



Cornell Law School

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Course Selection Process Spring 2026 - 1L Elective



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Degree Requirements

You need **84 LAW Credits** to graduate.

Prior to graduation, a JD student must complete:

- A 2-credit professional responsibility course
- A 3-credit writing course
- 6 credit hours of experiential learning

Degree requirement courses should be completed by the end of the second year, especially if you plan to study abroad, complete a full-time externship, or participate in the Pro Bono Scholars Programs as a 3L.

Review the Law School [Course Catalog](#) to determine which courses fulfill degree requirements.

1L Elective

In Spring 1Ls will take Civil Procedure (3 Cr), Criminal Law (3), Property (4), Lawyering (2), Professional Development (.5), and one Elective (3 or 4 Cr)

Your elective cannot conflict with any of your scheduled 1L classes.

– **No exceptions!**

- Note: You must take the 1L elective for a letter grade. You may not take courses that are offered exclusively on an S/U basis and may not elect the S/U option for classes that offer it.
- Students considering the JD/MBA need to take Business Organizations as their 1L elective.

1L Elective Selection Timeline

- **October** – if interested, apply for 1L Clinic
 - If accepted, you will be notified & enrolled
- **Tuesday, November 11 @ 3:00 PM** – 1Ls eligible to enroll in elective
 - Enrollment is first-come, first-enrolled
 - You may enroll in only one elective course
- **Thursday, Nov. 13 @ 11:59 PM** – Pre-enrollment closes for all LAW students
- **January 12, 2026, 9 AM** – Add/Drop opens for all LAW students

Preparing for Pre-Enrollment

- Check your Student Center for holds on your account that may prevent enrollment.
- Check the [Law School Course Catalog](#) and [University Class Roster](#) for information on classes.
- Review the Law School Student Handbook for Law School Policies and Procedures.
- For advising assistance, reach out to Dean of Students Office (law.dos@cornell.edu).
- If interested in the 1L clinic – apply starting October 20th

How to Enroll

- In Student Center, use My Shopping Cart to pre-select courses before your enrollment appointment opens.
- For the best chance of enrolling in your preferred courses, be ready to enroll at your designated time.
 - Nov. 11 @ 3:00 PM
- Adding a class to the Shopping Cart does not guarantee enrollment.
- You must click **Enroll** from the Shopping Cart to process registration.
- There is no waitlist (other than the clinic) for Pre-Enrollment

How to Enroll

- If you are admitted or waitlisted to the 1L Immigration Law & Advocacy Clinic, it will be added to your enrollment before the start of Pre-Enrollment.
 - You will not be able to add another elective
- Need help? Review the University Registrar's [A Guide to Enrollment](#) and [Common Enrollment Questions](#).
- If you have trouble enrolling through your Student Center, contact the Office of the University Registrar (OUR).
- To see elective options by small group, go to CLS Community - Course Registration - 1L Elective Selection - [1L Electives List](#)

1L Electives – Small Group A

LAW 7841 1L Immigration Law and Advocacy Clinic, Prof. Kelley-Widmer, 3 Cr

LAW 6011 Administrative Law, Prof. Stiglitz, 3 Cr

LAW 6131 Business Organizations, Prof. Awrey, 4 Cr

LAW 6311 Education Law, Prof. Heise, 3 Cr

LAW 6401 Evidence, Prof. Weyble, 4 Cr

LAW 6461 Financial Institutions, Prof. Hockett, 3 Cr

LAW 6475 Hit the Ground Running: Skills and Techniques for Success on Day One,
Prof. Brown, 3 Cr

LAW 6207 Human Rights in Law and Culture, Prof. Anker, 3 Cr

LAW 6501 Insurance Law, Prof. Heise, 3 Cr

LAW 6681 International Law and Foreign Direct Investment, Prof. Ndulo, 3 Cr

LAW 6592 Labor Law, Practice and Policy, Prof. Cornell, 3 Cr

LAW 6768 Public Finance, Prof. Hockett, 3 Cr

1L Electives – Small Group B

LAW 7841 1L Immigration Law and Advocacy Clinic, Prof. Kelley-Widmer, 3 Cr

LAW 6011 Administrative Law, Prof. Stiglitz, 3 Cr

LAW 6131 Business Organizations, Prof. Awrey, 4 Cr

LAW 6311 Education Law, Prof. Heise, 3 Cr

LAW 6401 Evidence, Prof. Weyble, 4 Cr

LAW 6475 Hit the Ground Running: Skills and Techniques for Success on Day One,
Prof. Brown, 3 Cr

LAW 6681 International Law and Foreign Direct Investment, Prof. Ndulo, 3 Cr

LAW 6592 Labor Law, Practice and Policy, Prof. Cornell, 3 Cr

LAW 6768 Public Finance, Prof. Hockett, 3 Cr

1L Electives – Small Group C

LAW 7841 1L Immigration Law and Advocacy Clinic, Prof. Kelley-Widmer, 3 Cr

LAW 6011 Administrative Law, Prof. Stiglitz, 3 Cr

LAW 6131 Business Organizations, Prof. Awrey, 4 Cr

LAW 6311 Education Law, Prof. Heise, 3 Cr

LAW 6401 Evidence, Prof. Weyble, 4 Cr

LAW 6461 Financial Institutions, Prof. Hockett, 3 Cr

LAW 6475 Hit the Ground Running: Skills and Techniques for Success on Day One,
Prof. Brown, 3 Cr

LAW 6681 International Law and Foreign Direct Investment, Prof. Ndulo, 3 Cr

LAW 6592 Labor Law, Practice and Policy, Prof. Cornell, 3 Cr

LAW 6768 Public Finance, Prof. Hockett, 3 Cr

1L Electives – Small Group D

LAW 7841 1L Immigration Law and Advocacy Clinic, Prof. Kelley-Widmer, 3 Cr

LAW 6131 Business Organizations, Prof. Awrey, 4 Cr

LAW 6311 Education Law, Prof. Heise, 3 Cr

LAW 6401 Evidence, Prof. Weyble, 4 Cr

LAW 6475 Hit the Ground Running: Skills and Techniques for Success on Day One,
Prof. Brown, 3 Cr

LAW 6681 International Law and Foreign Direct Investment, Prof. Ndulo, 3 Cr

LAW 6768 Public Finance, Prof. Hockett, 3 Cr

1L Electives – Small Group E

LAW 7841 1L Immigration Law and Advocacy Clinic, Prof. Kelley-Widmer, 3 Cr

LAW 6131 Business Organizations, Prof. Awrey, 4 Cr

LAW 6311 Education Law, Prof. Heise, 3 Cr

LAW 6401 Evidence, Prof. Weyble, 4 Cr

LAW 6475 Hit the Ground Running: Skills and Techniques for Success on Day One,
Prof. Brown, 3 Cr

LAW 6681 International Law and Foreign Direct Investment, Prof. Ndulo, 3 Cr

LAW 6768 Public Finance, Prof. Hockett, 3 Cr

1L Electives – Small Group F

LAW 7841 1L Immigration Law and Advocacy Clinic, Prof. Kelley-Widmer, 3 Cr

LAW 6131 Business Organizations, Prof. Awrey, 4 Cr

LAW 6311 Education Law, Prof. Heise, 3 Cr

LAW 6401 Evidence, Prof. Weyble, 4 Cr

LAW 6475 Hit the Ground Running: Skills and Techniques for Success on Day One,
Prof. Brown, 3 Cr

LAW 6681 International Law and Foreign Direct Investment, Prof. Ndulo, 3 Cr

LAW 6768 Public Finance, Prof. Hockett, 3 Cr

Enrollment Tips for Success

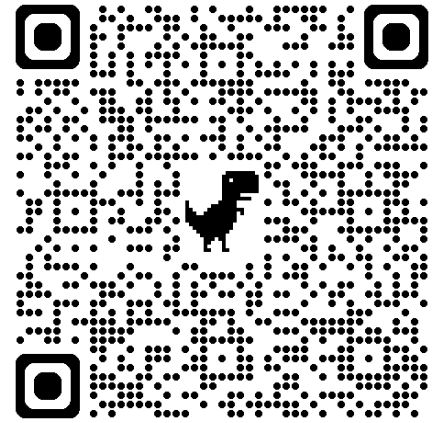
- Do not log into Student Center from multiple windows, multiple browsers or multiple devices.
- Once you have submitted your enrollment request wait until you receive the success or error messages before refreshing or closing your browser.
- If you are logged in to Student Center and are inactive for more than 30 minutes, you will be logged out.
- Complete all necessary steps to add your course requests. In "Step 3: View Results," a **green** checkmark in the "Status" column indicates successful enrollment

What happens next?

- Confirm enrollment by checking Course Schedule in Student Center.
- Pre-Enrollment ends November 13 at 11:59 PM.
- You can adjust your 1L Elective during the Add-Drop period starting January 12 (for all students).
 - Enrollment is first-come, first-served during this period.
 - Use the Swap function to change classes.
 - There are waitlists for some limited-enrollment classes during Pre-Enrollment.

Registration Advice

- Generally, look for a class/topic that is of interest to you.
- When in doubt, look for a doctrinal/bar prep course.
- The 1L Immigration Law and Advocacy Clinic is a great way to get started on your experiential learning requirement.
- Considering a JD/MBA dual degree? You are required to take Business Organizations as your 1L elective.



Get one-on-one advice
by scheduling an
appointment with the
Dean of Students Office.

Questions?

Here are some places you may reach out to for guidance when choosing your 1L elective course.

- Law School Registrar (law.registrar@cornell.edu)
 - The Registrar's Office can provide more information on how 1L Elective selection process works.
- Dean of Students Staff (law.dos@cornell.edu)
 - The Dean of Students can provide advice on individual course selections.