

Memorandum for Students Registering for the Fourth or Later Term

This memorandum is intended to assist you in making your schedule for the next and subsequent terms. In order to be eligible for graduation, all candidates for the degree of Juris Doctor must meet the following requirements: (1) completion of a course of study for the J.D. degree no earlier than 24 months and no later than 84 months after commencing law study at Baylor or a law school from which Baylor has accepted transfer credit [ABA Standard 304(c)]; (2) completion of 126 quarter hours of credit; (3) satisfactory completion of all courses designated as required; (4) an overall cumulative grade point average of two grade points for each quarter hour of credit received for all courses; (5) a cumulative grade point average of two grade points for the quarter hours of credit received for all required courses; and (6) completion of 18 seminar hours of professional development programming. Each student must make reasonable progress toward satisfying the requirements for graduation, but may not, under any circumstances, take more than 17 hours of credit in any given quarter. Students with a grade point average of 2.4 or lower at the end of the third quarter of Law School are required to take five (5) of the following seven (7) courses prior to graduation.

Course Number	Course Name	Credit Hours
9235	Administration of Estates	2
9350	Advanced Criminal Procedure	3
9360	Civil Liberties	3
9370	Family Law	3
9340	Commercial Law: Negotiable Instruments	3
9342	Commercial Law: Secured Transactions	3
9332	Wealth Transfers	3

All students are required to take the following courses: Business Organizations 1, Trusts & Estates, Constitutional Law and Remedies. Students who matriculated Fall 2015 and after are required to also take LARC Part 4 and LARC Part 5 during the second year of law school.

All students must take Practice Court 1 (527), Practice Court 2 (520), and Professional Responsibility (229) in their seventh, eighth or ninth quarter if such quarter is a fall quarter, or in their sixth, seventh, eighth or ninth quarter if such quarter is a spring quarter. Students are required to take Practice Court 3 (528) in the quarter immediately following Practice Court 1 (527). Students in Practice Court I, Practice Court 2 and Professional Responsibility cannot enroll in any other course unless approved by Associate Dean Teague. Students taking Practice Court 3 cannot schedule other afternoon courses beginning at 1:20 p.m. or later, unless approved by the Practice Court instructors. Students must request permission to enroll in classes at 1:20 p.m. or later by submitting a completed Practice Court Student Request to Take Conflicting Electives form, which is available on the registration page of the website. Requests are considered in the order they are received.

Students may generally schedule elective courses at any time in the second or third year (consistent with their required schedule); however, certain electives may be taken only after satisfactory completion of a prerequisite course. Course prerequisites are listed below:

Course Name	Prerequisite(s)
Advanced Criminal Procedure	Criminal Procedure
Advanced Topics in Alternative Dispute Resolution	Alternative Dispute Resolution
Business Organizations 2	Business Organizations 1
Business Planning & Drafting	Business Organizations 1
Civil Liberties	Constitutional Law

Course Name	Prerequisite(s)
Copyright Law	Intellectual Property 1 recommended
Constitutional Law: Current Issues	Constitutional Law
Constitutional Law: Equal Protection & Voting Rights	Constitutional Law
Estate Planning	Trusts & Estates
Family Business Planning	Business Organizations 1, Taxation of Partnerships recommended, Trusts & Estates
Family Law Advocacy	Family Law or Trusts & Estates
Intellectual Property 2: Adv. Trademark Practice & Litigation	Intellectual Property 1
Oil & Gas: Advanced Oil & Gas Principles & Drafting	Oil & Gas
Patent Law & Drafting	Intellectual Property 1 (recommended)
Patent Litigation	Intellectual Property 1
Securities Law: Public Company Compliance	Business Organizations 2 or Securities Regulation
Securities Regulation	Business Organizations 1
Separation of Church & State	Constitutional Law
Trial Advocacy: Advanced Advocacy Skills	Practice Court 1
Trial Advocacy: Advanced Trial Preparation	Practice Court 1
Wealth Transfers	Trusts & Estates

Additionally, prerequisites for the following courses are as follows:

Business Transactions Capstone or Independent Study: Business Organizations 1, Business Planning & Drafting, Business Organizations 2, Taxation of Corporations, Taxation of Individuals, Taxation of Partnerships, and Securities Regulation.

Intellectual Property Capstone or Independent Study: Advanced Trademark Practice & Litigation, Copyright Law, E-Commerce Law, Intellectual Property 1, Patent Law & Drafting, Patent Litigation

Wealth Transfers Capstone or Independent Study: Trusts & Estates and Wealth Transfers

Administration of Estates Capstone or Independent Study: Trusts & Estates and Administration of Estates

These are all the prerequisites, other than completion of the required first year curriculum, for the elective courses at this time.

A student may receive no more than 12 hours of credit for pass-fail courses; however, joint degree students may receive up to 18 hours of pass-fail credit. A list of courses offered for pass-fail credit can be found in the *Student Catalog*. Students interested in taking, on a pass-fail basis, approved tax courses in the Master in Taxation program of the Hankamer School of Business, should consult with Associate Dean Teague. Early planning is necessary to fit these courses into the student's schedule. Students interested in the joint JD/MBA, JD/MDiv, JD/MTax, or JD/MPPA programs should also consult with Associate Dean Teague as early as possible.

Before registering for the next term, students should look at the tentative schedules for later terms and determine what present schedule would be best, taking into account desired elective courses. Students should note the caveat appearing on the tentative schedule regarding the circumstances that may cause changes in the schedule. Individual scheduling problems should be discussed with Associate Dean Teague as early as possible. All students, at an early point in their academic career, should read the bar exam counseling statement included in the advisement document you received while in the third quarter of law school entitled **Changing Expectations and the Transition from First Year to Upper Level Courses** and plan accordingly. **Students planning on taking a bar examination before completing all the requirements for graduation must consult with Associate Dean Teague about bar examination requirements.**

Student Catalog

The *Student Catalog* is accessible on the Baylor Law School website. Among other things, the *Student Catalog* provides information regarding current course descriptions, various policies of the Law School (academic probation, honor code, graduation requirements, etc.), and information regarding areas of concentration and joint degree programs.