Legal History Seminar: IP and Human Rights Seminar: Property Law and Minority Exclusion Seminar: Property Law and Minority Exclusion Seminar: Law, Business & Politics in Latin America International Commercial Arbitration Transnational Representation and Advocacy	Fall 2019 Appellate Procedure I Civil, Criminal and Judicial Externships Advanced Externships All Clinics Advanced Clinics Pre-Trial Practice Trial Advocacy Advanced Trial Advocacy Negotiation

III. RECOMMENDED COURSES AND REQUISITES

In addition to the courses that you are required to take, we recommend you take several other courses that cover core legal subjects. The subject matter in all of the following courses is tested on the Multi-State and Florida Bar Examinations. **Because tested subjects vary by jurisdiction, you should check with the Board of Bar Examiners in any other state regarding bar-tested classes.**

Box 5: Bar Tested Courses	
Highly Recommended Florida Bar Tested Courses (Offered in both semesters)	Recommended Florida Bar Tested Courses
Business Organizations <i>(Fall 2019 Evening; Spring 2020 Day)</i>	Family Law
Criminal Procedure: Investigation <i>(Fall 2019 Day; Spring 2020 Evening)</i>	First Amendment
Evidence <i>(Fall 2019 Day; Spring 2020 Evening)</i>	Florida Civil Practice
Law & Procedure: U.S. and Florida* <i>(Fall 2019 Evening; Spring 2020 Day & Evening)</i>	Florida Constitutional Law
Sales <i>(Fall 2019 Day; Spring 2020 Evening)</i>	Payment Systems
Wills and Trusts <i>(Fall 2019 Evening; Spring 2020 Day)</i>	Products Liability
	Remedies
	Secured Transactions

* This course is available only to third-year and fourth-year **graduating** students, who are strongly encouraged to take it in 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 primarily 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.

The following courses have pre-requisites or co-requisites in the fall semester:

Course	Pre-requisite(s) or Co-requisites
Death Penalty Law	<i>Completion of Foundation Courses (Pre-requisites)</i>
Estate Planning	<i>Federal Income Tax, and Wills and Trusts (Pre-requisites)</i>
Trial Advocacy	<i>Evidence (Pre- or Co-requisite)</i>
Advanced Trial Advocacy	<i>Trial Advocacy (Pre-requisite)</i>

Externships and Legal Clinics have a pre-requisite or co-requisite as outlined below. These both have an application process and information and forms will be forward by Ms. Zoraya Ledesma via email.

Externships	Credit Requirement Pre-Requisite	Pre or Co-Requisites
Civil Externship	<i>45 credits</i>	<i>Professional Responsibility, Business Organization or Patent Law or Trademark Law</i>
Criminal Externship	<i>48 credits and Letter of Clearance from the Florida Bar</i>	<i>Professional Responsibility, Evidence and Criminal Procedure - Investigation</i>
Judicial	<i>Completion of Foundation Curriculum (all courses)</i>	<i>None</i>
Advanced Externship		<i>Must have completed an initial externship.</i>

Clinics	Required	Pre or Co-Requisites
Business Innovation & Technology	<i>45 credits</i>	<i>Professional Responsibility and Business Organizations</i>
Death Penalty Clinic	<i>45 credits and Death Penalty Law Course</i>	<i>Professional Responsibility</i>
Community Lawyering Clinic	<i>45 credits</i>	<i>Professional Responsibility and one of the following courses: Health Law, Administrative Law, Disability Law, or Immigration Law</i>
Immigration & Human Rights Clinic	<i>45 credits</i>	<i>Professional Responsibility, Evidence, and Immigration Law</i>

IV. ACADEMIC SUPERVISION

If you are on academic supervision you must contact Dean Schulze at lschulze@fiu.edu or Professor Ruiz at rauruiz@fiu.edu for an advising appointment, or you may submit your proposed class schedule via email, before you will be allowed to register. Please get your schedule approved if you wish to wish to register during the first registration period. If you do not obtain approval prior to your registration date and time you will experience a delay in registering for classes.

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Appendix A

Seminars - Fall 2019

Florida Legal History Seminar - Professor Mirow

Florida's legal history is a relatively unexplored field considering the size and importance of the state in the United States. Florida has a varied and interesting legal history that reaches back at least 450 since European contact and even farther if we consider indigenous legal practices. We will explore various aspects of Florida legal history from its Spanish and English origins to modern day developments. A wide array of topics and periods are open for our discovery: pre-European Florida, Spanish (and French) settlement efforts, missionary activities, British rule, slavery, indigenous peoples, political transitions and treaties, claims commissions, U.S. territorial law, the Civil War and Reconstruction, land development, the Great Depression, World War II, the environment, the ocean and water, the Everglades, Florida politics, Florida in the Caribbean, the experience of African Americans, and Latin communities, just to name a few. The seminar will also survey general methods of academic legal writing and provide guidance for writing your paper. The seminar should be a space that fosters an intellectually rigorous, yet friendly, exchange of ideas based on assigned readings and your own research projects. You will write a paper on some aspect of Florida's legal history with several drafts that will satisfy the writing requirement and hopefully yourself. You will also present and discuss your research with the seminar. Readings are due as assigned in class. If you are going to practice law in Florida, knowing a bit of the state's history and legal history should be of great value. As Roger North wrote, "To say truth, although it is not necessary for counsel to know what the history of a point is, but to know how it now stands resolved, yet it is a wonderful accomplishment, and without it, a lawyer cannot be accounted learned in the law."

Property Law and Minority Exclusion – Professor Choudhury

This seminar will examine how property law has been used to include or exclude minority populations. It will investigate the ways in which property and race shape how and where we live, distribute wealth and resources, and structure society. Through film, popular media, literature and the reading of select property cases and theoretical works, the course will explore various topics including slavery and humans as property, identity as property, segregation and its ongoing effects, reparations, construction of suburbs, gentrification, and violence against property and property owners. A section of the class will be devoted to exploring similar issues in comparative and international contexts. Students will be expected to select a neighborhood for in-depth analysis throughout the class.

Property Law and Minority Exclusion - Professor Anglade

This seminar examines feminist jurisprudence (also called feminist legal theory) and its critique of legal systems and norms. We will explore themes and theories relating to law's explicit and implicit constructions of gender. Students will learn about prominent strands of feminist legal theory, including liberal equality, relational, dominance, intersectional and anti-essentialist. We will discuss specific applications of theory to law and social policy, including topics related to work and wealth distribution, intimate and familial relationships, power and violence, identity performance (including masculinities), autonomy and constraints on agency.

Law, Business and Politics in Latin America – Professor Esquirol

This seminar addresses a series of topics related to law in Latin America. It provides extensive background information on the national legal systems of the region. At the same time, it engages current debates concerning political and economic reforms. The readings concentrate on the basic works of comparative law and law-and-development on Latin America. They introduce the prevailing ideas and positions about the operation of law in the region. The seminar focuses on the sources of law, economic development, human rights, property law, and the informal sector.

Focused Topics in Employment Discrimination – Professor Stone

This seminar will delve, in some depth, into certain precepts in the law of employment discrimination, including types of claims and coverage under federal anti-discrimination statutes, harassment, stereotyping, and accommodation. Specifically, the seminar will examine case law and scholarship that informs and animates these concepts and the discourse surrounding them. The seminar will continually revert to the central question of the role of federal antidiscrimination legislation and its comportment with the legislative and societal goals of inclusion, equality of opportunity, and diversity in the workplace. Questions of liability and whether it attaches in the presence or absence of invidiously discriminatory intent and discriminatory effect will be explored. Throughout the seminar, we will continually return to the questions of whether jurisprudence comports with legislative goals in the passage of these protective statutes and public/social policy interests, and what should and should not be within the statutes' prohibitions. The Seminar's goal will be to, through a thoughtful examination of case law, scholarship, and theory, inform and refine students' opinions on these matters, and to hone their ability to conduct effective research, synthesize what they find with what they have learned, and articulate sound and thoughtful contributions to these evolving areas of law.

IP and Human Rights Seminar – Professor Osei Tutu

This seminar will explore the relationship between intellectual property rights (IP) and human rights. Some scholars have argued that IP rights should be treated *as human rights* while others say human rights law can be used to *limit* excessive intellectual property protections. There are many fun questions to explore in this burgeoning field. For example, what is the relationship between IP and technology? Who should control the offspring off patented seeds or the creative works generated by Artificial Intelligence? Do IP rights *promote* creativity or can they become an *impediment* to creativity, culture, and freedom in the digital environment? What does a human rights approach to IP mean for the protection of indigenous knowledge, intangible cultural property? This course will give students the opportunity to consider these, and other issues, related to technology, global development and power structures.

No technical background or prerequisites required. This course satisfies international and seminar requirements.