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SCHOOL of LAW

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Dear JD Students:

This letter contains important information about registration for Spring 2027 Law classes, which will open on Friday, November 20th for all upper-level students. Students graduating in 2027 as well as part-time evening students will have the opportunity to register at 9:00 am and other students can register starting at 2:00 pm. Courses are available for registration on a first-come, first-serve basis. You will be able to make changes to your registration through the add/drop period, which closes on January 29, 2027.

The registration materials, including the schedule and course descriptions are available at: https://wne.edu/law/registrar/doc/Course%20Schedules/2026-27%20course-schedule.pdf

Though we make every effort to avoid changes to the schedule after registration has begun, sometimes rare and unanticipated circumstances require a change to a course's availability, instructor, time and date, or format. In the event of such a change, affected students will be notified and we will work with you to adjust your schedule.

General Instructions

To register please go to: https://selfservice.wne.edu/student. To login simply use your University ID/PW (the same as your email ID/PW).

- Approvals. Generally, students do not need faculty or administrative approvals in order to register for their selected courses. However, there are some exceptions:

    - Overloads. You do need the approval of the associate dean to register for an overload of courses. The associate dean can approve a one-credit overload in situations involving necessity and where the student has an academic record indicating the ability to handle extra work. Consult the bursar's policy regarding the impact of overloads on tuition.

    - LL.M or other courses outside our JD program. You will need the associate dean's approval to register for any courses outside our JD program, including the law school's LL.M courses. Approval for LL.M courses will be granted based on space available in the course after LL.M students have completed their registration, approximately two weeks prior to the start of the semester. The Associate Dean will consider approval requests made prior to this time by confirming that the selected course is appropriate for J.D. students and that any prerequisites have been satisfied. Students who have received this preliminary approval will be registered pending availability two weeks prior to the start of the semester.

- Courses for which you previously registered. You will need to contact the registrar to register for any course for which you registered previously but did not complete due to withdrawal or for which you received a failing grade.

- Advisor approvals. Except for those on academic warning, students do not need an advisor approval to register. A notice to this effect sometimes appears in self-service early in the semester because that is an automatic feature of the system. However, we disable that notification when these registration instructions are published, for all but those students on academic warning.

- Academic warning approvals. Students on academic warning must see Dean Dion for approval of their proposed schedules. After this meeting has occurred, Dean Dion will complete the advisement process, and you will be able to register once the registration window opens.

- Forms. The registrar's website hosts forms that students need to complete and submit to register for independent studies, clinics and externships, research assistantships, teaching assistantships, and other special courses. https://wne.edu/law/registrar/forms Please use these forms according to the instructions on that webpage.

    - Exception: if you have been selected to serve as a TA for Dean Dion, do not use the TA form. Register for the course of **Academic Enrichment Workshop Teaching Assistant**. (LAW-972-02)

- Exams. When selecting courses, please be aware that your final exams will be either in-person or remote, depending on the rules of the exam. Do not assume that an online course has a remote exam and vice versa.

Degree Requirements

All students should register for courses with degree requirements in mind. Degree requirements are listed here:

1. Successful completion of 88 credits, 64 of which are earned in courses that meet in regularly scheduled law school classes. Credits earned in independent studies, research assistant, teaching assistant, law review and moot court, and courses in joint-degree programs do not count towards the 64-credit requirement.

2. Minimum cumulative G.P.A. (grade point average) of 2.30 or above.

3. Successful completion of all required courses. Our required courses are: Advanced Legal Analysis I & II, Business Organizations, Civil Procedure, Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Evidence, Income Tax *or* Legislative and Administrative Process, Introduction to Law, Introduction to the Legal Profession, Lawyering Skills I and II, Professional Responsibility, Property, and Torts.

4. Successful completion of 6 experiential learning credits (LAWE or LAWEA).

5. Successful completion of two designated writing courses (LAWW or LAWWA).
6. Successful completion of 20 hours of pro bono law.
7. A student may not take more than 44 credits in online JD classes.
8. Students must take one course designated as "Anti-Racism and Cultural Competency" (LAWA or LAWWA or LAWEA)
9. Students must be in good standing (GPA 2.300 or above).

Specific Instructions for Full-time Students

Full-time students must register for between 12 and 16 credits. If needed to satisfy the requirements listed above, 2Ls should prioritize Business Organizations, Evidence, Legislative and Administrative Process, and Professional Responsibility all offered in the spring of 2027. 3Ls should prioritize ALA II, any remaining required courses, and any remaining categorical requirements (pro bono, 2 writing courses and 6 experiential credits).

Specific Instructions for Part-time Students

Part-time students must register for between 8 and 11 credits per semester.

- Second-year part time evening students will be automatically registered for Property and may register themselves for Legislative and Administrative Process or Income Tax in Fall 2027 and additional electives up to 11 total credits.
- Second-year part-time day students should register for whatever remaining foundational classes (e.g., Constitutional Law) they have not yet taken.
- Third-year part-time students (day and evening) should register for any required courses yet outstanding.
- Part-time students in their final semester should take ALA II and any remaining courses needed to fulfil graduation requirements.

Resources

For general advice about course selection, consider speaking to your faculty advisor. Your faculty advisor is listed in your profile in self-service. You may also reach out to any faculty member if you have a question about a course they are teaching or if you want advice about course selection in an area of law with which that faculty member is familiar. For other questions about the curriculum or advising questions if your faculty advisor is not available, please contact Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Luwam Dirar at luwam.dirar@law.wne.edu

The Law Registrar is available at tchenier@law.wne.edu for questions about self-service and the registration process.

Sincerely,

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