



## Course Selection

### A. Required Curriculum

- 1. Full-time J.D. students:** Full-time J.D. students typically are enrolled in a required curriculum for the first two semesters; in addition, they must enroll in Professional Responsibility no later than the fourth semester.
- 2. Part-time J.D. students:** Part-time J.D. students typically are enrolled in a required curriculum for the first four semesters, including the first summer session, which is required.
- 3. Courses in the required curriculum:** Courses in the required J.D. curriculum are determined by the faculty and are listed on the Graduation Requirements Checklist maintained by the Registrar.

**B. Area Requirements:** After completing the required curriculum, a J.D. student may choose from the elective courses listed and offered, but must complete Evidence and four area requirements: the administrative law requirement, the code requirement, the skills requirement, and the upper-level writing requirement before graduating. Courses that satisfy each area requirement are listed on the Graduation Requirements Checklist maintained by the Registrar.

**C. Further Required Curriculum:** Students subject to the Further Required Curriculum must complete the courses on the Further Required Curriculum before graduation. Courses that compose the Further Required Curriculum are listed in the Further Required Curriculum Policy.

**D. Elective Curriculum:** Except as noted in Section F, a student must take required courses, but not Evidence, Professional Responsibility, or the area requirements, before registering for electives. By registering for electives, a student represents to the College that he or she has completed, or is concurrently registered in, all remaining required courses, except Evidence, Professional Responsibility, and the four area requirements.

**E. Course Pre-requisites:** A student may enroll in a course for credit only after he or she has completed all prerequisites for that course; however, a particular pre-requisite may be waived for good cause by the Associate Dean for Academics, after consulting with the course professor.

**F. Exceptions to Course Sequencing:** The Associate Dean for Academics has discretion to grant a J.D. student who is still in the required curriculum permission to enroll in elective courses under the following circumstances:

- 1. Summer-abroad programs:** The Associate Dean for Academics has discretion to grant a J.D. student who is still in the required curriculum permission to enroll in a Stetson-sponsored summer-abroad program or, when consistent with the policy on Study-Abroad Programs at Other Law Schools, in another ABA- approved law school's summer-abroad program. Any adjustment under this subsection must be in writing signed by the Associate Dean for Academics and the student.
- 2. First summer session for full-time J.D. students:** The Associate Dean for Academics has discretion to permit full-time J.D. students who have not yet completed Professional Responsibility to take elective courses during the summer session. Students need not seek individual exceptions under this provision; instead, the Associate Dean will grant permission either implicitly by not scheduling Professional Responsibility during the summer daytime session, or explicitly by written announcement to the class. Full-time J.D. students are not required to enroll in any summer session.
- 3. Adjustments required by law or other University policy:** The Associate Dean for Academics has discretion to alter course sequencing for a student in accordance with applicable law (e.g., the Americans with Disabilities Act) or other University policy.
- 4. Students with unique circumstances:** The Associate Dean for Academics has discretion to alter course sequencing for a student with unique circumstances caused by the fact that the student has (a) transferred into the College of Law from another law school, (b) been granted permission to withdraw from one or more required courses in a prior semester, (c) been invited to join the *Stetson Law Review*, Honors Program, Moot Court Board, Trial Team, and/or DR Board while still in the required curriculum, or (d) another extenuating circumstance that requires adjustment to afford the student an opportunity to complete the course-of-study in a timely manner. In these circumstances, the student should complete the required curriculum as soon as feasible, which typically means the student should take any remaining required course the next fall or spring semester it is offered. However, a part-time student in the required curriculum will not be required to take a course that starts before 5:00 p.m., and a full-time student in the required curriculum will not be required to take a course that starts after 6:00 p.m. Any adjustment under this subsection must be in writing signed by the Associate Dean for Academics and the student.

5. **Academic Success Programs:** Students may enroll in Academic Success Programs, including the Academic Success Workshop and the Midpoint course, without seeking any exception to course sequencing.

**Cross-References:** Required Courses, Requirements for Degree and Maximum Time to Complete J.D. Degree, Minimum Number of Classroom Credits Required for Graduation, Further Required Curriculum, Study-Abroad Programs at Other Law Schools.

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