

Academic Planning Worksheets: Class of 2026

First-Year Fall Required Courses

- _____ Civil Procedure I 686 (4)
- _____ Criminal Law 705 (3)
- _____ Legal Research 641 (1)
- _____ Legal Writing I 700 (3)
- _____ Torts 709 (4)

First-Year Spring Required Courses

- _____ Constitutional Law I 725 (4)
- _____ Contracts I 703 (4)
- _____ Legal Writing II 711 (2)
- _____ Professionalism 675 (1)
- _____ Property 707 (4)

Upper-Level Required Courses

- _____ 2L Professional Responsibility 742 (3)
- _____ 2L Administrative Law 764 (3)
- _____ Appellate Advocacy 715 (2)
- _____ Seminar 688/689 (2-3)
- _____ Capstone (4+) choice of...
 - Business Transaction Drafting 779
 - Clinic, with potential pre-req.
 - Federal Extern 780, with Evidence pre-req.
 - Trial Advocacy 756, with Evidence pre-req.

Optional Bar Preparation Courses (online)

- _____ Performance Test MPT 664 (1)
- _____ Multiple Choice MBE 667 (2) [most popular]
- _____ Essay Writing MEE 682 (1)

2026 Bar Tested Electives (NextGen)

- _____ Business Organizations 729 (4)
- _____ Civil Procedure II ### (2)
- _____ Contracts II 704 (or Sales) (2-4)
- _____ Constitutional Law II 726 (3)
- _____ Criminal Pro. Investigation 618 (3)
- _____ Evidence 727 (3)
- _____ Torts II 710 (3)

Other Electives

- _____ Elective: _____

Other Requirements

- _____ Complete 91 total credit hours
- _____ Full-time is 9 to 18 credits per semester
- _____ Minimum "C" grade in Legal Writing I-II, Appellate Advocacy, Seminar, & Trial Advocacy
- _____ 2.50 cumulative GPA & semester GPA
- _____ Maximum 26 non-classroom credits

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General Recommendations

Areas of Emphasis: 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.

Appellate Advocacy: 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.

Seminar Paper: 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.

Balancing Electives: 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.

Transactional or Litigation: 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

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