Preparing for Pre-Registration

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There are three easy steps to prepare yourself for pre-registration. Each step presented below is explained further in this presentation.

- **Step 1:** Prepare an interested schedule of courses using the online Curriculum Guide. It contains overviews of many popular fields of study, identifying associated courses, seminars, and faculty, and recommending a sequence of courses in many areas.

- **Step 2:** Look through the Historical Course Information; browse the course evaluations from the last three academic years; and note the list of courses for which the Pass/Fail option is not available.

- **Step 3:** Talk with an academic advisor to discuss your course/degree plan.
Step 1: The Online Curriculum Guide

Things to remember

There are a number of important things to remember when you are looking at courses through this guide including where different notations can be found, such as the Course number (or what we refer to as the CRN), the cross-listed course notations (which has a green X), the class meeting schedule, and the final exam notation.

JD Students: This guide will also tell you whether a course will fulfill experiential learning credits under the EXP notation.

💡 A Helpful Hint: If you click on the green x or the final exam notation for any given course, a description will pop up which will explain the notation in further detail.
Here is a brief breakdown of where certain notations are found:

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<td>LAWJ-037-10 (CRN #: 16056)</td>
<td>Immigration Law and Policy X</td>
<td>2 Schmidt, Paul Wickham</td>
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Note: This class will meet on the following Summer 2017 dates: 5/30, 6/1, 6/6, 6/8, 6/13, 6/15, 6/20, 6/22, and 6/27. Withdrawals are permitted up until the last class for this specific course.

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this course and National Security Law Through an Immigration Framework.
Prerequisite Requirements and Mutually Exclusive Notations

LAWJ-089-08  Constitutional Aspects of Foreign Affairs Seminar X  3  Wallace, Don / McGrath, Dean / Lazarus, Kenneth A.
[Limit: 11]  M  5:45-7:45  WR

Note: FIRST CLASS ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY. All enrolled and waitlisted students must be in attendance at the start of the first class session in order to be eligible for a seat in the class. The faculty reserve the right to drop students from the class if they do not attend the first class. STUDENTS MAY NOT WITHDRAW FROM THIS CLASS AFTER THE ADD-DROP PERIOD ENDS WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE PROFESSOR.

Prerequisite: Constitutional Law I (or Democracy and Coercion).

Mutually Excluded Courses: Students may not receive credit for both this seminar and the upperclass course, U.S. Foreign Relations and National Security Law, or the graduate course, Foreign Relations Law.
Step 2: Additional Resources

In addition to the online curriculum guide, there are a few other resources that you may find beneficial.

Course Evaluations: Course evaluations are available for courses/faculty from the past three academic years, and can be searched via course and/or professor (including both adjunct and full-time professors). This resource may be beneficial to you in determining which section and/or professor of a course you may prefer, based on the evaluations of previous students.

- To access these evaluations, please refer to the Registrar’s webpage [here](#).

Courses not available for Pass/Fail: A list of courses not available for pass/fail, and the designation deadlines, is provided by the Office of JD Academic Services for each semester. While JD students will not designate courses as pass/fail during pre-registration, now would be a good time to take a look for personal reference.

- To access this list, please refer to the Registrar’s webpage [here](#).

Historical Course Information: This report shows historical pre-registration course closing information and is designed to help you prioritize your pre-reg selections based on how students have successfully pre-registered in the past.

- Instructions for accessing this report and reading it, can be found [here](#).
Step 3: Academic Advising

Now that you have a pretty good idea on what courses you are interested in taking in the next academic year, discussing this plan with an academic advisor is a great idea.

JD Academic advisors and Graduate Program Academic advisors are available to discuss your curricular interests, including how to draw connections between your academic interests and your career goals.

Advice Programs were held mid-April for first-year JD students... to access those presentation videos, please refer to the Office of JD Academic Services’ website here.

Continue to the “Course Ranking Strategies and Instructions” presentation when you are ready to dive into how to prioritize/rank your interested courses