

Touro Law Center's Structured Curriculum (SC) Program

On September 12, 2018, the faculty approved the adoption of a Structured Curriculum (SC) program. It will be administered by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and implemented starting in the 2019-20 academic year. The requirements for the program are set out below.

1. Students Required to Participate

All students with GPAs of 2.83 or lower must follow the Structured Curriculum.¹ Because we already have a robust bar prep program for students, our program will focus on the addition of doctrinal courses that will help students learn the law that is tested on the bar exam and are required for the effective practice of law.

2. Course Requirements

In addition to all currently required courses, the following courses (totaling 15 additional credits) are being added to the list of required courses for SC students:²

Sales (3); Family Law (3); Secured Transactions (3); Remedies (3); and Criminal Procedure (3)

3. Additional Recommended Courses

NY Practice, Administrative Law, Criminal Law II, Conflict of Laws, Real Estate Transactions

4. Advisement – Academic Plan

Advisors to SC students will include faculty advisors and Student Services.

Students must meet with their advisors (1) at the beginning of the semester; (2) at mid-semester; (3) before registration for the upcoming semester; (4) at the end of the semester. Students in the SC program will be required to engage in the advisement program from the Fall semester of their 2L year through graduation. Advisors will assist all students in the SC to schedule the required courses in sequences that will best serve the interests of their individual advisees. SC students may be advised to register for Advance Legal Research (2) credits to satisfy their AWR requirement.

Advisors will discuss with SC students all outside commitments – extracurricular activities, employment outside the law school, and other personal or professional obligations – that may affect the student's academic performance.

5. Grades

All courses in the Structured Curriculum must be taken for a grade.

¹ Full time students with GPAs of 2.83 or lower at the end of their 2nd semester will be placed into the SC; part-time students with GPAs of 2.83 or lower at the end of their 3rd semester will be placed into the SC. Students with a GPA of 2.83 or lower constitute the bottom one-third of the class.

² It will be within the discretion of the Assistant Dean for Academic Excellence and Bar Success to substitute an equally rigorous and equally valuable bar-related course for one or more of the five courses required by the SC. This decision will be based upon, among other things, ongoing data collection and analysis of UBE topics.