

COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR PART-TIME STUDENTS

Part-time students are required to take the following courses after completion of 30 credit hours and before completion of 60 credit hours:

210 Evidence (Fall semester)
250 Constitutional Law II (Either semester)
220 Legal Profession (Either semester)

203 Business Associations (Either semester)
An Advanced Writing course (Either semester)

See Summer Session requirements listed below regarding permission to take the above courses the summer between your 1L coursework (after 16 credit hours).

Part-time students are required to take at least one course from each of the following areas after completion of 30 credit hours:

Administrative Law Courses

441 Administrative Law 3 cr.
448 Environmental Law 4 cr.
480 Immigration Law 3 cr.

Code Courses

407 UCC 3 cr.
408 Secured Transactions 3 cr.
420 Bankruptcy 3-4 cr.
421 Individual Tax 4 cr.
429 Consumer Protection Law 3 cr.

Property Courses

439 Trusts and Estates 3 cr.
437 Intellectual Property 2-3 cr.
434 Land Use 3 cr.

Perspective Courses:

260 Legal Process 2 cr.
265 American Legal History 2 cr.
270 Comparative Law: Europe 2 cr.
271 Comparative Law: Latin America 2 cr.
272 Law & Society 2 cr.
280 Law & Economics 3 cr.
295 Jurisprudence 2 cr.
425 Race and the Law 2 cr.
477 Intro. to Public International Law 3 cr.
479 International Law: Human Rights 3 cr.
479-A1 Latin America: Human Rights (Chile) 2 cr.
273-C2 Comp. Theo. Jurisprudence (Cambridge) 2 cr.

Pro Bono Requirement (20 hrs.) applies to all part-time students and must be performed after completion of 30 cr. hours and before the last day of classes prior to graduation. (Completion includes submission of the signed Supervisor's Report to the Career Planning Center.) Forms for Pro Bono are available in the Career Planning Center.

3L Seminar Requirement: Part-time students must satisfy the seminar requirement after completion of 60 cr. hrs. Law Review 676 and 677 satisfies the seminar requirement, with the exception of Honors Program students who are required to enroll in Law 301-HA.

Additional Courses: During the second year of part-time study, a part-time student with a cumulative GPA of 2.250 or higher may take up to two additional courses in each semester provided the student's course load does not exceed eleven (11.0) credit hours per semester. Permission must be granted by the instructor and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. The primary consideration will be whether the courses previously taken provide a sufficient background for the additional course, but the student's outside commitments also will be considered. The "Part-time Request to Take an Additional Course" form is available online at www.valpo.edu/law/registrar/forms/parttimeadcourse.pdf.

Summer Session: After the first semester of part-time study, a part-time student with a cumulative GPA of 2.250 or higher may take up to two summer courses with the permission of the instructor and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. The primary consideration will be whether the courses previously taken provide a sufficient background for the summer course. The "Request to Take Additional Summer Credits" application form can be found at the Registrar's web site, www.valpo.edu/law/registrar/forms/parttimeadcourse.pdf.

Note: a form from the Registrar's website will have to be completed if you plan to take summer session elective courses at another law school.

S/U Option: After completion of 60 cr. hrs., one course per semester may be taken for a grade of S (satisfactory) or U (unsatisfactory) in elective courses offered which are otherwise graded by letter grade. This option must be exercised through the Registrar's Office at the time of registration and may not be changed after the deadline for Drop/Add. Further, a student who is enrolled in more than 5 hours of S/U courses or more than 3 crs. in an externship in any semester may not exercise this s/u option for that semester, and there is a 6 cr. cap on this option.

Students who exercise the S/U option for an otherwise letter graded course are not permitted to know their actual test or course work grade. Faculty do not know which students are taking a course S/U. A grade of C or above is translated into an S, and a C- or below is translated into a U when grades are entered by the Registrar into the computer database.

Switch to Full-Time Status: After the 2nd semester, a part-time student with a cumulative GPA of 2.50 may transfer to the full-time program with the approval of the Associate Dean. The necessary form is available online at www.valpo.edu/law/registrar/forms/statuschange.pdf and must be completed prior to registration.