A Review of the Basics

- 85 Credits, including:
  - Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement
  - Course in Professional Responsibility
  - 6 experiential credits

- After the first year, you will have 30-31 credits (depending on whether you took Week One)

- That leaves you with 54-55 credits remaining
  - Averages to 13-14 credits per upperclass semester
  - Full-time students may take between 10-16 credits each semester (may overload to 17 with permission)
Required Courses

Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement Options

- Courses
  - 3 credits
  - Look for “WR” in course description on the Curriculum Guide
  - *Bioethics and the Law, Conservatism in Law in America, Supreme Court Seminar, etc.*

- Supervised Research Project
  - 2 Credits
  - Proposal must be submitted to Registrar and approved by the Associate Dean for JD Programs

Professional Responsibility Options

- Several Options each academic year
- 2017-2018 courses include:
  - Lawyers’ Ethics
  - Professional Responsibility
  - Professional Responsibility and the Future of the Legal Profession
  - Professional Responsibility: Advocacy and Ethics in Practice
  - Professional Responsibility: Ethics in Public Interest Practice
  - Professional Responsibility: Problems from Practice
General Advice

DO:

- Play to your strengths.
  - Reflect on what interests you; your career goals; your values; what you enjoy most in your 1L courses
- Strive for balance.
  - Look for courses offering different assessment methods (papers, skills, exams).
  - Keep in mind your commitments outside the classroom: job searches, journals and other extracurriculars.
- Pick a direction and test it out by seeking broad experiences and skills.
- Think about what courses or experiences you may want next year, and plan for prerequisites you may need
- Take courses that interest you.
- Talk with an academic advisor and/or faculty for individualized advice.

DON'T:

- Take courses to prepare for the bar exam or because you’re “supposed to.”
- Take all large exam courses.
  - It will be too much like 1L.
  - You’ll have less opportunity to get to know professors you may need to write a letter of recommendation for clerkships or other opportunities.
- Avoid writing courses.
  - Writing is like a muscle—exercise it.
  - It is an essential skill for all future lawyers.
Common Prerequisites

**Corporations***
- Corporate Finance
- Deals
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Securities Regulation
- Initial Public Offerings
- Entrepreneurship and the Law
- Corporate Legal Department Practicum
- Law and Entrepreneurship Practicum
- Business Planning Seminar
- Governance of Non-Profit Organizations
- In-House Counsel
- Social Entrepreneurship and the Law

**Evidence***
- Trial Practice
- Role of the Federal Prosecutor
- Civil Litigation Practice
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Patent Trial Practice
- Community Justice Project
- Criminal Defense and Prisoner Advocacy Clinic
- Criminal Justice Clinic
- Domestic Violence Clinic
- Juvenile Justice Clinic

*Partial list for illustrative purposes—consult the Curriculum Guide for specific course requirements*
Common Prerequisites

Constitutional Law II*
- Federal Courts
- Civil Rights
- The Constitution and Democracy in the 21st Century Seminar
  - Recommended for many

Administrative Law*
- Food Law Seminar
  - Recommended for many courses

Federal Income Taxation*
- International Tax Law
- Retirement Income: Taxation and Regulation
- Corporate Taxation
- Taxation of Partnerships
- Estate and Gift Tax
- Business Planning Seminar
- Social Justice and Taxation
- Tax Policy Seminar

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SAMPLE UPPERCLASS FULL-TIME STUDENT SCHEDULE

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# Sally’s Schedule

How a hypothetical student interested in Business Law may plan her course schedule

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