Pathway 1 – Georgetown Law’s Skills Competency Curriculum

Georgetown Law graduates who wish to be admitted to the New York Bar must demonstrate that they have fulfilled the Skills Competency Requirement (Section 520.18 of the Rules of The Court of Appeals for the Admission of Attorneys and Counselors at Law). Students at Georgetown Law will gain the following skills and professional values that the Law Center has deemed necessary for the practice of law, through a “Pathway 1” curriculum that incorporates these skills and values into classroom work and experiential learning:

1. Knowledge of substantive and procedural law, including the influence of the administrative state, political institutions, and other academic disciplines.

2. Ability to engage in legal analysis, including the analysis of case law, constitutions, statutes and regulations, legal instruments and sources, and the application of law and theory to fact.

3. Ability to conduct legal research.

4. Ability to communicate effectively in the legal context, orally and in writing.

5. Ability to use problem-solving and collaborative techniques in the legal context.

6. Ability to engage in critical and strategic thinking.

7. Understanding of the rules, ethics, and values of the legal profession, such as honesty, civility, work-ethic, and the centrality of a commitment to one’s clients and to the legal system.

Foreign-trained LL.M. students may complete the Pathway 1 curriculum by pursuing the general Master of Laws with a focus in US Law & Legal Methods.

- The course schedule for students in Pathway 1 will be as follows:

  **Summer (4 credits)**
  **Class 1:** Foundations of American Law (2 credits)
  **Class 2:** Professional Responsibility (2 credits)

  **Fall (13 credits)**
  **Class 1:** U.S. Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing (2 credits)
Class 2: Introduction to U.S. Constitutional Law (3 credits)
Class 3: Introduction to U.S. Civil Procedure (3 credits)
Class 4: Corporations (3 credits)
Class 5: Elective (2 credits)

Spring (13 Credits)
Class 1: Simulation Course: Negotiations (3 credits)
Class 2: Evidence (3 credits)
Class 3: Introduction to Contracts (3 credits)
Class 4: Elective (2 credits)
Class 5: Elective (2 credits)