

CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

SPRING 2024 REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. Attached please find a) a Course Selection Guide containing general course information and information on Areas of Concentration; b) a class-hour planning form; c) a list of all courses available for the Spring 2024 semester; d) the Spring 2024 Class Schedule; e) the Spring 2024 Final Exam Schedule; f) the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar; g) information about the M.R. Abrahams Legal Clinic; h) information about the Juvenile Justice Legal Clinic; i) information about the Bankruptcy Legal Clinic; and j) information about externships.

Course descriptions and information about course selection are also found on the Creighton Law School website under the menu for Academics. The course schedule reflects our anticipated course offerings, instructors, and times. However, this information is subject to change.

In planning your schedule for Spring 2024, please note the following:

- All students must complete the following required upper-class courses: Business Associations, Commercial Law, Criminal Procedure, Evidence, Legal Research and Writing III, Professional Responsibility, and Trusts and Estates. Enrollment in these courses will normally occur during the second year of law school. However, a student in good standing may defer not more than two upper-class required courses until the student's third year. A student may not defer Legal Research and Writing III. See Academic Rule 6.1(c).
- Students are required to complete six (6) hours of experiential learning in order to graduate. Details on the requirement can be found at: <https://catalog.creighton.edu/law/juris-doctor-curriculum/#courseinventory>.
- Students may not register for more than 18 credit hours towards your JD in any semester.
- **3L students with a cumulative GPA of less than 2.91 (as of end of Spring 2023), are required to register for LAW 302 Comprehensive Review.** See Academic Rule 7.1(c). We encourage all 3L students to register for this course.
- As a condition for graduation, all students matriculating prior to Summer Term 2021 must successfully complete a course of study of not less than 89 credit hours of which at least 71 credit hours are in courses that take place in the law school and require attendance in regularly scheduled classroom sessions or direct faculty instruction. For students matriculating in the Summer Term 2021 or later, those students must successfully complete a course of study of not less than 90 credit hours of which at least 72 credit hours are in courses that take place in the law school and require attendance in regularly scheduled classroom sessions or direct faculty instruction. See Academic Rule 6.8 for more details.

You will complete your registration online. The online registration period for rising 3L law students will begin on **Wednesday, November 8 at 7:00 a.m.** and rising 2L students on **Thursday, November 9 at 7:00 a.m.** Specific instructions for online registration will be emailed to you separately and will include your registration PIN. Be advised that any delay in registering may affect your ability to sign up for courses with limited enrollments.

2. Please note that classes do not all start or end at the same times. **You may not register for two courses that meet during the same time on any day of the week.**
3. You may not reschedule exams unless you have two exams on the same day. If you register for courses with exams scheduled on the same day, you will need to reschedule one of those exams for a later time. We will determine which exam will be rescheduled. If you have questions, ask Dean Dallan or Kris Victor. Courses not listed on the exam schedule are currently designed to require papers, take-home exams, or other alternative methods of evaluation. See the course description or contact the professor for further details as to the method of evaluation that will be used in the course.

4. **IF YOU WANT TO REGISTER FOR AN EXTERNSHIP**, please see the attached FAQ document and contact Professor Knoepfler.
5. Information about the **Milton R. Abrahams Legal Clinic, Juvenile Justice Clinic, and Bankruptcy Legal Clinic** has been included as separate attachments.
7. After your initial registration session, you may make changes in your course selections through **Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.** See **DROP AND ADD** below.
8. Registration for Spring 2024 courses will facilitate timely disbursement of Spring 2024 financial aid. Financial aid and scholarships will be calculated and disbursed based on your course registration on **December 15, 2023**. Any changes to your schedule made after **December 15**, which result in a net change in credit hours, will cause delays and changes to tuition, financial aid and scholarships. These updates will occur after the end of the add/drop period on **January 19, 2024**. To avoid any unnecessary complications caused by the recalculation of your aid, please do your best to have your schedule finalized by **December 15**.

DROP AND ADD

As of January 10, 2024, schedule changes can be made through Kris Victor, the school of law registrar. Subject to the warning about registration changes above, courses which are not overenrolled may be added and you may drop any elective course, other than those listed below, until 11:59 p.m. on January 19, 2024. Unless you are in violation of the attendance rule for the course, you may drop a course after January 19, 2024, but such drop will be considered a "withdrawal" and will appear as a "W" on your transcript. Tuition charges will also apply in accordance with the Creighton University tuition refund policy. You may not drop Arbitration/Trial Theory, Bankruptcy Legal Clinic, Client Interviewing and Legal Counseling, Externships, (Advanced) Juvenile Justice Clinic, Mediation Process, (Advanced) Milton R. Abrahams Legal Clinic, Negotiation, Scientific Evidence, and Trial Practice after January 19, 2024. Students may not withdraw from an externship, legal clinic or trial practice without the permission of the instructor or the Dean.

With the professor's permission, you may change your registration in a course, other than a required course, seminar, externship or Trial Practice, to an "audit" until the last day of classes on April 19, 2024. Some professors impose more stringent requirements to audit a course. If you audit a course, you do not receive credit, and you may not retake the course for credit. Audit slips can be printed off from the Law School intranet at my.creighton.edu under Academics, Schedules and Registration. Please return the signed audit slip to Kris Victor.

SPRING CLASSES

The first day of classes for the Spring 2024 Semester will be Wednesday, January 10, 2024 (follow a Monday schedule). Thursday, January 11 will also follow a Monday schedule. The academic calendar is attached and is also posted on the law school website (<https://www.creighton.edu/law/academics/schedules>). You will be able to review your tuition statement for the Spring 2024 Semester via your N.E.S.T. account.

ELECTIVES

The Spring 2024 Registration List of Courses is attached. Some of these courses may not be available to you because they have prerequisites. The prerequisites are indicated in the spreadsheet. Please be sure that you have taken the prerequisites for any course you select. Courses with insufficient enrollment are subject to cancellation.

COURSE SELECTION GUIDE

For 2L and 3L Students

1. BASIC COURSES - The upper-class course requirements reflect subjects that are tested on most bar examinations, and they are also important prerequisites for advanced study in related areas. However, the required courses are not the only basic courses that should be considered by a student seeking thorough preparation for legal practice. Others, such as Administrative Law, Federal Income Taxation, and Marriage and Divorce, should also be considered. Note that many courses have prerequisites so you should plan ahead by taking necessary prerequisites early for courses you ultimately would like to take.

2. SCHEDULING OPTIONS – The current class schedule is available on the Law School intranet (www.my.creighton.edu) under Academics, Schedules and Registration. Although it is impossible to state with specificity that the offerings in future academic years will be the same, that assumption may prove helpful in making scheduling choices. Courses that conflict now may also conflict next year, and you should choose accordingly in planning your academic choices.

3. THE INSTRUCTOR - Choosing courses taught by professors you admire is one approach to course selection that many people find useful. For each student there are professors who are able to create intellectual excitement, and whose approaches to analysis and teaching strike a responsive note. Think back over the professors whose classes have challenged you and remember that you will benefit as much from exposure to a specific professor's analytic skills and approach to legal issues as from specific course content.

4. THE COURSE - Choose courses that look interesting, without limiting yourself to those that are directly related to your current plans or your idea of a traditional curriculum. Don't be reluctant to experiment! If you believe a course will expose you to a new area of the law or provide you with needed variety, you have more than enough reason to enroll. Courses taken because of enthusiasm for either the instructor or the subject matter are often the richest academic experiences in law school. They represent opportunities to expand your understanding – they may even introduce a whole new area of interest for you. In your growth as a law student, it is important for you not to limit yourself only to things you believe you "ought" to do.

5. SPECIALIZATION - Some students want to specialize in a particular area of law and choose electives with that goal in mind. The faculty urges great caution in this approach. It is appropriate to "shade" one's training toward a particular specialty. However, there is a danger in over-specializing. By narrowing your education too much, you remain poorly informed of other areas of law and become less marketable as well.

6. AREAS OF CONCENTRATION CERTIFICATE OPTIONS - With the caveat given in #5 *above*, law students may decide to concentrate their coursework in one or more Areas of Concentration. Students who do so and who meet the requirements will receive a notation on their transcript and a certificate after graduation indicating that they have concentrated their studies in the given area. For specific course requirements, please refer to the Areas of Concentration information at www.my.creighton.edu under Academics. Completed Area of Concentration forms, signed by the faculty advisor for the concentration, should be submitted to Kris Victor. The forms can be found by clicking on the "choosing a concentration" link at <https://www.creighton.edu/law/academics/concentrations>.

These approaches to course selection describe only some of the ways in which you might make reasoned choices about your academic program. You may have additional considerations based on your own situation. Review course descriptions and study the information about Areas of Concentration to learn about course offerings. You are also encouraged to talk to any dean or any faculty member if you want further information or some informal counseling on your proposed program. All of these suggestions, taken together, will give you a start towards a workable, enjoyable, array of courses for your law school studies.