

**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 |          |                                                                                |        | Cr. Hrs.: | SECOND YEAR REQUIRED: Spring |                                       |   |  | Cr. Hrs.: |  |
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|                            | 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      |           |                              |                                       |   |  |           |  |

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| 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 573 | Law Journal (Member of Board of Editors) | 4         |
|                                |         |                  |           |                                                           | LAW 590 | Senior Writing Seminar                   | 3         |
|                                |         |                  |           |                                                           | LAW 638 | Advanced Appellate Advocacy              | 3         |

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| <b>THIRD YEAR REQUIRED:</b> |         |                                                                                                                             | <b>Cr. Hrs.:</b> |
|                             | 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 640 | Alternative Dispute Resolution                 | 3         |
|                                                 | LAW 539 | Introduction to Transactional Skills | 3         |                            | LAW 642 | Negotiation                                    | 3         |
|                                                 | LAW 551 | Asylum and Refugee Law               | 2 or 3    |                            | LAW 650 | Advanced Environmental Litigation              | 3         |
|                                                 | LAW 559 | International Business Transactions  | 3         |                            | LAW 673 | Civil Practice Clinic (Legal Clinic) *         | 2 or 3    |
|                                                 | LAW 570 | Client Interviewing and Counseling   | 2 or 3    |                            | LAW 675 | Public Interest Externship (Field Placement) * | 1 to 6    |
|                                                 | LAW 586 | Business Planning                    | 3         |                            | LAW 677 | Juvenile Justice Clinic (Legal Clinic) *       | 2 or 3    |
|                                                 | LAW 587 | Law Practice Management              | 2 or 3    |                            | LAW 696 | Residential Externship (Field Placement) **    | 9         |
|                                                 | LAW 589 | Mediation Skills                     | 2 or 3    |                            |         |                                                |           |

\* 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

| SIU Simmons Law School |                          |                     | COURSE AND CREDIT HOUR REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | For Students that matriculated August 2026 | pg. 2 |
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| Earned Credit Hours:   | Registered Credit Hours: | TOTAL Credit Hours: | Credit Hour Requirements and Maximums:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Credit Hours:                              |       |
|                        |                          |                     | <b>Total credit hours required for JD:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>90</b>                                  |       |
|                        |                          |                     | <b>Maximum credit hours for Legal Clinics</b> (Civil Practice Clinic and Juvenile Justice Clinic):<br><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>                                                                                                 | <b>12</b>                                  |       |
|                        |                          |                     | <b>Maximum credit hours for Field Placements</b> (Public Interest Externship, Residential Externship):<br><i>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.</i> | <b>9</b>                                   |       |
|                        |                          |                     | <b>Maximum credit hours of Courses Outside Regularly Scheduled Class Sessions at the law school:</b><br>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                                                                                                                                                               | <b>25</b>                                  |       |
|                        |                          |                     | <b>Maximum credit hours of Distance Education Credits:</b> No more than a total of 24 distance education [online] credits can be earned per degree.<br>(Students should check with the jurisdictions where they anticipate taking a bar examination about any limits on distance education credits.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>24</b>                                  |       |
|                        |                          |                     | <b>Maximum credit hours for Independent Research &amp; Writing:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>6</b>                                   |       |
|                        |                          |                     | <b>Maximum credit hours for Graduate School courses:</b> (SIUC non-law courses) taken for Law School credit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>6</b>                                   |       |
|                        |                          |                     | <b>Maximum credit hours (combined) for Graduate School courses</b> (SIUC non-law courses) <b>and Law School Independent Research &amp; Writing:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>6</b>                                   |       |
|                        |                          |                     | CONCURRENT DEGREE STUDENT - Maximum credit hours for Graduate School courses (SIUC non-law courses) taken for Law School credit:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>9</b>                                   |       |
|                        |                          |                     | CONCURRENT DEGREE STUDENT - Maximum credit hours (combined) for Graduate School courses (SIUC non-law courses) and LAW Independent Research & Writing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>9</b>                                   |       |
|                        |                          |                     | <b>Maximum credit hours for law courses approved for S/U and S+/S/U grading:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>22</b>                                  |       |
|                        |                          |                     | <b>Maximum credit hours (combined) for law courses approved for S/U and S+/S/U grading, and SIUC non-law courses:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>22</b>                                  |       |
|                        |                          |                     | <b>Maximum credit hours for Law Journal:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>6</b>                                   |       |
|                        |                          |                     | <b>Maximum credit hours for Advanced Appellate Moot Court:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>6</b>                                   |       |
|                        |                          |                     | <b>Maximum credit hours for Mock Trial:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>6</b>                                   |       |