



# **Preparing to Register & Degree Basics**

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# Topics to Be Covered

- Essential Resources
- Registration Details
- JD & Diploma Privilege Requirements
- Tracking Your Progress



# Essential Resources





# Student Handbook

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- <https://kb.wisc.edu/lssao/154515>
- Covers a wide range of topics, including:
- Curriculum & Enrollment Info:  
<https://kb.wisc.edu/lssao/search.php?cat=15790>
- Degree and Diploma Privilege Requirements:  
<https://kb.wisc.edu/lssao/search.php?cat=15697>



# The Academics Webpage

<https://law.wisc.edu/academics/>

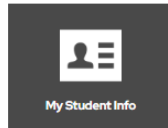
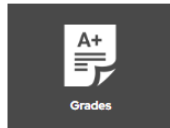
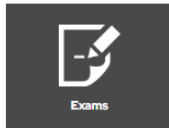
- Calendars and Schedules
- Exam Information
- My Student Info (<https://law.wisc.edu/help/my.php>)
  - ULWR; Degree Audit Tool, Unofficial transcripts
- Academic Forms & Policies (<https://law.wisc.edu/current/forms.html>)
- Law School Rules and Student Handbook
- Curricular Requirements, Offerings, and Planning Resources



# Academics Webpage (Con.)

## Academics

### Links for Current Students



Jump to [Administrative Resources](#) for information on academic calendars, policies, and forms. For information about student activities & organizations, see [Student Affairs](#).

### Curriculum Planning

Students at the Law School have many opportunities to experience what is known as the law-in-action idea. Our extensive curriculum places emphasis on the dynamics of the law – how the law relates to social change and to society as a whole – while at the same time stressing experiential learning.

#### J.D. Curriculum

- [General Curriculum](#)
- [Specialized Curriculums](#)
- [Interdisciplinary Study](#)
- [Curriculum Planning Resources](#)

#### Experiential Learning

- [Clinical Programs](#)
- [Externships and Internships](#)
- [Lawyering Skills](#)
- [Pro Bono](#)

#### Co-Curricular Activities

- [Moot Court](#)
- [Mock Trial](#)
- [Student Journals](#)

## Administrative Resources

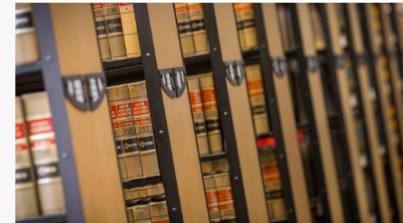
### Calendars & Schedules

- [Law School Academic Calendar »](#)
- [UW-Madison Academic Calendar »](#)
- [Courses & Schedules »](#)
- [Exam Schedule »](#)



### Forms & Policies

- [Academic Forms and Presentations »](#)
- [UW Law Grading Systems »](#)
- [Student Handbook »](#)
- [Exam Policies »](#)
- [Grades, GPA, Class Standing, Pass/Fail »](#)
- [Graduation Requirements »](#)
- [WI Diploma Privilege Requirements »](#)



## Additional Resources

- [My Student Info »](#)
- [Exam Info »](#)
- [Grade Info »](#)
- [Bar Success »](#)

- [Transcripts »](#)
- [Academic Forms »](#)
- [Academic Enhancement Program »](#)
- [Law School Rules »](#)

<https://law.wisc.edu/academics/>



# **Registering for Classes**

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# 1L Courses for Spring

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Law 715: Torts

Law 723: Legal Analysis, Advocacy, & Writing II

Law 724: Property

Law 731: Constitutional Law





# Enrollment Dates for Spring 2026

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- Spring 2026 Enrollment for **1Ls opens Tuesday, November 11**
- The week of **November 3**, you will receive an email with your assigned schedule of courses and enrollment instructions
- Special and part-time schedule requests were due to Dean Cauble yesterday (**Tuesday, October 14**)
- You will receive an email with your assigned schedule near the end of October



# Registering for Classes

<https://kb.wisc.edu/lssao/154408>

- Complete [Pre-Enrollment Checklist](#) and resolve any [account holds](#) before enrolling in classes.
  - Check the **Tasks** tile in your [MyUW](#) Student Center for outstanding items (pre-enrollment checklists assigned around October 22-24)
- Enroll through the Course Search & Enroll App at your enrollment time
  - Instructions with pictures!:  
<https://kb.wisc.edu/registrar/page.php?id=4134#number>
  - Tips for troubleshooting errors in Course Search & Enroll:  
<https://kb.wisc.edu/registrar/page.php?id=95747>
  - Email Angela Nash ([angela.nash@wisc.edu](mailto:angela.nash@wisc.edu)) if you have any trouble enrolling



# Part-time Enrollment

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- Enrolled for fewer than 12 credits
- For financial implications, contact the Law School's Financial Aid office at: [financialaid@law.wisc.edu](mailto:financialaid@law.wisc.edu)
- If fewer than 12 credits: UW Law Scholarship disbursement may be reduced or eliminated
- If fewer than 6 credits: Federal loan deferment expires; grace period begins unless already used up.
- International students: check with ISS



# JD & Diploma Privilege Requirements



Student Handbook Section 4



# JD Degree Requirements

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- 90 Law Credits to graduate
- 64 credits in regularly-scheduled classes
- 1L Program (Contracts, Civil Procedure, Torts, Property, Criminal Law & Procedure, Legal Analysis, Advocacy & Wrtg I & II, Constitutional Law)
- Professional Responsibilities
- Rule 3.03: Cross-Cultural Competency
- Experiential Learning Requirement
- Upper-Level Writing Requirement
  - *Highly recommended: do **not** leave to final semester*
- 2.0 Cumulative GPA



# Upper-Level Writing Requirement



**It's HIGHLY RECOMMENDED you do not leave this to your final semester**

- Requirements:
  - 20 pages, double-spaced (total)
  - faculty feedback on draft
  - final version incorporating feedback
- “LW eligible” courses should be confirmed w instructor for deadlines/special instructions
- Journal work must be reviewed and approved by faculty
- May NOT be met in the same course, same term as Experiential Learning Requirement
- Submit completed form when you've submitted your final work for review
- Unsure? Check *My Student Info* page or email Toni

## My Student Info

### Academic Information

Name:

Exam ID:

[Upper-Level Writing Requirement Form - Online Submission](#)

[View the Law School Degree Audit Report \(DAR\)](#)

### Locker Information

Locker:

Combination:

### Unofficial Transcript

[Unofficial Transcript](#)

### FERPA Recommendation Letter Waiver Information

To update, edit your [Student Biography](#), and waiver questions are at the bottom.



# Diploma Privilege Requirements

<https://kb.wisc.edu/lssao/153990>

- JD Degree
- Mandatory classes
  - 1L courses, plus:
    - Evidence
    - Trusts & Estates
    - Professional Responsibilities (also degree requirement)
- 60 credits in Diploma Privilege subjects

# Determining 60-Credit Rule



## Supreme Court Rule 40.03

“All semester credits so certified shall have been earned in regular law school courses having as their primary and direct purpose the *study of rules and principles of substantive and procedural law as they may arise in the courts and administrative agencies of the United States and this state.*”





# Determining 60-Credit Rule

## Some anomalies:

Application of 60-Credit Rule for Clinics, Externships, Trial Advocacy, & PR

Course	Credits to 90-Credit Rule	Credits to 64-Credit Rule	Credits to 60-Credit Rule	Credits to Experiential Rule
<b>Clinical courses &amp; Externships</b>	All	Dependent upon the clinical or externship experience (refer to Course Schedule).	5	All
<b>Professional Responsibilities</b>	All	All	1	0
<b>Trial Advocacy</b>	All	Instructor-led classes count; competitions do not.	4	All

# Required Grades for Diploma Privilege

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- 2.0 GPA in mandatory Diploma Privilege classes
- 2.0 GPA in diploma privilege 60-credit rule classes





# Tools to Track JD & Diploma Privilege Requirements

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# Degree Audit Report (DAR)

- <https://law.wisc.edu/academics/>
- My Student Info

law.wisc.edu/academics/


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# Degree Audit Report (DAR)



## Degree Audit Report, UW Law School

Required 1L Courses



Diploma Privilege (optional)



Professional Responsibility



Rule 3.03



Upper Level Writing Requirement



Electives



Experiential Learning Category (6 credits needed)



Cumulative Totals



<https://academics.law.wisc.edu/grades/reports/dars/dar.php>



# Degree Audit Report (DAR)

## Required 1L Courses

	90 Rule	64 Rule	60 Rule	Notes
Contracts	4	4	4	1262A1711005
Civil Procedure	4	4	4	1262A1714002
Legl Analysis, Advocacy &Wtg I	3	3	0	1262A1722008
Criminal Law and Procedure	4	4	4	1262A1726001

## Diploma Privilege (optional)

## Professional Responsibility

## Rule 3.03

## Upper Level Writing Requirement

## Electives

## Experiential Learning Category (6 credits needed)

## Cumulative Totals

Course Title	90 Rule	64 Rule	60 Rule	Grade	cUK	Notes
Cumulative Totals	15	15	12			
Credits Left to Complete	75	49	48			

# Tracking Progress: Excel Worksheet



Requirement	Course	Complete	Credits toward 90-Credit Rule	Credits toward 64-Credit Rule	Credits toward 60-Credit Rule
First Year Program	Contracts I*	X	4	4	4
	Civil Procedure I*	X	4	4	4
	Legl Anal, Adv & Writing I	X	3	3	0
	Criminal Law & Procedure*	X	4	4	4
	Torts I*	X	4	4	4
	Legl Anal, Adv & Writing II	X	3	3	0
	Property*	X	4	4	4
	Constitutional Law I*	X	4	4	4
Professional Resp. (PR) Req. <i>Not used for EL or ULW</i>					
Experiential Learning (EL) Req. (6 cr) <i>Not used for PR or ULW</i>					
Upper-Level Writing (ULW) Req. <i>Not used for EL or PR</i>					
Rule 3.03					
Electives	Evidence*				
	Trusts & Estates*				
Non-Law Courses for Law Credit (Rule 3.08) or Dual Degree Credits (Rule 3.16)					
90-Credit Rule (Rule 9.01)	J.D. Degree Total (90 credits required)		30		
64-Credit Rule (ABA Standard 304(b))	Sufficient Credits in Courses with Regular Class Sessions (64 credits required)			30	
60-Credit Rule	Diploma Privilege				24

JD Requirements: 1st year program, including mandatory elective; PR; Exp. Learning (6 crs); Legal Process; 64-credit rule.

\* = Mandatory subject matter courses required for diploma privilege.

Can apply up to five clinical credits (including internships and externships); four credits of Trial Advocacy; and 5 credits of Lawyering Skills to the 60-credit rule (see chart above).

[See Section 4.6.4 of Student Handbook for breakdown of experiential learning credits under 60-credit rule.](#)

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING CREDIT GUIDE (Always refer to Course Guide)

COURSE	CRDTS TO		
	90	64	60
Clinical	All	All	5
Externship	All	Rarely for Externs	total
Lawyering Skills	All	All	All
Trial Advocacy	All	Instructor Led;	4
		Not Competitions	

## OTHER IMPORTANT RULES

Professional Responsibilities	All	All	1
Directed Reading	8	0	0
Directed Research	6	0	0
Non-law courses w permission only	6	0	0

## Left to Complete

90 credit rule: 60

64 credit rule: 34

60 credit rule: 36

[https://law.wisc.edu/current/forms/1template\\_new\\_reqs.xlsx](https://law.wisc.edu/current/forms/1template_new_reqs.xlsx)



# Am I On Track?

90 credits required to graduate

- Should average 15 credits per semester (90 credits ÷ standard 6 semesters (3 years) of law school)

Which means:

- At the end your 1L year: goal of 30 credits completed
- At the end of your 2L year: 60 credits completed
- At the mid-point of your 3L year: 75 credits completed

*Summer credits may expedite graduation*





# Exam Process

How to prepare for exam day and using Exam4 software:

- Review and read carefully exam page on website:  
<https://law.wisc.edu/academics/exams/>
- Read thoroughly - do not skim 😊 - emails from Jenner McLeod:
  - Download updated version of Exam4 software each exam period, midterms and finals
  - Take practice exams on Exam4

**Contact Jenner McLeod @ [jenner.mcleod@wisc.edu](mailto:jenner.mcleod@wisc.edu) with any questions!**



# Questions?



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