

CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

FALL 2021 REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. Attached please find a) a Course Selection Guide containing information regarding the Experiential Learning Requirement and Areas of Concentration; b) a class-hour planning form; c) a list of all Elective Courses available for the Fall 2021 semester; d) the Fall 2021 and tentative Spring 2022 Class and Final Exam Schedules; e) the 2021-2022 Academic Calendar; f) information about the M.R. Abrahams Legal Clinic; and g) information about the Juvenile Justice Clinic.

It is important that you check your Creighton e-mail account on a regular basis. E-mail is the main source of communication for essential information coming from the Law School Administration, Faculty and Staff, and student organizations.

Course descriptions and information about course selection are also found on the Creighton Law School website at: law.creighton.edu under the menu for Academics.

The course schedule reflects our anticipated course offerings, instructors, and times. However, this information is subject to change. The Spring 2022 class schedule is provided to help you select the courses you want to take in the Fall. As you will see, some courses are offered both semesters.

In planning your schedule for Fall 2021, please note the following:

- All students must complete the following required upper-class courses: Business Associations, Commercial Law, Criminal Procedure, Evidence, Legal Research and Writing III, Professional Responsibility, and Trusts and Estates. Enrollment in these courses will normally occur during the second year of law school. However, a student in good standing may defer not more than two upper-level required courses until the student's third year. A student may not defer Legal Research and Writing III. See Academic Rule 6.1(c).
- **LAW 341 Criminal Procedure will not be offered during the Spring 2022 semester.**
- We are happy to announce that we will be offering a new **Energy, Environmental, and Sustainability Law Area of Concentration**. Please see the website for more information. <https://law.creighton.edu/cademics/jd-concentrations/energy-environmental-and-sustainability-law>
- Students are required to complete six (6) hours of experiential learning in order to graduate. Details on the requirement can be found on the website. <https://law.creighton.edu/program/law-jd>
- Please consult the Course Selection Guide for further information.
- As a condition for graduation, all students matriculating prior to Summer 2021 must successfully complete a course of study of not less than 89 credit hours of which at least 71 credit hours are in courses that take place in the law school and require attendance in regularly scheduled classroom sessions or direct faculty instruction. For students matriculating in the Summer of 2021 or later, those students must successfully complete a course of study of not less than 90 credit hours of which at least 72 credit hours are in courses that take place in the law school and require attendance in regularly scheduled classroom sessions or direct faculty instruction. See Academic Rule 6.8 for more details.

Please read these instructions, review the other materials, and then **complete your registration online**. The online registration period for rising 3L law students will begin on **Wednesday, April 14 at 4:00 p.m.** and rising 2L students on **Thursday, April 15 at 4:00 p.m.** Specific instructions for online registration will be emailed to you separately from these registration materials and will include your registration PIN. Be advised that any delay in registering may affect your ability to sign up for courses with limited enrollments.

2. In the Fall 2021 Semester, second year students must register for Legal Research and Writing III. Sections will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. If the section you prefer is full, you will need to select another section.

3. Please note that classes do not all start or end at the same times. Please study the class schedule to avoid time conflicts. **You may not register for two courses that meet during the same time on any day of the week.**
4. You may not reschedule exams unless you have two exams on the same day. If you register for courses with exams scheduled on the same day, you will need to reschedule one of those exams for a later time. We will determine which exam will be rescheduled. If you have questions, ask Dean Dallan or Kris Victor. Courses not listed on the exam schedule are currently designed to require papers, take-home exams, or other alternative methods of evaluation. See the course description or contact the professor for further details as to the method of evaluation that will be used in the course.
5. **IF YOU WANT TO REGISTER FOR AN EXTERNSHIP**, please contact Professor Diane Uchimiya at dianeuchimiya@creighton.edu or (402) 280-3648.
6. Information about the **Milton R. Abrahams Legal Clinic** and the **Juvenile Justice Clinic** is included with this email.
7. After your initial registration session, you may make changes in your course selections through Sunday, August 8, 2021. See **DROP AND ADD** below.
8. Registration for Fall 2021 courses will facilitate timely disbursement of Fall 2021 financial aid.

DROP AND ADD

You may drop or add the courses available for registration on the web by returning to the web site at any time through Sunday, August 8, 2021. Follow the necessary steps as directed. After that, schedule changes cannot be made until the first day of classes on August 18, 2021. You must contact the Law School Registrar to add or drop any courses. Due to the new hourly tuition structure, no changes to registration will be allowed between August 9 and August 18. Your individual tuition, financial aid and any scholarships will be calculated during this time period. Any changes to your schedule made after August 8, which do not result in a zero net change in credit hours, will cause changes to tuition, financial aid and scholarships.

Subject to the warning about registration changes above, you may drop any elective course, other than those listed below, until 4:00 p.m. on September 3, 2021. Unless you are in violation of the attendance rule for the course, you may drop a course after September 3, 2021, but such drop will be considered a "withdrawal" and will appear as a "W" on your transcript. You may not drop Arbitration/Trial Theory, Client Interviewing and Legal Counseling, Externships, Juvenile Justice Clinic, Mediation Process, Milton R. Abrahams Legal Clinic, Negotiation, Scientific Evidence, and Trial Practice after Friday, September 3, 2021.

Subject to the warning about registration changes above, Courses which are not overenrolled may be added until 4:00 p.m. on August 27, 2021.

With the professor's permission, you may change your registration in a course, other than a required course, seminar, externship or Trial Practice, to an "audit" up until the last day of classes on November 19, 2021. Some professors impose more stringent requirements to audit a course. Please check your course syllabi. If you audit a course, you do not receive credit, and you may not retake the course for credit. Audit slips can be printed off from the Law School website under Academics, Schedules and Registration. Please return the signed audit slip to the Law School Registrar.

FALL CLASSES

The first day of classes for the Fall 2021 Semester will be Wednesday, August 18, 2021 (follow a Monday schedule). The academic calendar is attached and is posted on the law school website. You will be able to review your tuition statement for the Fall 2021 Semester via your N.E.S.T. account.

ELECTIVES

The elective courses listed below will be offered in the Fall 2021 Semester. Some of these electives may not be available to you because they have prerequisites. The prerequisites are indicated in the spreadsheet. Please be sure that you have taken the prerequisites for any course you select. Courses with insufficient enrollment are subject to cancellation.

COURSE SELECTION GUIDE **For 2L and 3L Students**

Students matriculating prior to Summer 2021 must successfully complete 89 credit hours to graduate. Full-time students may not take more than 18 hours toward their J.D. degree each semester. See Rule 6.2(a).

In addition to the 1L required courses, several courses are also required for upper-class students. The following courses are required to complete as a condition for graduation: Business Associations, Commercial Law, Criminal Procedure, Evidence, Legal Research and Writing III, Professional Responsibility, and Trusts & Estates. Full-time students must take upper-level required courses during their 2L or 3L year, except a student in good standing may defer not more than two upper-level required courses until the student's third year. However, a student may not defer Legal Research and Writing III. See Academic Rule 6.1(c).

Students are required to complete, during either their 2L or 3L year, six (6) credits of Experiential Learning drawn from any combination of externships, legal clinic, or other classes on the Experiential Course List. Details on the requirement can be found on the website at <https://law.creighton.edu/program/law-jd>.

The remainder of the curriculum is comprised of electives.

Some guidance about course selection appears below.

1. BASIC COURSES - The upper-class course requirements reflect subjects that are tested on most bar examinations, and they are also important prerequisites for advanced study in related areas. However, the required courses are not the only basic courses that should be considered by a student seeking thorough preparation for legal practice. Others, such as Administrative Law, Federal Income Taxation, and Marriage and Divorce, should also be considered. Note that many courses have prerequisites so you should plan ahead by taking necessary prerequisites early for courses you ultimately would like to take.

2. SCHEDULING OPTIONS – The current class schedule is available on the Law School website under Academics, Schedules and Registration. Although it is impossible to state with specificity that the offerings in future academic years will be the same, that assumption may prove helpful in making scheduling choices. Courses that conflict now may also conflict next year, and you should choose accordingly in planning your academic choices.

3. THE INSTRUCTOR - Choosing courses taught by professors you admire is one approach to course selection that many people find useful. For each student there are professors who are able to create intellectual excitement, and whose approaches to analysis and teaching strike a responsive note. Think back over the professors whose classes have challenged you and remember that you will benefit as much from exposure to a specific professor's analytic skills and approach to legal issues as from specific course content.

4. THE COURSE - Choose courses that look interesting, without limiting yourself to those that are directly related to your current plans or your idea of a traditional curriculum. Don't be reluctant to experiment! If you believe a course will expose you to a new area of the law or provide you with needed variety, you have more than enough reason to enroll. Courses taken because of enthusiasm for either the instructor or the subject matter are often the richest academic experiences in law school. They represent opportunities to expand your understanding – they may even introduce a whole new area of interest for you. In your growth as a law student, it is important for you not to limit yourself only to things you believe you "ought" to do.

5. SPECIALIZATION - Some students want to specialize in a particular area of law and choose electives with that goal in mind. The faculty urges great caution in this approach. It is appropriate to "shade" one's training toward a particular specialty. However, there is a danger in over-specializing. By narrowing your education too much, you remain poorly informed of other areas of law and become less marketable as well.

6. AREAS OF CONCENTRATION CERTIFICATE OPTIONS - With the caveat given in #5 above, law students may decide to concentrate their coursework in one or more Areas of Concentration. Students who do so and who meet the

requirements will receive a notation on their transcript and a certificate after graduation indicating that they have concentrated their studies in the given area. For specific course requirements, please refer to the Areas of Concentration information on the website under Academics.

These approaches to course selection describe only some of the ways in which you might make reasoned choices about your academic program. You may have additional considerations based on your own situation. Review course descriptions and study the information about Areas of Concentration to learn about course offerings. You are also encouraged to talk to any dean or any faculty member if you want further information or some informal counseling on your proposed program. All of these suggestions, taken together, will give you a start towards a workable, enjoyable, array of courses for your law school studies.

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PLANNING SCHEDULE

8:00					
9:30					
11:00					
11:55	Meetings/make-ups	Meetings/make-ups	Meetings/make-ups	Meetings/make-ups	Meetings/make-ups
1:00					
2:30					
4:00					
5:00 and later					