

# 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



### The Student Handbook

https://law.wisc.edu/studenthandbook/

- The Student Handbook is a collection of practical information about the UW Law School.
- Focus on Sections Two and Four for course information, graduation, and bar admissions.



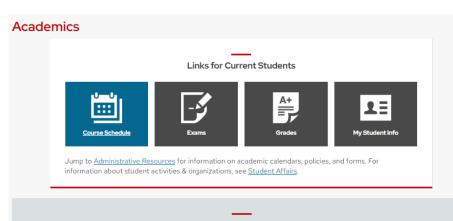
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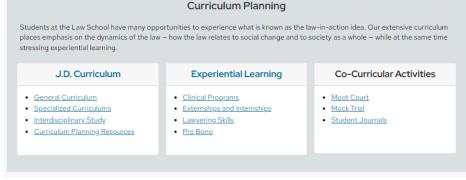
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- Calendars and Schedules
- Exam Information
- My Student Info
  - Experiential Learning Report; ULWR; Degree Audit Tool
- Academic Forms & Policies
- Law School Rules and Student Handbook
- Curricular Requirements, Offerings, and Planning Resources



### The Academics Webpage (Con)





# Calendars & Schedules Law School Academic Calendar UW-Madison Academic Calendar Courses & Schedules Exam Schedule Forms & Policies Academic Forms UW Law Grading Systems Student Handbook:

Administrative Resources

Additional Resources

My Student Info » Exam Info » Grade Info » Law School Rules » Transcripts »
Academic Forms »
Academic Enhancement Program »

Exam Policies

· Grades, GPA, Class Standing, Pass/Fail

· WI Diploma Privilege Requirements

· Graduation Requirements



### 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 & Times**

- Spring 2025 Enrollment for 1Ls opens Tuesday,
   November 12
- By early November, you will receive and email with your assigned schedule of courses and enrollment instructions
- Special schedule and part-time enrollment requests must be submitted to Dean Kevin Kelly by Monday,
   October 14
- Scheduling requests will not be accepted after October
   14



### Registering for Classes (SH 2.3)

- Pre-Enrollment To-Dos
  - <u>Terms and Conditions Agreement</u> (every semester!)
  - Check for HOLDS: <a href="https://kb.wisc.edu/registrar/4139">https://kb.wisc.edu/registrar/4139</a>
- Enroll through the Course Search & Enroll App at your enrollment time
  - Instructions with pictures!: <a href="https://kb.wisc.edu/registrar/page.php?id=4134#number">https://kb.wisc.edu/registrar/page.php?id=4134#number</a>
  - Tips for troubleshooting errors in Course Search & Enroll: https://kb.wisc.edu/registrar/page.php?id=95747
  - Email Angela Nash (<u>angela.nash@wisc.edu</u>) if you have any trouble enrolling



### Part-time Enrollment (SH 10.3)

- Enrolled for fewer than 12 credits
- 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

Student Handbook Section 4



### JD Degree Requirements

- 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





- Requirements:
  - 20 pages, double-spaced (total)
  - faculty feedback on draft
  - final version incorporating feedback
- May NOT be met in the same course, same term as Experiential Learning Requirement
- It's HIGHLY RECOMMENDED you do not leave this to your final semester

## Diploma Privilege Requirements (SH 4.6.2)



JD Degree

- Mandatory classes:
  - Evidence
  - Trusts & Estates

60 credits in Diploma Privilege subjects





### The Supreme Court requires 60 credits in diploma privilege subjects (identified on Course Schedule)

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

Course	Credits to 90-Credit Rule:	Credits to 64-Credit Rule:	Credits to 60-Credit Rule:	Credits to Experiential Learning Rule:
Clinical courses and Externships	All	Dependent upon the clinical or externship experience (refer to Course Schedule).	5	All
Lawyering Skills Course	All	All	5	All
Professional Responsibilities	All	All	1	0
Trial Advocacy	All	Instructor-led classes count; competitions do not.	4	All

# Required Grades for Diploma Privilege (SH 4.6.5)



2.0 GPA in mandatory Diploma Privilege classes

 2.0 GPA in diploma privilege 60-credit rule classes

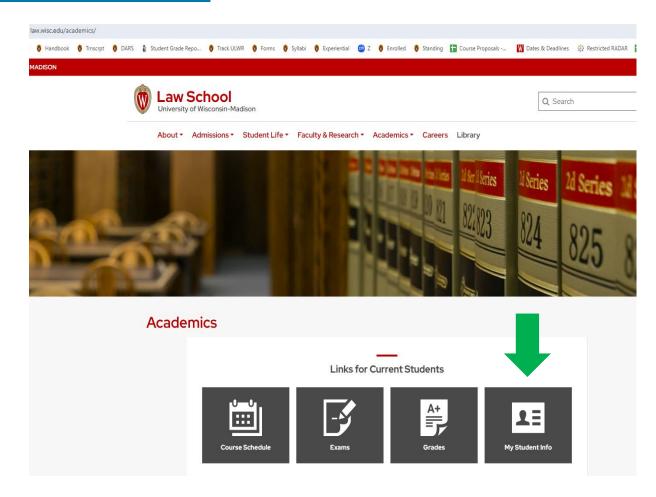




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#### My Student Info

#### Academic Information

Name:

Exam ID:

**Experiential Learning** 

<u>Upper-Level Writing Requirement Form - Online Submission</u>
<u>View the Law School Degree Audit Report (DAR)</u>

#### Locker Information

Locker:

Combination:

#### **Email lists**

View/Update your Email list subscriptions



Each section can be opened using the icon on the right.

Required 1L Courses	0
Diploma Privilege (optional)	0
Professional Responsibility (Max 1 credits counts toward 60 credit rule)	0
Rule 303	0
Upper Level Writing Requirement	0
Experiential Learning Category (6 credits needed)	0
Electives	0
Clinic (Max 5 credits count toward 60 credit rule)	0
Trial Advocacy (Max 4 credits credits count toward 60 credit rule)	0
Directed Research or Reading	0
Cumulative Totals	0



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### 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



### **Questions?**

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