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Academic Planning Worksheets: Class of 2025

First-Year Fall Required Courses	2025 Bar Tested Electives (UBE)	
Civil Procedure I 686 (4)	Business Organizations 729 (4)	
Criminal Law 705 (3)	Civil Procedure II ### (2)	
Legal Research 641 (1)	Contracts II 704 (2)	
Legal Writing I 700 (3)	Constitutional Law II 726 (3)	
Torts 709 (4)	Criminal Pro. Investigation 618 (3)	
	Evidence 727 (3)	
First-Year Spring Required Courses	Family Law 769 (3)	
Constitutional Law I 725 (4)	Sales & Secured Transactions (4)	
Contracts I 703 (4)	Torts II 710 (3)	
Legal Writing II 711 (2)	Wealth Transfers 716 (3)	
Professionalism 675 (1)		
Property 707 (4)	Other Electives	
	Elective:	
Upper-Level Required Courses	Elective:	
2L Professional Responsibility 742 (3)	Elective:	
2L Administrative Law 764 (1L Leg/Reg) (3)	Elective:	
Appellate Advocacy 715 (2)	Elective:	
Seminar 688/689 (2-3)	Elective:	
Perspective (3)	Elective:	
Capstone (4+) choice of	Elective:	
Business Transaction Drafting 779		
Clinic, with potential pre-req.	Other Requirements	
Federal Extern 780, with Evidence pre-req.	Complete 91 total credit hours	
Trial Advocacy 756, with Evidence pre-req.	Full-time is 9 to 18 credits per semester	
	Minimum "C" grade in Legal Writing I-II,	
Optional Bar Preparation Courses (online)	Appellate Advocacy, Seminar, & Trial Advocacy	
Performance Test MPT 664 (1)	2.50 cumulative GPA & semester GPA	
Multiple Choice MBE 667 (2) [most popular]	Maximum 26 non-classroom credits	



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General Recommendations

<u>Areas of Emphasis</u>: Consider whether you wish to earn an area of emphasis in labor and employment, public interest, or energy law. No area of emphasis is required. All are optional.

<u>Appellate Advocacy</u>: All students must complete Appellate Advocacy (essentially LARW 3) sometime before they graduate. This is a writing intensive course. We recommend taking Appellate Advocacy during your second-year or the fall semester of your third year. Do not wait until your final semester to complete Appellate Advocacy. Do not take Appellate Advocacy with another writing-intensive course.

<u>Seminar Paper</u>: All students must complete a seminar paper (i.e. 25-page research paper) sometime before they graduate. This is a writing intensive course. We recommend taking your seminar during your second-year or the fall semester of your third year. Do not wait until your final semester to complete your seminar. Do not take your seminar with another writing-intensive course.

<u>Balancing Electives</u>: Aim to complete 50%-75% of the bar tested electives during your upper-level years. Try to balance your schedule with 50% courses that you want to take and 50% courses that you are being "forced" to take. In other words, don't make it all fun or all work. Balance is key in your upper-level years.

<u>Transactional or Litigation</u>: Decide whether you want to venture down a courtroom litigation path or a transactional drafting path. All students must complete a capstone experience before they graduate. You have four choices for your capstone experience, depending on your interest:

- Business Transaction Drafting great for those who are seeking a transactional background
- Evidence + Trial Advocacy great for those who want to go into the courtroom
- Evidence + Clinic
- Evidence + Federal Externship

<u>Moot Court & Trial Competitions</u>: If you want to be competitive for selection in moot court competitions, take Appellate Advocacy as early as possible. If you want to be competitive for selection in trial advocacy competitions, take evidence and trial advocacy courses as early as possible.



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1L Fall	1L Spring	1L Summer
Civil Procedure I (4)	Constitutional Law I (4)	
Criminal Law (3)	Contracts I (4)	
Legal Research (1)	Legal Writing II (2)	
Legal Writing I (3)	Professionalism (1)	
Torts I (4)	Property (4)	
2L Fall + Winter Online	2L Spring	2L Summer
3L Fall + Winter Online	3L Spring	3L Summer