

Clinical Programs

The Legal Clinic is located on the 11th floor of the O'Malley Building. To register for a clinic, students must obtain the written consent of the professor. The College of Law has the following clinical programs:

- Asylum & Immigration
- Civil Rights
- Criminal Appeals
- Death Penalty
- Family Law
- Misdemeanor
- Technology & Intellectual Property (TIP)

A student may qualify for a 711 student license to practice if the student completes 52 credit hours in the College of Law. Information about 711 licenses is available on the Illinois Courts web site: www.state.il.us/court.

Field Placement Program

Associate Dean Howard Rubin oversees the Field Placement Program. To register, a student must obtain written consent from Dean Rubin and bring the permission slip to the Office of Student Affairs for processing. A student may qualify for a field placement once she or he completes 40 or more credit hours in the College of Law. For more information, visit www.law.depaul.edu > Programs.

Law Journals & Moot Court

Competitions are held each year for the law journals and moot court society teams. Editors of the journals receive credit for their work. Faculty advisors oversee the journals and moot court society. The following journals are offered at the College of Law:

- Journal of Art, Technology & Intellectual Property (Gerstenblith)
- Business & Commercial Law Journal (Livingston)
- Journal of Health Care Law (Elster)
- Sports Law Journal (Jacobs)
- Law Review (Landsman)
- Moot Court National (Rubin)
- Moot Court International (TBA)

Non-Classroom Credits

Students may take a maximum of 12 non-classroom credits during his or her academic career. Non-classroom credits include editorial positions on law journals, moot court competitions, some legal clinics, guided research, independent study, field placements, and LARC teaching assistants. With the exception of Independent Study, the classes are graded pass/fail.



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Campus Connection Registration

Registration: Registration enrollment dates are set by DePaul Central/Student Records (SR) and are based on seniority by cumulative earned credits. You will receive an email from DePaul Central/SR with your enrollment date and time. You also can view your enrollment date on Campus Connection > Students.

Summer and Fall Registration: You may register for summer 2008 and fall 2008 classes on the same day, but you must change the term before you register. The term code for summer is 0800; the term code for fall is 0810.

Registration Rules and Guidelines: Registration rules and guidelines are emailed to law students before registration begins each semester. They also are posted on www.law.depaul.edu > Students. Students are responsible for reading the rules and guidelines before they register.

Class Search: For the complete summer and fall class schedules, go to www.depaul.edu > Campus Connection > class search > pick the relevant term > Law. Class search gives you course numbers, days and times classes meet, and final examination dates and times. The schedule on class search is updated immediately if changes are made.

Schedule of Classes: The schedule of classes is a PDF document on Campus Connection and is updated every 24 hours (as opposed to immediately as is true of class search). Go to www.depaul.edu > campus connection > schedule of classes > College of Law > enter term.

Class Registration: To register for classes, go to www.depaul.edu > Campus Connection > students > schedule management > academics > enroll/drop a class. Alternatively, you can go to students > enroll/drop a class once you log onto campus connection. Select an academic career (Law) and term. You then will be able to pick your courses by subject or course number. Be sure to check your exam dates and times to avoid examination conflicts.

Second-year evening students, including those who changed to full-time status for the fall of 2008, will be pre-registered for their second-year required courses. The required courses must be taken in the evening in either fall 2008 or spring 2009 and include Property, Criminal Law, Constitutional Process and LARC III. All second-year students are randomly pre-registered for LARC III in the fall or spring of the second year.

Note: Campus Connection registration will be updated after July 4, 2008. Instructions to navigate the new site will be provided in late summer.

Courses Required to Complete the Juris Doctor

- Civil Procedure
- Constitutional Process
- Contracts
- Criminal Law
- LARC I, II & III
- Legal Profession
- Property
- Torts

Senior Seminar: Please note that this requirement is currently being considered by the faculty. It is likely that other writing classes may be permitted to satisfy this requirement in the future.

One Skills Class: Advanced Legal Writing, Arbitration, Business Planning, Commercial Arbitration, Dispute Resolution, International Moot Court, any Legal Clinic, Legal Drafting, Litigation Strategy, Mediation, Moot Court, Negotiations, Trial Advocacy I, or Trial Advocacy II.

The Illinois Bar Exam

A student must earn 86 semester hours to complete the Juris Doctor. Full-time students graduate in three years, and they typically take 15 credits, or five courses, per semester. Full-time students may take a maximum of 16 credits per semester. Part-time students graduate in four years, and they generally take 9 or 10 credits, or three classes, per semester. Part-time student may take a maximum of 12 credits per semester. In order to graduate in four years, part-time students must either take summer classes or must take 12 credits in some semesters.

Each state Supreme Court determines what material will be tested on its bar examination. The 50 states separately administer the bar examination twice yearly in February and July.

Generally, an applicant must pass two separate types of examinations: (1) academic qualification and (2) professional responsibility. Illinois bar applications are available for electronic filing on the Illinois Board of Admissions web site: www.ibaby.org. Bar applications for other states are on the National Conference of Bar Examiners' web site: www.ncbex.org. Study guides are available on www.ncbex.org. The Bar examination in each state usually includes the MEE, MBE and MPT.

Multi-State Essay Examination (MEE): The multi-state essay examination consists of nine questions from the following areas of law: Business Organizations (Agency and Partnership; Corporations and Limited Liability Companies), Conflict of Laws, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law and Procedure, Evidence, Family Law, Federal Civil Procedure, Real Property, Torts, Trusts and Estates (Decedents' Estates; Trusts and Future Interests), and the Uniform Commercial Code (Commercial Paper/Negotiable Instruments; Secured Transactions). Some questions may include more than one area of law.

Multi-State Bar Examinations (MBE): The multi-state bar examination is a six-hour, 200 question multiple-choice examination covering Contracts, Torts, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Evidence and Real Property.

Multi-State Performance Test (MPT): The multi-state performance test consists of two 90-minute skills questions that cover legal analysis, fact analysis, problem solving, resolution of ethical dilemmas, organization and management of a lawyering task, and communication.

Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE)

The **Multi-State Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE)** is a **separate exam** not tested on the bar examination. The MPRE is administered three times per year in March, August and November. In most states, an applicant must take and pass both the MPRE and the bar examination to be licensed. The test is designed to measure the examinee's knowledge of the ethical standards of the legal profession and is two hours and five minutes in length. Registration for the MPRE is on the National Conference of Bar Examiners' web site: www.ncbex.org.

An Illinois applicant must have earned either 60 credits or two thirds of the credits required to obtain a JD degree before sitting for the MPRE. Since the College of Law requires 86 credits to complete the JD, DePaul students must complete at least 58 credits before they can sit for the MPRE. An applicant need not take the MPRE before taking the bar exam. However, the Board of Admissions must receive satisfactory proof that an applicant has achieved a passing MPRE score before he or she can be recommended for admission to the bar. Most DePaul students take the MPRE in the final year of law school.

Joint Degrees

The College of Law web site, www.law.depaul.edu > Programs, describes the admission requirements for the joint degree programs administered with other colleges in the university. Before a student can apply to a joint degree program, the student must complete 30 hours in the College of Law with a minimum law GPA of 3.00 and must apply separately for admission to the other college. Interested students should contact Assistant Dean Diana White. The College of Law offers the following joint degrees:

- JD/Master of Business Administration with the Kellstadt Graduate School of Business
- JD/MA in Computer Science/Technology with the College of Computer Science, Telecommunications, and Information Systems (CTI)
- JD/MS in Computer Science Technology with the College of Computer Science, Telecommunications, and Information Systems (CTI)
- JD/MA in International Studies with the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- JD/MS in Public Services Management with the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Certificate Programs

The College of Law awards certificates to students who wish to focus on a specific area of law. The certificate requirements are described on the College of Law web site, www.depaul.edu > Programs. The following certificates are offered:

- Criminal Law
- Family Law
- Health Law
- IP: Arts & Museum Law
- IP: General
- IP: Information Technology Law
- IP: Patents
- Public Interest Law
- International & Comparative Law
- Taxation