

## **HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR COURSES**

During your second and third years of law school, you will have substantial discretion to choose the courses you wish to take. In order to graduate, you will be required to take a Professional Responsibility course and to fulfill the Substantial Writing and Professional Skills requirements (described in greater detail below). Beyond those requirements, it will be up to you to choose which courses to take.

As you make those decisions, you should keep in mind the importance of gaining a broad, general background in the law; the benefit of taking courses that challenge you to think carefully and analytically; and the need to expose yourself to areas covered by the bar exam. Some degree of course focus may be appropriate for students who are confident that they know where they want to specialize. An intense focus in one area may also enhance the learning experience as you build on knowledge and expertise gained in previous courses.

On the other hand, many lawyers end up practicing in a field that is different from the one they envisioned while in law school, and you should be reluctant to design your course emphasis too narrowly. Even for students who end up predicting their field of specialty accurately, a broad-based educational foundation is crucial, as is an education that presents an opportunity to challenge and expand your way of thinking about legal problems.

With that background, some specific considerations that may impact your course selection decisions are set forth below.

### **1. Graduation Requirements**

Graduation requirements are described in section VIII of the Law School's Policies and Procedures, which are accessible on the Law School's website. For advice about graduation requirements, you may contact Registrar Nancy Hamberlin.

### **2. Required Upper-division Course**

All students must take Professional Responsibility.

**3. Substantial Writing**

Each student must individually prepare, during his or her second or third year, a substantial paper. The paper must be written for credit in connection with a Law School course or seminar, a cocurricular law journal, or Directed Research. Courses that offer the substantial writing option are so designated in the Law School course materials. For more information about this requirement, please see section II of the Law School's Policies and Procedures.

**4. Professional Skills Requirement**

**[This requirement applies only to students who began study at the J. Reuben Clark Law School in fall semester 2007 or thereafter.]**

Each student must fulfill the Professional Skills Requirement by completing one of the following:

1. At least two hours of externship credit; or
2. At least one of the second-year or third-year courses designated as a Professional Skills Course in the Law School course materials.

**5. Bar Examination Subjects**

For information about bar examination subjects, please contact the state bar association of the state where you plan to take the bar exam. The Career Services Office has some contact information.

For example, the Utah bar examination may include questions on the following subjects (which may not necessarily correspond to names of courses offered at the law school):

Administrative Law  
Agency and Partnership  
Business Entities  
Civil Procedure (including Utah and federal rules)  
Commercial Paper (Negotiable Instruments)  
Conflict of Laws  
Constitutional Law (including Utah and federal law)  
Contracts  
Corporations

Creditor/Debtor  
Criminal Law and Procedure  
Decedent's Estates  
Ethics  
Evidence (including Utah and federal rules)  
Family Law  
Real Property  
Sales  
Secured Transactions  
Torts  
Trusts and Future Interests  
Uniform Commercial Code (Articles 2, 3, 4, and 9)  
Wills/Estate Planning/Trusts (including tax aspects)

The Utah bar examination also includes Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions, which examine the lawyering skills of problem-solving, factual analysis, legal analysis, reasoning, written communication, organization and management of a legal task, and recognizing and resolving ethical dilemmas.

Applicants to the Utah State Bar must also pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE).

## **6. Courses Recommended for All Law Students**

The following courses are generally recommended for all law students, regardless of their eventual area of practice, as they provide a foundational background on which other fields of law are based. For course information, please see the Course Descriptions on the Law School's website.

Administrative Law  
Business Associations  
Evidence  
Federal Income Taxation 1  
Secured Transactions  
The First Amendment or The Fourteenth Amendment  
Trusts  
Wills and Estates

## **7. Final Examination Schedule**

It is important to consult the final examination schedule when selecting courses. If you register for courses that have exams on the same day or on sequential days, you will have to take the exams as scheduled. Please note that the final exam schedule on the Law School's website is

correct. The final exam schedule on the University's AIM system is not used by the Law School and is not correct.

**8. Courses Offered in 2009-10 that Are Unlikely to Be Offered in 2010-11**

For planning purposes, please note that the following courses offered in 2009-10 are unlikely to be offered in 2010-11. This list does not mean that other courses are guaranteed to be offered in 2010-11.

ADR in the Workplace  
Advanced Negotiation  
Antitrust  
Community-Based Legal Research  
Corporate Finance  
Deals  
Disaster Law  
Domestic Mediation  
Federal Tax Research  
Intellectual Property / Antitrust Law  
International Economic Relations  
Legal Scholarship  
Patent Litigation and Client Counseling  
Remedies  
U.S. Taxation of Foreign Income of U.S. Businesses and Investors  
U.S. Constitution and International Law

**9. Externships**

Externships in a variety of settings are available for credit. Please contact the Career Services Office regarding placement opportunities, or the professors listed as supervising the externships. Please also contact Nancy Hamberlin, Law School Registrar, for registration finalization and credit approval.

**10. Advisement**

For advice about choosing courses, you may contact:

Assistant Dean Wendy Archibald; or  
Professors who teach in your area of interest.

For advice about career planning, you may contact:

Assistant Dean Mary Hoagland;

Beth Hansen, Director of Career Services; or  
Professors who teach in your area of interest.

If you have concerns that are affecting your ability to perform in law school, such as academic issues, health issues, family problems, disabilities, etc., please contact:

Assistant Dean Wendy Archibald.

## **11. General Subject Areas of Courses**

The following list categorizes the Law School's courses (including co-curricular programs) according to general subject areas. For course information, please see the Course Descriptions on the Law School's website. Please note that some courses have prerequisites.

### Alternative Dispute Resolution

Alternative Dispute Resolution  
ADR in the Workplace  
Basic Mediation  
Domestic Mediation  
International Public and Commercial Arbitration  
Mediation Externship  
Negotiation  
Youth in Mediation  
Youth in Mediation Externship

### Business and Commercial Law

Accounting for Lawyers  
Antitrust  
Business Associations  
Business Reorganization under the Bankruptcy Code  
Corporate Finance  
Deals  
Debtors and Creditors  
Entertainment and Sports Law  
Fiduciary Duty in Law and Equity  
Insurance Law  
International Business Transactions  
International Economic Relations  
Law and Entrepreneurship  
Mergers and Acquisitions  
Secured Transactions  
Securities Regulation

## Constitutional Law

Civil Rights

Internet Regulation and Decency

Issues in National Security Law

Substantive Due Process

Origins of the Constitution

Presidential Power

Supreme Court Seminar

The First Amendment

The Fourteenth Amendment

The U.S. Constitution and International Law

U.S. Church and State

## Criminal Law and Procedure

Criminal Procedure

Criminal Trial Practice

Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations

## Education

Co-curricular: Education and Law Journal

Law of Higher Education

Law and Public Education

## Environmental Law and Natural Resources

Climate Change and Air Pollution Law

Environmental Law

Oil and Gas

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Water Law

## Estates and Trusts

Advanced Estate Planning

Basic Estate Planning

Trusts

Wills and Estates

## Family Law

Child Advocacy

Domestic Mediation

Domestic Relations

Domestic Violence Intervention

Family Law

## Government

Administrative Law  
Disaster Law  
Issues in National Security Law  
Judicial Process  
Legislation  
State and Local Government  
The Law of War  
See courses listed under Constitutional Law

Health Care  
Health Care Law

Indian Law  
Federal Indian Law  
Tribal Courts Externship

Intellectual Property and Technology  
Advanced Computer-based Practice Systems  
Advanced Copyright and Trademark  
Advanced IP Moot Court Externship  
Advanced Patent Drafting and Prosecution  
Biotechnology Law and Ethics  
Computer-based Practice Systems  
Copyright, Trademarks, and Trade Secrets  
ECommerce and Internet Law  
Intellectual Property/Antitrust Law  
Intellectual Property Moot Court  
Internet Regulation and Decency  
Patent Law 1–Conditions for Patentability  
Patent Law 2–Infringement and Remedies  
Patent Litigation and Client Counseling  
Technology Licensing  
Telecommunications Law

International and Comparative Law  
Advanced Comparative Law 1-4  
Co-curricular: International Law and Management Review  
Immigration Law  
International Business Transactions  
International Conflict Resolution  
International Economic Relations  
International Moot Court  
International Protection of Religious Freedom  
International Public and Commercial Arbitration

Public International Law  
The Law of War  
The U.S. Constitution and International Law

Labor and Employment

ADR in the Workplace  
Employment Law  
Employment Rights  
Labor Law  
Survey of Labor Law and Individual Employment Rights

Law Librarianship Management

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Law Practice and Professional Development

Advanced Computer-based Practice Systems  
Computer-based Practice Systems  
Law Practice Management  
Legal Scholarship

Legal History

Ancient Near Eastern Law in the Old Testament and the Book of Mormon  
Anglo-American Legal History  
History of Mormon Lawyers  
Joseph Smith and the Law  
Origins of the Constitution  
Substantive Due Process

Legal Interviewing and Counseling

Legal Interviewing and Counseling  
Advanced Counseling

Legal Research and Writing

Advanced Appellate Brief Writing  
Advanced Legal Research  
Advanced Legal Writing  
Co-curricular: International Law and Management Review  
Co-curricular: Education and Law Journal  
Co-curricular: Journal of Public Law  
Co-curricular: Law Review  
Co-Curricular: Moot Court  
Community-based Legal Research  
Directed Research  
Federal Tax Research

International Legal Research  
Legal Drafting

Legal Studies

Adjudication: Law and Logic  
Adjudication: Rules and Balancing  
Judicial Process  
Jurisprudence  
Law and Literature  
Legislation  
Social Policy and Feminist Legal Thought

Litigation

Advanced Appellate Brief Writing  
Civil Discovery  
Civil Trial Practice 1  
Civil Trial Practice 2  
Co-Curricular: Moot Court  
Co-Curricular: Trial Advocacy  
Conflicts of Law  
Evidence  
Federal Courts  
International Moot Court  
Judicial Process  
Negotiation  
Principles of Trial Advocacy  
Remedies  
Supreme Court Seminar

Professional Responsibility

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Public Interest Law and Pro Bono

Child Advocacy  
Community Lawyering  
Community-based Legal Research  
Domestic Relations  
Domestic Violence Intervention  
Elder Law  
Hispanic Street Law  
Mediation Externship  
Tribal Courts Externship  
Youth in Mediation  
Youth in Mediation Externship

Real Property

Real Estate Development

Real Estate Finance

Land Use Planning

Taxation

Federal Income Taxation 1

Federal Income Taxation 2

Federal Tax Research

Introduction to Tax Exempt Organizations

U.S. Taxation of the Foreign Income of U.S. Businesses and Investors

U.S. Taxation of the U.S. Income of Foreign Businesses and Investors

U.S. Taxation of Religious Organizations