Touro Law Center’s Structured Curriculum (SC) Program

On September 12, 2018, the faculty approved the adoption of a Structured Curriculum program. This program is modeled after the program implemented at Syracuse University School of Law. It will be administered by the Academic Dean and implemented starting in the 2019-2020 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 in their final year, 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 the Academic Dean, Academic Development faculty, and faculty volunteers.

Students must meet with their advisors (1) at beginning of the semester; (2) at mid-semester; (3) before registration for the upcoming semester; (4) at the end of 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. (A schedule of Fall/Spring offerings for all of the additional required courses will be provided to advisors.) SC students will be advised to register for Advanced Legal Research (2 credits) or the proposed 1 credit Alternative AWR course in order 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.

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\(^1\) 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 Associate Dean for Academic Development and Bar Passage 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.