SIU Simmons Law School **COURSE AND CREDIT HOUR REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST** **For Students that matriculated August 2025**

REQUIRED COURSES: All required courses must be passed with a minimum grade of D or S for courses approved for S/U grading.

FIRST YEAR REQUIRED: Fall			Cr. Hrs.:
	LAW 500A	Mastering Legal Education I	0.5
	LAW 502A	Torts I	3
	LAW 507A	Lawyering Skills I: Legal Research	1
	LAW 510A	Lawyering Skills I: Legal Writing	2
	LAW 511	Contracts I	3
	LAW 516	Criminal Law	3
	LAW 522	Property I	3

FIRST YEAR REQUIRED: Spring			Cr. Hrs.:
	LAW 500B	Mastering Legal Education II	0.5
	LAW 502B	Torts II	3
	LAW 505	Civil Procedure I	3
	LAW 507B	Lawyering Skills II: Legal Research	1
	LAW 510B	Lawyering Skills II: Legal Writing	2
	LAW 512	Contracts II	3
	LAW 523	Property II	3

SECOND YEAR REQUIRED: Fall			Cr. Hrs.:
	LAW 509A	Constitutional Law: Powers of Government	3
	LAW 535	Civil Procedure II	3
	LAW 554	Business Organizations	3 or 4
	LAW 569	Advanced Legal Methods (Required for bottom 15% of class at end of first year)	2

SECOND YEAR REQUIRED: Spring			Cr. Hrs.:
	LAW 509B	Constitutional Law: Individual Rights	3
	LAW 529	Criminal Procedure: Pre-Trial	3
	LAW 536	Evidence	4

SECOND or THIRD YEAR REQUIRED:			Cr. Hrs.:
	LAW 580	Legal Profession	3

SECOND or THIRD YEAR REQUIRED: SENIOR WRITING REQUIREMENT			Cr. Hrs.:
May be satisfied by one of the following:			
	LAW 573	Law Journal (Member of Board of Editors)	4
	LAW 590	Senior Writing Seminar	3
	LAW 638	Advanced Appellate Advocacy	3

THIRD YEAR REQUIRED:			Cr. Hrs.:
	LAW 639	Advanced Legal Analysis & Strategies (Required for students with a cumulative GPA below 2.900 at the end of the first year)	2 or 3

ACADEMIC ADVISING MENU COURSES: Academic Advising Menu courses must be passed with a minimum grade of D for regular graded courses, S for courses approved for S/U and S+/S/U grading to satisfy menu requirements. These courses may be taken during second or third year.

ACADEMIC ADVISING MENU **(EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION)**			Cr. Hrs.:
	LAW 521	Pre-Trial Advocacy	3
	LAW 526	Basic Estate Planning	3
	LAW 537	Trial Advocacy	3
	LAW 539	Introduction to Transactional Skills	3
	LAW 551	Asylum and Refugee Law	2 or 3
	LAW 559	International Business Transactions	3
	LAW 570	Client Interviewing and Counseling	2 or 3
	LAW 586	Business Planning	3
	LAW 587	Law Practice Management	2 or 3
	LAW 589	Mediation Skills	2 or 3

(MUST take 6 credit hours)			Cr. Hrs.:
	LAW 607	Workers' Compensation	3
	LAW 637	Advanced Trial Advocacy	3
	LAW 640	Alternative Dispute Resolution	3
	LAW 642	Negotiation	3
	LAW 650	Advanced Environmental Litigation	3
	LAW 673	Civil Practice Clinic (Legal Clinic) *	2 or 3
	LAW 675	Public Interest Externship (Field Placement) *	1 to 6
	LAW 677	Juvenile Justice Clinic (Legal Clinic) *	2 or 3
	LAW 696	Residential Externship (Field Placement) **	9

* Must be Illinois 711 license eligible (earned credits that represent at least one-half of the credits required for graduation and be in good standing)

** Must be 3rd year law student, cumulative GPA of 2.600 or above

Earned Credit Hours:	Registered Credit Hours:	TOTAL Credit Hours:	Credit Hour Requirements and Maximums:	Credit Hours:
			Total credit hours required for JD:	**90**
			Maximum credit hours for Legal Clinics (Civil Practice Clinic and Juvenile Justice Clinic)**:** *No more than 3 credit hours of any one Legal Clinic per Fall/Spring semester (2 credit hours per Summer semester). No more than one Legal Clinic per semester without permission from all involved Faculty Supervisors, No more than 6 credit hours of any one Legal Clinic over multiple semesters without permission from the Clinic Director.*	**12**
			Maximum credit hours for Field Placements (Public Interest Externship, Residential Externship)**:** *No more than 6 credit hours of Public Interest Externship per semester. No more than 6 credit hours of Public Interest Externship over multiple semesters without permission from the Faculty Supervisor of the Externship. No more than one Externship per semester without permission from all involved Faculty Supervisors. (Residential Externship is fixed at 9 credit hours.)* **No more than 9 credit hours of all combined Externships.**	**9**
			Maximum credit hours of Courses Outside Regularly Scheduled Class Sessions at the law school: Courses Outside Regularly Scheduled Class Sessions include but are not limited to: Public Interest Externship, Residential Externship, Advanced Appellate Moot Court, Mock Trial, Law Journal, Independent Research & Writing, Academic Honors Capstone, graduate courses taken at SIUC	**25**
			Maximum credit hours of Distance Education Credits: No more than a total of 24 distance education [online] credits can be earned per degree. (Students should check with the jurisdictions where they anticipate taking a bar examination about any limits on distance education credits.)	**24**
			Maximum credit hours for Independent Research & Writing:	**6**
			Maximum credit hours for Graduate School courses: (SIUC non-law courses) taken for Law School credit	**6**
			Maximum credit hours (combined) for Graduate School courses (SIUC non-law courses) **and Law School Independent Research & Writing:**	**6**
			CONCURRENT DEGREE STUDENT - Maximum credit hours for Graduate School courses (SIUC non-law courses) taken for Law School credit:	**9**
			CONCURRENT DEGREE STUDENT - Maximum credit hours (combined) for Graduate School courses (SIUC non-law courses) and LAW Independent Research & Writing	**9**
			Maximum credit hours for law courses approved for S/U and S+/S/U grading:	**22**
			Maximum credit hours (combined) for law courses approved for S/U and S+/S/U grading, and SIUC non-law courses:	**22**
			Maximum credit hours for Law Journal:	**6**
			Maximum credit hours for Advanced Appellate Moot Court:	**6**
			Maximum credit hours for Mock Trial:	**6**