

“1L” REGISTRATION MEETING

March 11, 2015



Top Ten Registration Notes

1. Registration Process
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4. Graduation Requirements
5. First Year Requirements
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8. Academic Extra-Curricular Opportunities
9. Electives/Planning
10. DegreeWorks



1. The Registration Process

- Upper-Level students (current 2L's & 3L's) register first
- 1L registration begins on Wednesday, April 1 at 8:00am
- Register for summer and fall classes at the same time
- Reminder emails will follow
- Registration Materials



Registration Materials

- Class Schedule
 - Schedule of Courses (STAR)
 - Schedule Grid
- Course Classifieds
- Student Services Guide
- Curriculum Opportunities and Options Guide



2. Don't Procrastinate

- Be ready to register on registration day
- Register On-Time
- Procrastinating could cost you a seat...



3. The Academic Catalog

- Graduation Requirements
- Policies and Procedures
- Accessible from LAW & WVU homepage
 - PDF version
 - Electronic, including e-Books



4. Graduation Requirements

- 91 Hours (LAW)
- 2.20 GPA
- First-Year Requirements
- Upper-Level Requirements



5. First-Year Requirements

- LAW 700 – LRRW I
 - “C” or better average w/ LAW 711
- LAW 703 – Contracts 1
- LAW 705 – Criminal Law
- LAW 709 – Torts 1
- LAW 722 – Civ Pro: Rules
- LAW 638 – Legis. & Regulation
- LAW 706 – Civ Pro: Jurisdiction
- LAW 707 – Property
- LAW 711 – LRRW II
 - “C” or better average w/ LAW 700
- LAW 725 – Constitutional Law 1
- LAW 791X – Intro Legal Research



6. Upper-Level Requirements

- LAW 715 – Appellate Advocacy (“C” or better)
- LAW 742 – Professional Responsibility
 - Some states have a minimum grade requirement, such as a “C”
 - Choose Fall or Spring of Second Year, and schedule MPRE accordingly
 - Offered at same time as clinics and externship course
- Seminar Requirement
- Perspective Requirement
- Capstone Requirement



Seminar Requirement

- Any LAW 688, 689, or 794 course
- Course title begins with “Sem:”
- “C” or better grade requirement to count toward graduation



Perspective Requirement

The perspective requirement reflects the College of Law's conviction that legal education should expand students' horizons by connecting their studies to the traditions of the liberal arts (i.e. the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences). Perspective courses examine law and lawyers primarily from points of view that are significantly different from the doctrinal and policy analysis taught in standard upper-level courses on various areas of practice... Perspective courses look across doctrinal boundaries, engaging the student in a conversation about the relationships between law and other disciplines; they explore the nature of the American legal system by contrasting it with other legal systems; they discuss the ways in which law and lawyers both shape and are shaped by the liberal arts and the wider culture.



Perspective Requirement

- Some examples offered in Fall 2015:
 - International Law
 - Lawyers as Leaders
 - American Legal History
 - Jurisprudence
 - Sem: Civil Disobedience
 - Sem: Race/Racism/American Law
- List available in the catalog
- Notated on the “Schedule Grid” and the “Schedule of Courses”



Perspective Requirement

- No “double-dipping” with seminar requirement
- To satisfy the perspective requirement and the seminar requirement, you need either:
 - one perspective class and a seminar, OR
 - two seminars, at least one of which is a perspective.



Capstone Requirement

- 1 of the 4 clinics (or)
- LAW 756 – Trial Advocacy (or)
 - Evidence pre- or co-req
- LAW 779 – Business Transactions Drafting (or)
- Judicial or Federal Agency Full-Time Externship
 - Few spots - see Prof. Haught or Jennifer Powell for info



7. Clinical Opportunities

1. General Clinic
 - Gen Civil Practice Group
 - Child-Family Adv Group
 - Immigration Group
 - Innocence Project
 - Low Income Tax Assistance
 - Veteran's Assistance Project
2. U.S. Supreme Court Clinic
3. Entrepreneurship Clinic
4. Land Use & Sustainability Clinic



Preparing for Clinic

- Info meetings in March of 2L year about application process
- If you want to do a clinic in a particular area, consider taking subject-matter courses in second year
- Immigration Law is required for students wishing to do Immigration Clinic, so if that's your interest sign up for Fall 2015
- If you want to take a clinic AND Trial Ad, take Trial Ad in 3rd, 4th, or 5th semester. It will conflict with clinic meeting time in 6th semester.



8. Electives/Planning

- Required courses total approximately 45 to 57 hours
- Generally, at least 34 of the required 91 hours are electives
- Plan courses carefully
 - See “Curriculum Opportunities & Options” Guide
 - Work with your academic advisor
 - Consult faculty in your areas of interest



What “Elective” Courses Should I Take?

- Four Good Questions:
 1. What must I know to be a competent, practice-ready lawyer?
 2. What courses will assist me in passing the Bar?
 3. What courses are specific to the area(s) in which I intend to practice?
 4. What courses will I enjoy and learn from?



What “Elective” Courses Should I Take?

- Four Bad Questions:
 1. Is it at a good time?
 2. Will I be called on?
 3. Is there a lot of reading?
 4. Will the exam be easy or hard?



Bar Prep Courses

- Subjects tested by the MBE:
 - Constitutional Law
 - Criminal Law
 - Criminal Procedure (mainly Crim Pro I: Investigation)
 - Evidence
 - Real Property
 - Contracts
 - Torts
 - Federal Civil Procedure



Bar Prep Courses

- *Additional* Subjects tested by the MEE :
 - Business Associations
 - Family Law
 - Trusts & Estates (Wealth Transfers)
 - Uniform Commercial Code (Sales and Secured Transactions)
 - Conflict of Laws



9. Academic Extra-Curricular Opportunities

- Law Review
 - write on competition in spring
- Moot Court
 - 1L selection process, 2Ls take App Ad in fall
- Lugar
 - Take Trial Ad in 2d year, need at least a “B”
- Jessup Int’l Moot Court
 - Talk to Bowman, Friedberg, or Brugnoli early in fall of 2d year



10. DegreeWorks

- Online degree audit
- Tracks major and AOE (concentration) requirements
- Indicates:
 - Completed courses
 - In-Progress courses
 - Remaining requirements
- Available in MIX
- Stores mid-term and final exam numbers
- Class Rank Information



Questions???

