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Academic Plan Submission Form

Candidates must meet at least once each year with their faculty advisors to discuss progress towards completion of the PIJD requirements and plans for completing those requirements. All 1Ls and 2Ls, and Flex 3Ls who are not graduating in three years must submit academic plans by May 25. If May 25 falls on a weekend, submit the plan by the preceding Friday.

Academic plans cover the candidate's completion of PIJD specific requirements by documenting the coursework, experiential learning, and milestones already completed, as well as the candidate's plans for completing additional coursework, experiential learning, and milestones during the next academic year. Academic plans should be submitted first to the faculty advisor for his/her signature, and then to the program directors for their signatures. Please submit this as one single document.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, _____

has satisfied the requirements for their _____^(student) academic plan.
(year)

(faculty advisor signature)

(date)

(program director signature)

(date)

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1L Academic Planning Form

This form should be completed by 1L PIJD students no later than May 25 at the end of 1L year.

Classes Completed

Fall 1L Year

Course Name	Credits	Grades
Total Credits		

Spring 1L Year

Course Name	Credits	Grades (if known)
Total Credits		

Total Credits at end of 1L Year =

Note: Disclosure of grades is voluntary. Students are not required to provide grade information, but that information is helpful for faculty advisors.



Tentative Plan for 2L Year

Note: As explained in more detail in the Appendix at the end of this form, all students are required to take and pass at least six upper division bar courses in order to graduate. (For a complete list of graduation requirements, please see 'Graduation' in the Student Bulletin, and run an Individual Academic Progress Report in WorkDay. If you have further questions, please consult with a staff member in the Office of the Registrar, located in Law Student Services). Accordingly, full-time students should plan to take at least three upper division bar courses in their 2L year. Flex students should plan to take at least one upper division bar course per semester in their 2L year.

Fall 2L Year (include here courses taken in summer after 1L year)

Course Name	Credits	Public Interest? (Yes or No)	Experiential? (Yes or No)	Bar course? (Yes or No)
Total Credits				

Spring 2L Year

Course Name	Credits	Public Interest? (Yes or No)	Experiential? (Yes or No)	Bar course? (Yes or No)
Total Credits				

Note: Completion of this form does not guarantee priority registration into the classes selected. Instead, it is intended to serve as a planning template. Students should consult with Faculty Advisors about backup plans in case their first choices are not available.

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Questions

1. PIJD students must complete at least one clinic for at least 2 units. Do you plan to complete this requirement in your 2L year?
2. PIJD students must complete at least one externship for at least 3 units. Do you plan to complete this requirement in your 2L year?
3. PIJD students must complete at least 9 units of experiential coursework. How many units do you plan to complete by the end of your 2L year?
4. PIJD students must complete at least 16 units of public interest coursework (including experiential learning coursework). How many units do you plan to complete by the end of your 2L year?

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5. PIJD students must complete at least 6 milestones. We recommend that all full-time students and Flex students who plan to graduate in three years complete at least 3 milestones by the end of their 2L year. How many milestones do you plan to complete by the end of your 2L year? Which ones?

Appendix

Bar Course Policy – Effective as of Fall 2026

- All column 1 courses required: All students must achieve a passing grade in all required upper-division bar courses (Column 1).
- Two column 2 courses required: All students must achieve a passing grade in at least two Column 2 bar courses.
- Courses must be taken on a graded basis: To satisfy this graduation requirement, a student must earn course credit in all Column 1 courses, and they must take those Column 1 courses on a graded basis. In addition, the student must earn course credit in two Column 2 courses, taken on a graded basis (i.e. not Pass/No Pass). Once a student has satisfied these requirements, they may take additional Column 2 courses on a Pass/No Pass basis.
- This policy is effective as of Fall semester 2026. For each UP point a student achieved prior to Fall 2026 for a non-required UP-point eligible course, that student will have fulfilled one of the Column 2 course requirements under the new policy.

Column 1: all courses are required	Column 2: 2 courses are required
Required Upper-Division Bar Courses	Additional Upper-Division Bar Courses
LAW 320 Evidence	LAW 310 Criminal Procedure: Investigation
LAW 200 Constitutional Law: Governmental Structure	LAW 324 Remedies*
LAW 201 Constitutional Law: Individual Rights	LAW 207 Administrative Law
LAW 302 Professional Responsibility	LAW 291 Family Law
	LAW 239 Employment Law
	LAW 281 Wills and Trusts
	LAW 248 Business Organizations*
	LAW 290 Community Property*

The Bar course policy requires the completion of 6 courses. All required courses from column 1 and 2 courses from column 2.

*courses with an asterisk are no longer on the State Bar’s list of tested subjects as of July 2028.