

REGISTRATION MATERIALS

For Rising 3Ls and Rising 2Ls
FALL 2020

SCHOOL OF LAW



U N I V E R S I T Y O F
SOUTH CAROLINA

Rising third year students will register for their Fall 2020 courses on **March 31, 2020**.

Rising second year students will register for their Fall 2020 courses on **April 2, 2020**.

The registration materials for Fall 2020, including details on academic policies, the registration process, advisement, and course descriptions, are available online at the School of Law's homepage, www.law.sc.edu. From there, click on Registrar. Or go directly to the law registrar's homepage:

www.law.sc.edu/registrar/

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Graduation Requirements

I. Total Credit Hours

Students must complete at least 90 credit-hours with either a grade of “D” or better or an “S”. Notwithstanding the foregoing, students must earn a grade of “C” or better in Professional Responsibility or Problems in Professional Responsibility. Students must also earn a grade of “C”, or “S” if taken pass/fail, in a course that satisfies the writing requirement and a course that satisfies the experiential requirement. **For first year students who entered in fall 2016, a grade of “C”, or “S”, if taken pass/fail, must be earned in six (6) credit hours of experiential courses.**

II. Residency Requirement

Students must register for a minimum of 12 credit-hours per semester of law school work (including non-law school courses accepted for law school credit) to satisfy the residency requirement. To graduate, students must complete 6 semesters of law school residence, 4 of which must be completed at the University of South Carolina School of Law. Note that merely satisfying the 12 credit-hour residency requirement in each semester of a student's second and third years will not satisfy the 90 total credit-hours required for graduation. Note further that by attending two summer sessions and registering for a minimum of 6 credit-hours each session, a student can obtain one semester of residency. Although credit-hours earned during Maymester can be included in determining the minimum 6 credit-hours per summer session requirement, to receive residency credit a student must complete at least one course during both regular 7-week summer sessions.

III. Required Upper-Level Courses

Students must successfully complete the following upper-level courses:

- **Problems in Professional Responsibility** (3 credit-hours) **or**
Professional Responsibility (2 credit-hours) with a grade of “C” or better
- **A Perspective Course**
- **A Writing Requirement** with a grade of “C” or better, or “S” if taken pass/fail
- **Six (6) credit hours of Experiential Courses** with a grade of “C” or better, or “S” if taken pass/fail

IV. Perspective Requirement

During the academic year, the Law School will offer the following Perspective Courses:

Fall 2020 Semester

- American Legal History
- Caretaking, the Family and the Law
- Climate Change Seminar
- Coastal Law
- Federal Indian Law
- International Environmental Law
- International Trade Law
- Liberty Seminar
- Parents, Children and the State
- Public Health Law
- Russian Law and Legal System
- Social Impact of Business Activity
- The Constitution & National Security
- Transportation Law

Spring 2021 Semester (Tentative)

- Bioethics Seminar
- Children & the Courts
- Comparative Law
- Constitutional Issues in Public Education
- English Legal History
- Free Speech and Democratic Theory Seminar
- Gender Based Violence
- Law and Economics
- Regulation of Vice
- Religious Legal Systems: Jewish Law
- Restorative and Transformative Justice
- Tax Policy
- Technology Law: Law of the Newly Possible

V. The Writing Requirement

To satisfy the writing requirement, a student must complete a substantial legal research project that meets the criteria in subparagraph (A) or satisfies the requirements of a proposal approved by the Curriculum Committee under subparagraph (B).

- (A) To satisfy the writing requirement a paper must:
- (1) Be in the form of a law review article, brief, or memorandum of law.
 - (2) Be prepared under the supervision of a member of the faculty. The supervision requirement must be satisfied by:
 - a) taking a course with not more than 20 students in which students are required to write a paper complying with the writing requirement (identified in the registration materials as a "Writing Seminar"; or
 - b) through independent research supervised by a faculty member. No faculty member shall supervise more than five such papers in any given semester.
 - (3) Be submitted in final written form of approximately 30 to 50 pages in length, after the submission of an outline and draft that have been critiqued by the professor.
 - (4) If written for a letter grade, receive a grade of at least a "C". If written under a pass/fail election, receive a grade of "S". Note that under a pass/fail election a student must earn a grade of "C" or higher to receive an "S".
- (B) The Curriculum Committee is authorized to approve on a case-by-case basis other Faculty proposals for satisfying the writing requirement, such as a series of shorter memoranda, problems, or drafting exercises. The Committee will approve only those proposals involving as much legal writing, in an appropriate form, as the traditional 30-50 page paper.

Deadline for completion of writing requirement. Unless the paper is written in a Writing Seminar that a student takes in his/her final semester, May graduates must submit their papers in final form by January 15, and December graduates must submit their papers in final form by September 1. Graduates may not satisfy the writing requirement with Supervised Legal Research in their last semester.

The following Writing Seminars and courses approved for satisfaction of the writing requirement will be offered in the academic year. Courses marked with an asterisk (*) may satisfy the writing requirement with permission of the instructor.

Fall 2020 Semester

- Advanced Legal Writing (**either writing requirement or experiential, but not both**)
- Caretaking, the Family and the Law (3-hour option)*
- Climate Change seminar (3-hour option)*
- Federal Indian Law (3-hour option)*
- International Environmental Law (3-hour option)*
- International Trade Law (3-hour option)*
- Legal Writing for the Courts (**either writing requirement or experiential, but not both**)
- Public Health Law (3-hour option)*
- Russian Law and Legal System
- Social Impact of Business Activity (3-hour option)*

Spring 2021 Semester (Tentative)

- ADR in Employment Law (**either writing requirement or experiential, but not both**)
- Advanced Environmental Law (3-hour option)*
- Advanced Legal Writing (**either writing requirement or experiential, but not both**)
- Bioethics Seminar (3-hour option)*
- Free Speech and Democratic Theory Seminar (3-hour option)*
- Future of the Legal Profession
- Gender Based Violence (3-hour option)*
- Legal Writing for the Courts (**either writing requirement or experiential, but not both**)
- Regulation of Vice (3-hour option)*
- State and Local Tax (3-hour option)*
- Tax Policy (3-hour option)*
- Technology Law: Law of the Newly Possible (3-hour option)*

Note that even if a student earns a grade of “C” or better in a Writing Seminar or a course approved by the Curriculum Committee, the professor may refuse to certify that the student’s paper has satisfied the Writing Requirement if the paper is deficient.

Note that a student may satisfy the Writing Requirement by submitting a brief prepared for a moot court competition only if the student's individual work product is at least 30 pages in length and a supervising professor has reviewed a preliminary and a final draft.

VI. The Experiential Courses Requirement

Each law student must successfully complete at least six (6) credit hours of Experiential Courses, with a grade of “C” or better or a grade of “S” in a pass/fail course, in order to graduate. The following courses have been designated by the faculty as the only courses that can be taken to satisfy the Experiential graduation requirement.

Fall 2020 Semester

- Advanced Legal Writing (**either writing requirement or experiential, but not both**)
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Appellate Advocacy
- Children's Law Externship
- Criminal Practice Clinic
- Criminal Trial Practice
- Domestic Violence Clinic
- Environmental Law Clinic
- Estate Planning
- Interviewing, Counseling & Negotiation
- Judicial Externship
- Juvenile Justice Clinic
- Legal Writing for the Courts (**either writing requirement or experiential, but not both**)
- Legislation
- Nonprofit Organization Clinic
- South Carolina Law and Criminal Procedure
- Technology and the Practice of Law
- Trial Advocacy
- Veterans Legal Clinic

Spring 2021 Semester (Tentative)

- ADR in Employment Law (**either writing requirement or experiential, but not both**)
- Administrative Law Externship
- Advanced Legal Analysis
- Advanced Legal Writing (**either writing requirement or experiential requirement, but not both**)
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Appellate Advocacy
- Carolina Health Advocacy Medicolegal Partnership Clinic
- Civil Litigation Capstone
- Corporate Finance
- Criminal Law Externship
- Drafting Business Agreements
- Education Rights Clinic
- Electronic Discovery
- Estate Planning
- Federal Criminal Practice Capstone
- Fourth Circuit Practice
- In-House Counsel Externship
- Interviewing, Counseling, & Negotiation
- Judicial Externship
- Legal Writing for the Courts (**either writing requirement or experiential requirement, but not both**)
- Legislative Externship
- Real Estate Transactions Capstone
- Real Estate Transactions II
- Small Business Organization Capstone
- Trial Advocacy
- Veterans Legal Clinic

The Registration Process

I. Dates and Times for SSC Registration

Except for the Client-Contact Clinics, Externships courses listed with a permission of instructor notation, Supervised Legal Research, Moot Court Competitions, Capstone Courses and Editorial Positions, registration will be via Self Service Carolina (SSC). See Section IV for the procedures to register for Client-Contact Clinics. See Section VII for the procedures for registering for Supervised Legal Research, Moot Court and Mock Trial Competitions, and Editorial Positions.

Rising third-year students will register on Tuesday, March 31, at 1p.m. Rising second-year students will register on Thursday, April 2, 2020, at 1p.m. To register using SSC, you will need (1) your VIP identification number and password and (2) the course reference numbers (CRN) for the courses in which you wish to register. The CRNs for Law School courses are set forth in the Alphabetical Listing of Courses.

II. Progression-Entry Courses and Block Pre-registration

There is one required upper-level course, which must be completed prior to graduation: Problems in Professional Responsibility. There are five other courses that are designated as Progression-Entry Courses. These courses are Business Associations; Criminal Procedure; Evidence; Income Tax; and Wills, Trusts & Estates. Each of these courses is a prerequisite for other courses in their subject areas and must be taken in the second year if you wish to take certain other courses in the subject progression during your third year. **Problems in Professional Responsibility is the only Progression-Entry Course required for graduation.**

For all of these courses, rising 2L students will be given registration priority over rising 3Ls. Rising 3Ls will not be permitted to register for these courses until **3:00 p.m. on April 2**, subject to space being available in the course.

Block Pre-registration

Block pre-registration is being used in the 2020-2021 academic year for the one course (Problems in Professional Responsibility) required for graduation. Block pre-registration is designed simply to ensure that every rising 2L student has an opportunity to take the required course. Under the block pre-registration system, the rising 2L class has been divided into three blocks. Students in each block will be pre-registered for a specified section of Problems in Professional Responsibility. A student may elect during registration to drop Problems in Professional Responsibility which the student was assigned and may enroll in another section if space is available. Students who elect not to take the required course at the blocked time should keep in mind that they will be permitted to register for the course as a 3L only if space permits after 2L registration.

Progression-Entry Course

The five Progression-Entry Courses – Business Associations; Criminal Procedure; Evidence; Income Tax; and Wills, Trusts & Estates – are not subject to block registration. Rising 2Ls, however, do retain registration priority. Rising 3Ls may not register for these courses until **3:00 p.m. on April 2**, after rising 2L students have had an opportunity to register. Sections of each of the other courses will be offered in both the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters.

There is a risk, if too many students wait to take a particular course in the Spring 2021 semester, that there will not be enough seats available in that semester for all rising 2Ls who wish to enroll. Therefore, a student needing to take such a course as a 2L may wish to enroll for the course in the Fall 2020 semester.

III. Third-Year Students: Registration for Progression-Entry or Block Registration Courses Prohibited Until After Second-Year Registration

A rising third-year student may not register for a Progression-Entry or Block Registration course prior to open admission at **3:00 p.m. on April 2**.

IV. Registration for Client-Contact Clinics: Lottery

Registration for Carolina Health Advocacy Medicolegal Partnership Clinic, Criminal Practice Clinic, Domestic Violence Clinic, Education Rights Clinic, Environmental Law, Juvenile Justice Clinic, Nonprofit Organization Clinic, and Veterans Clinic will be through the Lottery for Client-Contact Clinics.

Note that the March 2020 Lotteries are for both Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 courses. If you wish to take a client-contact clinic in either the Fall 2020 or Spring 2021 semester, you must submit your choices via the link on the law registrar's website or the link sent by email by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24. Results of the Lottery will be emailed by the close of business day, Wednesday, March 25.

Students who were not enrolled into a clinic will receive an email with a link to an online waitlist form for all clinics. Students will be able to add themselves to any clinic's wait list the day after the clinic lottery is completed and will be first come/first serve. The waitlist link will be shared with students who participated in the lottery before it is distributed to the general student population. Students who are selected for a clinic from the waitlist will be notified via email and will have 24 hours to accept their spot. If the clinic does not hear from the student within 24 hours, the spot will be offered to the next student on the waitlist.

Enrollment is limited to third-year students and second year students in their second semester who have met the eligibility requirements. December graduates are eligible in the spring semester of their second year. In order to take a client-contact clinic, a student must be in academic good standing at the beginning of the semester in which the clinic is offered and have completed a professional responsibility course.

Note that a student may not enroll in more than one Client-Contact Clinic for the entire academic year.

Note that a student selected for a Client-Contact Clinic may not enroll in Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiation, an externship during that same semester, or a Capstone Course during the same semester. Students who were enrolled in a clinic in the fall semester may enroll in a Capstone with special permission from the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

Note - A mandatory class meeting for all Fall 2020 client-contact clinics students will be held during the first week of classes.

Once you have been assigned a clinic, you must notify the clinic professor if you choose to drop it. If you are considering dropping a clinic, we highly encourage you to get in touch with the clinical professor as soon as possible. This will allow for faster movement off the waitlist and help with general clinic administration.

* CHAMPS Clinic - An enrolled student must start participating in the security clearances in October of each year or they will be removed from this Clinic.

V. Registration for Capstone Courses: Lottery

Registration for Civil Litigation Capstone, Federal Criminal Practice Capstone, Real Estate Transactions Capstone, and Small Business Organization Capstone is through a lottery. It will take place after the results for the clinic lottery have been emailed.

If you wish to enroll in a Capstone course for the Spring 2021 semester, you must submit your choices via the link on the law registrar's website or the link sent by email by 11:00 am on Friday, March 27. Results of the Capstone lottery will be emailed by the close of business day, Monday, March 30.

Note that there will be no waiting lists for the Capstone Lottery courses. However, in the event that there are seats available in the Capstone courses, students who participated in the lottery will have priority.

Note that a student who is enrolled in a client-contact clinic will not be eligible to participate in the capstone lottery.

Note that a student may not enroll in more than one Capstone Course.

Note that a student selected for a Capstone Course may not enroll in Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiation during that same semester, an externship during that same semester, or a Client-Contact Clinic in the same semester. Students who

were enrolled in a clinic in the fall semester may enroll in a Capstone with special permission from the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs if there are seats available.

Enrollment is limited to third-year students. December graduates are eligible in the spring semester of their second year.

VI. Reading Groups

Reading Groups are intended to facilitate an intellectually rich academic experience through informal, in-depth discussions between faculty and students. Each Reading Group will be convened to explore a legal topic or theme through the study of appropriate readings, films, and other materials. Reading groups are intended to foster deeper conversations about legal issues than traditional classes permit, especially including conversations regarding sensitive or controversial legal issues between diverse groups of students.

Reading Groups are one credit hour, yearlong courses that must meet for no less than 13 hours over the course of one academic year. Students will earn credit in the semester in which they successfully complete a Reading Group. Meetings will be scheduled by the convening faculty member and may be located at the law school or another professionally appropriate venue. Reading Groups are graded on a Pass/Fail basis. Students will be assessed on the basis of their attendance, participation, and completion of written work that totals a minimum of five (5) pages. The Attendance Policy applies to Reading Group meetings. Students are only allowed to participate in one reading group per academic year.

Enrollment is limited to 8 students and no hardship petitions will be granted.

Reading Groups for 2020-2021:

- Buying Civilization: Tax Law and the Making of Society (Professor T. Davis)
- Gender, Power and the Law (Professors Polavarapu and Martin)
- The Nature of (In)Justice (Professor Stoughton)

VII. Application Only Courses

An application is required to be considered for enrollment in Coastal Law Field Lab, Externships and Fourth Circuit Practice

Coastal Law Field Lab:

-more information provided in October 2020

Externships:

Students participating in the externships will be placed with lawyers/judges outside of the Law School and should be able to spend 8-10 hours per week at the location of their placement. Participating students must also attend a regular classroom component of the program. **Students are limited to 2 externships.** Contact Stephanie Nye for information. There are additional externships offered in the spring semester, please check the tentative spring schedule.

Note that only rising 3Ls may participate in fall 2020 externships.

Fourth Circuit Practice:

-more information provided in October 2020

VIII. Hardship Petitions

Students who are not able to register for a course because it is closed may petition after **3:00 pm on Thursday, April 2**, for admission to the course because of hardship. Students seeking a hardship admission must submit a written petition to the Law School Registrar office to be reviewed by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. The petition must show a reason why the student would like to be admitted to the course in the Fall 2020 semester. Forms for the submission of hardship petitions are available in the office of the Law School Registrar and online at the Law School Registrar's website, under forms, <http://www.law.sc.edu/registrar/forms.shtml>. Hardship petitions will usually be denied in the following situations: (a) a second-year student seeks to register for a section of a Second-Year-Progression Course other than the section for which the student has

been preregistered; (b) the student seeks a different time or professor; (c) the student still has the opportunity to take the course in a future semester; or (d) the course has a limited enrollment for pedagogical reasons or because of classroom seating limits. Note that with the exception of clinics, we are often able to grant student hardship petitions that do not fall within these four situations. Students are encouraged to submit hardship petitions as early as possible. The Associate Dean will begin considering and granting hardship petitions during **the week of April 6th**. Notice of the Associate Dean's decision will be e-mailed to the student.

IX. Drop/Add

Students may drop/add courses by SSC any time after the registration period **until Wednesday, August 26 (subject to course meeting the entire semester)**. After that date students may change their schedules only with permission of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

IX. Non-course Work: Supervised Legal Research, Moot Court and Mock Trials, and Editorial Positions

A. Supervised Legal Research

Normally, Supervised Legal Research is awarded one or two credit-hours, depending upon the extent of the writing project.

To register for Supervised Legal Research students must:

- (1) Obtain a supervised legal research form from the Office the Law School Registrar, suite 128.
- (2) Contact a faculty member in your area of interest, agree on a topic, and have the faculty member sign the form.
- (3) Leave the form with the Law Registrar, who will forward it to Associate Dean Nelson for approval. If approved, the Registrar's office will register you in this course. **You cannot register by SSC.**

B. Moot Court & Mock Trial Competitions

To register for credit as a participant on one of the Law School's Moot Court or Mock Trial competition teams, students must:

- (1) Obtain a form for supervised extracurricular competition from the Law Registrar's Office, suite 128. Students may receive credit for moot court or mock trial work only if their work is reflected in a written product and meets the criteria set out by each organization.
- (2) Have the form signed by the faculty advisor for the competition and return the form to the Law Registrar's office. **You cannot register for supervised extracurricular competition by SSC.**

NOTE: A student can receive degree credit only once for participating in an extracurricular competition or law review.

C. Editorial Positions

Students registering for Editorial Positions on the *South Carolina Law Review*, the *Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Journal*, the *Journal of Law and Education*, or the *Journal of International Law and Business* must complete the form available in the Registrar's Office. **Credit for Editorial Positions is normally awarded in the second semester of a student's third year.**

X. Examination Date Conflicts; Overlapping Course Times

Courses that meet at the same time are given the same examination date to prevent examination conflicts. Because the number of scheduling blocks exceeds the number of examination dates, it is possible that you may want to register for two courses that have the same examination date. Inform the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the beginning of the semester if you have such a conflict. We will arrange for an alternative examination date for one of the courses. **However, Law School Rules preclude the Associate Dean from postponing an examination on the grounds that a student has several examinations in sequence.**

See Law Student Handbook . The Handbook is available online at www.law.sc.edu/registrar/downloads/handbook.pdf.

A student may not enroll in courses that have any overlap in meeting times. It is your responsibility to ensure that meeting times do not overlap. A student who registers for courses in violation of this rule may be dropped from one or both of the courses.

XI. Audits, Pass/Fail Credit, Non-Law Courses

A student wishing to audit a course may only do so with approval of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, if there is room in the course after all students taking the course for credit have enrolled, and subject to the following conditions. The course does not count toward the graduation or semester residency requirement and the student must pay additional tuition if the total credit-hours taken in the semester, including the audited course, exceeds 16 hours; and the student may not later take the course for credit. The deadline to register for a course as an audit is the end of drop/add.

In addition to Introduction to the Legal Profession, a student may take a maximum of six credit hours during the upper-level years of their law school career on a pass/fail basis. However, pass/fail credit is available only in those courses offered exclusively on a pass/fail basis or, with the instructor's consent, in Supervised Legal Research. A student wishing to take Supervised Legal Research on a pass/fail basis must obtain the instructor's consent on a form obtained from the Law Registrar. A paper generally cannot be changed from pass/fail to a letter grade, or vice versa, after the end of the University period for changing a pass/fail election, which is usually 3 weeks after the end of drop/add.

During their law school career, second and third-year students may take a maximum of two courses offered in other departments of the University for up to six hours of law school credit, with the prior permission of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Only graduate (500-level and above) courses are acceptable. If a student enrolls in a course offered by another department, not for law school credit, the hours earned will not count towards the 12 credit-hours required for residency.

NOTE: See the Law School's Web page at <http://www.law.sc.edu/registrar/> for course descriptions and advisement materials on the upper-level curriculum.

XII. Variable Credit Courses

Some courses are designed as variable credit courses. Typically, a student may elect to take the course for 2 credit-hours or complete a more substantial writing assignment for 3 credit-hours. It is the responsibility of students to make certain that they have registered properly for the desired number of hours before the deadline for doing so. The number of credit hours will not be changed up or down after the end of the drop/add period.

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

FALL TERM 2020

First-Year Orientation	Wed-Fri & Mon	August 12-14 & 17
First Day of Class (Tuesday classes meet)	Wednesday	August 19
Last Day of Drop-Add	Wednesday	August 26
Labor Day Holiday (No classes)	Monday	September 7
Fall Break	Thursday - Sunday	October 15-18
Election Day (No classes)	Tuesday	November 3
Last day for Regular Class Schedule	Monday	November 23
Make-up Day for Classes	Tuesday	November 24
Thanksgiving Recess (No classes)	Wednesday - Sunday	November 25-29
Reading Day	Monday	November 30
Final Examinations	Tuesday - Friday	December 1-11
Law School Hooding	Saturday	December 12
Make-up Exam Day	Monday	December 14
University Commencement	Monday	December 14

SPRING TERM 2021

First Day of Class (Monday classes meet)	Wednesday	January 6
Last Day of Drop-Add	Wednesday	January 13
Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday (No classes)	Monday	January 18
Spring Break (No classes)	Saturday - Sunday	March 6 - 14
Last Day for Regular Class Schedule	Wednesday	April 14
Make-up Day for Classes	Thursday	April 15
Reading Day	Friday	April 16
Final Examinations	Monday-Friday	April 19-30
Make-up Exam Day	Monday	May 3
Law School Hooding and Commencement	Friday	May 7

MAY AND SUMMER TERMS 2021

London Maymester Begins	Sunday	May 9
May Term Begins	Monday	May 10
May Term (including London) Ends	Thursday	May 27
Memorial Day (No classes)	Monday	May 31
First Day of Summer Term	Tuesday	June 1
Last day of Drop-Add	TBD	TBD
Independence Day (No classes)	Monday	July 5
Last day of Classes	TBD	TBD
Final Examinations	TBD	TBD

Advisement Information

Subject Areas of the Upper Level Curriculum and Subject Area Advisors

In planning course selection students may want to take into account the possibility of concentrating in certain areas of the curriculum. The following is a list of areas of the curriculum with a suggested sequence of courses in each area. Not all courses are offered each year. Faculty advisers are listed for each area for students who would like further information:

1. **Business Law**

Advisors: Professor Martin McWilliams, Office 340, e-mail: mcwillmc@law.sc.edu
Professor Ben Means, Office 314, e-mail: meansb@law.sc.edu

- Business Associations
- Business Torts
- Corporate Finance
- Corporate Tax
- Income Tax
- International Business Transactions
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Partnership & LLC Taxation
- Regulation of the Financial Sector and Money
- Securities Regulation
- Small Business Capstone Course
- Social Impact of Business Activity

Other recommended courses:

- Drafting Business Agreements
- Intellectual Property
- International Trade Law
- Nonprofit Organizations Clinic
- Trademark Law

Note: There are a number of other courses that would be useful to students who wish to practice Business Law, such as Administrative Law. In addition, an attorney who practices business law would profit from exposure to other business-related fields, such as commercial law, labor law, and intellectual property law.

2. **Children's Law**

Advisor: Professor Derek Black, Office 230, email: blackdw@law.sc.edu
Professor Josie Brown, Office 329, email: brownjf@law.sc.edu

- Advanced Family Law
- Caretaking, the Family and the Law
- Children and the Courts
- Children's Law Externship
- Constitutional Issues in Public Education
- Family Law
- Immigration and Family Law Skills Workshop
- Juvenile Justice
- Juvenile Justice Clinic
- Parents, Children & the Law
- Poverty Law & Policy
- Race, Class and Education

- Special Education Law
- Education Law & Policy

3. ***Commercial Law and Bankruptcy***

Advisor: Professor Philip Lacy, Office 326, e-mail: lacypt@law.sc.edu

- Bankruptcy
- Consumer Law
- Sales
- Secured Transactions

4. ***Constitutional Rights***

Advisor: Professor Josie Brown, office 329, e-mail: brownjf@law.sc.edu

- Constitutional Issues in Public Education
- Employment Discrimination
- Free Speech & Democracy Theory Seminar
- The Constitution & National Security
- Women and the Law

5. ***Criminal Law***

Advisor: Associate Dean Colin Miller, office 262, e-mail: mille933@law.sc.edu

- Criminal Adjudication
- Criminal Law Externship
- Criminal Procedure
- Criminal Trial Practice
- Criminal Practice Clinic
- Domestic Violence Clinic
- Juvenile Justice Clinic
- Police Law & Policy
- Regulation of Vice
- Trial Advocacy

6. ***Environmental Law***

Advisor: Professor Josh Eagle, office 242, e-mail: eaglej@law.sc.edu

- Administrative Law
- Advanced Environmental Law Seminar
- Climate Change Seminar
- Coastal Law Field Lab
- Energy Law
- Environmental Law Clinic
- Environmental Law of Natural Resources
- Environmental Law and Policy
- International Environmental Law
- Land Use Planning
- Water Law

7. ***Family Law***

Advisor: Professor Marcia Zug, Office 232, e-mail: zug@law.sc.edu

- Advanced Family Law

- Caretaking, the Family, and the Law
- Carolina Health Advocacy Medicolegal Partnership Clinic
- Children & The Courts
- Children's Law Externship
- Education Rights Clinic
- Elder Law
- Family Law
- Immigration and Family Law Skills Workshop
- Juvenile Justice
- Juvenile Justice Clinic
- Parents, Children and the Law

Other recommended courses:

- Income Tax

8. **Health Law**

Advisor: Professor Jacqueline Fox, office 218, foxjr@law.sc.edu

- Administrative Law
- Bioethics Seminar
- Food & Drug Law
- Food Law and Policy
- Health Law & Policy
- Insurance
- Intersection of Health Law and Technology
- Public Health Law
- Topics in Insurance

9. **Intellectual Property**

Advisor: Professor Ned Snow, office 337, e-mail: snownt@law.sc.edu

- Copyright Law
- Intellectual Property
- Patent Law
- Trademark Law

10. **International and Comparative Law**

Advisor: Professor Joel Samuels, Office 336, e-mail: samueljh@law.sc.edu

- Comparative Law
- International Business Transactions
- International Human Rights Skills Course
- International Environmental Law
- International Trade Law
- Rule of Law Seminar
- Russian Law and Legal System
- Transnational Law

11. **Labor & Employment Law**

Advisor: Professor Joe Seiner; Office 339, e-mail seiner@law.sc.edu

- ADR in Employment Workshop
- Employment Discrimination

- Individual Employment Law
- Principles of Labor Law
- South Carolina Workers Compensation

12. **Litigation**

Advisor: Professor Robert Bockman, Office 227, email: bockman@law.sc.edu

- Administrative Law
- Advanced Civil Procedure
- Civil Litigation Capstone
- Complex Civil Litigation
- Conflict of Laws
- Evidence
- Federal Courts
- Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiation
- Problems in Professional Responsibility
- Topics in Insurance Law

One of the following pretrial courses:

- Electronic Discovery

One of the following trial practice courses:

- Criminal Trial Practice
- Trial Advocacy

One of the following live-client clinics:

- Criminal Practice Clinic
- Domestic Violence Clinic
- Juvenile Justice Clinic

Other recommended courses:

- Appellate Advocacy
- ADR In Employment Workshop
- Alternative Dispute Resolution

13. **Probate and Estate Planning**

Advisor: Professor Alan Medlin, Office 338, e-mail: medlinsa@law.sc.edu

- Elder Law
- Estate Planning
- Fiduciary Administration
- Income Tax
- Wills, Trusts, and Estates

14. **Real Estate Law**

Advisor: Professor Alan Medlin, Office 338, e-mail: medlinsa@law.sc.edu

- Environmental Law Clinic

- Environmental Law and Policy
- Estate Planning
- Land Use Planning
- Real Estate Transactions I
- Real Estate Transactions II
- Real Estate Transaction Capstone

15. **Taxation**

Advisor: Professor Tessa Davis, office 235, email: davistes@law.sc.edu
 Professor Clint Wallace, office 233, email: wallace1@mailbox.sc.edu

- Income Tax
- Corporate Tax
- Partnership & LLC Taxation
- State and Local Tax
- Tax Policy Seminar
- Tax Practicum
- Taxation of Property Transactions

Other recommended course:

- Nonprofit Organizations

16. **Technology Law**

Advisor: Professor Bryant Walker Smith, office 323, email: bryantws@law.sc.edu

- Bioethics Seminar
- Climate Change Seminar
- Copyright Law
- Electronic Discovery
- Energy Law
- Environmental Law and Policy
- Intellectual Property
- Patent Law
- Products Liability
- Technology and the Practice of Law
- Technology Law: Law of the Newly Possible
- The Future of the Legal Profession
- Trademark
- Transportation Law