Academic Advising for Summer/Fall 2024

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Graduation Requirements – all JDs

All First Year Courses (30 credits total)

88 Academic Credits total (58 additional after first year courses completed)

Professional Responsibility (FT students must take in their second year; PT students must take in their second or third year)

Upper Level Writing Requirement, including Upper Level Research Requirement

Upper Level Skills Requirement, including NYS Skills Competency Requirement

Administrative Law requirement (menu of courses, not just





"Normal" Credit Loads

Full-time students:

Fall/Spring - 13-16 credits; 10-12 as underload; 17 as 626-126-10 0 T-L-137 3-1.7 (dL y).7 (rl)0.7 (o)T of oPa6 (C)1rt 0 Td ((13)Tj 0 T1 Tc



Aim for Balance

We strongly recommend you sign up for courses that balance the following categories:

Progress towards meeting graduation requirements

Courses that will help you succeed on the bar exam

Courses that will help you prepare to be a competent and ethical practitioner

Courses that interest you

Courses that will help you pursue an Advanced Certificate or Path to Practice (optional)

MANY CLASSES SATISFY MORE THAN ONE CATEGORY AT THE SAME TIME



Frequency of Course Offerings



Advanced Certificates and Paths to Practice: Who to contact

Advanced Health Law & Policy Certificate, Jessica Bacher Advanced Environmental Law Certificate, Achinthi Vithinage Advanced International Law Certificate, Alexander Greenawalt

Advisors for Paths to Practice

Business (Corporate or Financial Compliance tracks), Bridget Crawford

Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Jill Gross

Criminal Practice, Lissa Griffin

Real Estate & Land Use Practice, Shelby Green

Women, Gender & the Law, Emily Waldman



Admission to the Bar (New York)

Uniform Bar Examination (UBE)

Registration period: Oct 1-31 for Feb Bar; Mar 1-31 for July Bar

Applications for test accommodations must be received in the Board's office no later than October 31st for the February exam and March 31st for the July exam

New York Law Course

Approximately 17 hours of video lectures

Complete this within 1 year before or 3 years after passing the UBE

New York Law Exam

Typically offered 3 times per year (April, September, December)

Complete this within 1 year before or 3 years after passing the UBE

Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam



Uniform Bar Examination (UBE)

The UBE consists of the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE), the Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) and Multistate Performance Test (MPT).

Offered through February 2028 in select states

Subjects tested on the MBE (Subject Matter Outline from the National Conference of Bar Examiners, https://ncbex.org/pdfviewer/?file=%2Fdmsdocument%2F2





MEE Subjects Through Feb. 2026

Subject Matter Outline from the National Conference of Bar Examiners,

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All MBE Subjects plus:

- Business Associations (Corporations and Partnerships),
- Family Law,
- Conflicts of Law,
- Secured Transactions,
- Trusts and Estates (Wills)

See https://law.pace.edu/campus-life/academic-
resources/academic-success-program/preparing-bar-exam for more information on bar-tested topics



MEE Subjects July 2026-Feb. 2028





Clinics and Externships

Todd Ommen, Executive Director, John Jay Legal Services: https://law.pace.edu/academics/clinics-and-externships

Deadline for JJLS applications: April 12 at NOON

https://law.pace.edu/john-jay-legal-services/student-applications



Questions?



