Academic Advising for Spring 2022

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Graduation Requirements – all JDs

• All First Year Courses (30 credits total)
• 88 Academic Credits total (58 additional after first year courses completed)
• Professional Responsibility (FT students must take in their second year; PT students must take in their second or third year)
• Upper Level Writing Requirement, including Upper Level Research Requirement
• Upper Level Skills Requirement, including NYS Skills Competency Requirement
• Administrative Law requirement (menu of courses, not just the Ad Law course)
• ASAP courses if required for you
• 6 Professional Development Credits
Registrar’s Webpage: Course and Registration Information

- [https://law.pace.edu/academics/registrarbursar/course-and-registration-information](https://law.pace.edu/academics/registrarbursar/course-and-registration-information)
- Choosing Upper Level Courses
- Printable Course Offerings in alphabetical order with CRN numbers [by semester]; also indicates seats available and any special comments
- Course Descriptions in alphabetical order with LAW number
- Final Exam Schedules
- Course Grids for day/evening/weekend for each semester
Registration Information and Guide

Covers:

• Graduation requirements
• Normal credit loads (13-16 for FT students; 10-12 as underload; 17 as overload)
• List of courses offered spring 2022 that satisfy the:
  – ULWR
  – ULSR
  – Ad Law requirement
• Limits on Distance Education courses (15 credit limit; all of 2020 and 2021 do not count due to ABA and NYS Court of Appeals variances)
• Limits on credits for non-classroom credits (e.g., law review, moot court competitions, field placements, Guided/Directed Research)
Aim for Balance

We strongly recommend you sign up for courses that balance the following categories:

• Progress towards meeting graduation requirements
• Courses that will help you succeed on the bar exam
• Courses that will help you prepare to be a competent and ethical practitioner
• Courses that interest you
• Courses that will help you pursue an Advanced Certificate or Path to Practice (optional)

MANY CLASSES SATISFY MORE THAN ONE CATEGORY AT THE SAME TIME
Frequency of Course Offerings

• Professional Responsibility (PR): 1 daytime section in Spring 2022

• Evidence, Criminal Procedure-Investigations, Corporations, Sales and Wills are offered every semester

• Courses required for one of the three Advanced Certificates offered at least once per year

• Most other bar and core courses offered once per year; some upper level specialty courses offered every other year
Advanced Certificates and Paths to Practice: Who to contact

• Advanced Health Law & Policy Certificate, Jessica Bacher
• Advanced Environmental Law Certificate, Achinthi Vithinage
• Advanced International Law Certificate, Alexander Greenawalt

• Advisors for Paths to Practice
  – Business (Corporate or Financial Compliance tracks), Bridget Crawford
  – Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Jill Gross
  – Criminal Practice, Lissa Griffin
  – Real Estate & Land Use Practice, Shelby Green
  – Women, Gender & the Law, Noa Ben-Asher
Office of Academic Success

• ASAP Program: For all students below 2.8 GPA after second semester or any subsequent semester
  – 2L Year – must take Principles of Legal Analysis
  – 3L Year – must take Advanced Analytical Skills and MBE Strategies in final semester, and Supplemental Bar Skills Program when studying for the bar

• Bar Preparation Counseling
• Academic Support
• Danielle Kocal and Stephanie Desiato
Uniform Bar Examination (UBE)

• The UBE consists of the **Multistate Bar Examination (MBE)**, the Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) and Multistate Performance Test (MPT).

• **Subjects tested on the MBE** (Subject Matter Outline from the National Conference of Bar Examiners, https://ncbex.org/pdffviewer/?file=%2Fdsdocument%2F26)
# MBE Subjects

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*a limited number of topics on the MBE are covered in this course*
MEE Subjects

Subject Matter Outline from the National Conference of Bar Examiners,
https://ncbex.org/pdfviewer/?file=%2Fdmsdocument%2F22:

All MBE Subjects plus:
- Business Associations (Corporations and Partnerships),
- Family Law,
- Conflicts of Law,
- Secured Transactions,
- Trusts and Estates (Wills)

See https://law.pace.edu/campus-life/academic-resources/academic-success-program/preparing-bar-exam for more information on bar-tested topics
Clinics and Externships

• Elissa Germaine, Executive Director, John Jay Legal Services:  
  https://law.pace.edu/academics/clinics-and-externships

• Deadline for JJLS applications: November 8

  https://law.pace.edu/john-jay-legal-services/student-applications
Questions?