

SOUTHWESTERN

LAW SCHOOL Los Angeles, CA

Course Sequence Policy

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Revision history: Formerly a part of the Academic Policies and Procedures; established as a standalone policy in May 2025; technical edits were made in May 2025.

Related policies: Repeated Courses Policy; Attendance Policy; Administrative Withdrawal Policy; Incomplete Grade Policy

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A. Course Sequence Requirement

Absent extraordinary circumstances, each student is responsible for completing courses in the sequence indicated on the Southwestern website, Self-Service, Canvas, and registration materials available on the portal. Students are required to follow course sequences detailed in this policy unless otherwise approved in writing by the Associate Dean for Student Services.

B. LAWS I and II Progression

Legal Analysis and Writing (LAWS) I is a prerequisite for LAWS II. Students who fail LAWS I or do not complete the course may not enroll in LAWS II during their first year. Instead, both LAWS I and II will be required in the second year. Failure to complete LAWS I and II will impact a student's ability to enroll or participate in other courses and programs, such as externships and honors programs.

C. Completion of First-Year Curriculum

Students enrolled in residential J.D. programs complete the first-year curriculum after successfully completing LAWS I and II, Foundations, Contracts I and II, Civil Procedure I and II (or, for SCALE, Jurisdiction and Civil Litigation), Criminal Law, Property, and Torts.

Students enrolled in the Online J.D. Program complete the first-year curriculum after successfully completing LAWS I and II, Foundations, Contracts I and II, Constitutional Law I and II, Criminal Law, Property, and Torts.

D. Full-Time Student Course Requirements and Registration Eligibility

All full-time students must complete the required first-year courses, including the first-year elective, and register for the required second-year courses before taking upper-division

elective courses. After completing their first year, full-time students may enroll in any course offered during a summer term, provided that only first-year courses are prerequisites. Students who have not completed all first-year required courses may be approved to enroll in the summer term and upper-division elective courses with written approval from the Associate Dean for Student Services. Only upper-division students may enroll in the January intersession.

E. Part-Time Student Course Requirements and Registration Eligibility

All part-time students must complete their required first-, second-, and third-year courses by the end of their third year unless otherwise excused in writing by the Associate Dean for Student Services. Students who have not completed their first year may be approved to enroll in the summer term and upper-division elective courses with written approval from the Associate Dean for Student Services. Part-time students who have completed their first year may enroll in any summer session course for which they have completed the prerequisites. Only upper-division students may enroll in the January intersession.

F. Courses Required in the Final Year

Students may enroll in Wills and Trusts and Bar Skills & Strategies only in their final year of study.

G. Withdrawal from Required Courses

Students are not permitted to withdraw from required courses except under extenuating circumstances with written permission from the Associate Dean for Student Services.

H. Policy Revisions

Southwestern expressly reserves the right to change or modify any aspect of this policy at any time, with or without notice.