

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>
- 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, Achinthe 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/pdfviewer/?file=%2Fdmsdocument%2F226>)

MBE Subjects

MBE Subject	1L Course	Upper Level Courses
Civil Procedure	Civil Procedure	
Constitutional Law	Constitutional Law	
Contracts	Contracts	Sales
Criminal Law and Procedure	Criminal Law	Criminal Procedure- Investigations Criminal Procedure- Adjudication*
Evidence		Evidence
Real Property	Property	Real Estate Transactions and Finance*
Torts	Torts	

*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?

