

## **Curriculum Planning Guide for Foreign Attorneys: Introduction**

As a student who is already a foreign attorney, you will be completing 60 credits toward your JD degree here at the NSU Shepard Broad College of Law. This guide is intended to help you navigate the course planning process so that you can properly know of and sequence all requirements for graduation.

During the first year, students do not choose their assigned required course schedule other than enrolling in the full time or part time program of study. The purpose of this fixed schedule is to provide students with a basic understanding of the legal process and the most exposure to foundational areas of legal practice. ***If you have an LL.M degree from a United States law school and believe you should be exempt from a first-year or upper-level course requirement because you have taken the equivalent course in that program, you must petition the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs prior to the start of the semester in which that course is required for that exemption.*** You will still be required to complete at least 60 credits; however the course requirement may be waived depending on the course equivalency, date taken, and grade earned.

After the first year, foreign attorney students have more choices to make in their schedules based upon scheduling options to fulfill certain requirements. Students must take at least 60 credits to graduate but may (after the first year) take up to the maximum credits in a semester allowed for their division if they wish to take additional course. Please consult with Student Services to determine the maximum credits that may be taken per semester after the first-year curriculum is complete. Those choices are impacted by various factors, including the timing of when certain courses are offered in the academic year, preferences given to 2L or 3L students, the bar exam, potential work schedules, and personal interest.

Students who enter the full-time foreign attorney track will be able to transfer to the part-time track in accordance with the Code of Academic Regulations, to change the pace and sequencing of their studies. However, students who start in the part-time track who wish to transfer to the full-time track will not be able to complete their degree in two years due to the sequencing of courses in those programs. These students may still transfer to the full-time track in accordance with the Code of Academic Regulations but will be required to finish at the earliest in the fall of their third year to ensure all required coursework is accomplished. A student may only change divisions once.

The following information is designed to provide you with an overview of the College of Law's curriculum in order to help you make strategic decisions about choosing your schedule. Among other things, it:

- identifies required and menu courses;
- identifies the options for satisfying your experiential credit requirement
- identifies the options for satisfying your upper-level writing requirement

***\*\*Please note that just because a course is listed as approved in our curriculum does not mean it will be offered any particular semester unless indicated below\*\****

**FULL TIME FOREIGN ATTORNEY STUDENTS:**

**A. First-Year Curriculum**

<i>Fall Semester</i>	<i>Winter Semester</i>
<b>Contracts</b> (4 Credits) LAW 0612	<b>Civil Procedure</b> (4 Credits) LAW 0652
<b>Criminal Law</b> (4 Credits) LAW 0670	<b>Constitutional Law I</b> (4 Credits) LAW 0625
<b>Legal Research and Writing I</b> (3 Credits) LAW 0662	<b>Legal Research and Writing II</b> (3 Credits) LAW 0663
<b>Torts</b> (4 Credits) LAW 0648	<b>Property</b> (4 Credits) LAW 0653
<b>Legal Skills and Professionalism I</b> (1 Credit) LAW 0523	<b>Legal Skills and Professionalism II</b> (1 Credits) LAW 0527

**B. Upper-Level Curriculum**

The second year is when you will continue to meet mandatory graduation requirements, including categories of requirements that allow some choice in how you fulfill them. The Required Course” listed below must be taken during the semester indicated, *unless* a student attends the summer term between the two years, during which any of the upper-level courses for which a student has met prerequisites may be taken in lieu of the semester indicated below.

**For those matriculating in Fall 2019 or before:**

<i>Fall Semester</i>	<i>Winter Semester</i>
<b>Business Entities</b> (4 Credits) LAW 0516	<b>Criminal Procedure</b> (3 Credits) LAW 0645
<b>Constitutional Law II</b> (2 Credits) LAW 0629	<b>Professional Responsibility</b> (3 Credits) LAW 0649 (see note below about timing)
<b>Evidence</b> (4 Credits) LAW 0614	<b>Menu Requirement</b> (see below)
<b>Upper-Level Writing Requirement and/or Experiential Credits</b> (see below)	<b>Upper-Level Writing Requirement and/or Experiential Credits</b> (see below)
<b>FBE or MBE</b> (see below)	<b>MBE or FBE</b> (see below)
<b>ELA I</b> (0 Credit) LAW 1088	<b>ELA II</b> ( 0 Credit) LAW 1089

Mandatory for any student whose GPA is below the requisite CAR rule. Optional for all other students.	Mandatory for any student whose GPA is below the requisite CAR rule. Optional for all other students.
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***For those matriculating in Fall 2020 or later:***

<b><i>Fall Semester</i></b>	<b><i>Winter Semester</i></b>
<b>Constitutional Law II</b> (2 Credits) LAW 0629	<b>Criminal Procedure</b> (3 Credits) LAW 0645
<b>Evidence</b> (4 Credits) LAW 0614	<b>Professional Responsibility</b> (3 Credits) LAW 0649 (see note below about timing)
<b>Upper-Level Writing Requirement and/or Experiential Credits</b> (see below)	<b>Upper-Level Writing Requirement and/or Experiential Credits</b> (see below)
<b>FBE or MBE</b> (see below)	<b>MBE or FBE</b> (see below)
<b>UCC: Sales</b> LAW 0687/0017 (2 credits) <b>and/or Real Estate Transactions</b> LAW 0865 (3 credits) See below	<b>UCC: Sales</b> LAW 0687/0017 (2 credits) <b>and/or Real Estate Transactions</b> LAW 0865 (3 credits) See below

**PART TIME FOREIGN ATTORNEY STUDENTS:**

**A. First Year Required Curriculum**

<b><i>Fall Semester</i></b>	<b><i>Winter Semester</i></b>	<b><i>Summer Term</i></b>
<b>Contracts</b> (4 Credits) LAW 0612	<b>Civil Procedure</b> (4 Credits) LAW 0652	<b>Criminal Law</b> (4 Credits) LAW 0670
<b>Legal Research and Writing I</b> (3 Credits) LAW 0662	<b>Legal Research and Writing II</b> (3 Credits) LAW 0663	
<b>Torts</b> (4 Credits) LAW 0648	<b>Property</b> (4 Credits) LAW 0653	
<b>LSP I</b> (1 Credit) LAW 0523	<b>LSP II</b> (1 Credit) LAW 0527	
<b>12 Credits</b>	<b>12 Credits</b>	

## B. Upper-Level Curriculum

The second and third years are when you will continue to meet mandatory graduation requirements, including categories of requirements that allow some choice in how to fulfill. The “Required Courses” listed below must be taken during the semester indicated, **unless a student enrolls in an eligible course in the summer terms, during which any of the upper-level courses for which a student has met prerequisites may be taken in lieu of the semester indicated below. There is no guarantee any required courses will be offered in the summer terms other than Criminal Law.**

### *2L Year for Those Matriculating Fall 2019 or Before:*

<i>Fall Semester</i>	<i>Winter Semester</i>
<b>Criminal Procedure</b> (3 Credits) LAW 0645	<b>Constitutional Law I</b> (4 Credits) LAW 0625
<b>Evidence</b> (4 Credits) LAW 0614	<b>Business Entities</b> (4 Credits) LAW 0516
<b>Upper-Level Writing Requirement and/or Experiential Credits</b> (see below)	<b>Upper-Level Writing Requirement and/or Experiential Credits</b> (see below)
<b>ELA I</b> (0 Credits) LAW 1088 Mandatory for any student whose GPA is below the requisite CAR rule. Optional for all other students.	<b>ELA II</b> (0 Credits) LAW 1089 Mandatory for any student whose GPA is below the requisite CAR rule. Optional for all other students.

### *2L Year for Those Matriculating Fall 2020 or Later:*

<i>Fall Semester</i>	<i>Winter Semester</i>
<b>Criminal Procedure</b> (3 Credits) LAW 0645	<b>Constitutional Law I</b> (4 Credits) LAW 0625
<b>Evidence</b> (4 Credits) LAW 0614	<b>Upper-Level Writing Requirement and/or Experiential Credits</b> (see below)
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### *3L Year for those Matriculating Fall 2019 or before:*

<i>Fall Semester</i>	<i>Winter Semester</i>
<b>Constitutional Law II</b> (2 Credits) LAW 0629	<b>Menu Requirements</b> (see below)
<b>Professional Responsibility</b> (see below)	<b>Professional Responsibility</b> (see below)
<b>MBE or FBE</b> (see below)	<b>MBE or FBE</b> (see below)
<b>Upper-Level Writing Requirement and/or Experiential Credits</b> (see below)	<b>Upper-Level Writing Requirement and/or Experiential Credits</b> (see below)

*3L Year for those Matriculating Fall 2020 or later:*

**FOR ALL STUDENTS REGARDLESS OF DIVISION:**

<i>Fall Semester</i>	<i>Winter Semester</i>
<b>Constitutional Law II (2 Credits) LAW 0629</b>	<b>Professional Responsibility (see below)</b>
<b>Professional Responsibility (see below)</b>	<b>MBE or FBE (see below)</b>
<b>MBE or FBE (see below)</b>	<b>Upper-Level Writing Requirement and/or Experiential Credits (see below)</b>
<b>Upper-Level Writing Requirement and/or Experiential Credits (see below)</b>	

**A. Menu Offerings for those matriculating Fall 2019 or before only:**

You must select one of the following offerings:

**Family Law (3 Credits) LAW 0635**  
**Wills and Trusts (4 Credits) LAW 0655**

*OPTION: YOU MAY TAKE WILLS AND TRUSTS SEPARATELY IF OFFERED IN THAT FORMAT IN ANY GIVEN ACADEMIC YEAR, BUT YOU MUST COMPLETE BOTH TO SATISFY THE MENU REQUIREMENT. THERE IS \*NO GUARANTEE\* THAT BOTH COURSES WILL BE OFFERED IN ANY PARTICULAR FORMAT IN ANY GIVEN SEMESTER:*

*If available, these courses would be listed as:*

**Trusts (2 Credits) LAW 0956**  
**Wills (2 Credits) LAW 0955**

This menu offering does not apply to those matriculating Fall 2020 or later.

**B. Multistate Bar Exam Lab and Florida Bar Exam Lab:**

In the last two semesters of law school, **students are required to take the Multistate Bar Exam Lab and Florida Bar Exam Lab for a total of five credits.** NSU Law requires two mandatory courses to give students the skills needed to prepare for the bar exam. One course focuses on the subjects tested on the Multistate portion of the bar exam, while the second required course focuses on the subjects tested on the Florida portion of the bar exam. Students registered to sit for a bar exam in a state other than Florida may be exempt from taking the Florida Bar Exam Lab upon the approval in writing of the Assistant Dean for the Academic Success and Professionalism Program. Additionally, if a foreign trained attorney has already sat for a bar in a US jurisdiction, please contact the Academic Success and Professionalism program about this requirement.

**MBE Lab (3 Credit) LAW 1831**

**FBE Lab (2 Credit) LAW 1833**

**C. Upper-Level Writing Requirement:**

Students must complete an upper-level writing requirement (satisfied through any approved writing requirement courses, or through approval of a Law Review/Journal paper. Students must earn a C+ or better for the writing requirement course, which can be completed any time after the first year). Students should consult the Code of Academic Regulations for the exact specifications of this requirement. Not all of these courses will be offered every academic year. Be sure to check with Student Services for any updates to this list before registration. Course descriptions may be found at: <https://www.law.nova.edu/current-students/course-descriptions.html>

**The currently approved upper-level writing requirement offerings (when taught by full-time, full-time visiting faculty or emeritus faculty only) are:**

**American Legal History Seminar (2 Credits) LAW 0794**

**Animal Law Legislation Seminar (2 Credits) LAW 0795**

**Appellate Practice Workshop (2 Credits) LAW 0874**

(may satisfy the upper-level writing requirement OR the experiential learning requirement but not both). May only satisfy the upper-level writing requirement when taught by a full time or emeritus faculty member, not when taught by an adjunct faculty member.

**Art Law Seminar (2 Credits) LAW 0643**

**Bioethics Seminar (2 Credits) LAW 0897**

**Business Planning Workshop (3 credits) LAW 0807**

(may satisfy the upper-level writing requirement OR the experiential learning requirement but not both) May only satisfy the upper-level writing requirement when taught by a full time, full time visiting, or emeritus faculty member, not when taught by an adjunct faculty member.

**Caribbean Law Seminar or Online Seminar (2 credits) LAW 4674 or LAW 4670**

**Civil Rights Litigation Seminar (2 Credits) LAW 0615**

**Comparative Corporate Governance Seminar (2 Credits) LAW 1060**

**Comparative Law Seminar (2 Credits) LAW 0668**

**Current Constitutional Issues Seminar (2 Credits) LAW 0796**

**Elder Law Seminar (2 Credits) LAW 0737**

**Environmental Enforcement Seminar (2 Credits) LAW 0780**

**Estate Planning Workshop (3 credits) LAW 0725**

(may satisfy the upper-level writing requirement OR the experiential learning requirement but not both) May only satisfy the upper-level writing requirement when taught by a full time, full time visiting, or emeritus faculty member, not when taught by an adjunct faculty member.

**Jurisprudence Seminar (2 Credits) LAW 0735**

**Law, Finance and Markets Seminar (2 Credits) LAW 4678**

**Law and Literature Seminar (2 Credits) LAW 0718**

**Law and Medicine Seminar (2 Credits) LAW 0895**

**Legislation Seminar (2 Credits) LAW 0859**

**Supervised Research and Writing (2 Credits) LAW 0809**

(may only satisfy the requirement under the direction of a full-time faculty member and when taken for 2-credits)

**D. Experiential Learning Requirement (6 Credits)**

**Students must complete six credits of experiential learning courses as defined in the Code of Academic Regulation.** Students should consult the Code for the exact specifications of this requirement. Not all of these courses will be offered every academic year. Courses may be taught by a full-time or adjunct faculty member but cannot count both toward the upper level writing requirement and the experiential learning requirement concurrently. Course descriptions may be found at: <https://www.law.nova.edu/current-students/course-descriptions.html>

**Advanced Trial Advocacy (3 Credits) LAW 0893**

**Appellate Practice Workshop (2 Credits) LAW 0874**

(may satisfy the upper-level writing requirement OR the experiential learning requirement but not both)

**Berger Entrepreneur Law Clinic (5-7 Credits) LAW 0086**

**Business Planning Workshop (3 credits) LAW 0807**

(may satisfy the upper-level writing requirement OR the experiential learning requirement but not both)

**Charitable Organizations Workshop (2 Credits) LAW 1051**

**Children and Families Clinic (6-12 Credits) LAW 0929**

**Civil Field Placement Clinic (6 or 12 Credits) LAW 0826**

**Civil Pre-Trial Practice (3 Credits) LAW 0517**

**Consumer Bankruptcy Field Placement (3) LAW 1851**

**Consumer Protection Internship Clinic (3 Credits) LAW 0029**

**Criminal Justice Field Placement Clinic (9 Credits) LAW 0853**

**Criminal Pre-Trial Practice (2 Credits) LAW 0711**

**Criminal Procedure II Workshop, (2 Credits) LAW 0634**

**Death Penalty Workshop** (2 Credits) LAW 0018

**Dependency Workshop** (2 Credits) LAW 2001

**Dispute Resolution Clinic Placement** (8 Credits) LAW 0844

**Drafting and Negotiating Intellectual Property Licenses** (2 Credits) LAW 0600 or LAW 3001 (online)

**Electronic Discovery, Digital Evidence, and Information Governance Workshop** (2 Credits) LAW 0200

**Estate Planning Workshop** (3 credits) LAW 0725  
(may satisfy the upper-level writing requirement OR the experiential learning requirement but not both)

**Florida Land Development Workshop** (2 Credits) LAW 1016

**Franchising Law Workshop** (3 Credits) LAW 0529

**Health Law Workshop** (3 credits) LAW 1044

**Interviewing and Counseling** (2 Credits) LAW 1062

**Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiating** (3 Credits) LAW 0665

**Judicial Field Placement Clinic** (3 Credits) LAW 0799

**Landlord Tenant Workshop** (2 Credits) LAW 1070

**Law Office Management Workshop** (2 Credits) LAW 0651

**Law Practice Business and Technology** (2 Credits) LAW 0092

**Legal Drafting Workshop** (2 credits) LAW 0752

**Mediation Workshop** (2 Credits) LAW 0522

**Negotiating Workshop** (2 Credits) LAW 0672

**Patent Prosecution** (2 Credits) LAW 0819

**Post-Conviction Relief Workshop** (2 Credits) LAW 1001

**Probate Law Workshop** (2 Credits) LAW 0713

**Real Property Transactions Workshop** (3 Credits) LAW 0751

**SEC Enforcement Workshop** (3 Credits) LAW 0511 (E)

**Sentencing Workshop** (2 Credits) LAW 1076

**Street Law Workshop** (2 Credits) LAW 1005

**Trial Advocacy** (3 Credits) LAW 0890

**Will Drafting Workshop** (2 Credits) LAW 0524

**E. A Note about the Required Course, *Professional Responsibility***

All students are required to take the course **Professional Responsibility** (3 Credits) LAW 0649 during any semester AFTER their first year. This is a fundamental, foundational course that examines the lawyer's professional role and ethical responsibilities; and analyzes the Model Rules of Professional Conduct. Topics include disclosure and confidentiality, conflicts of interest, fees, advertising, group legal services, corporate counsel, and pro bono representation. The course also introduces students to the Code of Judicial Conduct and impacts every area of study.

The course is in part designed to prepare you to pass the national Multi-state Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE), and students should plan to take that exam as soon as possible while they are taking the course or as soon as possible after they finish the course. The exam is offered in August, November, and March. It is important to note that students must obtain a valid, passing score on the MPRE within 25 months of passing the Florida Bar Examination. Therefore, students should plan accordingly as to when to take the course and the subsequent test. Students who finish passing the remainder of the bar exam requirements for Florida Bar Admission (the MBE and Florida Portion of the Exam) *after* that 25-month period from the date of passing the MPRE *will need to sit for the MPRE again*. Therefore, students should not plan to take Professional Responsibility and the national exam too early in their studies. Students sitting for a bar exam in another jurisdiction must check their local bar rules for the time period in which a passing MPRE score may be obtained.

If a student is a foreign trained attorney admitted to a bar in another state, and has already taken the MPRE, please notify Admissions upon matriculation for more information.

**F. Required Courses for Those Matriculating Fall 2020 or later:**

All students matriculating in Fall 2020 or later must take both of the following courses. For full-time foreign attorney students they must take these courses in the second year, either semester. For part-time foreign attorney students, they may take them in any semester in second or third year.

**UCC: Sales** LAW 0687/0017 (2 credits)

**Real Estate Transactions LAW 0865 (3 credits)**