

Planning Your Schedule

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Graduation Requirements

- 90 Credit Hours to Graduate
- Of your 90 hours, at least 70 must be letter graded.
- Maximum 16 credits per semester. You may petition Dean MacAlpine to take 1-2 additional credits but this is disfavored (and there is a tuition surcharge)
- No more than 7 credits of co-curricular activities may be counted toward graduation.
- Final GPA of 2.30 or above

Graduation Requirements: Required Courses

- Professional Responsibility
- Graduation Writing Requirement
- Six credits of experiential learning (clinic, externship, or simulation course)

Oregon Bar Exam Subjects

- Agency & Partnership
- Civil Procedure (MBE)
- Conflicts of Laws
- Constitutional Law (MBE)
- Contracts (MBE)
- Corporations
- Criminal Law & Procedure (MBE)
- Evidence (MBE)
- Family Law
- Property (which includes some Real Estate Trans. materials) (MBE)
- Sales (UCC Article 2)
- Secured Trans (UCC Art. 1 & 9)
- Torts (MBE)
- Trusts and Estates
- Wills

Graduation Requirements: Bar Course Rules for 1Ls

- For 1Ls who have a GPA of 2.65 or below after the spring semester of your 1L year, you must take Applied Legal Analysis in the fall.
 - This is a different course than the ALA course in the spring semester and covers different material and skills.

Graduation Requirements: Bar Courses

- For students who have a GPA of 3.10 or below after the spring semester (again whether after your 1L year or your 2L year), you must take before you graduate:
 - Constitutional Law II
 - Criminal Procedure I
 - Evidence
 - Real Estate Transactions
- In addition, you must take Legal Analysis for the Bar during your third year, preferably in your final semester at the school.
- These requirements apply to you regardless whether you bring your GPA up above a 3.10 at some later point.
- Moreover, these requirements apply to you if your GPA falls below a 3.10 after your 2L year, even if your 1L GPA was above that level. Thus, if you are only slightly above a 3.10 after your 1L year, you should consider taking these courses next year anyway (since, for instance, it will be easier to take Con Law II while Con Law I is still relatively fresh in your mind).

Graduation Requirements: Bar Courses

- For students who have a GPA of 2.80 or below after the spring semester (whether after your 1L year or your 2L year), you must take before you graduate:
 - Business Organizations
 - Conflict of Laws
 - Constitutional Law II
 - Criminal Procedure I
 - Evidence
 - Family Law
 - Real Estate Transactions
 - Sales
 - Secured Transactions
 - Trust & Estates
- In addition, you must take Legal Analysis for the Bar during your third year, preferably in your final semester at the school.
- These requirements apply to you regardless whether you bring your GPA up above a 2.80 at some later point.
- Moreover, these requirements apply to you if your GPA falls below a 2.80 after your 2L year, even if your 1L GPA was above that level. Thus, if you are only slightly above a 2.80 after your 1L year, you should start taking some of these classes (since you might not be able to fit all of them in your 3L year if you fall below a 2.80 next year).

Graduation Requirements: Bar Courses

- For 1Ls who have a GPA of 3.11 or above after the spring semester and who maintain that GPA through and after your 2L year, you must only take Professional Responsibility, as well as satisfy the GWR and experiential learning requirements.
- We still encourage you to take as many of the bar courses as you can - they are tested on the bar because the bar believes they are foundational subjects that all lawyers should know.
- Moreover, some courses have bar courses as prerequisites, and students interested in being court-certified must still take Evidence and PR before being eligible for certification.

Other Rules You Should Know

- You may not satisfy the GWR requirement with Externship, Clinic, or Competition briefs.
- The GWR must be satisfied in a course taught by a full-time professor or through a comment written for Law Review or WJILDR.

Do a Grad Check

- Students can access and use Degree Audit to track your progress towards satisfying the graduation requirements. Degree Audit can be accessed at any time through Willamette's online registration system. If you have any questions about Degree Audit, please ask either OSA or Dean Mac Alpine.
- You, however, are still responsible for ensuring you meet all the graduation requirements.

A Word about the Bar

- Study HARD in Bar classes: a C+ or below is a red light; a B- is a yellow light
- Bar classes are not a substitute for the BarBri bar prep course, which you will receive for free after graduation. They teach different but complementary skills.
- Knowing the law is NECESSARY BUT NOT SUFFICIENT.

Do you know what facts trigger a particular rule?

What is the rule?

What are the elements of the rule?

Can you apply each of those elements to the facts of the question?

Bar Courses Offered in 2020-21

Bar Courses Offered Both Semesters

(listed in grey on schedule)

- Business Organizations
- Conflicts of Laws
- Constitutional Law II
- Criminal Procedure I
- Evidence
- Professional Responsibility
- Real Estate Transactions
- Sales
- Trust & Estates
- Legal Analysis for the Bar

Bar Courses Offered in 2020-21

Bar Courses Offered Only this Fall!

(listed in red on the schedule)

- Family Law

Bar Courses Offered in 2020-21

Bar Courses Offered Only next Spring!

- Secured Transactions

New Courses

- Payment Systems

Suggested Courses

- Business Law:
 - Business Organizations
 - Payment Systems
 - Sales
 - Business Law Clinic
- Civil Litigation:
 - Evidence
 - Pre-trial Civil Litigation
- Dispute Resolution
 - ADR
 - Mediation

Suggested Courses

- Health Law:
 - Healthcare Law & Policy I
 - Medical Malpractice
- Family Law:
 - Trusts & Estates
 - Family Law
 - Juvenile Law
 - Trusts & Estates Clinic

Suggested Courses

- Employment Law
 - Disability Law
 - Workers Compensation

Questions?