



Cornell Law School

Lawyers in the Best Sense

Spring 2026 Pre-Enrollment Process



Amy Arntsen

Registrar



Important Law Enrollment Dates

- **Nov. 11, 2025, 7:30 AM** – 3Ls students eligible to enroll
- **Nov. 11, 2025, 10 AM** – LLM students eligible to enroll
- **Nov. 11, 2025, 12:30 PM** – 2Ls & Exchange students eligible to enroll
- **Nov. 11, 2025, 3:00 PM** – 1Ls eligible to enroll for elective
- **Nov. 13, 2025, 11:59 PM** – Pre-enrollment closes
- **January 12, 2026, 9:00 AM** – Add/Drop opens

Preparing for Pre-Enrollment

Plan out how you will meet your graduation requirements:

- 84 Law credits
- Professional Responsibility
- Writing Requirement – 3-credit class, not S/U
- 6 Experiential Learning Credits
- Requirement to take at least 64 credits in regularly-scheduled classes (20 credit limit-see [Law School catalog](#))
 - Externships, pro-bono, practicums, independent study

Preparing for Pre-Enrollment

Other requirements and considerations:

- Dual Degrees and certificates have additional requirements
- To be considered for the Order of the Coif, you must have 63 **graded** Law credits (a letter grade on the transcript for a LAW class)

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.
 - Course offerings are subject to change; be sure to have back-up courses planned in case you need to change your schedule.
 - If the Law School & University lists differ, notify the Registrar's Office.
- 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).

How to Enroll

- Clinics to which you are admitted or waitlisted will be added to your enrollment before the start of Pre-enrollment.
- Enrollment opens in tiered windows via Student Center.
 - Nov. 11 - 7:30 AM – 3Ls students
 - Nov. 11 - 10 AM – LLMs
 - Nov. 11 - 12:30 PM – 2Ls & Exchange students
 - Nov. 11 - 3:00 PM – 1Ls
- Use the University Class Roster for course availability.
 - Notify Law Registrar of any inconsistencies with LS Catalog
- Students may not exceed 17 credits (includes enrolled courses, clinics, and waitlists) without DOS permission.
 - Students on academic watch may have additional stipulations

How to Enroll

- Place your enrollment requests into your Student Center Shopping Cart before your enrollment appointment begins.
- For the best chance of enrolling in your preferred courses, be ready to enroll at your designated time.
 - Nov. 11, 7:30 AM – 3Ls students
 - Nov. 11, 10 AM – LLMs
 - Nov. 11, 12:30 PM – 2Ls & Exchange students
 - Nov. 11, 3:00 PM – 1Ls
 - Nov 13, 11:59 PM – Pre-enrollment closes
- **Adding classes to the Shopping Cart does not guarantee enrollment.**
- You must click **enroll** from the Shopping Cart to process registration.

How to Enroll - Tips

- 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.
- Need help? Review the University Registrar's [A Guide to Enrollment](#) and [Common Enrollment Questions](#).

Course Registration Forms

Forms available on the Law Registrar [Forms and Requests](#) page.

- Directed Reading (must be submitted by instructor)
- Request for Law Credit for Non-Law Courses
- Supervised Teaching
- Supervised Writing
- Lawyering Honors Program Supervised Teaching

Clinic Curricular Forms

- Add or Drop a Clinic (with consent from instructor)
- Supervised Experiential Learning
- Request for Credit Change (after the Add-Drop period)

Course Registration Forms

- Most forms route from student to faculty for approval and then to the Registrar's Office
 - Registrar's Office will confirm when approved/completed
- Instructor approval from their **Cornell email** is required before processing.
- It is *your* responsibility to follow-up with Instructors for approval.

After Enrollment

- Confirm enrollment by checking Course Schedule in Student Center.
- Follow-up on any forms submitted.
- Verify progress toward degree completion.
- Need advising assistance? Reach out to Dean of Students Office (law.dos@cornell.edu).

Congratulations! You've successfully pre-enrolled!



Add/Drop Period

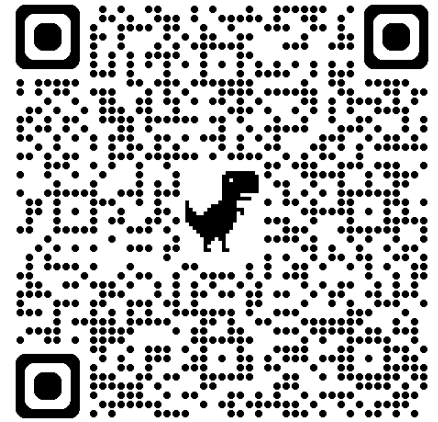
- Begins January 12, 2026.
- No tiered enrollment - first-come, first-enrolled.
- Classes may have changed since Pre-Enrollment.
- Work with the Clinics for any changes in Clinic/Practicum enrollments. Use the Add & Drop forms.
- Consider the Exam Schedule (available in January)
- Pre-Enrollment ends January 30, 2026.

Waitlists

- No course waitlists during Pre-Enrollment.
- Clinics may show a waitlists – don't rely on the ranking.
- During Add-Drop, limited enrollment classes (40 students or fewer) will have a waitlist option.
 - If waitlisting is an option, you will see a "wait list if class is full" checkbox on the "Select a Class to Add - Enrollment Preferences" page in Student Center.
 - If space opens up, my office will enroll you and notify you by email.
 - It is possible for there to be seats available but still have a waitlist.

Registration Advice

- Upper-level courses are a choose-your-own-adventure. Look for topics/faculty that are interesting & align with your practice area.
- Bar/Exam Tested Courses
 - Evidence, Crim Pro: Investigation & Adjudication
- Don't save your experiential learning requirement to the last semester. (More flexibility with Writing and PR)
- Remember the 64 credits of "regular" course requirement.
- Thinking about: Study Abroad, Pro Bono Scholars, or NY-Tech? Talk to the DOS Office.



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



QUESTIONS??

