



Preparing to Register & Degree/Diploma Privilege Basics

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Topics to Be Covered

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



Essential Resources





Student Handbook

- <https://kb.wisc.edu/lssao/154515>
- Covers a wide range of topics, including:
 - Curriculum and Enrollment Information:
<https://kb.wisc.edu/lssao/search.php?cat=15791>
 - Graduation Requirements for JD Students:
<https://kb.wisc.edu/lssao/153989>
 - Diploma Privilege Requirements: <https://kb.wisc.edu/lssao/153990>
 - Academic Honors: <https://kb.wisc.edu/lssao/154303>



Academics Webpage

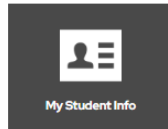
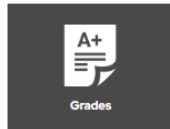
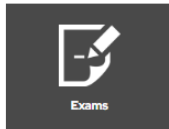
- <https://law.wisc.edu/academics/>
- Calendars and Schedules
- Exam Information
- My Student Info (<https://law.wisc.edu/help/my.php>)
 - ULWR, Degree Audit Tool, Unofficial transcripts
- Academic Forms & Presentations (<https://law.wisc.edu/current/forms.html>)
- Law School Rules (<https://law.wisc.edu/current/rules/>)
- Student Handbook (<https://kb.wisc.edu/lssao/>)
- 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

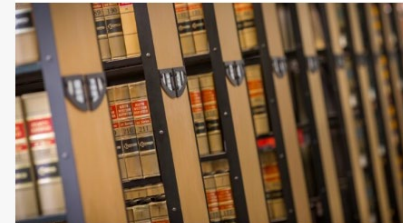
[Law School Academic Calendar »](#)
[UW-Madison Academic Calendar »](#)
[Courses & Schedules »](#)
[Exam Schedule »](#)



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





1L Courses for Spring

Law 715: Torts

Law 723: Legal Analysis, Advocacy, & Writing II

Law 724: Property

Law 731: Constitutional Law



Enrollment Dates for Spring 2027

- Spring 2027 Enrollment for **1Ls opens Tuesday, November 10**
- The week of **November 2**, you will receive an email with your assigned schedule of courses and enrollment instructions
- Special and part-time schedule requests are due to Dean Cauble tomorrow (**Thursday, October 15**)
- 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 later this month)
- 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) if you have any trouble enrolling



Part-time Enrollment

<https://kb.wisc.edu/lssao/155144>

- Must complete 1L curriculum within 2 years of matriculation
- Enrolled for fewer than 12 credits – may impact graduation timeline
- For financial implications, contact the Law School's Financial Aid office at: 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

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JD Degree Requirements

<https://kb.wisc.edu/lssao/154410>

90 total credits, to include:

64 credits in regularly-scheduled classes (*direct instruction with faculty*)

1L required coursework: Contracts; Civil Procedure; Criminal Law & Procedure; Torts; Property; Constitutional Law; Legal Analysis, Advocacy & Writing I & II

Professional Responsibilities

Rule 3.03 (*cross-cultural competency course*)

Experiential Learning Requirement (*6 total credits*)

Upper-Level Writing Requirement (*best not to leave to final semester*)

2.0 cumulative grade point average

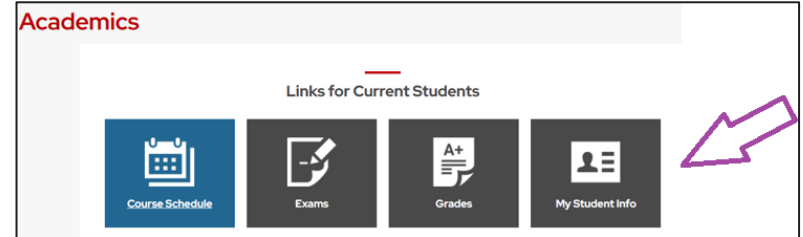


Upper-Level Writing Requirement

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

- Requirements:
 - 6000 words, excluding footnotes
 - 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 with same course, in 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

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



My Student Info

Academic Information

Name: [redacted]

Exam ID: [redacted]

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

[Add yourself to another Law School Student Email List](#)

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

Locker Information

Locker: [redacted]

Combination: [redacted]

Unofficial Transcript

[Unofficial Transcript](#) Usually refreshed within 24 hours of grade updates.

Biography and Biography Waiver

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

For questions about FERPA, please contact [Toni Landis, Registrar: tlandis@wisc.edu](mailto:tlandis@wisc.edu)

FERPA Recommendation Letter Waiver Information

To update, edit your [References Waiver](#).



Diploma Privilege Requirements

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

Earn the JD, to include

Mandatory coursework:

- 1L required courses
- *Evidence*
- *Trusts & Estates*
- Professional Responsibilities
- 2.0 cumulative grade point average

60 credits in Diploma Privilege subjects ([SCR 40.03](#))

- Mandatory coursework and qualifying electives
- 2.0 cumulative grade point average



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
Clinical courses & Externships	All	Dependent upon the clinical or externship experience (refer to Course Schedule).	5	All
Professional Responsibilities	All	All	1	0
Trial Advocacy	All	Instructor-led classes count; competitions do not.	4	All



Tools to Track JD & Diploma Privilege Requirements

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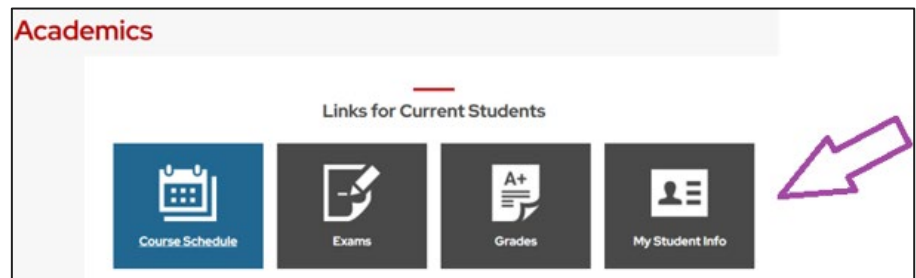
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Degree Audit Report (DAR)



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



(X) denotes a retaken course; it is listed for reference only and does not count toward any credit total or GPA.

<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.					

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



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



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 with any questions!



Questions?

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