SCHOOL OF LAW

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For the most current listings of School of Law courses, go to https://law.wustl.edu/academics/registrars-office/curricular-offerings/ or WebSTAC at https://acadinfo.wustl.edu.

2020-2021 LAW SCHOOL ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The School of Law calendar differs in some respects from the general calendar of Washington University.

Fall 2020 Semester [subject to change]
- Classes begin: Mon, Aug 24
- Last day to add most upper-level classes without faculty approval*: Sun, Aug 30
- Labor Day: Mon, Sept 7
- Last day to drop most upper-level classes without PW on transcript*: Sun, Sept 20
- Last day to drop most upper-level classes without approval*: Sun, Oct 18
- SP21 Online registration begins for 3Ls and LLMs: Thurs, Nov 19
- SP21 Online registration begins for 2Ls: Fri, Nov 20
- Monday classes meet (Wed classes do not meet): Wed, Nov 25
- Last day of classes: Fri, Nov 20
- Thanksgiving break: Thurs, Nov 26 - Fri, Nov 27
- Final exams: Mon, Nov 30 – Fri, Dec 11

January 2021 Interession Semester
- Classes begin: Mon, Jan 11
- Classes end: Fri, Jan 15

Spring 2021 Semester
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday (no classes): Mon, Jan 18
- Classes begin: Tues, Jan 19
- Last day to add most upper-level classes without faculty approval*: Sun, Jan 24
- Last day to drop most upper-level classes without PW on transcript*: Sun, Feb 14
- Last day to drop most upper-level classes without approval*: Sun, Mar 14
- Spring break: Sun, Mar 14 – Sat, Mar 20
- FL21 Online registration begins for 2Ls & 1Ls: Thurs, April 15
- FL21 Online registration begins for 1Ls: Fri, April 16
- Classes end: Fri, April 23
- Final exams: Mon, April 26 - Wed, May 7
- Commencement: Fri, May 21

* unless otherwise specified in the course description, the professor, or the Registrar’s Office.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Courses offered at Washington University School of Law are open to matriculated Washington University law students. Some courses may be open to Washington University upper-level undergraduate and graduate students from other departments, to non-Washington University law students currently in good standing at an ABA accredited law school, and to practicing attorneys. Openings will be based on space availability. Permission of the professor/Dean of Students, the student’s school or department (for non-law students), and the Law School’s Registrar’s Office (registrars@wulaw.wustl.edu). Any non-Washington University law student registering without permission will be dropped from the class roster. Non-law students must submit a permission form found online on the Law Intranet site.

First year law students are automatically registered for the pre-set first year curriculum. They are notified of their Fall schedule by orientation in August. They are required to attend the January Intersession to take Negotiation, and their Spring schedule typically becomes available near the end of the Fall semester. Upper-level law students pre-register for Clinics/Externships per the clinical program schedule found online on the Law Intranet site.

Exam Period – The Law School has a two week exam period at the end of the Fall and Spring semesters in which all but the first-year courses and a limited number of the upper-level courses (typically the ones with the largest enrollments) have “unscheduled” exams. Exam information can be found on the Law Intranet site. Most exams are taken using a software that has to be downloaded onto students’ laptops (by the students). This occurs well before the start of the exam period. Questions can be directed to the Registrar’s Office at registrar@wulaw.wustl.edu or 314-935-4610.

The “grade option” for each course is designated by the Law School. Law students are not given the choice of taking a course for either a grade (grade option of “C”) or pass/fail (grade option of “P”). For most courses, professors are required to grade according to a mandatory mean or median. For more information on law school grades, go to https://law.wustl.edu/academics/registrars-office. However, students wishing to Audit a course may do so with the permission of the professor and the Registrar’s Office. Approval forms are found online on the Law Intranet site.

Students not in law degree programs may be able to take courses for other grade options, with the Registrar’s Office and professor’s permission.

Law students may take up to 17 units each semester (with the January Intersession being considered a separate semester, even though students register for it via the Spring semester in WebSTAC). The minimum for full-time status for J.D. students and Exchange Students is 12 units per semester. For LLM. in U.S. Law, LLM. in IP/Tech Law, LLM. in Taxation, LLM. in Negotiation/Dispute Resolution, Two-year Master of Laws LLM., Executive LLM. in U.S. Law, and Master of Legal Studies students, the full-time minimum is 8 units per semester. Full-time students (or students under certain foreign visas) are eligible/required to pay a health fee, and purchase student health insurance, unless they waive out (go to the Student Health Insurance website for more information on this – at http://shs.wustl.edu). Part-time students (unless here on certain foreign visas) are not eligible to purchase student health insurance. Visiting students are not eligible to purchase student health insurance.

Most Law School Registrar’s Office forms can be found online on the Law Intranet site.

Note: Students with HOLDs on their accounts (who owe $100 or more to the University) will not be authorized to register on-line until they have paid their bill. Students must clear up HOLDs before on-line registration by contacting the University department that placed the HOLD. Tuition and financial aid questions should be directed to Carrie Burns, Assistant Director of Financial Aid and Student Life, 314-935-4605, ciburns@wustl.edu.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE J.D. DEGREE


1) Course Requirements—The candidate for the J.D. degree must complete the following required courses:
   A) All first year courses prescribed for the year in which the candidate originally enrolled, including Negotiation during the January Intersession,
   B) One ethics course.
   C) One seminar, and
   D) Six units of Experiential Credits in designated courses.

2) Academic and Residence Credit and Averages—Candidates for the J.D. must:
   A) Earn a total of 86 or more units, and
   B) Earn a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.00 based upon all courses taken, whether or not credit is earned (8 or a yearly GPA of at least 3.00 at the end of the 2nd yr), and
   C) Complete 6 semesters of residence. In order to obtain residence credit for a semester, a candidate must take a minimum of 12 hours of work and must obtain final credit in a minimum of 10 hours of work. Students do not earn any residency from summer school. (30 points are required to pay a minimum of 6 semesters of full-time tuition – with transfer students being required to pay a minimum of 4 semesters of full-time tuition, and joint degree students being required to pay a minimum of 5 semesters of full-time tuition to the Law School. See tuition policy at https://law.wustl.edu/admissions/tuition-financial-aid/)

D) At least 67 units have to be earned by attending “regularly scheduled law school class sessions” or LAW CLASSROOM UNITS (LCUs) – go to the Course Listings site https://courses.wustl.edu to view courses that do and do not count towards this 67 units; and based on all courses taken, whether or not credit is earned. (Stated another way, students graduate exactly with the required 86 units must not take more than 19 units outside this category).

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL LAW DEGREES

Information on all Law School degrees at Washington University can be found at http://law.wustl.edu/academics.

Law School Phone Numbers

Admissions (314) 935-4525
Dean’s Office (314) 935-8598
Financial Aid & Tuition (314) 935-4605
Registrar’s Office (314) 935-4610
Library (314) 935-6450

Note: The below information is subject to change and the most up-to-date version of Law School course offerings is found on the web at https://law.wustl.edu/academics/registrars-office/curricular-offerings/ or via WebSTAC (https://acadinfo.wustl.edu) by clicking on “Course Listings”.

For more information on the Law School, contact the University Registrar’s Office at registrar@wulaw.wustl.edu.