Academic Advising for Summer/Fall 2024

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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 “Admin Law”)
- 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, prerequisites, 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 [see next slide]
- List of courses offered fall 2024 that satisfy the:
  - ULWR
  - ULSR
  - Ad Law requirement
- Limits on Distance Education credits (15 credit limit; no distance courses before completed 28 credits)
- Limits on credits for non-classroom credits (e.g., law review, moot court competitions, field placements, Guided/Directed Research)
“Normal” Credit Loads

Full-time students:
- Fall/Spring - 13-16 credits; 10-12 as underload; 17 as overload, with permission of AD; no fewer than 10
- Summer – Maximum 8 credits
- To graduate in 3 years, need to average 29 credits in each of 2L and 3L years

Part-time students:
- Fall/Spring - 9-12 credits, 8 as underload; 13 as overload, with the permission of the AD; no fewer than 8
- Summer – Maximum 6 credits
- To graduate in 4 years, need average of 11 credits per semester, unless take summer credits
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): 4 sections in fall; 1 section in spring
- 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, Emily Waldman
Office of Academic Success

• ASAP Program: For all students below 2.8 GPA after second or any subsequent semester
  – 2L Year – must take Principles of Legal Analysis
  – 3L Year – must take designated bar preparation courses; likely 3 credits in fall and 2 credits in spring [if graduating in spring]

• Bar Preparation Counseling
• Academic Support
• Danielle Kocal, Stephanie Desiato and Nick Kording
Admission to the Bar (New York)

- **Uniform Bar Examination (UBE)**
  - Registration period: Oct 1-31 for Feb Bar; Mar 1-31 for July Bar
  - Applications for test accommodations must be received in the Board’s office no later than October 31st for the February exam and March 31st for the July exam

- **New York Law Course**
  - Approximately 17 hours of video lectures
  - Complete this within 1 year before or 3 years after passing the UBE

- **New York Law Exam**
  - Typically offered 3 times per year (April, September, December)
  - Complete this within 1 year before or 3 years after passing the UBE

- **Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam**
  - Typically offered 3 times per year (March, August, November)
  - Score is valid for 3 years in New York

- **50 Hour Pro Bono Requirement**

- **Character and Fitness**
Uniform Bar Examination (UBE)

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

- Offered through February 2028 in select states

- **Subjects tested on the MBE** (Subject Matter Outline from the National Conference of Bar Examiners, [https://ncbex.org/pdfviewer/?file=%2Fdmsdocument%2F26](https://ncbex.org/pdfviewer/?file=%2Fdmsdocument%2F26))
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*a limited number of topics on the MBE are covered in this course

** Approx. 50% of topics on MBE are covered in this course
MEE Subjects Through Feb. 2026

Subject Matter Outline from the National Conference of Bar Examiners,
https://www.ncbex.org/pdfviewer/?file=%2Fdmsdocument%2F27

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
MEE Subjects July 2026-Feb. 2028

Subject Matter Outline from the National Conference of Bar Examiners,
https://www.ncbex.org/pdfviewer/?file=%2Fdmsdocument%2FF227

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NextGen Bar Exam

- Unclear when/if NY or NJ will adopt
- Connecticut adopted for 2026
- Covers MBE topics plus Corporations [no Conflicts]
- Family Law added as subject July 2028

Content:
- MBE-like multiple-choice questions
- MPT-like short answer questions integrating doctrine and lawyering skills
- No long essays; a little less memorization
- 1.5 days instead of 2 days
- Possibility that NY will expand its NYLE to half-day
Clinics and Externships

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

• Deadline for JJLS applications: April 12 at NOON

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