

## Memorandum for 2L & 3L Students

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 311(b)]; (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 credit hour received for all courses; (5) a cumulative grade point average of two grade points for the credit hours received for all required courses; and (6) completion of 21 seminar hours of professional development programming (students matriculating Fall 22 and after; other students, please consult the [Professional Development webpage for Professional Development required hours](#)). No more than 12 hours of pass/fail credit may be used toward completion of the juris doctor degree. 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
9342	Commercial Law: Secured Transactions	3
9383	Conflict of Laws	3
9360	Constitutional Law: Free Speech	3
9370	Family Law	3
9308	Sales Transactions: Domestic & Int'l Law	3

Students are required to take Business Organizations 1, Trusts & Estates, Taxation & Accounting Principles for Lawyers together as a package. Students may take Constitutional Law: Individual Liberties and/or LARC 4: Transactional Drafting or LARC 5: Litigation Drafting or elective(s) of choice with this package. Students must take Constitutional Law: Individual Liberties, Remedies, LARC 4: Transactional Drafting, and LARC 5: Litigation Drafting prior to enrolling in Practice Court. Students must take LARC 4: Transactional Drafting before taking LARC 5: Litigation Drafting.

All students must take Practice Court 1 (527), Practice Court 2 (520), and Professional Responsibility (229) in their seventh, eighth, or ninth full-time quarter (10 credit hours and above), if such quarter is a fall quarter; or in their sixth, seventh, eighth or ninth quarter if such quarter is a spring quarter. Students who enroll in Practice Court 1 and 2 during the fall quarter must be planning to graduate no later than the following spring quarter. Students are required to take Practice Court 3 (528) in the quarter immediately following Practice Court 1. Students in Practice Court 1, Practice Court 2, and Professional Responsibility cannot enroll in any other course unless approved by Associate Dean Cordon. Students taking Practice Court 3 may not schedule other afternoon courses beginning at 1:20 p.m. or 2:40 p.m. Practice Court 3 students who would like to take an elective that is offered at 4:00 p.m. or after must submit a completed Practice Court Student Request to Take Conflicting Electives form, which is available on the Baylor Law registration webpage. Requests are considered in the order they are received. It is possible that students will not receive permission to take a 4:00 p.m. elective.

Some elective courses have prerequisites. Please see the list of courses with [prerequisites here](#).

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 the Associate Dean. Early planning is necessary to fit these courses into the student's schedule. Students interested in the joint JD/MBA, JD/MBA – Healthcare Administration, JD/MDiv, JD/MTax, or JD/MPPA programs should also consult with Associate Dean Cordon 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, considering 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 Cordon 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 the Registrar Jerri Cunningham about bar examination requirements.**

### **Student Catalog**

The [Student Catalog](#) contains information about courses, curriculum, academic programs and opportunities, and law school academic policies.