



Elisabeth Haub School of Law

PACE UNIVERSITY

For students entering Fall 2019 and later

A. TOTAL CREDITS: Students must complete a total of at least **88 academic credits** and **6 Professional Development credits**.

Full-Time:

Fall Semester (15)	Spring Semester (15)
Civil Procedure (4)	Property (4)
Criminal Law (4)	Contracts (4)
Torts (4)	Constitutional Law (4)
Legal Skills (3)	Legal Skills (3)

Part-Time

First Semester (11 credits)	Second Semester (11 credits)	Third Semester (4 credits)
Legal Skills (3)	Legal Skills (3)	Criminal Law (4)
Civil Procedure (4)	Property (4)	
Torts (4)	Contracts (4)	Fourth Semester (4 credits)
	Lab course for ASAP students	Constitutional Law (4)

B. UPPER LEVEL COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Professional Responsibility (2L Year)

Upper Level Skills Requirement [2 components]

1. 6-credit minimum: Students must take 6 credits of qualifying courses. Please see Registration Guide for a full list of courses that satisfy this requirement.
2. NYS Skills Competency: As part of fulfilling the 6-credit minimum, students must complete at least ONE of the following:
 - A. The Pro Bono Scholars Program
 - B. The Semester-in-Practice Program (Track I, II, or III)
 - C. Any clinic (Environmental Litigation; Disability Rights; Food and Beverage; Immigration Justice; Disability Rights; Investor Rights; Criminal Justice; or Neighborhood Justice)
 - D. One of the following externships:
 1. Corporate Law Externship
 2. Criminal Justice (Prosecutorial) Externship
 3. Environmental Law Externship (NY only)
 4. Family Court Externship
 5. Federal Judicial Honors Program (Spring Semester Chambers Placement)
 6. Legal Services Externship
 7. Mediation Practicum
 8. Prosecution Honors Externship
 9. Real Estate Externship
 9. Social Justice Advocacy Externship
 - E. One of the following Advanced Certificates & Concentrations:
 1. Advanced Environmental Certificate
 2. Real Estate Practice Concentration
 3. Criminal Practice Concentration
 4. Litigation and Dispute Resolution Concentration

[Concentrations only for students entering law school before Fall 2020]

F. Lawyering Course [4 credits]

Upper Level Writing Requirement, including Research & Citation Workshop. Please see Registration Guide for a full list of courses that satisfy this requirement.

Administrative Law/Regulatory Process Requirement (1 course, minimum 3 credits)

<input type="radio"/> Administrative Law	<input type="radio"/> Immigration Justice Clinic
<input type="radio"/> Environmental Skills	<input type="radio"/> Labor Law (3 credit version)
<input type="radio"/> Environmental Law Survey	<input type="radio"/> Legislation and Regulation
<input type="radio"/> Federal Income Taxation I	<input type="radio"/> Natural Resources Law
<input type="radio"/> Health Law in America	<input type="radio"/> Securities Regulation
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Professional Development Requirement: Registration and counseling with CCPD, and 6 PD credits in approved activities. See Career Services for list of approved activities. **These are not considered academic credits.**

For ASAP students only: All courses required as part of the ASAP program (Principles of Legal Analysis, Advanced Analytical Skills and MBE Strategies)

C. Limitations on Allocation of Credits: Under the Rules of the New York Court of Appeals and the ABA, of the 88 Academic credits required to graduate, no more than an aggregate 24 of those 88 Academic credits may fall into the following categories:

- 1. Experiential:** Credits designated as “Field Placements” in externships, practicums, and continued clinical work, not including credits earned from any seminar accompanying those credits;
- 2. Non-law graduate school:** A maximum of 12 credits taken at a non-law graduate school after matriculation in law school, either as a joint degree candidate or otherwise;
- 3. Co-curricular:** A maximum of 4 credits designated as “Co-curricular” in non-classroom based, co-curricular activities such as Moot Court or other Student Competition teams, and Law Review; and
- 4. Guided Research:** A maximum of 4 credits of Guided Research and Directed Research.

D. Distance Education:

Under the Rules of the New York Court of Appeals and the ABA, of the 88 Academic credits required to graduate, no more than 15 of those credits may be credits from Distance Education courses. Distance courses are defined as those courses “in which more than one-third of the course instruction is characterized by the separation, in time or place, or both, between instructor and student, and the instruction involves the use of technology to support regular and substantive interaction among students and between students and the faculty member, either synchronously or asynchronously.” Classes that qualify as Distance Education courses under that definition shall be designated as “Distance” by the Registrar’s Office.

Note: JD’s with less than 28 completed credits are not allowed to register for distance courses.

E. NY STATE BAR ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. All law students seeking admission to the New York State (NYS) Bar after graduation must perform 50 hours of qualifying pro bono work. Like all components of the NYS Bar application, completion and certification of these pro bono hours is your responsibility. The Public Interest Law Center (PILC) is eager to help you understand the 50-hour requirement so that you can plan ahead and easily comply. The 50-hour requirement and accompanying information from the NYS Unified Court System is on their website. After reviewing the website, please email the PILC at publicinterest@law.pace.edu with any specific questions and continue to watch for email announcements from us.
2. All students must establish that they have acquired the skills and are familiar with the professional values necessary to competently practice law. JD students entering in the Fall 2016 semester or thereafter who complete the USLR (see page 1) will meet this requirement.