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## J.D. Program Programs of Study 2016

# 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)**

Fall Semester:

- Contracts (4 Credits) LAW 0612
- Criminal Law (4 Credits) LAW 0670
- Legal Research & Writing I (3 Credits) LAW 0662
- Torts (4 Credits) LAW 0648

Total: 15 Credits

Winter Semester:

- Civil Procedure (4 Credits) Law 0652
- Constitutional Law (4 Credits) LAW 0625
- Legal Research & Writing II (3 Credits) LAW 0663
- Property (4 Credits) LAW 0653

Total: 15 Credits

#### **1L Curriculum (Part Time)**

Fall Semester:

- Contracts (4 Credits) LAW 0612

Winter Semester:

- Civil Procedure (4 Credits) Law 0652

- Legal Research & Writing I (3 Credits) LAW 0662
- Torts (4 Credits) LAW 0648

Total: 11 Credits

- Legal Research & Writing II (3 Credits) LAW 0663
- Property (4 Credits) LAW 0653

Total: 11 Credits

## 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](#).

#### 3L Required Courses (Part Time Division)

##### Fall Semester

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

#### **10 credits of *REQUIRED COURSES***





## **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.