

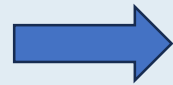
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Information for Rising 2Ls: Degree Requirements & Course and Clinic Selection

J.D. Degree Requirements

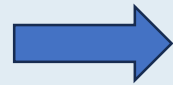
The Handbook of Academic Policies is the official source of academic policy and requirements at HLS. Please refer to the HAP for additional information on degree requirements and academic policy.



Credit Requirements



Residency Requirements



Degree Requirements

Credit Requirements

The American Bar Association (ABA) determines the credits required for an accredited law school curriculum



First Year Requirements



Upper-Level Credit Requirements

- Law school classroom credits (HLS courses, seminars, reading groups)**
- Clinical Credits, Writing Credits and Cross-Registration Credits**

Students must meet minimum credit requirements each semester and academic year

More information can be [found here](#)

Residency Requirements

UPPER-LEVEL J.D. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS	MINIMUM REQUIRED	MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE
Each Academic Year	24	35
Each Fall and Spring	10	16
Each Winter Term	2	3

Students must maintain the annual and semester minimum credit requirements regardless of the total number of credits taken.

For example, front-loading credits to take fewer than **24 credits in the **3L** year is not permitted.**

More information can be [found here](#)

Degree Requirements



**Written Work Requirement
(Analytical Paper and Professional Writing Requirement)**



Experiential Learning Requirement



International and Comparative Law Course Requirement



Negotiation/Leadership Requirement



Pro Bono Requirement



Professional Responsibility Requirement

More information can be [found here](#)

Course and Clinic Selection

**Planning Your Time
at HLS**



**Website, online
materials**



Advising events



**1:1 Advising
Appointments with
Student Services Offices**



Why did you come to law school?



How do you want to use the next two years to build your academic and professional goals?



Who should you talk to as you consider your options?

Where Can I Learn More?

Individual Advising Appointments with Student Services Offices:

<https://hls.harvard.edu/student-life/advising-and-mentorship/academic-advising-at-hls/>

Course and Clinic Selection Information:

<https://hls.harvard.edu/academics/curriculum/registration-information/>

- Course and Clinic Evaluations, Tentative Exam Schedules, Syllabi Archive, Lists of Multi-Section/By-Permission Courses, Courses that Satisfy Degree Requirements, Cross Registration

Clinical Registration Center:

<https://hls.harvard.edu/clinics/clinical-registration-center/>

- Upcoming clinic events, Clinical Curriculum Chart, "Clinics in a Minute" video series, Clinical Placement Evaluations

Clinical Program Open House and Academic Advising Fair:

April 1st, 11:30am-1:30pm

Milstein East

Course and Clinic Selection Dates

Phase	Open	Close	Results Available
Clinical Selection (all semesters)	Tues., April 1 @ 9am	Thurs., April 3 @ 5pm	Mon., April 7 by 5pm
Multi-section Course Selection (all semesters)	Tues., April 8 @ 9am	Thurs., April 10 @ 5pm	Mon., April 14 by 5pm
Legal Profession Course Selection (3L only, all semesters)	Tues., April 15 @ 9am	Wed., April 16 @ 5pm	Fri., April 18 by 5pm
Fall Elective Selection	Sat., April 19 @ 9am	Tues., April 22 @ 5pm	Thurs., April 24 by 5pm



Additional Academic Advising Events

Ask the Registrar, 12:30pm to 1:30pm at the Hark Ramp

- Monday, March 31st (With OCP)
- Wednesday, April 2nd (With OCP)
- Wednesday, April 9th
- Wednesday, April 16th
- Friday, April 18th
- Monday, April 21st

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Questions?