

COURSES; CHANGING COURSES

- 6.1** All first- and second-year students, except special students, shall take the required first- and second-year courses. All students also shall complete the professional skills course requirement. If a student has completed a second-year required course at another ABA approved law school in the summer session, but the course is ineligible for transfer credit pursuant to Rule 7.5 because the student did not receive a grade of C or better, the student must register for the second-year required course at Creighton.
- 6.2** No second- or third-year student shall be allowed to register for more than 17 nor less than 10 hours a semester without the prior consent of the Dean.
- 6.3** No student shall enroll in a course in a school other than Creighton Law School without the prior consent of the Dean. (See also Academic Rules 6.9 and 6.10.)
- 6.4** A student's registration may be changed in the following manner:
- (a) Courses, except seminars and trial practice courses, may be added during the first week of class.
 - (b) Seminars and trial practice courses may be added during the first two weeks of class.
 - (c) Except as prohibited by other rules, such as Rule 6.1, a student may withdraw from a course, except seminars and trial practice courses, any time before the last day of class, provided the student is not in violation of the attendance requirements for the course and will remain registered for at least 10 hours.
 - (d) A student may withdraw from a seminar or trial practice course only during the first two weeks of class.
- All changes in registration must be made through the Office of the Dean.
- 6.5** Second- and third-year students who are registered for a minimum of 10 hours may audit a course with the consent of the instructor. No student who has audited a course may register for credit in that course.
- 6.6** Course prerequisites may be waived for individual students by the instructor concerned.
- 6.7(a)** Second- and third-year students may receive academic credit for participation in activities which do not involve attendance at regularly scheduled class sessions in law school if:
- (1) The participating student receives a significant educational benefit from the activity;
 - (2) The time and effort expended by the participating student is commensurate with the hours of credit received;
 - (3) The activity is conducted or periodically reviewed by a Faculty member to insure that (a) in actual operation the educational objectives of the program are being

met and **(b)** the time and effort expended by the participating student is in fact commensurate with the credit being allowed;

- (4)** The activity does not involve an actual or potential monetary payment (other than a scholarship) which may be rewarded on the basis of the student's participation in the activity; and,
- (5)** The faculty has approved the granting of credit in advance pursuant to established procedures for curriculum approval.

6.7(b) Regional or national interschool competitions which have been approved as satisfying the requirements of Rule 6.7(a) are the following:

- (1)** American Bar Association Arbitration Competition
- (2)** American Bar Association Client Counseling Competition
- (3)** American Bar Association Moot Court Competition
- (4)** American Bar Association Negotiations Competition
- (5)** ATLA National Student Trial Advocacy Competition
- (6)** F. Lee Bailey Moot Court Competition
- (7)** Jessup International Moot Court Competition
- (8)** Midwest Moot Court Competition
- (9)** National Criminal Procedure Competition
- (10)** National Criminal Trial Competition
- (11)** National Moot Court Competition
- (12)** Pace Environmental Moot Court Competition
- (13)** Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition
- (14)** Starr Insurance Law Moot Court Competition
- (15)** Texas Young Lawyers Mock Trial Tournament
- (16)** Tournament of Champions

Students participating in approved moot court competitions will receive two non-class credits for the participation, provided that the student both prepares a satisfactory brief for the tournament and participates satisfactorily in oral argument at the tournament. A student participating in a tournament where no brief is required shall receive one non-class credit.

Students participating in the ATLA National Student Trial Advocacy Competition shall receive two non-class credits, except that a student participating as a witness in the competition shall receive only one non-class credit.

No student may earn credit for both LAW 312 Advanced Trial Practice and a Trial Competition. Students participating in the ABA Negotiation or Client Counseling Competition shall receive one non-class credit for their participation.

Credit may be denied for inappropriate conduct by a student during a competition.

6.7(c) Members of approved student organizations are entitled to receive one hour of non-class academic credit for each forty-five hours of approved non-class educational activities if:

- (1) they otherwise are not receiving credit for these activities; and
- (2) they satisfy the requirements of all other applicable academic rules, including Academic Rule 6.7(a).

The following non-class educational activities have been approved for the purpose of Rule 6.7(c):

- (a) problem drafting;
- (b) editing;
- (c) bluebooking, page-proofing, and spading;
- (d) judging or critiquing performances;
- (e) preparing a bench brief;
- (f) legal research and writing;
- (g) serving, or preparing to serve, as a client, negotiator, trial witness, counsel, or judge in mock proceedings;
- (h) preparing students for participation in mock proceedings by means of formal demonstrations or practice rounds; or
- (i) evaluating briefs, articles, or other documents.

The hours completed pursuant to Rule 6.7(c) shall be certified each semester by the faculty advisor(s) of the appropriate student organizations.

Students may accumulate hours in approved activities toward credit under this rule over more than one semester and with more than one approved student organization.

Students may receive no more than three hours academic credit in any one semester under Rule 6.7(c). See also Rule 6.8 (providing that at least 53 of the 60 hours beyond the first year be earned in required courses and regularly scheduled class sessions in the law school).

- 6.8** Students must earn at least 53 of the 60 hours beyond the first year needed to fulfill the “residence” and “class hours” graduation requirements in required courses and regularly scheduled class sessions in the law school. Students in approved combined degree programs will be allowed to use up to 12 MBA/MS hours as counting towards the total of 60 hours beyond the first year required for their law school degree. Students in the certificate program for Health Services Administration will be allowed to count up to six hours from courses required in that program towards this 60-hour requirement.

A student who does apply 12 MBA/MS hours towards his or her law school degree will not be allowed to use any other non-classroom hours to fulfill the “residence” and “class hours” graduation requirements in required courses and regularly scheduled class sessions in the law school. A student enrolled in an approved combined degree program who applies fewer than 12 MBA/MS hours toward his or her law school degree will be allowed to use non-classroom hours to fulfill the “residence” and “class hours” graduation requirements in required courses and regularly scheduled class sessions in the law school, so long as the total of MBA/MS hours and other non-classroom hours does not exceed 12 hours. A student enrolled in the certificate program for Health Services may not apply more than six hours of law school credit toward the “residence” and “class hours” requirements, whether the credit is sought from the Health Services program or other non-classroom courses within or outside the law school.

- 6.9** The Dean will ordinarily permit a full-time second- or third-year student during a semester to register for one undergraduate or graduate course outside of Creighton Law School under the following considerations: (a) the student is registered for at least ten, but not more than fifteen hours in the School of law; and (b) the student has a law school grade average of at least 2.0. Hours taken by a student outside the law school under this rule will not be counted toward the hours needed to satisfy the law degree requirements unless they are taken pursuant to an approved combined degree program, or Academic Rule 6.10.

- 6.10** Up to six hours in courses in other divisions of Creighton University or other fully accredited institutions (excluding law schools, which are governed by Rule 6.3) may be taken for elective credit to satisfy the law degree requirement of 60 credit hours beyond the first year. Hours being used to earn a separate degree at any institution may not be used under this option to apply towards the law degree.

Hours applied towards a combined degree program approved by Creighton University are not included in this rule.

This option is available to second- and third-year students in good standing who receive approval from the Curriculum Committee to take such courses. Regarding any such courses to be taken during the second semester of the academic year or during a summer session, application for such approval must be made prior to registering for the course and at least two weeks prior to the last day of law school classes in the law school semester preceding the course. Regarding any such course to be taken during the first semester of the academic year, application must be made at least two weeks prior to registering for such course. This approval process is waived for required courses in the certificate program in Health Services Administration.

In order to secure approval for such a course, the applicant must demonstrate that the proposed course is related to the study of law and is not available in the curriculum of the

law school. The Committee will not approve a course which in the Committee's opinion is so similar to a course previously taken by the student that it will not further the student's legal education.

For those students who have received such approval, law school credit will be awarded for such courses in which a grade of B or higher has been received. However, the grade transferred to the School of Law will be recorded and computed on a pass-fail basis.

- 6.11** A student may receive credit for up to 12 hours of credit for law-related courses earned at Universidad Pontificia Comillas de Madrid (“Comillas”) to satisfy the law degree requirement of 60 credit hours beyond the first year. These credit hours will be elective credit hours and count towards residency requirements. (See also Rules 7.1, 7.2, 7.3 for semester of residency requirements.)

This option is available only to second- and third-year students in good standing who qualify to participate in the program under the Law Student Exchange Program Agreement between Creighton University School of Law (the “Law School”) and Comillas and who comply with the requirements established by the Law School. Any student wishing to participate in the program must apply to the Dean for acceptance into the program. After acceptance by the Dean, the student’s academic program and course of study at Comillas must be approved in advance and monitored by a faculty advisor designated by the Dean.

A student in the program will receive credit only for hours where the equivalent of a C or higher has been received. The grade transferred to the School of Law will be recorded and computed on a pass-fail basis.