Academic Advising for Summer/Fall 2023

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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 2023 that satisfy the:
  - ULWR
  - ULSR
  - Ad Law requirement
- Limits on Distance Education credits (15 credit limit; spring 2020-spring 2022 credits 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)
“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): 3 sections in fall; 1-2 sections 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 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, Stephanie Desiato and Nick Kording
Admission to the Bar (New York)

• Uniform Bar Examination (UBE)
  – Applications for test accommodations must be received in the Board’s office no later than November 30th for the February exam and April 30th 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 (March, 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).

- **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))
# MBE Subjects

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


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: April 11 at NOON
  https://law.pace.edu/john-jay-legal-services/student-applications
Questions?