



PLANNING YOUR COURSE OF STUDY WORKSHEET (JURIS DOCTOR)

- Students who began their 1L year in Fall 2017 -

I. Upper Level Required Courses

| Courses | 2L Fall | 2L Spring |
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| Constitutional Law <i>(must be taken in second year)</i> | | |
| Professional Responsibility <i>(must be taken in second year)</i> | | |

II. Other Upper Level Requirements

| Courses | 2L Fall | 2L Spring | 3L Fall | 3L Spring |
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| LARW III | | | | |
| Rigorous Writing (Seminar or Journal) | | | | |

III. Experiential Requirement (6 credits) (At least one Clinic or Externship)

| Courses | 2L Fall | Credit | 2L Spring | Credit | 3L Fall | Credit | 3L Spring | Credit |
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| Clinic or Externship | | | | | | | | |
| Experiential | | | | | | | | |
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MY CUSTOM COURSE PLAN (Required and Elective Courses):

| 2L Fall | Credit | 2L Spring | Credit | 3L Fall | Credit | 3L Spring | Credit |
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Total Credits: _____

Courses that are useful for the bar exam that are not required:

- Administrative Law
- Bankruptcy
- Business Associations
- Consumer Law
- Core Commercial Concepts
- Criminal Procedure
- Evidence
- Family Law
- Federal Income Taxation
- First Amendment
- Marital Property
- Oil and Gas

- Payment Systems
- Preparing for the Bar Exam
- Remedies
- Sales & Leases
- Secured Transactions
- Texas Criminal Procedure
- Texas Pretrial Procedure
- Texas Procedure (combines pre-trial, trials, and appeals)
- Texas Real Property
- Texas Trials and Appeals
- Trusts and Fiduciary Responsibilities
- Wills and Estates

CONCENTRATIONS

A maximum of two concentrations may be earned. For more information click the concentration link below or visit the [Concentrations](#) webpage on the law school website.

- [Business Law](#)
- [Criminal Law, Justice & Policy](#)
- [Dispute Resolution](#)
- [Energy Law](#)
- [Environmental Law](#)
- [Estate Planning](#)
- [Family Law](#)
- [Intellectual Property](#)
- [Public Policy \(Domestic\)](#)
- [Public Policy \(International\)](#)
- [Water Law](#)
- [Workplace Law](#)

Do you intend to earn a concentration? Yes _____ No _____ Not Sure _____

If yes, which one or ones? _____

BUSINESS LAW CONCENTRATION

Business Law is an area of law that powers the economy. It includes helping clients: create business entities, negotiate contracts, navigate regulations, organize financing, and many other responsibilities. Expertise is required in corporate and partnership law, contract law, securities regulations, commercial law, financial planning and bankruptcy.

The Business Law concentration requires that students must obtain a minimum of 16 credits in core and related courses. Students must achieve a minimum grade point average of 2.33 in each graded course used to satisfy the requirements. Courses offered for a grade may not be taken pass/fail in satisfaction of the requirements. Although substitutions are generally not allowed, a substitution may be permitted in unusual circumstances. Students Interested in the Business Law Concentration may contact faculty advisor [Professor William Magnuson](#) with questions.

| Courses | 2L Fall | Credit | 2L Spring | Credit | 3L Fall | Credit | 3L Spring | Credit |
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| Core Courses <i>(all 3 required)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Elective Courses <i>(at least 1 required)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Writing Requirement <i>(at least 1 required)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Experiential Requirement <i>(at least 1 required)</i> | | | | | | | | |
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CRIMINAL LAW, JUSTICE, & POLICY CONCENTRATION

The concentration in Criminal Law, Justice and Policy is designed for students who plan to practice criminal law as a prosecutor or defense attorney or to work at a policy level by advising legislatures on criminal justice reform measures. Students must have a minimum grade of 2.33 in each graded course used to earn this concentration. The courses provide in-depth exposure to all aspects of criminal law and procedure, with an emphasis on both skills and policy. Students Interested in the Criminal Law, Justice, & Policy Concentration may contact faculty advisor [Professor Cynthia Alkon](#) with questions.

| Courses | 2L Fall | Credit | 2L Spring | Credit | 3L Fall | Credit | 3L Spring | Credit |
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| <i>Core Courses (all 5 required)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Elective Courses (at least 2 required)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Experiential Requirement (at least 1 required)</i> | | | | | | | | |
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DISPUTE RESOLUTION CONCENTRATION

Dispute Resolution is a concentration that focuses on negotiation, mediation and arbitration that seeks to settle disputes outside of the courtroom.

To concentrate in Dispute Resolution, students must obtain a minimum of 16 credits in core and related courses. Students must achieve a minimum grade point average of 2.33 in each graded course used to satisfy the requirements. Courses offered for a grade may not be taken pass/fail in satisfaction of the requirements. Although substitutions are generally not allowed, a substitution may be permitted in unusual circumstances. Students Interested in the Dispute Resolution Concentration may contact faculty advisor [Professor Nancy Welsh](#) with questions.

| Courses | 2L Fall | Credit | 2L Spring | Credit | 3L Fall | Credit | 3L Spring | Credit |
|---|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| <i>Core Courses (all 3 required)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Advanced Courses (at least two required)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Elective Courses (at least 2 credits required)</i> | | | | | | | | |
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ENERGY LAW CONCENTRATION

To earn one of the Natural Resources Systems concentrations, students must obtain a minimum of 16 credits in core and related courses. Students also must achieve a minimum grade point average of 2.33 in each graded course used to satisfy the requirements. Courses offered for a grade may not be taken pass/fail in satisfaction of certificate requirements. In unique circumstances or in the event that new relevant courses are added to the curriculum, course substitution may be permitted following consultation with and approval from the faculty advisor to the respective concentration. In addition, up to 6 credits from part-time or short-term externships or up to 10 credits from a residential, semester- or summer-long externship may be substituted for courses toward a concentration following consultation with and approval from the faculty advisor to the respective concentration. A course taken in fulfillment of a Natural Resources Systems concentration may be applied to no more than two Natural Resources Systems concentrations. Students Interested in the Energy Law Concentration may contact faculty advisor [Professor Gabriel Eckstein](#) with questions.

| Courses | 2L Fall | Credit | 2L Spring | Credit | 3L Fall | Credit | 3L Spring | Credit |
|--|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Core Courses (all 3 required) | | | | | | | | |
| Writing Requirement (at least 1 required) | | | | | | | | |
| Elective Courses (at least 1 required) | | | | | | | | |
| | Total Term Credits | | Total Term Credits | | Total Term Credits | | Total Term Credits | |
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ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CONCENTRATION

To earn one of the Natural Resources Systems concentrations, students must obtain a minimum of 16 credits in core and related courses. Students also must achieve a minimum grade point average of 2.33 in each graded course used to satisfy the requirements. Courses offered for a grade may not be taken pass/fail in satisfaction of certificate requirements. In unique circumstances or in the event that new relevant courses are added to the curriculum, course substitution may be permitted following consultation with and approval from the faculty advisor to the respective concentration. In addition, up to 6 credits from part-time or short-term externships or up to 10 credits from a residential, semester- or summer-long externship may be substituted for courses toward a concentration following consultation with and approval from the faculty advisor to the respective concentration. A course taken in fulfillment of a Natural Resources Systems concentration may be applied to no more than two Natural Resources Systems concentrations. Students Interested in the Environmental Law Concentration may contact faculty advisor [Professor Gabriel Eckstein](#) with questions.

| Courses | 2L Fall | Credit | 2L Spring | Credit | 3L Fall | Credit | 3L Spring | Credit |
|--|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Core Courses (all 3 required) | | | | | | | | |
| Writing Requirement (at least 1 required) | | | | | | | | |
| Elective Courses (at least 1 required) | | | | | | | | |
| | Total Term Credits | | Total Term Credits | | Total Term Credits | | Total Term Credits | |
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ESTATE PLANNING CONCENTRATION

Estate Planning focuses on wills, trusts and related financial and tax implications.

To concentrate in Estate Planning, students must obtain a minimum of 16 credits in core and related courses. Students must achieve a minimum grade point average of 2.33 in each graded course used to satisfy the Estate Planning requirements. Courses offered for a grade may not be taken pass/fail in satisfaction of the requirements. Although substitutions are generally not allowed, a substitution may be permitted in unusual circumstances. Students Interested in the Estate Planning Concentration may contact faculty advisor [Professor Terri Helge](#) with questions.

| Courses | 2L Fall | Credit | 2L Spring | Credit | 3L Fall | Credit | 3L Spring | Credit |
|---|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Core Courses (all 4 required) | | | | | | | | |
| Elective Courses (at least 1 required) | | | | | | | | |
| Writing Requirement (at least 1 required) | | | | | | | | |
| Experiential Requirement (at least 1 required) | | | | | | | | |
| | Total Term Credits | | Total Term Credits | | Total Term Credits | | Total Term Credits | |
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FAMILY LAW CONCENTRATION

Family law focuses on laws regarding marriage, divorce, children and juveniles, guardianship, adoption and similar topics. To concentrate in family law, students must obtain a minimum of 16 credits in core and related courses. Students must achieve a minimum grade point average of 2.33 in each graded course used to satisfy the family law requirements. Courses offered for a grade may not be taken pass/fail in satisfaction of the requirements. Students Interested in the Family Law Concentration may contact faculty advisor [Professor Celestina Contreras](#) with questions.

| Courses | 2L Fall | Credit | 2L Spring | Credit | 3L Fall | Credit | 3L Spring | Credit |
|---|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Core Courses (3 of 5 required) | | | | | | | | |
| Elective Courses (at least 1 required) | | | | | | | | |
| Writing Requirement (at least 1 required) | | | | | | | | |
| Experiential Requirement (at least 1 required) | | | | | | | | |
| | Total Term Credits | | Total Term Credits | | Total Term Credits | | Total Term Credits | |
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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CONCENTRATION

Intellectual Property focuses on the legal aspects of protecting, producing and utilizing the products of innovation and creativity, which involves expertise in patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets and similar topics. To earn a concentration in Intellectual Property, students must obtain a minimum of 16 credits in core and related courses. Students must achieve a minimum grade point average of 2.33 in each graded course used to satisfy the concentration requirements. Courses offered for a grade may not be taken pass/fail in satisfaction of the requirements. Although substitutions are generally not allowed, a substitution may be permitted in unusual circumstances. Students Interested in the Intellectual Property Concentration may contact faculty advisor [Professor Peter Yu](#) with questions.

| Courses | 2L Fall | Credit | 2L Spring | Credit | 3L Fall | Credit | 3L Spring | Credit |
|---|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| <i>Core Courses (at least 3 required)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Elective Courses (at least 1 required)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Writing Requirement (at least 1 required)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Experiential Requirement (at least 1 required)</i> | | | | | | | | |
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PUBLIC POLICY (DOMESTIC)

The Public Policy Concentration is a single concentration that can be earned with a focus on either international or domestic policy. The Domestic Public Policy concentration requires that students must obtain a minimum of 16 credits in core and related courses. Students must achieve a minimum grade point average of 2.33 in each graded course used to satisfy the requirements. Courses offered for a grade may not be taken pass/fail in satisfaction of the requirements. In unique circumstances or in the event that new, relevant courses are added to the curriculum or courses listed below are not offered during a student’s law school tenure, course substitution may be permitted following consultation with and approval from the faculty advisor for the concentration. Additional externship experiences beyond those listed below may be substituted for courses toward award of the concentration following consultation with and approval from the faculty advisor for the concentration. Students Interested in the Domestic Public Policy Concentration may contact faculty advisor [Professor Lisa Rich](#) with questions.

| Courses | 2L Fall | Credit | 2L Spring | Credit | 3L Fall | Credit | 3L Spring | Credit |
|--|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| <i>Core Courses (at least 3 required)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Writing Requirement (at least 1 required)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Elective Courses (at least 1 required)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| | Total Term Credits | | Total Term Credits | | Total Term Credits | | Total Term Credits | |
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PUBLIC POLICY (INTERNATIONAL)

The Public Policy Concentration is a single concentration that can be earned with a focus on either international or domestic policy. The International Public Policy concentration requires that students must obtain a minimum of 16 credits in core and related courses. Students must achieve a minimum grade point average of 2.33 in each graded course used to satisfy the requirements. Courses offered for a grade may not be taken pass/fail in satisfaction of the requirements. In unique circumstances or in the event that new, relevant courses are added to the curriculum or courses listed below are not offered during a student’s law school tenure, course substitution may be permitted following consultation with and approval from the faculty advisor for the concentration. Additional externship experiences beyond those listed below may be substituted for courses toward award of the concentration following consultation with and approval from the faculty advisor for the concentration. Students Interested in the International Public Policy Concentration may contact faculty advisor [Professor Charlotte Ku](#) with questions.

| Courses | 2L Fall | Credit | 2L Spring | Credit | 3L Fall | Credit | 3L Spring | Credit |
|---|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| <i>Core Courses (at least 3 required)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Elective Courses (at least 1 required)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| | Total Term Credits | | Total Term Credits | | Total Term Credits | | Total Term Credits | |
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WATER LAW CONCENTRATION

To earn one of the Natural Resources Systems concentrations, students must obtain a minimum of 16 credits in core and related courses. Students also must achieve a minimum grade point average of 2.33 in each graded course used to satisfy the requirements. Courses offered for a grade may not be taken pass/fail in satisfaction of certificate requirements. In unique circumstances or in the event that new relevant courses are added to the curriculum, course substitution may be permitted following consultation with and approval from the faculty advisor to the respective concentration. In addition, up to 6 credits from part-time or short-term externships or up to 10 credits from a residential, semester- or summer-long externship may be substituted for courses toward a concentration following consultation with and approval from the faculty advisor to the respective concentration. A course taken in fulfillment of a Natural Resources Systems concentration may be applied to no more than two Natural Resources Systems concentrations. Students Interested in the Water Law Concentration may contact faculty advisor [Professor Gabriel Eckstein](#) with questions.

| Courses | 2L Fall | Credit | 2L Spring | Credit | 3L Fall | Credit | 3L Spring | Credit |
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| Core Courses (all 3 required) | | | | | | | | |
| Writing Requirement (at least 1 required) | | | | | | | | |
| Elective Courses (at least 1 required) | | | | | | | | |
| | Total Term Credits | | Total Term Credits | | Total Term Credits | | Total Term Credits | |
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WORKPLACE LAW CONCENTRATION

The concentration in Workplace Law is designed for students who plan to practice what has traditionally been referred to as labor or employment law as either an attorney representing employee plaintiffs or a defense attorney representing employers. Students must have a minimum grade of 2.33 in each graded course used to earn this concentration. The courses provide in-depth exposure to all aspects of workplace law, with an emphasis on both skills and policy. Experiential learning is an important part of this concentration. Students Interested in the Workplace Law Concentration may contact faculty advisor [Professor Michael Green](#) with questions.

| Courses | 2L Fall | Credit | 2L Spring | Credit | 3L Fall | Credit | 3L Spring | Credit |
|---|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| <i>Core Courses (all 4 required)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Additional Core Courses (at least 2 required)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Elective Courses (at least 2 required)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Experiential Requirement (at least 1 required)</i> | | | | | | | | |
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