

## COURSE SELECTION CHART



The following curricular suggestions are for your guidance. The Course Selection Chart is organized around substantive areas. The courses listed in each area are to give you an idea of the type of courses that are relevant in that area. **It is not necessary to take all of the suggested courses for each area.** Some courses in each area are considered more foundational than others. Generally speaking, the first four to six courses listed are so considered. Different faculty and practitioners, however, are likely to have different opinions on which courses are the foundational courses in their area. You should try to talk to one or more faculty or practitioners in your area of interest for further guidance.

It is also possible to combine two or more areas. For example, if you were interested in Commercial Litigation, you would try to take most (but probably not all) of the foundational courses in each area, as well as a selection of additional courses from both.

It is usually considered a good idea to take the foundational courses first, if possible. In some cases, it is required that you take a foundational course before you can take other courses in the area.

Over your law school career, you should also take a variety of course types. That is, you should be selecting from skills courses, clinical placements, drafting courses, seminars, and theory, history, or interdisciplinary courses, as well as doctrinal courses. As a general rule, you should try not to take more than one or two of the three-to-four-hour foundational courses in a single semester.

Some faculty members encourage you to not try to specialize in a particular area while in law school. They would encourage you to sample a variety of different substantive areas, while concentrating on developing the legal skills that will allow you to function effectively in whatever field you find yourself. Such skills include writing skills, oral communication skills, advocacy and argumentation skills, interviewing and negotiating skills, and strategizing and planning skills.

It is appropriate for you to select courses on the basis of methodology (discussion, problem approach, simulation, etc.) to suit your own learning styles and strengths.

Finally, you should not be afraid to take a course that sounds interesting to you, even if it doesn't fit within a suggested track or doesn't appear to be related to your area of interest. **The bottom line is that you should choose courses and construct a schedule appropriate for your learning style, interests, and personal situation, as well as your career goals.**

Keep in mind that some courses are not offered every year and some have prerequisites. Consult the Course List and the Course Descriptions, respectively, for this information. Also keep in mind that seminars vary every year. Accordingly, if you are a 2L and a particular seminar is of interest to you, you should try to register for it now rather than hoping to catch it next year.

<b><u>Required for Graduation</u></b>	
Constitutional Law II (MUST be taken 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year) Legal Profession	Seminar
<b>Small Office Practice</b>	
Evidence Business Organizations Secured Transactions Family Law Federal Income Tax Trusts & Estates Administrative Law Lawyering Skills/Civil Clinic Mediation/Adv. Neg./Mediation Clinic Criminal Procedure	Litigation: Civil Procedure II Land Use Control Estate Planning A drafting course Trial Advocacy Consumer Bankruptcy
<b>Litigation</b>	
Evidence Trial Advocacy Appellate Practice Judicial Process/Judicial Clinic Client Crisis Management Supreme Court Practice Traynor Moot Court Criminal track Criminal Procedure Criminal Process/Criminal Clinic Criminal Penalties	Civil track: Litigation: Civil Procedure II Administrative Law Pretrial Practice Lawyering Skills/Civil Clinic Business Organizations Federal Courts Conflict of Laws Alternative Dispute Resolution Commercial Law (Secured Transactions or Sales) Antitrust Products Liability Employment Discrimination
<b>Commercial</b>	
Business Organizations Commercial Law: Secured Transactions Sales and/or Payment Systems Intellectual Property Federal Income Tax Evidence Bankruptcy Real Estate Finance	International Business Transactions International Intellectual Property Cyberlaw & E-Commerce Technology Licensing Lawyering Skills/Civil Clinic Mediation/Adv. Neg./Mediation Clinic A drafting course
<b>Corporate/Business</b>	
Business Organizations Commercial Law Federal Income Tax Administrative Law Evidence Intellectual Property	Taxation of Business Entities Technology Licensing Cyberlaw & E-Commerce International Business Transactions International Intellectual Property Corporate & Contract Law Theory (sem)

Land Use Control	Metaphors of Corporate Law (sem)
Real Estate Finance	A drafting course
Antitrust	Lawyering Skills/Civil Clinic
Employment Discrimination	Mediation/Adv.Neg/Mediation Clinic
Labor Law	ADR
Environmental Law & Business	Client Crisis Management
Insurance Law	Entertainment News Media Law
Business Planning	Bankruptcy
Securities Regulation	
Corporate Finance	
Regulated Industries	
<b>Intellectual Property</b>	
Business Organizations	Cyberlaw & E-Commerce
Commercial Law	Biotechnology & Chemical Patents
Federal Income Tax	Patent Drafting
Evidence	International Intellectual Property Law
Intellectual Property Survey	International Business Transactions
Administrative Law	Technology Licensing
Copyright (sem)	Lawyering Skills/Civil Clinic
Trademark & Unfair Competition	Mediation/Adv. Neg./Mediation Clinic
Entertainment & News Media Law	Patentability
<b>International Law</b>	
International Law	International Business Transactions
International Human Rights	International Environmental Law
Immigration & Asylum Law	International Family Law
Administrative Law	International Intellectual Property Law
Comparative Law	Terrorism
European Union Law	Lawyering Skills/Civil Clinic
Imperialism & International Law	Law of War
<b>Public Interest/Civil Rights</b>	
Evidence	Election Law
Administrative Law	Elder Law
Litigation: Civil Procedure II	Disability Law
Trial Advocacy	Teaching Law in High School
Immigration & Asylum Law	Community Justice
International Human Rights	Environmental Practice/Enviro Clinic
Family Law	Health Law/Health Law Clinic
Federal Courts	Judicial Process/Judicial Clinic
Pretrial Practice and/or	Lawyering Skills/Civil Clinic
Appellate Practice	Legislative Law/Legislative Clinic
International Family Law	Mediation/Adv Neg./Mediation Clinic
Child, Parent & State	First Amendment-Speech (sem)
Law and the American Indian	Violence, Religion & Law (sem)
Terrorism	Law and the Human Body (sem)
Employment Discrimination	Sexual Orientation & the Law (sem)
Products Liability	Wrongful Convictions (sem)
Environment & Human Rights	Rights of Crime Victims

<b>Tax/Estate Planning</b>	
Federal Income Tax	Taxation of Business Entities
Business Organizations	Business Planning
Trusts & Estates	Estate Planning
Commercial Law	Real Estate Finance
Administrative Law	Lawyering Skills/Civil Clinic
Family Law	Mediation/Adv.Neg./Mediation Clinic
Evidence	A drafting course
	Private Land Conservation (sem)
<b>Real Estate</b>	
Land Use Control	Business Planning
Real Estate Finance	Environment & Business Law
Administrative Law	Takings (sem)
Federal Income Tax	Private Land Conservation (sem)
Natural Resources	Lawyering Skills/Civil Clinic
Evidence	Mediation/Adv. Neg./Mediation Clinic
Business Organizations	A drafting course
<b>Natural Resources/Environmental Law</b>	
Administrative Law	Environmental Law & Business
Evidence	Environmental Conflict Resolution
Natural Resources	Environment & Human Rights
Environmental Law & Policy	International Environmental Law
Environmental Law: Pollution Control	Lawyering Skills/Civil Clinic
Water Law	Mediation/Adv.Neg./Mediation Clinic
Wildlife Law	The Law of Climate Change (sem)
Extractive Industries	Literature, Law & the Environm't (sem)
Regulated Industries	Contemp Issues in Env L & P (sem)
Land Use Control	Private Land Conservation (sem)
Environmental Practice/Environ. Clinic	Environmental Policy in Developing Countries (sem)
<b>Public/Regulatory</b>	
Administrative Law	Gambling/Gaming Law
Litigation: Civil Procedure II	Environmental Law & Policy
Evidence	Environment & Business
Business Organizations	Contemp Issues in Env L & P (sem)
Antitrust	Land Use Control
Labor Law	State & Local Government
Employment Discrimination	Election Law
Federal Courts	Health Law/Health Law Clinic
Regulated Industries	Legislative Law/Legislative Clinic
<b>Non-Area-Specific/Generalist</b>	
Business Organizations	One or more interviewing and negotiating courses/clinics, such as:
Evidence	Lawyering Skills/Civil Clinic
Administrative Law	Mediation/Adv.Neg/Mediation Clinic
A sampling of substantive areas such as:	Environmental Conflict Resolution

Commercial Law  
Federal Income Tax  
Family Law  
Trusts & Estates  
Natural Resources or Environmental Law  
International Law or Int'l Human Rights  
Intellectual Property  
Criminal Procedure

One or more writing skills courses, such as:

Any Seminar  
Any Drafting course  
Adv. Legal Research  
Pretrial Practice  
Appellate Practice  
Courses with paper instead of exam  
Legal Writing T.A.

One or more oral communication skills courses, such as:

Teaching Law in High School  
Community Justice  
Appellate Practice  
Traynor Moot Court  
ASP T.A.

One or more advocacy skills courses, such as:

Pretrial Practice  
Trial Advocacy  
Appellate Practice  
Criminal Process/Criminal Clinic  
Traynor Moot Court  
Supreme Court Practice (sem)

One or more strategizing and planning courses, such as:

Pretrial Practice  
Appellate Practice  
Business Planning  
Estate Planning  
Client Crisis Management

One or more legal theory, legal history, or interdisciplinary courses, such as:

Creation of the Constitution  
Medieval English Legal History

Feminist Legal Theory  
Metaphors of Corporate Law (sem)  
Role of Corporation in Polity (sem)  
Law & Psychology  
Literature, Law & Environm't (sem)