Probation, Exclusion, and Nonacademic Discipline

Probation

Upperclass students, eligible to continue at the Law Center, are placed on scholastic probation if their cumulative weighted average at the end of any semester or summer semester is less than 2.0. Students on probation must register for and complete a minimum of 14 hours and: (1) must earn a weighted average sufficient to bring the cumulative weighted average to at least 2.0; or (2) must earn a weighted average of at least 2.2 until the cumulative weighted average is at least 2.0. The faculty may establish special terms of probation in individual cases.

Students on probation who wish to attend summer semester must register for and complete a minimum of five (5) hours that summer semester.

Students are responsible for determining their eligibility to register and the conditions under which they may register for any semester or summer semester. If grades are available in sufficient time, the Office of Admissions and Student Records will advise students of exclusion and probation action prior to registration.

Exclusion

Exclusion for Unsatisfactory Scholastic Performance—Students shall be excluded from the Law Center when they have:

a. a weighted average of below 1.7 at the end of the first semester; or

b. a cumulative weighted average of less than 2.0 at the end of the first two semesters or a cumulative weighted average of less than 2.0 at the end of the first two semesters in all courses other than Legal Research and Writing (5021 and 5022); or

c. during any semester or summer semester while on probation, they have: (1) failed to earn a weighted average sufficient to bring their cumulative weighted average to at least 2.0, or (2) failed to earn a weighted average of at least 2.2 until their cumulative weighted average is at least 2.0; or

d. failed to earn an average of at least 2.0 in each of two successive semesters after completion of the first year or of a successive semester and summer semester, regardless of the cumulative weighted average.

Exclusion for Reasons Other than Unsatisfactory Scholastic Performance—Students who fulfill the academic requirements may be dropped from the Law Center for just cause, after notice and hearing.

Nonacademic Discipline

The continuance of each student in the Law Center, receipt of academic credit, and graduation are subject to the disciplinary powers conferred upon the Chancellor of the Law Center. The Law Center reserves the right to deny admission, reentry, or readmission to any applicant, to exclude any student at any time, and to withhold the degree of any student, if, in the judgment of the Chancellor and the law faculty, such action would be deemed to be in the best interest of the student or of the Law Center, in accordance with the regulations and procedures of LSU.

Degree and Graduation Requirements

All students must complete the requirements for the Juris Doctor Graduate Diploma in Comparative Law (J.D./D.C.L.) degrees.

Course Credit Requirements

The first-year curriculum is prescribed and all entering students are assigned to a section and take all first-year courses together. At least one first-year course in each section in each semester is divided into two subsections so that all first-year students will experience one class per semester with a smaller number of students.

First-Year Curriculum

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After the second semester, the required courses are: Evidence (5605) — which must be taken in the second year before Trial Advocacy (5608), which is conducted over a three-day period one week before the fall semester of the third year; The Legal Profession (5721); and a seminar or individual supervised research to satisfy the upperclass legal writing requirement. The Rules of the Supreme Court of Louisiana require a law student to successfully complete the ethics course (The Legal Profession – 5721)
MANDATORY UPPERCLASS LAW COURSES

Legal Profession (5721)

Evidence (5605) must be taken as a junior before Trial Advocacy.

Trial Advocacy (5608) conducted over a three-day period one week before the fall semester of the third year.

Skills, Clinical and Externship requirement – two credits from approved courses: Advanced Appellate Advocacy (5609), Advanced Legal Research (5610), Civil Mediation Clinic (5620), Family Law and Family Violence Clinic Course Component (5621), Immigration Clinic Course Component (5623), Juvenile Defense Clinic Course Component (5624), Legal Negotiations (5622), Law Office Practice (5823), Advanced Trial and Evidence (5826), Civil and Family Law Mediation (5828), Juvenile Defense Clinic Practicum (5858), Pre-Trial Litigation Practice (5881), Advanced Litigation Practice (5882), Individual Supervised Externship (5905, 5906, and 5907), Family Law and Family Violence Practicum (6001), Family Mediation Clinic (6002), Judicial Externship (6003), Governmental Externship (6004), Immigration Clinic Practicum (6005), Public Interest and Not-for-Profit Externship (6006), Homeless Clinic (5625), Parole Clinic (5626)

Upperclass courses which satisfy requirements for the joint Juris Doctor and Graduate Diploma in Comparative Law.

Global, Comparative, and Civil Law Course Concentration ........................................... 15 hours

Family Law of Persons – Law 5208 .......................................................... 3
Family Law Seminar – Law 5843 .......................................................... 2
Louisiana Civil Law of Torts (Advanced LA Torts) Law 5715 ...................... 2
Louisiana Security Devices Survey – Law 5707 ............................................ 4
Matrimonial Regimes – Law 5202 .......................................................... 2
Sales and Real Estate – Law 5204 .......................................................... 3
Security Devices – Law 5704 .......................................................... 3
Successions and Donations – Law 5703 ..................................................... 4
Climate Change Law – Law 5414 .......................................................... 3
Comparative Health Law Seminar – Law 5837 ........................................... 2
Comparative Labor Law – Law 5452 ..................................................... 2
Comparative Media Law – Law 5993 ..................................................... 2
European Union: A New Constitutional Order – Law 5438 ...................... 3
European Union: Commercial and Business – Law 5439 ...................... 2
Foreign, Comparative and International Research – Law 5992 .............. 2
International Aspects of U.S. Income Tax – Law 5507 .............................. 3
International Criminal Law (5447) ..................................................... 2
International Criminal Law Seminar – Law 5867 ........................................... 2
International Environmental Law – Law 5413 .......................................... 3
International Human Rights Law – Law 5440 .......................................... 2
International Human Rights Law Seminar – Law 5865 .............................. 2
International Intellectual Property – Law 5462 .......................................... 3
International Law – Law 5416 .......................................................... 3
International Law Seminar – Law 5860 ..................................................... 2
International Law in U.S. Courts Seminar – Law 5888 .............................. 2
International Petroleum Transactions – Law 5206 ........................................... 3

before taking the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE).

Two hours of instruction in approved professional skills, clinics and externship courses are required. Professional skills, clinics, and externship courses are Advanced Appellate Advocacy, Legal Negotiations, Law Office Practice, Family Law Mediation, Advanced Trial and Evidence, Homeless Clinic, Parole Clinic, Civil and Family Law Mediation, Juvenile Representation Clinic, Pre-Trial Litigation Practice, Advanced Litigation Practice, Immigration Legal Services Clinic, Family Mediation Clinic, Domestic Violence Clinic and Advanced Legal Research and Externships (Law 5905, 5906, and 5907).

The following upperclass courses comprise those which are offered on a regular basis (every two years) to upperclass students. These courses comprise the upperclass offerings from which students must select the balance of their 94 hours with the requirement that a prescribed number of hours of coursework work from the groupings of courses (referred to as “basket”) must be selected.

There is not a specific process to describe the exact sequence of specific course choices for all upperclass students. In order to satisfy the credit hour requirement for the joint degree, students must select courses from the “basket.”

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Introduction au droit Francais (5480) ........................................... 1
U.S. Foreign Affairs Law – Law 5773 ........................................... 3
All Summer in France courses .................................................... (hrs. vary)
All courses taught by International Visiting Scholars .......... (hrs. vary)

Additional Degree Requirements for All Students

- Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement—Every student must complete at least one additional rigorous writing experience after the first year. To satisfy this requirement, the student must meet individually with the instructor regarding the topic and scope of the paper, and the student must complete at least one revision of the paper after the instructor has critiqued a draft prepared by the student. A student may satisfy this requirement by preparing the paper in a seminar or as an independent research project. Successful completion of this requirement requires that the student earn a grade of 2.0 or higher on the paper.

- No more than a total of 16 hours may be earned in summer school, and no more than 31 hours may be earned at another law school in nonmatriculating status.

- In order to graduate, a student must earn a cumulative weighted average of 2.0 or above (1) on all course work undertaken; and (2) on all course work undertaken during the last two semesters of study (including summer semesters). Six semesters of resident study are required for the degree.

This requirement may be met by attending six regular semesters. The last 30 hours (fall and spring semesters) must be completed in residence. The Executive Committee may waive this requirement.

The resident student requirement must be completed within four calendar years. The Chancellor may, where appropriate, grant additional time.

- Seniors must complete and return an application for degree during their last semester. This form is available in the Office of Admissions and Student Records and must be received within the first three weeks of class.

- A commencement ceremony is held only in May. Students who graduate in August or December may participate in the May commencement of the following year but must notify the Office of Admissions and Student Records at least two months in advance of the May ceremony. Students who graduate at the end of summer school will not be able to take the Louisiana Bar Examination in the same summer.

LOUISIANA BAR EXAMINATION

The requisites for admission to the practice of law in Louisiana as prescribed by the Supreme Court may be found in Rule XVII of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Louisiana. Under the provisions of the present rule, graduates of the Law Center are required to score 80 or higher on the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) and pass the Louisiana State Bar Examination to gain admission to practice in Louisiana. Students must successfully complete The Legal Profession (Law 5721) prior to sitting for the MPRE. Students are individually responsible for obtaining the MPRE at www.ncbex.org.

The rules for admission to the Louisiana State Bar require that law students who are prospective applicants must participate in the Law Student Registration Program administered by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE). The student must submit an application and fee to the NCBE no later than October 1 of the second year of law school. You should keep a copy of this completed form for future reference. The NCBE will conduct a character-and-fitness investigation and submit a preliminary report to the Louisiana Committee on Bar Admissions.

The NCBE forms from the Louisiana Supreme Court Committee on Bar Admissions are available online at www.lasca.org. Different states may require character-and-fitness investigations prior to admission to the State Bar. Please contact the appropriate State Bar for information.

Applicants for the bar examination who have participated in the Law Student Registration Program must submit a supplemental report to the Committee on Bar Admissions on a form provided by the NCBE on or before February 1 for the July bar exam or on or before November 1 for the February bar exam. Once completed, forms are returned to: Louisiana Supreme Court Committee on Bar Admissions, 2800 Veterans Memorial Blvd., Suite 310, Metairie, LA 70002, with the fee payable to National Conference of Bar Examiners.

LOUISIANA BAR COURSES

The following courses are covered on the Louisiana Bar Examination:

- Administration of Criminal Justice I .................................. (5010)
- Administration of Criminal Justice II ................................. (5401)
- Basic Civil Procedure I ....................................................... (5007)
- Business Associations I ..................................................... (5300)
- Business Associations II ................................................... (5301)
- Civil Law Property ............................................................... (5006)
- Commercial Paper ............................................................... (5304)
- Conflict of Laws ................................................................. (5705)
- Constitutional Law I ............................................................ (5036)
- Constitutional Law II .......................................................... (5421)
- Criminal Law ................................................................. (5009)
- Evidence ........................................................ (5605)
- Family Law of Persons ....................................................... (5208)
- Federal Courts ................................................................. (5603)
- Louisiana Civil Procedure I ................................................ (5701)
- Louisiana Civil Procedure II ............................................... (5702)
- Louisiana Security Devices ................................................ (5707)
- Legal Profession ............................................................... (5721)
- Matrimonial Regimes ........................................................ (5202)
- Obligations ................................................................. (5002)
- Sales and Real Estate ........................................................ (5204)
- Security Devices .............................................................. (5704)
- Successions ................................................................. (5703)
- Torts .......................................................... (5003)
- UCC Security Devices ...................................................... (5209)

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