



Rising 2L Orientation

Spring 2025



Registration Basics

Plan Ahead Instructions/Banner Web Registration/Waitlists:

<https://law.mc.edu/students/records/how-register>

Plan Ahead will be available beginning March 31st.

Banner Web Registration: Opens at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 16th for rising 2Ls.

Academic Probation: Must have schedule approved by advisor and submit form to Ms. Judy Burnett.

<http://www.law.mc.edu/approvals> (forms)

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Registration Basics

Financial - Jackie Banes (banes@mc.edu)

- Student account must be paid in full; otherwise, hold will prevent registration.
- You will need to sign financial agreement available beginning March 31st (See Registration Materials page 12)
- **Need 3 hours in summer for financial aid**
- Need 6 hours fall/spring for financial aid (12 hours = full time; 16 max unless get permission to take 18 (www.law.mc.edu/approvals))



Graduation Requirements

- 90 credits to graduate.
- Full-time 1Ls earn 30 (more if took early start summer course).
 - Note: Summer Property will count in your GPA at end of spring semester.
 - Critical Reading, Crim Pro, First Amendment, etc. won't count in GPA until end of summer.
- 60 credits left: divide over 4 semesters (or possibly 3 with summer courses)
 - DO NOT ASSUME COURSES WILL BE OFFERED/HAVE SEATS.
 - Summer School: Maximum of 6 credits; up to 8 with permission (law.mc.edu/approvals)
 - Can't register for two courses that meet at the same time; if study abroad or intersession and summer school don't overlap, you can exceed the 6/8 hour limit.
 - Fall/Spring: Minimum 12 credits/Maximum 16
 - Less than 12/up to 18 with permission (law.mc.edu/approvals).



Graduation Requirements

- Upper Level Required Courses (ALL STUDENTS)
 - LAC III (FALL-you will be automatically enrolled)
 - Business Associations - 3Ls get priority
 - Constitutional Law - 3Ls get priority [FALL ONLY]
 - Criminal Procedure - 3Ls get priority
 - Ethics - 3Ls get priority
 - Evidence - 3Ls get priority
 - Writing Requirement (grade of C or better) - fulfill through *Law Review* or seminar



Graduation Requirements

- Experiential Learning Requirement (MINIMUM 6 hours): simulation courses, clinics, externships.
- Must have minimum of 45 hours for externships and clinics; some externships require 60 hours; hour requirement CANNOT be waived.
 - Simulation courses do not require 45 or 60 hours but some have pre-requisites.
- Advanced Legal Analysis (ALA)
 - Spring semester: 3L year unless graduating in Dec or exceptional circumstances; LA Bar students exempt - take Civil Law Property instead. Fill out form.
 - DO NOT register for this course before 3L year.



Guided Curriculum

- Full-time students whose grade point average is below 2.5 at the end of the first year of law school are required to participate in the Guided Curriculum.
- Absent exceptional circumstances, students in the Guided Curriculum must attend all courses required for graduation, including any Guided Curriculum courses, in person at the law school and not via distance learning (unless the course is offered exclusively via distance learning).



Guided Curriculum

In addition to all other required courses, students in the GC must take:

- Legal Reasoning (FALL semester 2L year)
- Domestic Relations (offered Fall and Spring)
(or Civil Law of Persons and Family—Fall 2025)
- Sales and Leasing (FALL semester 2L or 3L year)
(or Civil Law of Sales and Leases—Spring 2026)



Guided Curriculum

Students in the Guided Curriculum must also take one of the following courses:

- Conflict of Laws;
- First Amendment;
- Secured Transactions (OR Louisiana Security Devices-Spring 2027); OR
- Wills and Trusts (OR Civil Law Successions and Donations-Spring 2026)

GC Students must take the following courses in their 2L year: Legal Reasoning (fall semester 2L year), Constitutional Law (fall semester 2L year), Criminal Procedure, Evidence, at least one other GC course (as long as seat capacity is available).

*GC Letters will be emailed in June 2025.



Academic Catalog

<https://law.mc.edu/>

- Click the three lines to the right of the page
- Click “Catalog”



Fast Track to Mississippi Practice

Students who plan to take the Mississippi Bar Exam can opt into the “Fast Track to Mississippi Practice” program to prepare for the February bar exam as part of a specially-designed curriculum package. Those participating in the program have the opportunity to take the February bar prior to graduation in May and begin work as licensed members of the Mississippi Bar immediately after graduation.

Eligibility to participate in the program is contingent on (1) opting into the program prior to the close of registration in the spring semester of the student’s 1L year, and (2) satisfying all graduation and program requirements in a timely manner.



Eligibility

- Planning to take MS Bar Exam in February 2027
- 81 credit hours completed by conclusion of Fall 2026 semester, including:
 - all required courses for graduation,
 - writing requirement, and
 - minimum of 3 experiential hours



Fast Track to Mississippi Practice

To opt in, [click here](#) and complete the form by June 1, 2025.



Academic Advising

- BAR courses (consult website for state Bar you plan to take)
- Check pre-requisites/co-requisites for courses (these are listed in the course descriptions in the Academic Catalog)
- Recommend BA, Con Law, Evidence 2L year; Ethics - semester in which you are taking MPRE. (Everyone cannot take Ethics in fall of 3L year.)
- Certificates- contact certificate advisor for course sequencing guidance.
 - Civil Law Certificate Program - separate meeting
- Course frequency
 - Some courses offered every other year; some only once per year; some every semester.



Academic Advising

- Writing Requirement Courses -The following courses offered in Fall 2025 will satisfy the writing requirement:
 - Criminal Law and Procedure Seminar
 - Juvenile Legal Issues Seminar
 - Law and Religion Seminar
- Waitlist - See Instructions:
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Academic Advising

- RESTRICTIONS ON CLASSES
 - Limit of 8 non-classroom hours (credits earned w/o classroom instruction).
 - 15 hours max of distance learning (absent exceptional circumstances)
 - <http://law.mc.edu/approvals>
 - No more than 12 credits in P/F courses.
- Employment Restrictions
 - 2L year - no more than 20 hours per week if enrolled in 12 or more credit hours.
 - 3L year - depends on GPA
 - Academic Probation - Shall not be employed; violation may subject student to disciplinary action, including dismissal.
- Summer Courses & Academic Probation
 - Cannot take summer courses if on academic probation; can register but will be withdrawn with refund if GPA does not get above or drops below 2.0.
 - Applies to Study Abroad as well.



Planning Your Schedule

**USE DEGREE WORKS (access through MyMC
beginning March 31st)**



Drop/Add/Withdrawal

Final Drop date in first week of summer classes and after 1 week of fall classes. Be mindful of dates!!

After certain dates you will no longer be eligible for a refund (even partial); may be subject to getting an “F”

<https://law.mc.edu/academics/calendars-schedules>



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