

**Touro Law Center Course Planning Guide
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Graduation may seem a long time away, but you will be there before you know it. Here's a guide to the sequence of required courses, other graduation requirements, available electives, and some long range course planning ideas. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Student Services (Room 302).

I. REQUIRED COURSES (assigned each semester by the Registrar).

FULL-TIME

First Year Fall	First Year Spring
Legal Process I (3) Civil Dispute Resolution and Procedure I (2) Contracts I (3) Torts I (3) Criminal Law I (3) <i>14 credits required</i>	Legal Process II (3) Civil Dispute Resolution and Procedure II (3) Contracts II (3) Torts II (2) Property I (4) <i>15 credits required</i>
Second Year Fall	Second Year Spring
Constitutional Law I (2) Property II (2) <i>4 credits required up to 12 credits of electives available</i>	Constitutional Law II (4) <i>4 credits required up to 12 credits of electives available</i>
Third Year Fall	Third Year Spring
<i>All electives</i>	<i>All electives</i>

PART-TIME

First Year Fall	First Year Spring
Legal Process I (3) Civil Dispute Resolution and Procedure I (2) Contracts I (3) Torts I (3) <i>11 credits required</i>	Legal Process II (3) Civil Dispute Resolution and Procedure II (3) Contracts II (3) Torts II (2) <i>11 credits required</i>
Second Year Fall	Second Year Spring
Constitutional Law I (2) Criminal Law I (3) <i>5 credits required up to 6 credits of electives available*</i>	Constitutional Law II (4) Property I (4) <i>8 credits required up to 3 credits of electives available*</i>
Third Year Fall	Third Year Spring
Property II (2) <i>2 credits required up to 9 credits of electives available*</i>	 <i>All electives*</i>
Fourth Year Fall	Fourth Year Spring
<i>All electives*</i>	<i>All electives*</i>

*PT students can take twelve (12) credits in one semester.

In addition to the courses listed, students must complete the following requirements:

1. Successful completion of the following required courses:
 - **Professional Responsibility:** two (2) credits, may be taken in any semester beginning with summer semester after first year.
 - **Trusts & Estates:** three (3) credits, may be taken in any semester after completion of Property I.
 - **Evidence:** four (4) credit course, may be taken in any semester beginning with summer semester after first year.
 - **Business Organizations I:** three (3) credits, may be taken in any semester beginning with summer semester after first year.
2. **Perspective Requirement:** One of the following courses: American Legal History, Comparative Individual Liberties, Comparative Law, English Legal History, Indian Law & Philosophy, International Law, International Criminal Law, International Human Rights, Holocaust and the Law, Jewish Law, Jewish Legal History, Jewish Legal Philosophy, Jurisprudence, Justice (one (1) credit intersession taken in January 2005 only or three (3) credit full-semester version), Law & Literature, Legal History, Russian Legal System in Transition, Selected Topics in Jewish Law, or Sociology of Law.
3. **Advanced Writing Requirement:** (1) an Independent Research Project of 1-3 credits, of at least 20 pages; (2) a course paper of at least 20 pages; (3) a writing produced for Law Review or Moot Court, of at least 20 pages; or (4) A legal document or documents (including pleadings, affidavits, motions, briefs, wills, or corporate documents) prepared in connection with a clinic, of a total length of at least 20 pages, if the work shows “substance, originality, analysis, and rigor.” In all options, the work must be of a quality to merit a grade of “B+” or better. **The Advanced Writing Requirement must be satisfied no later than the first day of a student’s last semester.**
4. **Public Interest Requirement.** The requirement can be satisfied in one of three ways:
 1. Successful completion of one of the following clinical courses or rotations: Civil Rights Litigation Clinic; Criminal Law Clinic (defense work only); Elder Law Clinic; Family Law Clinic; International Human Rights Asylum Litigation Clinic; Nassau/Suffolk Law Services Rotation; the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law Clinic*, or Civil Externship Clinic*, or
 2. Successful completion of: a) one of the following courses: Rights of the Poor, Racism and American Law, or Disability Law; and b) twenty (20) hours of pro bono legal work; or
 3. Certification of completion of forty (40) hours of pro bono legal work.

*Where the client served, or the services provided, satisfy the definition of pro bono legal work. See Student Handbook, 2009-2010 edition.
5. **Intermediate Skills Requirement.** For students who began studies in Fall 2007 and beyond, one of the following: (i) Practice Modules: Business Organizations, Criminal Procedure, Family Law, International Sales Law and Arbitration or Trusts & Estates; or (ii) Introduction to Law Practice/Introduction to Transactional Law (under development) in Contracts, Property or Torts; or (iii) a simulation course such as, but not limited to, American Trial Courts; Settling Legal Disputes: Negotiation, Mediation & Mediation Representation, Trial Practice/ISR, and Interviewing, Negotiating and Counseling.

For students beginning studies in Fall 2006 and beyond, eighty-eight (88) credits are required.

- II. **CORE COURSES.** There are some courses which, though not required, are nevertheless the fundamental building blocks of a sound legal education. You should try to take as many of these courses as possible, consistent with your other objectives.
- Administrative Law (3)
 - Business Organizations II (2)
 - Conflicts of Law (3)
 - Criminal Procedure (3)
 - Estate & Gift Tax (2)
 - Family Law (3)
 - Federal Courts (3)
 - Federal Income Tax (4)
 - Negotiable Instruments and Payment Systems (3)
 - New York Practice (4)
 - Real Estate Transactions (2)
 - Remedies (3)
 - Sales (3)
 - Secured Transactions (3)

III. PROFESSIONAL SKILLS COURSES. Do not focus your attention exclusively on substantive courses. The Law Center offers a number of opportunities for you to develop skill and confidence in the practical techniques of lawyering.

- A. Clinics: Business Technology Law, Criminal Law, Judicial Clerkship, Civil Rights Litigation, Civil Externship, Elder Law, Family Law, International Human Rights/Asylum Litigation, Not-For-Profit Corporation Law; Mortgage Foreclosure and Bankruptcy; Veterans and Service Members Rights
- B. Settling Legal Disputes
- C. Appellate Advocacy
- D. Practice Modules: Business Organizations I, Trust & Estates, Family Law, Criminal Procedure
- E. Drafting Commercial Documents
- F. Law Practice Management
- G. Pre-Trial Litigation
- H. Real Estate Transactions
- I. Trial Practice
- J. Externship in connection with contemporaneous course on related subject matter
- K. Practice Rotations: U.S. Attorney's Office, Nassau/Suffolk Law Services
- L. Interviewing, Negotiating & Counseling

IV. COURSE SEQUENCING/ELECTIVE COURSES. Plan ahead!!! When registering, look beyond the current semester. Register early in your career for courses that are pre-requisites to other courses you may wish to take later on. If you have some idea of a career preference, think of elective courses in blocks or tracks. For example, if you are planning to work for Legal Aid or in a DA's office, a sequence including Criminal Procedure, Criminal Law II, and Trial Practice makes sense. If you are thinking of working in a suburban practice, then courses like Environmental Law, Land Use, Zoning & Planning, State & Local Government, and Real Estate Transactions should go together. At least once, try an elective course outside of your interest area. You may be surprised at how much you enjoy the challenge.

V. BAR EXAM SUBJECTS. Try not to focus exclusively on bar exam courses. Design a schedule that balances your need to be well-grounded in key subjects with the chance to take advantage of the unique educational opportunity law school offers.

Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) subjects: Contracts, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Evidence, Real Property, and Torts.

New York: Multistate subjects and business relationships (Bus Orgs I); conflict of laws (Conflict of Laws); N.Y. and federal constitutional law (Con Law I & II, State Con Law); contracts (Contracts I & II); criminal law and procedure (Crim Law I & II, Crim Pro, Selected Topics in Crim Pro-NY Criminal Practice); evidence (Evidence); family law (Family Law); New York and federal civil jurisdiction and procedure (Civil Dispute Resolution & Procedure I & II, New York Practice); professional responsibility (Professional Responsibility); real property (Property I & II, Real Estate Transactions); remedies (Remedies); torts - including statutory no-fault provisions (Torts I & II, Selected Topics in Torts, Products Liability); trusts, wills and estates (T&E); and UCC articles 2, 3 and 9 (Sales, Negotiable Instruments and Payment Systems, Secured Transactions).¹

American Legal Studies and American Legal Studies Practicum. American Legal Studies (ALS), a three (3) credit course, was designed expressly to help graduating students pass the New York Bar Examination. ALS supplements commercial bar review courses by providing additional work in key subject areas in which Touro grads have traditionally demonstrated relative weakness on the New York Bar Exam. The companion one (1) credit workshop, American Legal Studies Practicum (ALSP), was designed to supplement the ALS course, and further improve students' bar pass prospects, by providing intensive practice and feedback on New York Bar Exam essay writing.

VI. LIMITATIONS.

- A. Credits per semester. Part-time students may not take more than 11 credits (up to 12 in one semester). Full-time students may not take more than 16 credits. Members of Law Review, Moot Court, or TAs may exceed the applicable maximum by up to one credit. Faculty Fellows (top 10%) may also exceed applicable credit limits under certain circumstances. A non-accelerating student may exceed the applicable maximum by a single credit in his or her last semester if that credit is essential to graduate. No more than six (6) credits may be taken in any summer session. Please see the Student Handbook for more information.
- B. Credit limits in certain areas. No more than six (6) credits of Independent Research may be counted toward the 88 needed to graduate. No more than 13 credits may be taken in Clinical courses (externship credits count as Clinical courses).

¹ Source: Rules of the New York State Board of Law Examiners, 22 NYCRR 6000.6 (b). Subjects in parentheses are Law Center courses that cover the designated subjects.

CONCENTRATIONS

A course selection guide for students interested in specializing in particular areas.

Commercial/Corporate

Accounting for Lawyers
Anti-Trust Law
Business Organizations I & II
Business Organizations Practice Module
Business Planning
Creditors' Rights
Consumer Law
Corporate Taxation
Corporate Finance
Drafting Commercial Documents
Federal Income Tax
Insurance Law
Negotiable Instruments & Payment Systems
Sales
Secured Transactions
Securities Regulation
Settling Legal Disputes

Constitutional Law

Administrative Law
Civil Rights Litigation Seminar
Education Law
Employment Discrimination Law
Federal Courts
First Amendment Seminar
Racism & American Law
Rights of the Poor
Sex-Based Discrimination
Sexual Orientation and Law
State Constitutional Law

Criminal Law

Appellate Advocacy
Criminal Law II
Criminal Procedure
Criminal Procedure Practice Module
Criminal Law Clinic
Evidence
Evidence Workshop
International Criminal Law
Selected Topics in Criminal Justice
Selected Topics in Criminal Procedure
Trial Practice

Education Law

Administrative Law
Civil Rights Litigation Seminar
Disability Law
Drafting Commercial Documents
Education Law
Employment Law
Employment Discrimination Law
First Amendment Seminar
Insurance Law
Labor Law
Legislation
Rights of Children Seminar
Settling Legal Disputes
Sex-Based Discrimination
State Constitutional Law
State and Local Government

Employment/Labor Law

Administrative Law
Civil Rights Clinic
Education Law
Employment Law
Employment Discrimination Law
Labor Law
Settling Legal Disputes
Sex-Based Discrimination

Environmental Law

Administrative Law
Environmental Law
Insurance Law
Land Use, Zoning, and Planning
Legislation
Products Liability
Real Estate Transactions
State and Local Government

Family Law

Family Law
Family Law Clinic
Family Law Practice Module
Advanced Family Law
Settling Legal Disputes
Rights of Children Seminar
Elder Law

Governmental Regulation

Administrative Law
Antitrust Law
Consumer Law
Environmental Law
Federal Courts
Immigration Law
Legislation
State and Local Government
State Constitutional Law
Land Use, Zoning, and Planning

Estates/Elder Law

Accounting for Lawyers
Bio-Medical Ethics
Elder Law
Elder Law Clinic
Estate & Trust Administration
Estate & Gift Taxation
Estate Planning
Federal Income Tax
Law & Medicine
Trusts & Estates
Trusts & Estates Practice Module

Health Law

Bio-Medical Ethics
Elder Law
Elder Law Clinic
Civil Rights Litigation Clinic
Health Care Law
Law and Medicine (Selected Topics)
Law and Medicine (Medical Malpractice)

Intellectual Property

Business Technology Clinic
Computer Law
Cyberlaw
Drafting Commercial Documents
Entertainment Law
First Amendment Seminar
Intellectual Property
Patent Law
Patent Practice Seminar
Privacy in the Digital Age
Sports Law

International Law

Comparative Law
Immigration Law
International Law
International Business Transactions
International Criminal Law
International Human Rights/Asylum Clinic
Jewish Law
India, Moscow, China and Germany Summer Programs

Jurisprudence and Legal History

American Legal History
Bio-Medical Ethics
Comparative Law
English Legal History
Jewish Law
Jewish Legal Philosophy
Jurisprudence
Justice
Legal History
Law & Literature
Racism & Law
Sociology of Law

Practical Skills

Accounting for Lawyers
Advanced Legal Research
Appellate Advocacy
Business Organizations I Practice Module
Civil Externship Clinic
Criminal Procedure Practice Module
Drafting Commercial Documents
Interviewing, Negotiating & Counseling
Judicial Clerkship Clinic
Law Practice Management
Professional Responsibility
Real Estate Transactions
Pre-Trial Litigation
Settling Legal Disputes
Trial Practice
Trusts & Estates Practice Module

Public Interest Law

Civil Rights Litigation Clinic
Civil Rights Litigation Seminar
Elder Law Clinic
International Human Rights/Asylum Clinic
Not-For-Profit Corporation Law/Clinic
Racism & American Law
Rights of the Poor
Sexual Orientation & Law

Real Estate

Environmental Law
Insurance Law
Land Use, Zoning, & Planning
Real Estate Transactions
State and Local Government

Suburban Practice

Administrative Law
Environmental Law
Immigration Law
Land Use, Zoning, & Planning
Legislation
Real Estate Transactions
State and Local Government

Torts

Consumer Law
Environmental Law
Insurance Law
Products Liability
Remedies
Selected Topics in Torts
Pre-Trial Litigation
Trial Practice

COURSE PLANNING CHECKLIST

- Professional Responsibility
- Perspective Requirement
- Advanced Writing Requirement (**must be satisfied by first day of last semester**)
- Public Interest Requirement
- Intermediate Skills Requirement
- Core Courses
 - Administrative Law
 - Business Organizations II
 - Conflicts of Law
 - Criminal Procedure
 - Estate & Gift Tax
 - Family Law
 - Federal Courts
 - Federal Income Tax
 - Negotiable Instruments and Payment Systems
 - New York Practice
 - Real Estate Transactions
 - Remedies
 - Sales
 - Secured Transactions
- Professional Skills
 - Clinic
 - Settling Legal Disputes
 - Appellate Advocacy
 - Practice Modules: Business Organizations, Trust & Estates, Family Law, Crim Pro
 - Law Practice Management
 - Pre-trial Litigation
 - Trial Practice
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 - American Legal Studies
 - American Legal Studies Practicum