Curriculum Planning Guide for Foreign Attorneys in the Accelerated JD Program:

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 60 credits; however the course requirement may be waived depending on the course equivalency 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. 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.

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 the experiential credit requirement
- identifies the options for satisfying the 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**
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III. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION FOR ALL STUDENTS REGARDLESS OF DIVISION:

A. Menu Offerings (FOR STUDENTS STARTING Fall 2019 or earlier 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

**B. Additional Required Courses (FOR STUDENTS STARTING Fall 2020 or later only):**

If you started Fall 2020 or later, you are not required to take a menu offering listed above. You must take the following two courses any time after the first two semesters:

**UCC: Sales** (2 Credits) LAW 0688 or LAW 0017  
**Real Estate Transactions** (3 Credits) LAW 0865

**C. 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.

**MBE Lab** (3 Credit) LAW 1831  
**FBE Lab** (2 Credit) LAW 1833

**D. 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. Course descriptions may be found at: [https://www.law.nova.edu/current-students/course-descriptions.html](https://www.law.nova.edu/current-students/course-descriptions.html)

The currently approved upper-level writing requirement offerings (when taught by full-time 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 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 or emeritus faculty member, not when taught by an adjunct faculty member.

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

Jewish Law Seminar (2 Credits) LAW 1074

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)

E. 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. 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 XXXX

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 XXXX

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
F. A Note about 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 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.

G. Clinics

Full-time foreign attorney students (on 2 year accelerated program) wanting to enroll in a clinic in the winter term of their second year will have to take professional responsibility in the fall of their second year. Professional Responsibility is a pre-requisite for every clinic.

For the Civil Field Placement Clinic, in addition to Professional Responsibility, in the fall of the second year, the students would also have to take Business Entities. Foreign attorney students can use the recommended “experiential credits” to satisfy the remaining pre-requisites of Trial advocacy or Civil Pre-Trial Practice or a writing workshop. This is the only sequencing that would allow a foreign attorney student to participate in a clinic because of the accelerated program.

Part-time foreign attorney students (on a 3-year program) have more flexibility. Part-time foreign attorney students are able to take a clinic in the summer following the second year if there is a clinic offered in the summer, or at any point in the third year of the program. This would require the student to take Professional Responsibility (and for the Civil Field Placement Clinic, Business Entities and the experiential pre-requisite):
- In the Fall or Winter of year 2 – for summer enrollment;
- In the Winter or Summer of year 2 – for fall enrollment; or
- In the Winter or Summer of year 2 or fall of year 3 – for winter enrollment.

**H. Co-Curriculars**

1. **Trial and Appellate Advocacy Student Competition Teams**

The [NSU Trial and Appellate Advocacy Program](#) offers multiple experiential opportunities to practice litigation and transactional skills in multiple areas of the law. Each year, the Moot Court Society, NSU Trial Association, student organizations and others sponsor mock appellate, trial, negotiation, and transactional teams that compete in national competitions. Several opportunities each year are subject-area specific; the remainder are opportunities designed to develop general practice skills. Students interested in a specific subject area should plan to try out for and compete in a competition that matches their interests, or students interested in litigation or transactional law generally may consider a wider variety of available opportunities offering those competition experiences. There are specific eligibility requirements for each team and students must contact the specific student organization sponsoring a competition team to ensure eligibility.

It is possible for students to earn up to 2 credits for competitions. Some teams split the credits between oral advocates (one credit) and brief writers (one credit). Students MUST register to earn credits during the semester which the competition takes place and during the registration period. Please note that participating on a team that earns credit may carry a course pre-requisite before being selected for the team. Practice teams and intramural teams can earn up to one credit per semester.

*Students are advised to carefully consider the time commitment and practice schedules when registering for classes. Most competition teams require several evening practices and every weekend for at least five weeks in a row.*

**Full-Time Faculty Members Include:** Catherine Arcabascio, Timothy Arcaro, Heather Baxter, Ron Brown, Kathy Cerminara, Megan Chaney, Jane Cross, Mark Dobson, Olympia Duhart, Amanda Foster, Linda Harrison, Joe Hnylka, Shahabudeen Khan, Ishaq Kundawala, Camille Lamar, Donna Litman, Kate Nuñez, Michael Richmond, Michele Struffolino, Marilyn Uzdavines

2. **Journals**

The [Nova Law Review](#) and the [ILSA Journal of International and Comparative Law](#) offer opportunities for students to engage in intensive legal research, analysis, and writing, thereby preparing them for the rigors of legal practice and public service. Students on these journals share the all-important work of criticizing, reconstructing, and polishing each article for
publication until it is ready for publication. Students must also author their own note or comment on a topic of their choice.

It is possible for students to earn 1 or 2 credits per semester on the journal depending on their position on the journal. Students MUST register to earn credits during the semester which they serve on the journal during the registration period.

Full-Time Faculty Members Include: Doug Donoho, Joe Hnylka, Ishaq Kundawala, Elena Marty-Nelson, Roma Perez

I. Mandatory Service Graduation Requirement

Each J.D. candidate entering NSU Law in Fall 2018 and thereafter is required to perform a minimum of thirty (30) hours of qualifying service as a requirement for graduation. Eligible service options include both legal (pro bono) and non-legal (community) related placements. Students may not receive pay or academic credit for their service. Students are required to complete the minimum thirty (30) hours of qualifying service prior to the start of their final semester before being scheduled to graduate. Additionally, all law students are encouraged to participate in NSU Law’s voluntary Pro Bono Honor Program. NSU Law’s Pro Bono Honor Program recognizes students who have completed voluntary pro bono service in three levels of distinction: Bronze – 50-124 hours; Silver – 125-299 hours; and Gold – 300+ hours. The Pro Bono Honor Program students are recognized for their commitment to pro bono service with an awards certificate, by wearing a gold cord at graduation, and being recognized at an honors program. Any pro bono service hours earned under the College of Law’s Mandatory Service Graduation Requirement may be credited to the voluntary Pro Bono Honor Program hours as well as receive recognition under the honor program.