

Law School 101

ADVISING

Graduation Course Requirements

1. Constitutional Law II **OR**
Criminal Procedure **OR**
Capital Punishment
2. Writing Seminar –
Course number 397S
3. Professional Responsibility
4. Experiential Learning –
six total credits

*****Any requirement may be taken P/F if available.

Experiential Learning



ALL CLINICS



FALL AND SPRING
INTERNSHIPS (NOT
SUMMER)



NEGOTIATION,
MEDIATION,
ADR



ADVANCED LEGAL
WRITING CLASSES



OTHERS – CHECK
THE COURSE
SCHEDULE



The rest is up to you!

Look to the online course catalog

- Generally – take courses that interest you!! Make sure to take some of those bread and butter / bar courses, but this may be the last chance you get to take something just because you like it.
 - a. Consider a clinic
 - b. OK to choose based on professor
 - c. Careful with seminar choices
 - d. Think about exams

Clinic Applications are due Friday, April 9

Max 16 hours; minimum 10.

Types of courses

Regular law
classes

Cross-listed
classes

Non-law
classes

Directed
Research and
Study

Internships

Study Abroad
(fall of 2L)

Limitations

Prerequisites

- Evidence before or concurrently with Advocacy Survey
- Secured Credit or concurrently with before Bankruptcy (depending)
- Business Associations before Securities Regulation (depending)
- Federal Income Tax before most upper level tax
- ALWAYS read the course description carefully

Pass/fail classes

- NO LIMIT on classes offered pass/fail
- You may change one graded class to P/F after 1L, if allowed by the professor.
- If you're trying for Order of the Coif (top 10%), you can only have 21 credits of P/F.

Credit hours

- At least 65 hours in regularly scheduled law classes. No more than 21 combined hours of DRS, non-law classes, and internships

The Curve

Early Registration v. Add/Drop

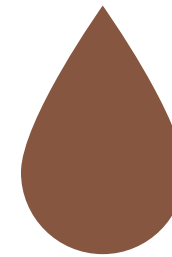


Early Registration is April 5-9

Law school only

Bidding system

More when schedule is released on March 31



Add/Drop via ROSE is April 19-30

EARLY REGISTRATION INFO SESSION ON THURSDAY, APRIL 1 AT 3:45 PM via ZOOM

Degree Planning Worksheet

- A. First Year Required Courses**
- Constitutional Law I
 - Contracts
 - Criminal Law I
 - Property
 - Civil Procedure
 - Torts
 - Legal Analysis and Comm (Fall)
 - Persuasive Writing and Advocacy (Spring)
- B. Upper Level Required Courses**
- Professional Responsibility
 - Writing Seminar (397S)
 - Choose one:
 - Constitutional Law II
 - Criminal Procedure: Investigation
 - Criminal Procedure: Prosecution
 - Capital Punishment
 - Experiential Learning (6 credits)
 - 3 Legal Analysis and Comm
 - Need three additional credits
- C. Other Graduation Requirements**
- 86 total credit hours
 - Cumulative GPA of 1.00 or above
 - No more than 12 total hours of Directed Research & Study
 - No more than 12 total hours of non-law school credit
 - No more than 21 total combined hours of Directed Research & Study, non-law courses, or internships (65 credit hours must be earned in regularly scheduled law school courses.)
 - No more than three total hours of Advanced Clinic
 - Final two long session semesters completed in residence at UT
 - Complete Graduation Application and Employment Survey during final semester

Degree Plan

	Credit Hrs
1L Year	30
1L Elective (optional)	
1L Summer Courses (if applicable)	
2L Fall Courses	
2L Spring Courses	
2L Summer Courses (if applicable)	
3L Fall Courses	
3L Spring Courses	
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	

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Plan your time

Available here: <https://law.utexas.edu/student-affairs/student-services/academic-skills/>

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Student Affairs Office

Suggested course work by practice area

This is not a comprehensive list of all courses offered in a particular area. It is a list of suggestions; make sure you review the course schedule for additional/cutting edge courses.

- I'm not sure what I want to do with my JD!**
- Business Associations
 - Evidence
 - Family Law
 - Federal Income Tax
 - Financial Methods for Lawyers
 - Secured Credit
 - Wills & Estates
 - Experiential courses, clinics & internships
- Solo/General Practice**
- Advocacy Survey/Evidence
 - Business Associations
 - Secured Credit & Bankruptcy
 - Estate & Gift Tax/Estate Planning
 - Family Law
 - Federal Income Tax
 - Financial Methods for Lawyers
 - Starting and Managing a Law Practice
 - Wills & Estates
 - Negotiation, Mediation, and/or Alternative Dispute Resolution
 - Experiential courses, clinics and internships
- Transactional**
- Take 2L year:
 - Business Associations
 - Financial Methods for Lawyers
 - Secured Credit
 - Transactional Drafting
 - Bankruptcy
 - Federal Income Tax
 - International Business Transactions
 - Negotiation
 - Real Estate Transactions
 - Securities Regulation
 - Entrepreneurship & Community Development Clinic
- Litigation**
- Take 2L year:
 - Evidence
 - Legal Writing, Adv. Litigation
 - Advocacy Survey
 - Appellate Advocacy
 - Electronic Discovery
 - Criminal Procedure
 - Conflict of Laws
 - Federal Courts
 - Financial Methods for Lawyers
 - Intensive Trial Skills
 - Securities Regulation
 - Texas Civ Pro
 - Negotiation, Mediation, and/or Alternative Dispute Resolution
 - Experiential courses, internships
 - Clinics, specifically those that serve you in court, like Criminal Defense, Children's Rights, etc.
- Energy/Oil & Gas**
- All the Transactional Classes, plus:
 - Energy Law
 - Environmental Law & Natural Resources
 - International Petroleum Transactions
 - Oil & Gas, Oil & Gas, Adv
 - Oil & Gas Contracts
 - Seminar: Energy topics vary.
 - Internships
- Tax**
- Take 2L year:
 - Federal Income Tax
 - Corporate Tax
 - Estate and Gift Tax, Estate Planning
 - FIT of Trusts and Estates
 - International Tax
 - Oil & Gas Taxation
 - Partnership Tax
 - Tax Planning for Business Entities
 - Seminar: Tax Policy, others

The screenshot shows the Texas Law dashboard at law.utexas.edu/dashboard/courses/kva264/. The user is logged in as Brandi L. Welch. The navigation menu includes Dashboard, Courses, and Profile. Under the Courses menu, there are links for Canvas, Degree Audit (circled in red), and Transcripts. Below the navigation, there are several informational panels: a COVID-19 FAQ link, a note about hybrid operation, a note about textbook assignments, and a list of semesters (Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019) with expandable arrows.

The screenshot displays the Degree Audit tool interface. It is divided into several sections:

- DEGREE AUDIT DETAILS:** Shows Degree: Doctor of Jurisprudence, Catalog: 2018-2020, Degree audit as of: October 19, 2020, and Courses included: Past, Current, Future.
- GRADUATION APPLICATION:** A message stating: "You are not able to apply to graduate at this time due to incomplete degree requirements. Please contact the Student Affairs Office for more details."
- FILTER YOUR DEGREE AUDIT:** Includes a Catalog dropdown set to 2018-2020 and checkboxes for Courses to include: Past, Current (checked), Future (registered) (checked), and Planned (not registered). An UPDATE FILTERS button is present.
- COURSEWORK INCLUDED IN AUDIT:** A list of categories with expandable arrows and status icons:
 - Past
 - Current (Fall 2020)
 - Required First-Year Courses (with a green checkmark icon)
 - Required Advanced Courses (with a green checkmark icon)
 - General Requirements (with a red warning icon)
- OFFICIAL CATALOG:** Includes a Catalog dropdown set to 2018-2020 and a Save Catalog button.
- PLAN YOUR COURSES:** Includes a Course Schedule section with an Add course button and a note: "Adding courses to your degree audit is for planning purposes only and does not register you for any coursework."

Use the Degree Audit Tool

Academic Advising

Meet with either me or Dean Bangs.

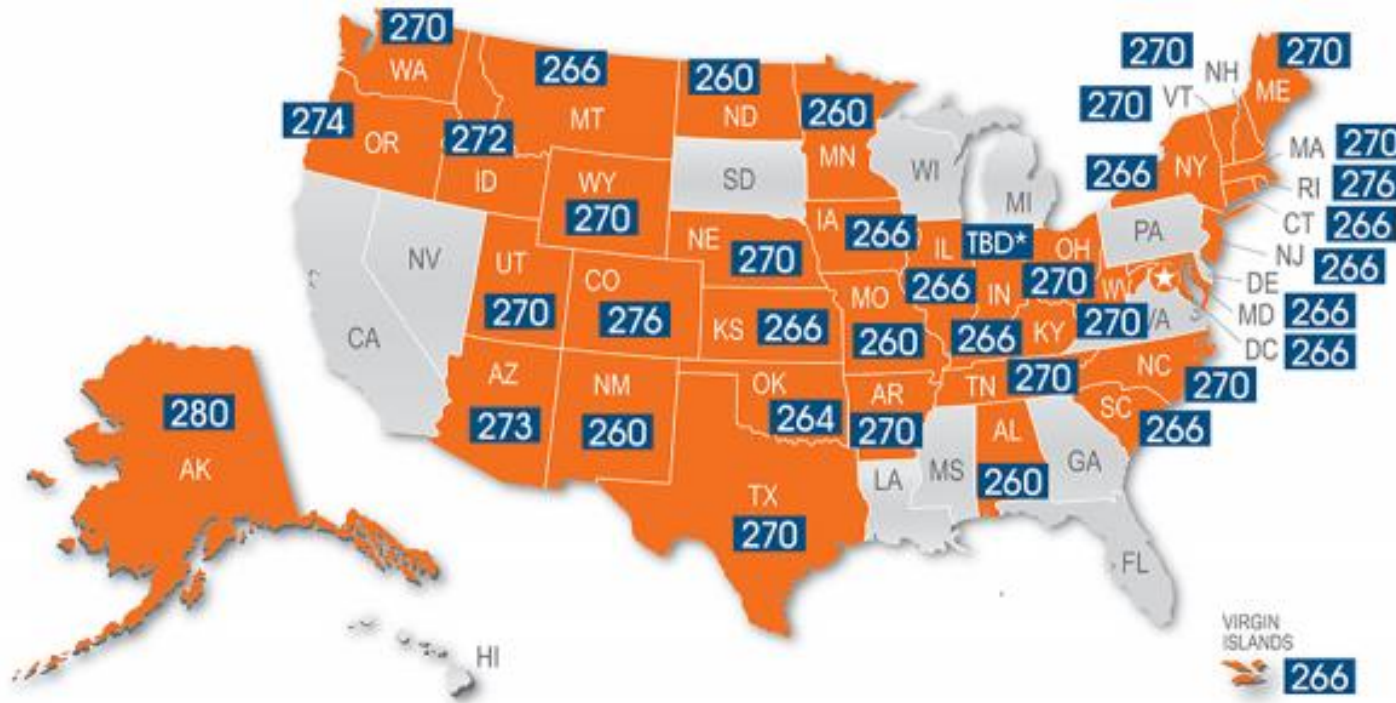
Make an appointment here:

<https://calendly.com/texas-law-sao>

MPRE – Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam

- Required by all states except Wisconsin; passing score in TX is 85
- Given nationwide – you can take it anywhere
- Two hours, 60 questions
- Administered in March, August and Nov
- Registration fee \$135
- Taken at testing center – all on a computer
- Free sample questions at <http://www.ncbex.org/exams/mpre/preparing/>
- All bar prep companies have MPRE resources available, typically for free.
- More info at <https://www.ncbex.org/exams/mpre/registration/>

Uniform Bar Exam



Offered in 37 states, including and DC. Portable score.

TX passing score is 270.

<http://www.ncbex.org/exams/ube/>

Upper Level Classes	1L Classes
Business Associations	Civil Procedure
Wills and Estates	Constitutional Law
Evidence	Criminal Law & Procedure (upper)
Family Law	Contracts
Secured Transactions	Real Property
Conflict of Laws	Torts

Uniform Bar Exam

Structure:

- Day One – Multistate Bar Exam. All MC
 - All 1L subjects + Evidence & Crim Pro
- Day Two – Two MPTs and MEE
 - Multistate Performance Test – no memorization required.
 - Multistate Essay Exam

Old Texas Bar Subjects you DON'T have to learn for the UBE

Oil and Gas

Commercial Paper

Texas Civil and Criminal Procedure

Texas Real Property

Consumer Protection

Texas Guardianship

Stay healthy, Longhorn Lawyers

Mental health

- Maria Timm, law school counselor. Call 512.232.2295 to make an appointment
- CMHC – 512.471.3515 (psychiatrists also available)
 - Diversity counseling and outreach specialists available - <https://cmhc.utexas.edu/diversitycoordinators.html>
- TLAP – Texas Lawyers’ Assistance Program
- Participate in student orgs. Zoom fatigue is so real, but connections with other 2Ls and 3Ls are so important.

Physical health

- UHS if you’re sick.
- If you are concerned it’s COVID, you can get a free test. Call UHS first.
- Proactive community testing - <https://coronavirus.utexas.edu/campus-covid-19-testing>
- COVID Vaccine available if 1A or 1B. Sign up here.
<https://redcap.dellmed.utexas.edu/surveys/?s=FNJMNKYKH4N>
 - More info at <https://protect.utexas.edu/vaccine/>
- Keep active. Get outside or, if comfortable, to a gym on campus.

Finances

- COVID related costs that you can’t cover? Apply for a grant from the Texas Law Student Emergency Fund at https://utexas.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cFO6oghMYFJiWVf