

Winter Session 2024-25

Planning and Course Selection Guide

For UVIC LAW JD* Students

- 2L and 3L JD students
- 2L JD transfer students
- BCL/JD students

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* For information regarding JD/JID registration,
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General Information for JD Students

This planning guide is for students in the JD Degree program. JD/JID students should refer to the JD/JID planning guide.

Law students can register for 2024-25 upper year courses in June 2024 using [Online tools](#). Eligible continuing students will be automatically authorized to register.

This guide provides information about course offerings, program details and academic regulations and will refer you to other important resources. Please review all information thoroughly prior to registration.

If you have questions, contact Law Academic Services at law.studentservices@uvic.ca.

Registration Dates

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| Thurs, May 30, morning | Students will receive an automated “time ticket” email |
| Mon, June 3, 12:00 p.m. PT | Law Course Registration Online Information and Q&A Session
12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Zoom: https://uvic.zoom.us/j/88341076072
Associate Dean, Academic & Student Relations Andrew Newcombe
Associate Director, Law Academic Services Yvonne Lawson
NB. A drop in Q&A session will follow at the same zoom link at 1:00 p.m. |
| Tues, June 4, 12:00 p.m. PT | Deadline for LAW 350 Law Centre Lottery (fall 2024 & spring 2025) |
| Thurs, June 6, 12:30 p.m. PT | Course Registration Online Drop In Q&A Session
12:30 - 1:30 p.m., Zoom: https://uvic.zoom.us/j/83925265572
Associate Dean, Academic & Student Relations Andrew Newcombe
Associate Director, Law Academic Services Yvonne Lawson |
| Mon, June 10, 1:00 p.m. PT | Course Registration Online Drop In Q&A Session
1:00 - 2:00 p.m., Zoom: https://uvic.zoom.us/j/87602909687
Associate Dean, Academic & Student Relations Andrew Newcombe
Associate Director, Law Academic Services Yvonne Lawson |
| Tues, June 11, 8:00 a.m. PT | Day 1 Registration, <u>exactly</u> 8:00 a.m.
Registration opens for students starting or continuing in <u>third</u> year of the JD in September 2024
Registration will open at 8:00 a.m. PT and will remain open. |
| Wed, June 12, 8:00 a.m. PT | Day 2 Registration, <u>exactly</u> 8:00 a.m.
Registration opens for students starting or continuing in <u>second</u> year of the JD in September 2024
Registration will open at 8:00 a.m. PT and will remain open. |

Planning and Course Selection

This section lists some general information about the Faculty of Law program requirements. A full description of program requirements is available in the UVic Calendar. **It is your responsibility to ensure that your program meets the University of Victoria's and the Faculty of Law's requirements, regulations, policies and procedures as stated in the University of Victoria Calendar and on the faculty's website under [Student and Academic Matters](#).**

Unit Requirements for Each of Second and Third Year and Per Term

The JD degree is 3 years of full-time study. Full-time second- and third-year students (2L & 3L) must take a minimum of 14.5 units to a maximum of 16.5 units in each academic year. The academic year consists of the two terms that make up a student's second or third year of law (2L & 3L). The academic year will often consist of Winter Session courses (fall and spring terms), but this will vary for law co-op students and other students that choose to participate in summer term or stop out.

Full-time students may not register in fewer than 7.0 units or more than 8.5 units in a term. Part-time students must take a minimum of 3.0 units each term. Students hoping to depart from these registration requirements must request permission from the Associate Dean Academic and Student Relations (lawassoc@uvic.ca).

Students that participated in the pilot summer 2024 term by studying part-time should count those units toward whichever year of study they're currently in or beginning.

JD students must take a minimum of 29.0 to a maximum of 33.0 upper-year units total. Students may not return for additional academic terms if they have successfully completed the required 29.0 upper-year units, the compulsory courses in their program and the major paper requirement.

Part-Time Studies

Generally, JD students study full-time and complete the JD degree in three academic years. However, students finding themselves unable to attend classes on a full-time basis because of health reasons, physical disability or exceptional family or financial hardship may contact the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations to discuss eligibility for part-time studies. Email law.studentservices@uvic.ca to set up a meeting.

Students must ensure that their part-time program conforms to the Law Society requirements in the province in which they wish to practice.

Important implications of Part-Time Study: Tuition, Student Loans, etc.

Part-time students need to know the implications for tuition, bursaries, and student loans.

Please review the information posted on the [UVic Student Awards and Financial Aid](#) page. General bursary eligibility information is [here](#).

Faculty of Law regulations consider part-time study to be registration in fewer than 7.0 units per term. **However, under the university definition, and for tuition and fee assessment, part-time study is considered to be registration in fewer than 6.0 units per term.** The current [fees for Undergraduate Programs](#) can be found in the [UVic Academic Calendar](#). Students registered in 5.75 units or less will be assessed for part-time tuition and ancillary fees. Students registered in 6 units or more will be assessed full-time tuition and ancillary fees.

The following tips about general and law bursaries have been provided by Law Financial Aid Officer Deb Kennedy. If you have any questions about your individual situation, please email Deb at lawfao@uvic.ca.

- For students who drop below 4.5 units (or 3.0 for CAL-registered students), eligibility for bursary (both law and general) funding will be affected. There may be rare exceptions to this rule under some of our extraordinary and emergency needs funding.
- Students registered in between 4.5 (3.0 for CAL-registered students) and 5.75 units will pay reduced tuition. This means that, while they are still eligible for law and general bursary funding, the amount they are eligible for might be affected. For example, if law or general bursaries have already been disbursed, and a student is in this enrolment range, their bursary will need to be recalculated. This generally results in a lower eligibility amount, and money needs to be taken back.
- For students who stay between 4.5 (3.0 units for CAL-registered students) and 5.75 units and have received emergency or extraordinary needs funding from Law Financial Aid, the amount will not be affected. If they have received such funding from SAFA, Deb can always talk to SAFA about individual cases.

Students who remain at 6.0 units or above pay full-time tuition. Law and general bursary eligibility will not be impacted provided they maintain that threshold.

Workload

Students should expect to be assigned 20 to 30 pages of reading per scheduled class hour for each course. You can expect a weekly total of 300 to 500 pages of reading each week. Some readings are quick and easily understood and some will require a slow and detailed reading. There may also be differences in teaching styles, course materials and content, assigned readings and evaluation methods among sections of each course. Details about workload expectations and online components of each course will be made available in course descriptions and/or on associated Brightspace sites.

Course Information and Counselling

The elective program in the upper years of the JD program requires informed course counselling and course selection. Students may draw on the following resources when making course selection decisions:

- Course timetables and examination schedules
- Preliminary Course Information Summaries (PCIS)
- Course Offering Patterns Guide
- The Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations

- The Associate Dean, Administration and Research
- The Associate Director, Law Academic Services
- Faculty members
- Law Co-op Office
- Law Careers Office

Preliminary Course Information Summaries (PCIS)

For each course, a Preliminary Course Information Summary (PCIS) will be posted on the Faculty of Law website prior to registration: [Course Summaries](#) are intended to help you with your course selection decisions. PCIS are to be used as a guideline only and are subject to change. Course descriptions will be posted on Brightspace and will be available to registered students at the start of term.

Course Prerequisites and Corequisites

Several upper-year law courses have required pre- or corequisite law courses. This should be considered during your course planning. Students must not register in courses for which they do not have the required pre- or corequisites. If you register in a course and are missing the required pre- or corequisites, you will not be permitted to remain in the course. The compulsory first-year law curriculum is considered to be a prerequisite for upper year courses. Review the [Course Prerequisites and Corequisites table](#) on the final page of this guide.

Examination Schedules

Examination schedules for fall 2024 and spring 2025 terms will be posted prior to registration beginning. It is the student's responsibility to select courses that do not have conflicting exams and to pay due attention to the timing of take-home exams. Students who wish to avoid consecutive examinations must select their courses accordingly. Students with exams on consecutive days do not have grounds for deferrals on this basis.

Any travel arrangements for the end of term must be made to avoid conflict with final examinations. We highly advise that travel not be scheduled before the end of the exam period. Students may be required to write a deferred exam due to weather or other extenuating circumstances within the exam period; early travel scheduled at your own risk.

Cancellation or Rescheduling of Courses

Any course or program may be cancelled or rescheduled due to insufficient enrollment or other administrative circumstances. New course restrictions or prerequisites may also be imposed.

Enrollment Limitations

Courses and seminars have enrollment limitations that are listed under the heading "Cap" on the Course Schedules. The Faculty of Law reserves the right to place a cap on any course for pedagogical reasons or due to space limitations. Students should not expect course caps to be raised when courses are oversubscribed.

Compulsory Upper-Year Courses

In order to graduate, all students must successfully complete:

- **LAW 390 or LAW 388: Faculty major research paper requirement,**
- **LAW 301 The Administrative Law Process,** and
- **LAW 360 Legal Ethics and Professionalism.**

Major Research Paper Requirement

During the upper years of the program, all students must fulfill the “major research paper” requirement. A major research paper is a legal research paper of no fewer than 7,500 words (exclusive of footnotes and bibliography) on an approved subject which counts for at least 50% of the grade in a course and on which the student achieves a minimum grade of 65%. The major research paper requirement may be satisfied by:

1. writing a major research paper in a course (where permitted by the instructor) under the Faculty regulations governing such papers; **OR**
2. successfully completing LAW 388 Advanced Legal Research and Writing; **OR**
3. writing a directed major research paper in LAW 399 Supervised Research and Writing.

Faculty regulations governing major research papers are posted on the faculty website under [Student and Academic Matters](#). The course syllabus will typically indicate the number of major research papers, if any, the instructor will be willing to supervise in that course.

LAW 390 Major Research Paper in a Course

Students planning to write their major research paper in a course (other than LAW 399 or LAW 388), where such papers are permitted by the instructor, must register in the course in the usual way and must also complete the Consent to Supervise a Major Paper Within a Course form from the front office. The form requires the instructor’s signature. The completed and signed form must be submitted to the Assistant to the Associate Dean at the beginning of the term in which the paper will be written. Students unsure about whether a major research paper will be permitted in a particular course should consult with the instructor or the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations. Students are urged to consider this option for completing the major paper requirement, as opposed to enrolling in LAW 399.

LAW 390 Major Research Paper Registration

Students completing their major research paper within a course will also be registered in LAW 390 for the term in which they complete the paper. The LAW 390 registration is used for tracking and transcript purposes only and bears no unit value. (The student is already obtaining credit for the course in which the paper requirement is being fulfilled.) Front office staff will register the student in LAW 390 when the completed and signed consent form (see above) is submitted at the beginning of term. Students who have secured a supervisor for LAW 399 Supervised Research and Writing should indicate on the consent form whether the paper is intended to fulfill the major research paper requirement. If this is the case, front office staff will register the student in both LAW 399 (for credit) and LAW 390 (for tracking). Not all LAW 399 papers meet the major paper

requirement so this information must be included on the consent form. Students meeting the major research paper requirement by registering in LAW 388 ALRW will not be registered in LAW 390.

LAW 399 Supervised Research and Writing

LAW 399 Supervised Research and Writing provides law students an opportunity to undertake substantial research and writing on a legal subject approved by a Faculty member who agrees to supervise the paper. The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to students on proposals to write a LAW 399 research paper.

The calendar description for LAW 399 is as follows:

(Units: 1.0-4.0) During either of the second or third years of a student's program, a student may undertake a substantial research and writing project on a legal subject approved by a member of the Faculty of Law who agrees to supervise the project. With the approval of the Dean or the Dean's nominee: (1) a student may be awarded credit for two separate supervised research papers provided that the total credit does not exceed 4 units and each paper is started and completed in separate terms; (2) this course may be extended over two terms; or (3) this course is to be taken for 1 unit only.

The following guidelines apply to LAW 399 paper proposals:

- Students are generally expected to satisfy their LAW 390 Major Paper Requirement in a regular course offering rather than applying for LAW 399.
- An exception can be made where LAW 399 offers a student an opportunity to complete an original research and writing project, of publishable quality, where the subject matter of the paper is such that there is not a course-based opportunity to complete this work.
- Students are strongly advised to seek Faculty Member approval for a LAW 399 well in advance. Faculty Members may be approached by students about supervising a LAW 399 one to two terms in advance.
- Faculty Members are generally not available to supervise LAW 399 papers in their non-teaching term. In particular, there are limited opportunities to write LAW 399 papers in the summer term.
- Sessional and adjunct instructors do not normally supervise LAW 399 papers.
- The availability of LAW 399 is subject to the agreement of a supervising Faculty Member. Whether, and under what circumstances, a Faculty member agrees to supervise a LAW 399 is ultimately subject to the discretion of the supervising Faculty Member.
- Students should keep in mind that a LAW 399 paper is a major undertaking. A LAW 399 paper worth 1.5 units will be analogous to the time requirements of a 1.5-unit course.

Registration in LAW 399

- Students cannot register themselves for LAW 399; this will be done by a member of the Associate Dean's office upon submission of the appropriate documentation.
- In order to register for LAW 399, you must have your instructor sign the "Consent to Supervise LAW 399 Supervised Research and Writing and/or LAW 390 Major Paper Within a Course" form and you must file the completed form with the Associate Dean's office (by

email to law.studentservices@uvic.ca). On the form, you must indicate whether the paper will be 1.0, 1.5 or 2.0 units. The fillable form for Law 399 is available [here](#) under Registration Policies and Forms.

- The form must be submitted no later than the add/drop deadline for the particular term in which the LAW 399 paper is to be completed.
- The approval of the Associate Dean, Academic & Student Relations is needed if the LAW 399 is to be completed for only 1.0 unit. A LAW 399 paper that is completed for only 1.0 unit of credit and that has fewer than 7,500 words does not meet the Faculty's major paper requirement.
- Where a student is seeking to complete a LAW 399 in a topic that could be addressed within course work, Faculty are encouraged to consult with the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations.
- In rare occasions due to exceptional circumstances, the course may be extended over two terms with prior written approval of the supervising professor and the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations.

Successful completion of a supervised research paper in LAW 399 will satisfy the requirements of the major research paper regulations provided the paper is no fewer than 7,500 words in length (exclusive of footnotes and bibliography) and the student receives a grade of 65% or better on the paper.

LAW 343 Contemporary Issues in Law

LAW 343 Contemporary Issues is a course that usually has multiple sections. Each section is a different topic with a different schedule. There is only one section for each topic. Students may take more than one LAW 343 course during their law degree.

Skills and Clinical Courses

As a matter of Faculty policy, students are encouraged to take courses with considerable experiential content. For example, students are urged to take a clinical course (Law Centre, Business Law Clinic or Environmental Law Clinic) or a skills course (Advocacy, Legal Skills or Advanced Legal Research and Writing). For detailed information about clinical courses see the section on [Term and Clinical Programs](#) below.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The three skills courses are in high demand and are traditionally oversubscribed. Students interested in these courses are highly encouraged to register in one of Advocacy, Legal Skills or ALRW in the 2024-25 academic year due to limited spaces and high demand.

Legal Perspectives Courses

As a matter of Faculty policy, students are urged to take at least one legal perspectives course in either second or third year. For example, the following courses will be offered in 2024-25:

Animals, Culture and the Law
Comparative Constitutional Law
Dispossession: A Legal History

Historical Foundation of Common Law
International Human Rights and Dispute Resolution
Topics in Philosophy: Human Rights

LAW 365 Legal Mooting

Each year the Faculty participates in a variety of moots. Information about the mooting program, including the moots available in 2024-25, will be posted in early September.

In the past, the Faculty has participated in the following moots:

The BC Law Schools Moot Competition	1.5 units
The Bowman National Tax Moot	1.5 units
The Canadian Client Consultation Competition	1.5 units
The Fox Intellectual Property Moot	1.5 units
The Gale Cup	1.5 units
The Jessup International Law Moot	2.0 units
The Julius Alexander Isaac Moot	1.5 units
The Kawaskimhon Moot	1.5 units
The Western Canada Mock Trial (MacIntyre-Sopinka)	1.5 units
The Willms and Shier Environmental Law Moot	1.5 units
The Wilson Moot	1.5 units

For more detailed information about specific moots please see [last year's information](#).

Selection for Mooting Teams

Selection for mooting teams occurs in early September, except the Kawaskimhon Moot for which selection occurs in November. Students cannot register for LAW 365 unless they are selected to participate in a moot through the selection process. Students should therefore register in a full course load in June and drop a course in spring term if they are selected. In any given year, it is possible that the Faculty will not participate in one or more of the above moots.

Researcher Position

Some moots may have a researcher position. Researchers earn slightly less credit than students who act as counsel, and do not normally travel with the team to attend the moot. Selection for researcher positions will also take place in September.

Academic Credit for Moots

Credit for moots is awarded in the spring term unless special permission is sought and granted by the Associate Dean, Academic and Students Relations. This permission will only be granted in exceptional circumstances as the moot competitions occur in the spring term. Students who participate in moots as researchers get slightly less credit than those who act as counsel, typically 1.0 unit.

Students cannot participate in more than one moot in a single academic year. A student may be awarded credit in their upper-year program to a maximum of 2.0 units in an academic year and 4.0 units in the student's entire program, for supervised participation in mooting programs approved

by the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations. The Canadian Client Consultation Competition is considered to be a moot for these purposes. **This regulation is strictly enforced. No exceptions are permitted under any circumstances.**

Students may participate in more than one moot competition during their program, including the same moot competition. Students who wish to participate in a second moot must compete a second time, even if for the same moot competition. Students who have mooted competitively for credit in an earlier year may only do so again if numbers permit. Priority will always be given to students who have not had the opportunity to moot over those that have.

First year students will not receive credit for moot competitions, though they may compete in some of the moots.

Co-op and Moot Eligibility

Co-op students may be eligible to participate in the mooting program. Students must notify the Law Co-op Coordinator of their intention to participate in the moot run-offs.

Student must obtain written permission from the Law Co-op Coordinator **before** participating in the mooting run-offs.

See the [Law Co-op Handbook](#) for the guidelines that will be applied in determining whether a co-op student may participate in a moot while on a work term. Each student's circumstances are unique, so decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Term courses and moot eligibility

Preparation for moots begins in fall term and students must be available to meet with their team in both fall and spring terms. For this reason, students in Law Centre, full-time field schools or on exchange in either term cannot participate in a moot.

LAW 389 Appeal: Review of Current Law and Law Reform Law Journal

UVic Law's legal journal [Appeal: Review of Current Law and Law Reform](#) offers registered students the opportunity to participate, as members of the editorial board, in the production of a legal review. LAW 389 is a year-long course worth 2.0 units. Students may choose to be registered for 1.0 unit in the fall and 1.0 unit in the spring or 2.0 units in the spring term. It is **not possible** to register for the 2.0 units in the fall.

The deadline to apply for Appeal in 2024-25 was in March 2024. Students seeking information may email the editors at appeal@uvic.ca. Specific meeting times for this course may be established in consultation, prior to the start of term.

To qualify for LAW 389 and to be a member of the *Appeal* Board, students **MUST** be eligible for registration in classes for both the fall term 2024 and spring term 2025. Students scheduled to be in Law Centre or on an exchange term are not eligible to register in LAW 389.

Co-op students who receive an offer to participate in Appeal must contact the Law Co-op Coordinator to obtain permission if the course occurs during a work term.

LAW 352 Exchange Term

Students are encouraged to consider participating in an exchange term with one of UVic Law's exchange partners. Exchange terms are evaluated on a pass/fail basis and are, in most situations, 7.5 units of block credit. The process to apply for an exchange term in 2024-25 took place in February 2024.

For details on exchange opportunities see: <https://www.uvic.ca/law/jd/exchangeterms/index.php>. Any and all questions, including what can and cannot be combined with an exchange term should be directed to Fran Blake: lawcaa@uvic.ca.

Courses in Other Faculties at the University of Victoria

During their JD, an upper-year student may take a maximum of 3.0 units worth of courses in other faculties within the university for credit toward their JD degree. All students must obtain the approval of the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations as well as the instructor of the course in advance of registering for the course. If the course is graduate level, the student must also meet the admissions standards of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and obtain the approval of the Dean of Graduate Studies.

Students may be asked to justify to the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations how the course fits with their JD program.

Students taking courses in other faculties should be aware that supplemental examinations are not offered by all departments. Furthermore, even where supplemental examinations are available, the student must have achieved a final grade of "E" (not "F"). If a law student received an "F" (0 to 49%) grade in a course outside the Faculty of Law and could not write a supplemental in that course, the student would not achieve standing in the Faculty of Law for that year.

More detailed information is posted on the Student and Academic Matters page: <http://www.uvic.ca/law/jd/studentacademicmatters/index.php>.

Cross-Listed Courses

Each year, the Faculty of Law offers courses that are cross-listed with other faculties. Taking a cross-listed course can enrich a student's learning experience by adding an interdisciplinary dimension. The following course will be offered in 2024-25

Law	Cross List	Title	Instructor	Other Department	Law Cap	Term
343 A03	PHIL 490	Topics in Philosophy: Human Rights	Holder, Cindy	Philosophy	3	Spring

Term and Clinical Programs

Students may consider taking a term or clinical program in upper year. The rationale for the development of the clinical and term programs is to provide students with an opportunity to apply their knowledge of the law, to develop an understanding of legal processes, to develop lawyering skills and to provide an opportunity to achieve some degree of specialization in an intense and closely supervised format. Students may not enrol in more than two term programs. Except in unusual and compelling circumstances, students who enrol in a term program are not permitted to enrol in other courses during that term without the authorization of the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations.

LAW 350 Clinical Law Term - The Law Centre

In this full-time term-long clinical course students will receive training in interviewing, counselling, negotiation, mediation, advocacy before Provincial Court and administrative tribunals, and drafting. They will represent clients who present with problems related to criminal law, corrections law, family law, human rights law, and a variety of civil law issues. Students will develop awareness of legal and social problems of economically disadvantaged, significantly ill, liberty challenged, Indigenous and aged members of society.

This process requires a carefully supervised program with manifold opportunities for one-to-one instructor student supervision and regular group sessions. The Law Centre Program takes place in a community law office and the maximum enrollment is 14 students. Students who enroll in the Law Centre are required to obtain Temporary Articles through the Law Society of British Columbia.

The credit value of the term is 7.5 units.

Students interested in the Law Centre term program should review the Law Centre's website <http://thelawcentre.ca/>. Law Centre is offered in fall, spring and summer with 14 spaces available in each term. Registration for this term program will be determined by lottery. See the section below on Admission to Law Centre for details.

Admission Lottery and Registration Priority

Lottery Deadline: Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 12:00 noon PT

The LAW 350 Law Centre Ballot can be found in the Ballots & Special Application Process section of [this page](#).

Admission Lottery and Registration Priority

Admission to LAW 350 Law Centre Clinical Term (Law Centre) is determined by lottery. If you wish to register in Law Centre in fall term 2024 or spring term 2025 you must submit a ballot by the deadline indicated. Students may ballot for one term only (*either* fall 2024 *or* spring 2025) during the lottery.

There are 14 places available in each term. **Priority admission will be given to students in their third year of legal studies in fall term 2024, and to students who have taken one or more of the**

three following courses: LAW 309 Law of Evidence, LAW 303 Criminal Procedure or LAW 322 Family Law.

Lottery Deadline

Submit your ballot by email to law.studentservices@uvic.ca **by no later than Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 12:00 noon PT.** In your email subject line, type “BALLOT LAW 350 Law Centre”

You will receive a confirmation email from a staff member in reply. You may submit one ballot only. The lottery deadline is strictly enforced. Late ballots are accepted; however, if there is a waitlist your name will be added to the end regardless of your year of study. If the ballot is no longer posted on the website, please contact law.studentservices@uvic.ca to be added to the waitlist.

Lottery Results

Participating students will be advised of the results of the lottery within a few days of the ballot deadline, and prior to the first day of registration. If you accept an offer, consider it to be a serious commitment that you will attend the course. If you aren't sure whether to accept an offer, let us know and we'll discuss your individual situation with you. Withdrawals are problematic, particularly as the start of term approaches.

Registration

If you ballot successfully for Law Centre, Law Academic Services staff will register you in LAW 350 Law Centre for 7.5 units in the appropriate term. If you decide to withdraw from Law Centre, please advise us by emailing law.studentservices@uvic.ca immediately. You will be eligible to register for your other term online on your designated registration day. If you are waitlisted for Law Centre, plan to register yourself in regular courses on your registration day.

Prerequisites

To be eligible for Law Centre, students must have completed all required 100 level courses and a minimum of 7.0 units of upper-year law courses. Preference will be given to students who have also completed one or more of LAW 303 Criminal Procedure, LAW 309 Law of Evidence and LAW 322 Family Law.

Other Courses

Students registered in Law Centre are not permitted to register in any other course in addition to LAW 350 Law Centre Clinical Term.

Deferred Coursework or Academic Standing Issues

Students with deferred work from a prior term, or who are not in good academic standing when the term begins, will be required to withdraw from Law Centre. In extenuating circumstances, permission to continue may be granted by the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations.

Term Dates

The Law Centre is a term program with a credit value of 7.5 units. It is scheduled from the first day of term to the end of the fourth month of term. The end date does not coincide with the end of classes or the end of the exam period.

Review the [For Law Students](#) section of the [Law Centre website](#) for an understanding of the time commitment required.

Attendance

The Law Centre term begins with an intensive orientation period that runs for the first four weeks of term in the law school. **Full-time attendance during these four weeks of orientation is critical and mandatory. It is unacceptable to miss ANY orientation days** and students unable to commit their time fully are advised to reconsider their course selection. Students with questions about this requirement, or who are seeking an academic concession should contact the [Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations](#) and the [Director of the Law Centre](#).

Waitlist

14 seats are available in the Law Centre in each of the fall term and the spring term. A waitlist will be created for each term and maintained by Law Academic Services. Qualified students who participate in the lottery but do not obtain a place in the Law Centre will be automatically waitlisted in the term for which they balloted and may also upon request (see question 4 on ballot) be added to the waitlist of the other term. Students who miss the lottery deadline will be added to the bottom of the waitlist(s) of their choice on a first come first served basis, regardless of their year of study. Students who obtain a place in the Law Centre will not be placed on the waitlist for the term for which they did not ballot. These students may however, request to be added to the waitlist after the lottery results are released but will be given lowest priority.

The Faculty of Law reserves the right to exercise an overriding discretion in regard to the interpretation and application of all priority rules.

LAW 349 Business Law Clinic (BLC)

The Business Law Clinic (BLC), LAW 349 brings together a dynamic combination of senior law students, community-based entrepreneurs and innovative businesses owners. The BLC can provide legal information about issues that are important to small businesses. As the owners and law students work together, they learn that a venture's path to success is greatly assisted when owners consult with legal counselors in the initial development stage of the business. Typical legal issues faced by entrepreneurs or business owners are dealt with in this course, including the protection of ideas, business formats, bank or investor financing, product liability, commercial contracts and the selection of a lawyer.

Students can register for LAW 349 BLC in [Online Tools](#) on their registration day. LAW 349 BLC has a credit value of 1.5 units per term. LAW 315 Business Associations is a required pre- or corequisite for LAW 349. See information below regarding restrictions relating to taking this course twice.

LAW 353 Environmental Law Clinic (ELC)

The Environmental Law Clinic (ELC), LAW 353, is the Faculty's foundational environmental clinical course. Students receive supervised experience working for conservation, community and First Nation clients.

The class will meet weekly for a 3-hour seminar in which legal skills and professional responsibility issues are learned and discussed. LAW 353 is offered every term and has a cap of ten to twelve students. Students can register for LAW 353 ELC in [Online Tools](#) on their registration day. LAW 353 has a credit value of 2.0 units per term. See information below regarding restrictions on taking LAW 353 ELC twice.

Important: Students registered in this course will be contacted by ELC staff prior to the start of term. Files are assigned early, and students must attend the first scheduled class. **Because of the structure of the course, and the responsibility to clients, students should only register in this course if they can commit to remaining registered. If you're interested, but aren't sure whether to register, email Holly Pattison at elc@uvic.ca to discuss your individual situation.**

LAW 353 Environmental Law Centre Clinic and LAW 349 Business Law Clinic Restrictions

The course descriptions for these two clinical offerings indicate that, with the approval of the Associate Dean and the instructor, students may enrol in either of these courses twice. However, you must not register in LAW 353 or LAW 349 for a second time without prior approval of both the Associate Dean and the Instructor. Such approval is highly exceptional and will only be granted if there is space available in the course at the beginning of a term. That is, students who have not yet had an opportunity to take the course will have priority.

Concentration in Environmental Law and Sustainability

The concentration in Environmental Law and Sustainability will provide students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in environmental law and sustainability, and to use their legal knowledge in the direct service of real clients pursuing a range of interests aimed at environmental protection. Students who complete the eight required courses and electives will receive a notation on their transcript. For details, please see the program information posted with the 2024-25 registration materials on the [law registration webpage](#).

Co-op

Co-op students must follow one of the three approved academic term/work term schedule options outlined in the [Law Co-op Handbook](#). Schedule changes require the permission of the Law Co-op Coordinator, and this is only granted in exceptional circumstances. Typically, Law Co-op students are expected to attend one academic summer session.

With permission from the Law Co-op Coordinator and the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations, co-op students may be eligible to take a course during a term when they will be on a workterm. Approval will not be given for coursework that occurs during hours of co-op employment.

Course Registration

Authorization to Register

Students are authorized to register for courses according to their progress in their law program (i.e. second year or third year).

For course registration purposes, a third-year student will have completed the second year of the JD program before the start of Winter Session 2024 (i.e., September 2024). A second-year student will have completed their first year before the start of the Winter Session 2024 (i.e., September 2024). Third-year students have priority access to upper-year courses and register one day earlier than second-year students.

Students are authorized to register in June for the entire Winter Session 2024 (fall term 2024 **and** spring term 2025). Ensure that you register for both terms (unless you are a co-op student) on your authorized date of registration.

Students completing 2L in fall 2024 and starting 3L in spring 2025 will be assigned 2L registration priority. Students in this situation should email law.studentservices@uvic.ca to request a manual adjustment to reflect 3L priority for spring (only) registration. This means registering for fall term courses on Wednesday, June 12 at 8:00 am (2L) and spring term courses on Tuesday, June 11 at 8:00 am (3L).

Admission to LAW 350 Law Centre Clinical Law Program is determined by lottery. See the section above for details on this offering. The deadline to ballot for Law Centre is Tuesday, June 4, 12:00 noon.

Prepare Yourself for Registration - Review Law Materials

Carefully review the **2024-25** Winter Session registration information on the [law registration webpage](#). The documents will be posted as they become available.

- Important Academic Dates
- Planning and Course Selection Guide (this document)
- Course Offering Patterns Guide
- UVic Law Moots (2024-25 information will be posted in September)
- Concentration in Environmental Law and Sustainability
- Ballot: LAW 350 Law Centre 2024-25
- Preliminary Course Information Summaries (PCIS)
 - Fall Term 2024
 - Upper-Year Schedule (includes CRNs)
 - Upper-Year Timetable
 - Examination Schedule
 - Spring Term 2025
 - Upper-Year Schedule (includes CRNs)
 - Upper-Year Timetable
 - Examination Schedule

UVic's Registration Process

The registration process is managed by the UVic Registrar's Office.

Detailed registration instructions are on the [How to Register for Courses](#) webpage. Helpful video tutorials are posted. Please review the information carefully.

This guide highlights certain registration aspects of note to law students but does not otherwise include instructions.

Important tips:

- Time tickets with your registration date and time will be emailed on Thursday, May 31. If you don't receive one, email Yvonne Lawson at lawmaass@uvic.ca.
- View your [registration status](#) to ensure your registration dates are correct and you have no holds on your account due to fees owing.
- Law courses have caps and limited spaces. Be prepared and register promptly at your designated date and time.
- Anecdotally, the Plan Ahead "Build a Course Plan" tool is recommended, it can be found in [Online Tools](#). **Use caution when courses have multiple sections, using the CRN rather than the course number is advised.**

Double Degree Student Registration

Registration issues are common for law students in double degree programs. JD + MPA and JD + MBA double degree students should contact Yvonne Lawson at lawmaass@uvic.ca prior to June 11 to request registration assistance. The issues arise from incompatibility between graduate and undergraduate records in Banner.

On Your Registration Day

Ensure you have no personal or work commitments that conflict with your registration date and time. Plan ahead, and avoid booking travel on your registration day or being in locations or areas where your access to the Internet is unreliable.

Registration Holds or Blocks

[View your registration status](#) to ensure you have no holds on your record that will prevent you from registering.

There is a strict University of Victoria policy that **if you owe any fees or fines you will be blocked from registration**. This includes tuition, ancillary fees, co-op work term fees, library fines and parking tickets.

Faculty of Law staff cannot override Accounting registration holds. If you do have outstanding fees, settle your account quickly. **It can take 48 hours for payments to be processed and have the block**

removed by Accounting. Settling an overdue account one day before registration may not allow enough time to remove the hold.

For inquiries regarding fee-related blocks to your account contact UVic Accounting at tuition@uvic.ca, 250.721.7032 or toll free at 1.800.663.5260. Detailed information is available from UVic's [Tuition Office](#).

Course Waitlists

If you [add yourself to waitlists during registration](#), be sure to monitor your situation. See details, including useful video tutorials in [What happens if I'm on a Waitlist?](#)

CAUTION - Registration Offers and Deadlines:

- Registration offers will be sent to your Preferred Email address.
- Registration offers are sent once per day at 1:00 pm PT (excepting weekends and stat holidays).
- Note the offer expiry date and time, you will have **47 hours** to respond to waitlist offers prior to the start of term.
- When term begins, the offer expiry will reduce to **23 hours**.
- **If you don't accept the offer by the deadline, you will be removed from the waitlist**, and the space will be offered to the next student on the waitlist.
- If you miss the deadline and are dropped from the waitlist, you may waitlist yourself a second time. Unfortunately, you will have lost your priority and will be at the end of the waitlist. There are no exceptions to this rule so respond to offers quickly.

Registration and Waitlist Combined Limit

Law students may be waitlisted and registered in a **combined total of 10.0 units per term**. 8.5 units is the maximum registered units permitted and an additional 1.5 units is given to allow waitlist flexibility. This means students registered in 8.5 units may only waitlist for one additional 1.5-unit course. Or, for example, a student registered in 6.0 units may waitlist for up to 4.0 more units of courses (i.e. to a combined limit of 10.0 units). Plan your registration accordingly.

Course Offering Patterns

To assist you with longer term course planning, the [Course Offering Patterns Guide](#) is posted with the registration documents on the law website. The information in this document is offered solely to help students plan their overall programs and **does not constitute a promise to offer a particular course in a particular term in future years**.

Client, Court and Legislation Skills and Clinical Courses: Registration Restrictions

As a matter of Faculty policy, students are encouraged to take a clinical course (Law Centre, Business Law Clinic, Environmental Law Clinic, ELC Intensive, Field Courses and Intensive Term) or a client, court or legislation skills course (Legal Skills, Advanced Legal Research and Writing, Advocacy or Dispute Resolution). These courses have low caps and are in high demand and typically fill up on the first day of registration. Skills courses are generally only available in Winter Session however there are two or three clinical courses regularly offered in Summer Session.

Clinical Courses offered in 2024-25:

- LAW 349 Business Law Clinic (BLC) (fall and spring)
- LAW 350 Law Centre Clinical Law Term (fall and spring)
- LAW 353 Environmental Law Clinic (ELC) (fall and spring)

Client, Court and Legislation Skills Courses offered in 2024-25:

- LAW 303 Criminal Procedure (fall)
- LAW 307B Civil Procedure with Drafting (fall and spring)
- LAW 337 Dispute Resolution Theory and Practice (spring)
- LAW343-6 Indigenous Law Drafting (spring)
- LAW 355 Legal Skills (fall and spring)
- LAW 388 ALRW (fall and spring)
- LAW 356 Advocacy (fall and spring)

Students are encouraged to register for only one of these courses to ensure that in any given year all students have the opportunity to take one of these courses.

Please keep reading, the Course Prerequisite and Corequisite Chart is on the next page.

Course Prerequisites and Corequisites

It is the student's responsibility to ensure course pre- and corequisites are met.

Note that courses below may not be offered in 2024-25.

Course (may not be offered in 2024-25)	Required Prerequisites	Required Corequisites	Recommended Pre- or Corequisites
LAW 313 Securities Regulations			LAW 315 Business Associations; or LAW 315I Transsystemic Bus Associations
LAW 320 Wills, Estates and Succession Planning			LAW 319 Trusts
LAW 321 Competition Law			<i>It is recommended that students have taken a prior course in corporate law.</i>
LAW 324 Children and the Law			LAW 322 Family Law LAW 301 Administrative Law
LAW 343 Administrative Law – Practice and Procedure (offered in fall 2024)	LAW 301/301I is a REQUIRED pre- or corequisite	LAW 301 Admin Law; or LAW 301I Transsystemic Admin	
LAW 343E Climate Litigation Workshop (offered in spring 2025)	LAW 329 Environmental Law	LAW 309 Evidence	
LAW 345A First Nation Taxation			LAW 315 Business Association; or LAW 315I Transsystemic Bus Associations strongly recommended Prerequisite LAW 345 Tax is a recommended pre- or corequisite
LAW 346A Corporate Taxation	LAW 345 Taxation LAW 315 Business Associations; or LAW 315I Transsystemic Business Associations		
LAW 346B International Taxation	LAW 345 Taxation		LAW 315 Business Associations; or LAW 315I Transsystemic Bus Associations
LAW 348 Managing Intellectual Property	LAW 347 Intellectual Property		
LAW 349 Business Law Clinic		LAW 315 Bus Associations; or LAW 315I Transsystemic Bus Associations (Pre- or co-req)	LAW 347 Intellectual Property (taken before if possible)
LAW 350 Law Centre: Clinical Law Term	7.0 units of upper-year law courses.		Preference will be given to students who have completed LAW 303 Criminal Procedure LAW 309 Law of Evidence LAW 322 Family Law
LAW 353 Environmental Law Clinic (ELC)			LAW 329 Environmental Law
LAW 353A ELC Intensive	LAW 353 ELC		LAW 329 Environmental Law
LAW 355 Legal Skills			LAW 309 Evidence LAW 307B Civil Procedure
LAW 356 Advocacy	LAW 309 Evidence		
LAW 384 Field Course in Reconciliation, Ecology and Place-based Law	An upper-year environmental law course and background in environmental law are required prerequisites		
LAW 385 Comparative Copyright Law			LAW 347 Intellectual Property

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