



OFFICE OF THE LAW SCHOOL REGISTRAR

REGISTRATION FALL 2021 (202210)

On, Wednesday, March 24th, the Fall 2021 course schedule is located at [Law Registrar](#). You will also find the law courses in DORI, the student portal. In the meantime, you should review the course descriptions, concentrations, upper level writing, and experiential learning requirements by clicking on the Course/Curriculum link on the Law School Registrar’s web page. If you have any questions, please feel free to visit our office across from Room 204 or email us at lawreg@duq.edu.

Bar Exam Update

As you may know, after the first year, a number of the required courses are ones that are tested on the Pennsylvania Bar Exam. We have an update regarding the content that will be tested on the Pennsylvania Bar Exam, starting in July 2022. Pennsylvania has administered its own Bar Exam for more than 119 years. In February 2021, however, the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners announced that Pennsylvania will be moving to the Uniform Bar Exam (UBE), starting with the July 2022 Bar Exam.

The courses tested on the UBE include:

<u>Multiple Choice</u>		<u>Essay</u>	
Constitutional Law	Federal Civil Procedure	All MBE Topics	Family Law
Contracts (Sales)	Federal Evidence	Business Associations (formerly Corporations)	Secured Transactions
Criminal Procedure	Real Property	Conflicts of Law	Estates and Trusts
Criminal Law	Torts		

This means that a number of the courses that were tested on the Pennsylvania Bar Exam, like Pennsylvania Civil Procedure, are no longer being tested. Likewise, there are some courses that are now being tested but were not tested before, like Secured Transactions. For courses that are tested on the UBE but are not part of our required curriculum, we have noted them below and provided suggestions on which year to take them.

Specific Notes for the Fall Semester:

The Pandemic and Course Scheduling

We are planning for in-person instruction in the fall (with the occasional online courses, like before the pandemic), but it is still too early to know what the fall will bring. We are hoping for the best but planning for a situation where we have to be all online or hybrid, like this year. As soon as we know more, we will provide updates.

Secured Transactions

As noted above, Secured Transactions is now a Bar-tested subject. We currently offer this as a three-credit (only in the Fall) course, and we will offer an additional one-credit section in the fall and spring that is geared toward ensuring students have an introduction to the material that will likely be tested on the Bar Exam.

Students may take either course but NOT both of these offerings.

- Secured Transactions is the law governing the use of collateral to secure the repayment of the extension of credit in loans and credit sales. The law of Secured Transactions is contained in Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code, Article 9 is a long, complex and detailed statute.
- The one-credit course is a general overview of the same material, and is designed to prepare students for the bar examination on this subject.
- The three-credit course is an in-depth study of the subject that is designed to give students a thorough understanding of the law governing the use of collateral in transactions that are financed.

Business Essentials for Lawyers Micro-Credential

We are pleased to announce that the School of Law and School of Business are collaborating to provide School of Law students with the ability to obtain a Business Essentials for Lawyers Micro-Credential. This credential is a minimum nine credits and will provide our students with a foundational understanding of business. It is comprised of four courses at the School of Business and one at the School of Law.

<u>School of Business</u>	<u>School of Law</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accounting Fundamentals (1.5)• Economics Fundamentals (1.5)• Finance Fundamentals (1.5)• Behavior in Organizations (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accounting for Lawyers (2)• Financial Toolkit for Lawyers (1.5)• Venture Capital Simulation (3)

The course work could be completed in as few as two semesters. Students need a cumulative 3.0 GPA or better in the micro-credential courses to earn the micro-credential. For the business coursework to count toward the J.D. degree, students must have a 3.0 or better in each business course. Grades earned in graduate business coursework will not be calculated into the law GPA, will be treated as non-classroom hours pursuant to the School of Law Policies and Procedures, and the credit hours earned will be included in calculating the number of maximum credits per semester. Additionally, the credits earned in the online courses will count toward the J.D. students' cap on distance education credits. Law students who complete the micro-credential and wish to continue into the JD/MBA joint degree will receive six credits toward the Professional MBA.

This program will be open to students enrolled in the School of Law Juris Doctorate program who have completed the first one-third of their J.D. coursework. J.D. students in good standing will be admitted to the micro-credential. **The bottom line is that you can take one of these courses and not get the micro-credential, but you will get valuable knowledge, so don't be afraid to enroll!**

If the coursework is taken during the fall and spring terms, there will be no extra cost to students.

When choosing your courses, keep the graduation requirements in mind:

*87 credits are required

*Students must complete an upper level writing paper and have at least six experiential learning (simulation, law clinic, or field placement) credits

*In order to graduate, students must maintain a 2.0 or higher cumulative grade point average and have a 2.0 or higher-grade point average for the final academic year

REGISTRATION DATES AND TIMES – FALL 2021		
4E, 3E	April 6 th – August 25 th	8:00 a.m. – 11:59 p.m.
4P, 2E	April 7 th – August 25 th	8:00 a.m. – 11:59 p.m.
3D, 3P	April 9 th – August 25 th	8:00 a.m. – 11:59 p.m.
2D, 2P	April 12 – August 25 th	8:00 a.m. – 11:59 p.m.
*Registration and drop/add will end August 25th Midnight for all students.		
*Time tickets stated above are based upon the division you are assigned for the Fall 2021 semester		

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Here is how you register:







BANNER 9 SELF-SERVICE

- Log in to your DORI account at [DORI](#)
- Click on Self Service Banner > click on Student Information
- On the left, under your Duquesne ID picture, click on Registration and Planning

[Student](#) • [Registration](#)

Registration

What would you like to do?

 Prepare for Registration View registration status.	 Plan Your Schedule Planning is not the same as registering. Give yourself a head start by building schedule plans in advance of registration. When you're ready to register, you can register more quickly by registering from your plans.
 Register for Classes Search and register for your classes. You can also view and manage your schedule.	 Browse Classes Looking for classes? In this section you can browse classes you find interesting.
 Browse Course Catalog Look up basic course information like subject, course and description.	 View Registration Information View your past schedules and your ungraded classes.

MANDATORY CREDIT LIMITATIONS FOR UPPER-DIVISION STUDENTS

Be mindful of the credit minimum and credit maximum per semester

Year of Study	Semester Credit Limitation	Semester Minimum Credit Requirement
2 nd Year Day	17 Credits	10 Credits
3 rd Year Day	17 Credits	10 Credits
2 nd Year Evening	13 credits	8 credits
3 rd Year Evening	13 credits	8 credits
4 th Year Evening	13 credits	8 credits
2 nd Year Part-Time Day	13 credits	8 credits
3 rd Year Part-Time Day	13 credits	8 credits
4 th Year Part-Time Day	13 credits	8 credits

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- You may not register for **less** than eight to ten credits per semester as a law student at Duquesne University throughout your legal education.
- Candidates who are pursuing joint degrees or the micro-credential must register for eight to ten law credits depending on your law division in order to maintain residence in the School of Law. Bottom line: register for your courses at the School of Law, and then add your other courses.
- Law students may NOT accelerate graduation dates.
- All elective courses must have **ten or more** students registered for the course to proceed in the semester.

Credit Limitations for Distance Education

- Students shall not be granted more than a total of 29 credit hours toward the J.D. degree for distance education courses of which no more than 10 credits may be taken in the first third of the student's program of legal education.

STUDENT FACULTY ADVISORS

- Students will receive the name of your faculty advisor via email from Mrs. Heather Shaw, Assistant Registrar before registration begins.
- Students should schedule an appointment with their faculty advisor regarding concentrations, micro-credential, and course selections.

CLINICS

Students are able to register online for any clinics or programs, but you must go through the Tribone Center for Clinical Legal Education to register for externships.

EXTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

Students are **UNABLE** to register for externships online in Banner 9 Self Service. However, you may select an externship seminar to show your interest in completing an externship through the Tribone Clinic.

Please see Professor Orsatti, Externship and Pro Bono Director, or Mrs. Beth Licciardello, Administrative Assistant, at 412-396-4730 or via email orsattig@duq.edu and licciardellos@duq.edu for more information including inquiries into experiential credits.

Regarding Clinics and externships, students who are currently on probation are **NOT** certified under PA 321 by the Law School Registrar's Office.

Required and Recommended Class Sequence

The following required schedule of course offerings is designed to assure that every student will have an opportunity to register for all Bar Exam courses without experiencing course or examination conflicts.

Second-year Day

Required courses are:

- **Advanced Legal Reasoning (fall) (required for bottom 25% following first year, optional for all other students)- 2 credits**
- **Business Associations (formerly Corporations) (fall)- 3 credits**
- **Constitutional Law I and II (fall and spring) (Students must register for the same professor and same section for Constitutional Law I and II)- 5 credits**
- **Criminal Procedure: The Police Function (fall or spring)- 3 credits**
- **Evidence (fall or spring)- 3 credits**
- **Professional Responsibility (fall or spring) (may be taken in the second or third year)- 3 credits**

Bar-Tested Courses Not Required but Recommended:

- **Conflict of Laws- 2 credits**
- **Estates and Trusts- 3 credits**
- **Family Law- 3 credits**
- **Secured Transactions- 1 or 3 credits**

Third-year Day

Required courses are:

- **Professional Responsibility (fall or spring) (may be taken in the second or third year)- 3 credits**
- **Sales (fall or spring)- 2 credits**
- **Core/Applied Competencies I and II (fall and spring) (required for students in the bottom 1/3 of their first year)- 6 credits**
 - The Law School Registrar's Office automatically registers day students who were in the bottom 1/3 of class in their first year for the 3-credit Core/Applied Competencies.
 - If you were not required to take the course, but are interested in the course, you may register for the 2-credit Core Competencies course.
 - If you are interested in the 3-credit Core Competencies course, you must contact Professor Ashley London (londona@duq.edu for permission to take one of the 3-credit sections.
 - You **will be registered** for the same sections in Core Competencies I and II for the Fall and Spring semesters unless a change is approved by Professor London.

Bar-Tested Courses Not Required but Recommended:

- **Conflict of Laws- 2 credits**
- **Estates and Trusts- 3 credits**

- **Family Law- 3 credits**
- **Secured Transactions- 1 or 3 credits**

Second-year Evening and Second-year Part-time Day

Required courses are:

- **Advanced Legal Reasoning (fall) (required for bottom 25% following first year, optional for all other students)- 2 credits**
- **Business Associations (formerly Corporations) (fall) (may be taken in second or third year)- 3 credits**
- **Constitutional Law I and II (fall and spring)- 5 credits**
- **Criminal Law (fall)- 3 credits**
- **Criminal Procedure: Police Function (spring)- 3 credits**
- **Property I and II (fall and spring)- 6 credits**
 - Students must register for the same professor and section for both Property and Constitutional Law

Bar-Tested Courses Not Required But Recommended:

- **Conflict of Laws- 2 credits**
- **Estates and Trusts- 3 credits**
- **Family Law- 3 credits**
- **Secured Transactions- 1 or 3 credits**

Third-year Evening and Third-Year Part-time Day

Required courses are:

- **Business Associations (formerly Corporations) (fall)- 3 credits**
- **Evidence (fall or spring)- 3 credits**
- **Professional Responsibility (fall or spring) (may be taken in the third or fourth year)- 3 credits**

Bar-Tested Courses Not Required But Recommended:

- **Conflict of Laws- 2 credits**
- **Estates and Trusts- 3 credits**
- **Family Law- 3 credits**
- **Secured Transactions- 1 or 3 credits**

Fourth-year Evening and Fourth-year Part-time Day

Required courses are:

- **Core/Applied Competencies I and II (fall and spring)- 6 credits (Students will be automatically registered for the appropriate section of this course)**
- **Professional Responsibility (fall or spring) (may be taken in the third or fourth year)- 3 credits**
- **Sales (fall or spring)- 2 credits**

Bar-Tested Courses Not Required but Recommended:

- **Conflict of Laws- 2 credits**
- **Estates and Trusts- 3 credits**
- **Family Law- 3 credits**
- **Secured Transactions- 1 or 3 credits**

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