REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. Attached please find a) a Course Selection Guide containing information regarding the Area of Concentration Certificates available and Professional Skills information; b) a class-hour planning form; c) a list of all Elective Courses available for the Spring 2021 Semester; d) the Spring Class Schedule; e) the Spring Final Exam Schedule; f) the Spring 2021 Academic Calendar and g) information about the M.R. Abrahams Legal 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.

In planning your schedule for Spring 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 I. 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 without the Dean’s permission. A student may not defer Legal Research and Writing III. See Academic Rule 6.1(c).

• Students are required to complete the professional skills course requirement either their second or third year in order to graduate. Details on the requirement can be found on the website.

• 3L students with a cumulative GPA of less than 2.83 are required to register for and complete LAW 302 Comprehensive Review. See Academic Rule 7.1(c). We encourage all 3L students to take this class.

• Please consult the “Course Selection Guide” (attached or on the website) for further information.

• As a condition for graduation, all students 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. 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 3L law students will begin on Thursday, November 5 at 4:00 p.m. and 2L students on Friday, November 6 at 4:00 p.m. Specific instructions for registering online were e-mailed to you from the Registrar, Kris Brashear, on Monday, October 19, 2020. That email included your registration PIN. Be advised that any delay in registering may affect your ability to sign up for courses with limited enrollments.

2. Please note that, due to COVID-19 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.

3. 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 Dallon or Kris Brashear. 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.

4. IF YOU WANT TO REGISTER FOR AN EXTERNSHIP, please contact Professor Diane Uchimiya at dianeuchimiya@creighton.edu or (402) 280-3648. In addition, information about the Milton R. Abrahams Legal Clinic is included in this email attachment.
5. After your initial registration session, you may make changes in your course selections if space is available. See DROP AND ADD below.

6. Registration for Spring courses will facilitate timely disbursement of Spring 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 up through Friday, January 22, 2021. Follow the necessary steps as directed. After January 22, you must see Kris Brashear to drop or add these courses.

You may drop any elective course, other than those listed below, until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 5, 2021. Unless you are in violation of the attendance rule for the course, you may drop a course after Friday, February 5, 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, Commercial Contract Drafting, Externships, Mediation Process, Milton R. Abrahams Legal Clinic, Negotiation, Scientific Evidence, and Trial Practice after Friday, February 5, 2021.

Courses which are not overenrolled may be added until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 29, 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 Monday, April 26, 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 Kris Brashear.

**SPRING CLASSES**

The first day of classes for the Spring 2021 Semester will be Monday, January 25, 2021. The academic calendar is attached and is posted on the law school website. You will be able to review your tuition statement for the Spring 2021 Semester via your N.E.S.T. account.

**ELECTIVES**

The elective courses listed below will be offered in the Spring 2021 Semester. Some of these electives may not be available to you because they have prerequisites. The prerequisites are indicated in the spreadsheet. To the extent the prerequisites listed here are different than those listed on the website, those listed here prevail. Please be sure that you have taken the prerequisites for any course you select. Courses with insufficient enrollment are subject to cancellation.

Each full-time student must register for at least 10 hours and may not register for more than 17 hours in law courses without permission from Dean Dallon.
COURSE SELECTION GUIDE
For Second- and Third-Year Students

Students must earn 89 hours to graduate. Full-time students may not take more than 17 hours nor fewer than 10 hours in any semester without permission from Dean Dallon.

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 I. Full-time students must take upper-level required courses during their second year of law school, except a student in good standing may defer not more than two upper-level required courses until the student’s third year without permission from Dean Dallon. However, a student may not defer Legal Research and Writing III. See Academic Rule 6.1(c).

Students are required to complete, during either your second or third year, six (6) credits of experiential learning drawn from any combination of externships, legal clinic, or other classes on the Professional Skills 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. Your choice of electives will reflect your assessment of your strengths and weaknesses, developing intellectual interests, and career plans. There are several ways of thinking about these choices that, in combination, will help each student choose a satisfactory array of courses to meet his or her educational goals and interests.

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 Spring 2021 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 of seven (7) Areas of Concentration Certificates. Students who do so and who meet the requirements will receive 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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