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Program of Study

NSU Law offers a rigorous academic program. We pride ourselves on preparing graduates to make a smooth transition from the classroom to the courtroom or boardroom. The curriculum combines traditional doctrinal courses with courses that focus on specialized areas within law. In addition, the NSU Law curriculum adds skills and simulations, support, and clinical and externship courses. Our academic options expand to include international study, international dual-degree programs, and joint degree options that combine law and other disciplines.

Our faculty has a long tradition of teaching excellence and a high-level of involvement in the life and activities of the NSU Law community. An open-door policy and wireless communication make teachers very accessible to students and limits on the size of first-year sections increase individualized feedback for our students. The faculty’s expertise is reflected in rich classroom discussion and a wide range of scholarly publications and professional service. They are true mentors and role models that challenge and inspire our students.

Students in both the three-year full-time J.D. program and the four-year part-time evening J.D. program follow a combination of required and elective courses to craft an individual course of study, often concentrating a portion of electives in an area of study that aligns with their interests and career goals. Appreciating the diverse range of courses offered at NSU Law is easier when grouped by broad subject area. Course descriptions are found at this link and there are links to faculty biographies and CVs by clicking on the professor’s name.

First Year Curriculum - All Students

The first year curriculum is a fixed and required one, whether students are in the full time or part time division, and is reflected below:

1L Curriculum (Full Time)

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1L Curriculum (Part Time)

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Second Year Curriculum

The second year is when most students begin to take electives while continuing to meet mandatory graduation requirements, including both required and menu courses. The “Required Courses” listed below must be taken during the semester indicated. In addition, it is strongly recommended that students take the “Menu Courses” during the Winter 2L semester, as this is the only time they are guaranteed a seat in these course. Students who gamble and wait until their third year to take the menu courses run the risk that they may be full. The required and menu courses for students in their second year are as follows:

2L REQUIRED COURSE (Full Time)

Fall Semester
- Business Entities (4 Credits) LAW 0516
- Constitutional Law II (2 Credits) LAW 0629
- Evidence (4 Credits) LAW 0614

Winter Semester
- Criminal Procedure (3 Credits) LAW 0645

10 credits of REQUIRED COURSES
3 credits of REQUIRED COURSES

2L REQUIRED COURSE (Part Time)

Fall Semester
- Constitutional Law I (4 Credits) LAW 0625
- Criminal Law (4 Credits) LAW 0670

Winter Semester
- Criminal Procedure (3 Credits) LAW 0645

8 credits of REQUIRED COURSES
3 credits of REQUIRED COURSES

Menu Courses (Full Time and Part Time Division)

You must select one from the following courses. Although you must take only one of these two courses in order to graduate, the only time when you will have a guaranteed seat in each of these courses is during the WINTER 2L SEMESTER (whether full time or part time). If you elect to take one of these courses in a later semester, you will have to wait until the All Student registration period or Drop/Add to see if a seat is available.

*There is no guarantee that you will be able to take one of these courses if you do not take it during the Winter 2L Semester.*
- **Family Law** (3 Credits) LAW 0635 - *Second year preference course for full-time students and part-time students."
- **Wills and Trusts** (4 Credits) LAW 0655 - *Second year preference course for full-time and part-time students."

**OPTION: YOU MAY TAKE WILLS AND TRUSTS SEPARATELY IN YOUR 2L YEAR IF OFFERED IN THAT FORMAT IN ANY GIVEN ACADEMIC YEAR. THERE IS *NO GUARANTEE* THAT THE COURSE WILL BE OFFERED IN ANY PARTICULAR FORMAT IN ANY GIVEN SEMESTER:**

- **Trusts** (2 Credits) LAW 0956
- **Wills** (2 Credits) LAW 0955

**Third Year Curriculum**

3L Required Courses (Full Time Division)

The third year curriculum should focus on completing additional **graduation requirements**, preparing for the Bar exam, skills-building and substantive areas of interest. However, in the student’s 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 three credits.

There are no required course in the fourth year for part time students. The fourth year part time curriculum should focus on completing additional graduation requirements, preparing for the Bar exam, skills-building and substantive areas of interest. In the last two semesters of law school, students are required to take Multistate Bar Exam Lab and Florida Bar Exam Lab for a total of three credits. More information is listed under **Graduation Requirements**.

### Fall Semester

- Business Entities (4 Credits) LAW 0516
- Constitutional Law (2 Credits) LAW 0629
- Evidence (4 Credits) LAW 0614

### 10 credits of REQUIRED COURSES

- **Constitutional Law** (2 Credits) LAW 0629
- **Evidence** (4 Credits) LAW 0614
- **Wills and Trusts** (4 Credits) LAW 0655

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**Graduation Requirements**

Beyond the required and menu first and second year core courses, each student is required to complete a series of additional courses designed to prepare the student for Bar passage, and instill the necessary skill
sets for general or specialized practice upon graduation. These courses are listed here in **four categories**. For full information on prerequisites and co-requisites, please consult the Course Descriptions.

a) Upper Level Writing Requirement **(1 course required or applicable exemption under the academic code)**

b) Experiential Learning **(6 credits required)**

c) Professional Responsibility **(1 required course)**

d) Multistate Bar Exam Lab and Florida Bar Exam Lab **(2 required courses)**

**Writing Requirement Courses (1 Course Needed)**

**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 in the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year).

**The available upper class writing requirement courses are:**

- American Legal History Seminar (2 Credits) LAW 0794
- Animal Law Legislation Seminar (2 Credits) LAW 0795
- Art Law Seminar (2 Credits) LAW 0643
- Bioethics Seminar (2 Credits) LAW 0897
- Caribbean Law Seminar (2 credits) LAW 4674
- Comparative Law Seminar (2 Credits) LAW 0668
- Current Constitutional Issues Seminar (2 Credits) LAW 0796
- Education Law Seminar K-12 (2 Credits) LAW 0901
- Elder Law Seminar (2 Credits) LAW 0737
- Environmental Enforcement Seminar (2 Credits) LAW 0780
- Estate Planning Workshop (2 Credits) LAW 0725
- 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

**Experiential Learning (6 Credits Required)**

Advanced Professional Responsibility Workshop (2 Credits) LAW 0697
Advanced Trial Advocacy (3 Credits) LAW 0893
Appellate Practice Workshop (2 Credits) LAW 0874
Bankruptcy Clinic (4 Credits) LAW 0963
Bankruptcy Clinic (1 Credit) LAW 0964
Bankruptcy Clinic (2 Credits) LAW 0965
Bankruptcy Workshop (2 Credits) LAW 0601
Business Planning Workshop (3 Credits) LAW 0807
Charitable Organizations Workshop (2 Credits) LAW 1051
Children and Families Clinic - Full-Time (12 Credits) LAW 0929
Children and Families Clinic - Part-Time (6 Credits) LAW 0926
Civil Field Placement Clinic (3 Credits) LAW 0826
Civil Field Placement Clinic Full Time (9 Credits) LAW 0829
Civil Field Placement Clinic Part Time (3 Credits) LAW 0828
Civil Pre-Trial Practice (3 Credits) LAW 0517
Civil Rights Practice Workshop (2 Credits) LAW 4673
Collaborative Family Law Workshop (2 Credits) LAW 2005
Criminal Justice Field Placement Clinic (3 Credits) LAW 0852
Criminal Justice Field Placement Clinic (9 Credits) LAW 0853
Criminal Pre-Trial Practice (2 Credits) LAW 0711
Dependency Workshop (2 Credits) LAW 2001
Dispute Resolution Clinic Skills Course (3 Credits) LAW 0847
Dispute Resolution Clinic Course (2 Credits) LAW 0848
Dispute Resolution Clinic Placement (3 Credits) LAW 0849
Domestic Violence Workshop (2 Credits) LAW 0694
Drafting and Negotiating Intellectual Property Licenses (2 Credits) LAW 0600
Electronic Discovery, Digital Evidence and Information Governance Workshop Online (2 Credits) LAW 0200
Environmental and Land Use Clinic - Fall or Winter (12 Credits) LAW 008X
Estate Planning Workshop (3 Credits) LAW 0725
Family Law Litigation Workshop (3 Credits) LAW 0686
Florida Land Development Workshop (2 Credits) LAW 1016
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 (2 Credits) LAW 0734
Judicial Field Placement Class (1 Credit) LAW 0719
Judicial Opinion Writing Workshop (2 credits) LAW 0962
Landlord Tenant Workshop (2 Credits) LAW 1070
Law Office Management Workshop (2 Credits) LAW 0651
Law Practice Business and Technology (2 Credits) LAW 0092
Lawyers as Advocates: Rhetoric, Modes of Persuasion & Public Policy Campaigns (2 Credits) LAW 1000
Legal Drafting Workshop (2 credits) LAW 0752
Mediation Workshop (2 Credits) LAW 0522
Negotiating Workshop (2 Credits) LAW 0672
Negotiating Workshop Online (2 Credits) LAW 4672
Patent Prosecution (2 Credits) LAW 0819
Post-Conviction Relief Workshop (2 Credits) LAW 1001
Probate Law Workshop (2 Credits) LAW 0713
Real Property Closing Workshop (3 Credits) LAW 0751
Real Property Complex Transactions Workshop (2 Credits) LAW 1151
SEC Enforcement Workshop (2 Credits) LAW 0748
Sentencing Workshop (2 Credits) LAW 1076
Social Media and the Law (2 Credits) LAW 0090
Trial Advocacy (3 Credits) LAW 0890
Veterans Law Clinic – Full-time (12 Credits) LAW 4683
Veterans Law Clinic – Part-Time (6 Credits) LAW 4680
Veterans Workshop – Stateside Legal Rights for Veteran and Military Personnel (2 Credits) LAW 4681
Will Drafting Workshop (2 Credits) LAW 0524

**Professional Responsibility**

All students are required to take the course **Professional Responsibility** (3 Credits) LAW 0649 during any semester AFTER their first year. Students should consider when they plan to sit for the national Multi-state Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE) (available August and November to students completing their first year of law school) and plan the course into their schedule accordingly. Students should note that under the rules of admission to the Florida Bar, a valid passing MPRE score must be obtained within 25 months of passing the Florida Bar examination, or sit for the MPRE again. 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.

**Multistate Bar Exam Lab and Florida Bar Exam Lab (2 courses)**

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 are required to take these two courses in the last two semesters before graduation. These courses are available in person, and in certain instances, on-line. 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 Associate Dean for the Critical Skills Program. The courses are listed in the course catalog as:

**Multistate Bar Exam Lab (1 credits)**

**Florida Bar Exam Lab (2 credits)**

Students should consult the *Code of Academic Regulations* for more information about which semester during their last two semesters to take each course, options for part-time and clinic students, as well as special options for students sitting for another state’s Bar exam.