

## Part-Time First-Year Extra Course Option: Spring 2017

As part of the Law Center’s commitment to increasing flexibility in the part-time program, 1E students now have the option to add an additional course to their Spring semester courseload, up to a maximum of 13 total credit hours.

Students may choose between three course options—Property, Criminal Justice, or a course meeting the “first-year” elective—in addition to the 1E required courses Constitutional Law I, Contracts, and Legal Practice. Because the required course load is 9 credits, students who have elected to participate in Week One may only choose a first-year elective as their Spring Overload option—students may not take both Week One and Property or Criminal Justice.

This option may be especially appealing for students who are hoping to accelerate their degree to three or three-and-a-half years.

**Planning your degree path:** Below is a chart that you may use to plan out your credits for your J.D. degree. The J.D. requires 85 credits, including all first-year course requirements, 6 credits of experiential coursework, the upperlevel writing requirement, and a course in professional responsibility. On the flip side of this handout, you can review a sample plan for students on the three and three-and-a-half year plan. For a complete list of requirements for earning a J.D. degree, please review the [Student Handbook](#).

	Summer	Fall	Spring	Academic Year Total
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year</b>	N/A			
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year</b>				
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year</b>				
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Year</b>				

- 1E students may take up to 13 credits in the Spring semester.
- Part-time students must take 8 to 12 credits each semester, and may underload to 6 or 7 credits with prior approval of an academic advisor.
- Part-time students typically take Criminal Justice and Property in their 2E year. They may take a course fulfilling the first-year elective requirement at any point in their upperclass years.
- All students may take up to 8 credits in a summer. Approval from an advisor is required to take 9 credits.
- Part-time students may transfer to the full-time program after 3 semesters provided they plan to complete at least 7 combined full- or part-time semesters (summers do not count).

**Sample Three-Year Part-Time J.D. Plan with 1E Spring Extra Course:**

	Summer	Fall	Spring	Academic Year Total
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year</b>	N/A	10	13	23
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year</b>	7	12	12	31
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year</b>	7	12	12	31

**Sample Three-Year Part-Time J.D. Plan without 1E Spring Extra Course:**

	Summer	Fall	Spring	Academic Year Total
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year</b>	N/A	10	10	20
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year</b>	9	12	12	33
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year</b>	8	12	12	32

**Sample Three-and-a-half-Year Part-Time Plan without Week One or 1E Spring Extra Course:**

	Summer	Fall	Spring	Academic Year Total
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year</b>	N/A	10	9	19
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year</b>	6	11	12	29
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year</b>	3	12	11	26
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Year</b>	0	11	N/A	11

**Sample Three-and-a-half-Year Part-Time to Full-Time J.D. Plan:**

	Summer	Fall	Spring	Academic Year Total
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year</b>	N/A	10	9	19
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year</b>	4	11	10	25
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year</b>	3	12	11	26
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Year</b>	0	15 [FT]	N/A	15

**Sample Four Year Part-Time J.D. Plan:**

	Summer	Fall	Spring	Academic Year Total
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year</b>	N/A	10	9	19
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year</b>	6	10	9	25
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year</b>	3	9	10	23
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Year</b>	0	10	8	18

