

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.:	FIRST YEAR REQUIRED: Spring				Cr. Hrs.:
	LAW 500A	Mastering Legal Education I	0.5		LAW 500B	Mastering Legal Education II	0.5		
	LAW 502A	Torts I	3		LAW 502B	Torts II	3		
	LAW 507A	Lawyering Skills I: Legal Research	1		LAW 505	Civil Procedure I	3		
	LAW 510A	Lawyering Skills I: Legal Writing	2		LAW 507B	Lawyering Skills II: Legal Research	1		
	LAW 511	Contracts I	3		LAW 510B	Lawyering Skills II: Legal Writing	2		
	LAW 516	Criminal Law	3		LAW 512	Contracts II	3		
	LAW 522	Property I	3		LAW 523	Property II	3		

SECOND YEAR REQUIRED: Fall				SECOND YEAR REQUIRED: Spring			
			Cr. Hrs.:				Cr. Hrs.:
	LAW 509A	Constitutional Law: Powers of Government	3		LAW 509B	Constitutional Law: Individual Rights	3
	LAW 535	Civil Procedure II	3		LAW 529	Criminal Procedure: Pre-Trial	3
	LAW 554	Business Organizations	3 or 4		LAW 536	Evidence	4
	LAW 569	Advanced Legal Methods (Required for bottom 15% of class at end of first year)	2				

SECOND or THIRD YEAR REQUIRED:			Cr. Hrs.:	SECOND or THIRD YEAR REQUIRED: SENIOR WRITING REQUIREMENT			Cr. Hrs.:
	LAW 580	Legal Profession	3	May be satisfied by one of the following:			
					LAW 571	Advanced Appellate Moot Court	5
					LAW 573	Law Journal (Member of Board of Editors)	4
					LAW 590	Senior Writing Seminar	3
					LAW	Designated Elective Course	3 or 4

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.:	(MUST take 6 credit hours)			Cr. Hrs.:
	LAW 521	Pre-Trial Advocacy	3		LAW 607	Workers' Compensation	3	
	LAW 526	Basic Estate Planning	3		LAW 637	Advanced Trial Advocacy	3	
	LAW 537	Trial Advocacy	3		LAW 638	Advanced Appellate Advocacy	3	
	LAW 539	Introduction to Transactional Skills	3		LAW 640	Alternative Dispute Resolution	3	
	LAW 551	Asylum and Refugee Law	2 or 3		LAW 642	Negotiation	3	
	LAW 559	International Business Transactions	3		LAW 650	Advanced Environmental Litigation	3	
	LAW 570	Client Interviewing and Counseling	2 or 3		LAW 672	Judicial Externship (Field Placement) *	2 to 6	
	LAW 586	Business Planning	3		LAW 673	Civil Practice Clinic (Legal Clinic) *	2 or 3	
	LAW 587	Law Practice Management	2 or 3		LAW 675	Public Interest Externship (Field Placement) *	1 to 6	
	LAW 589	Mediation Skills	2 or 3		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

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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): <i>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.</i>	12	
			Maximum credit hours for Field Placements (Judicial Externship, Public Interest Externship, Residential Externship): <i>No more than 6 credit hours of Judicial or Public Interest Externship per semester. No more than 6 credit hours of Judicial or Public Interest Externship over multiple semesters without permission from the Faculty Supervisor for that 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.</i>	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: Judicial Externship, Public Interest Externship, Residential Externship, Advanced Appellate Moot Court, Mock Trial, Law Journal, Independent Research & Writing, Academic Honors Capstone, graduate courses taken at SIUC or SIUE	25	
			Maximum credit hours of Distance Education Credits: No more than a total of 24 distance education credits can be earned per degree without approval from the Associate Dean	24	
			Maximum credit hours for Independent Research & Writing:	6	
			Maximum credit hours for Graduate School courses: (SIUC & SIUE non-law courses) taken for Law School credit	6	
			Maximum credit hours (combined) for Graduate School courses (SIUC & SIUE non-law courses) and Law School Independent Research & Writing:	6	
			CONCURRENT DEGREE STUDENT - Maximum credit hours for Graduate School courses (SIUC & SIUE non-law courses) taken for Law School credit:	9	
			CONCURRENT DEGREE STUDENT - Maximum credit hours (combined) for Graduate School courses (SIUC & SIUE 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 & SIUE 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	