

Spring 2026 J.D. Catalog and Schedule of Classes

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Welcome to the Summer 2026 session. Courses during the Summer session are not split up by Day or Evening Division, as all non-clinical courses meet at 4pm or after. For information about the graduation requirements for J.D. students or the list of the faculty's recommended courses for upper-level students, see the Spring 2026 course catalog.

A few notes:

- **Credit Hour Limits:** With the exception noted just below, students may take a maximum of 6 credit hours in the Summer term; there is no minimum. Exceptions: (1) Students who take a 4- credit Clinic or Externship course may take a total of 7 credits; and (2) students who take Software Patents may take a total of 8 credits. Any student taking more than 6 credits should contact Dean Tierney (law-academicaffairs@illinoistech.edu) so that your maximum credit limit can be adjusted in the registration system.
- **Course Fee:** A course fee of \$350, in addition to regular tuition, will be charged to full-time students for regular classroom courses taken during the Summer term, including any courses taken through our consortium programs with DePaul, Loyola, and UIC, and including classes taken through other ABA-accredited schools. Exceptions: (1) The fee does not apply to part-time students (for any course); (2) the fee does not apply (for any student) to clinical courses, externships, or Independent Research credits pursued at Chicago-Kent; and (3) the fee does not apply (for any student) to courses taken through Chicago-Kent exchange programs with universities abroad. If the fee applies to you and you qualify for financial aid loans, those can be used to cover the cost of the fee; scholarships, however, cannot be used to cover the cost of the fee. Note to part-time students: You may see the course fee on your account if you take a regular classroom course; a credit equal to the fee will be applied to offset the charge at the end of the Summer add/drop period.
- In each table of classes, the 'Course Meetings' column tells when the class meets, and R means Thursday. The 'Note?' column tells when you should look at the footnotes below the table for more information.

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1 Academic calendar

Memorial Day (no class)	Monday	May 25
Eid al-Adha eve (no class)	Tuesday	May 26
Eid al-Adha	Wednesday	May 27
First day of classes	Thursday	May 28
Monday classes meet (Memorial Day make-up)	Friday	May 29
Juneteenth	Friday	June 19
Independence Day	Friday	July 3
Last regularly scheduled upper-level classes	Wednesday	July 15
Tuesday classes meet (Eid al-Adha eve make-up)	Thursday	July 16
Wednesday classes meet (Eid al-Adha make-up)	Friday	July 17
Final exams begin (upper-level)	Wednesday	July 22
Final exams end (upper-level)	Friday	July 24
Last regularly scheduled first-year summer-start class	Wednesday	July 29
Final exam (first-year summer-start)	Monday	August 3

Make-up classes: Summer make-up classes may be scheduled Friday evenings except June 19th (Juneteenth) and July 3 (Independence Day).

2 Summer Doctrinal Course Offerings

2.1 First-Year Students

The following class is 10 weeks long. Pass/fail not available. This course is open only to entering students beginning in the Summer 2026 term.

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor	Note?	Credits
257-51	Criminal Law	MW 6pm-8pm	TBA, Law Faculty		3

2.2 Upper-Level Students (2025 and before Entrants)

The following classes are eight weeks long.

Electives

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor	Note?	Credits
372-81	Administrative Law	TR 6pm-8:25pm	Krent, Harold		3
273-51	Evidence	MW 6pm-8:25pm	Kling, Richard		3
366-51	Holocaust and the Law	T 6pm-9:25pm	Geiringer, John		2
325-51	Trial Evidence	MW 6pm-8:25pm	Arends Graham, Siri	*	3

Note 1: *This is a specialized section of Evidence; you may not take this course if you have taken, or plan to take, the regular Evidence course. This course is designed to present evidence from the perspective of a trial lawyer and is aimed at students who plan a career in criminal or civil litigation. The material will cover a traditional evidence curriculum while demonstrating how the rules are actually used and argued in the adversarial process. It will be an interactive class in which students will spend a great deal of time solving evidentiary problems, arguing opposing sides, while mastering the rules. Preference will be given to students newly-accepted onto Trial Team. Note: If you register for this course, you will be required to register for the Intensive Trial Advocacy 1 class in August (registration for that class will take place as part of Fall 2026 registration), and then Trial Advocacy 2 in the regular Fall semester.

3 Clinical and Experiential Education Courses

3.1 Clinical Education Courses with Chicago-Kent Law Group clinics

Permission is **required** for admission to all clinical programs. Registration is subject to the clinical department's permission. You can learn more at the clinic's applications and enrollment page ([link](#)). Please look out for additional announcements about the process.

All In-House and Externship clinical programs are graded on a pass/low pass/fail basis only, with the exception of Pretrial Litigation, Intensive Clinic, and Intensive Clinic seminar, which are graded on a letter grade basis. Students are expected to put in a minimum of 182 hours (an average of 14 hours a week for 13 weeks) for 4-credit In-House Clinics and for Externships (in addition to the classroom component), and a minimum of 143 hours (an average of 11 hours a week for 13 weeks) for 3-credit In-House Clinics. Students must be available at the days and times designated below to meet with supervising attorneys and at other times as required by the supervising attorneys.

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor	Note?	Credits
545-01	Advanced Clinic	MW 3pm-5pm	Decatorsmith, Jonathan		3
545-02	Advanced Clinic	MW 3pm-5pm	Decatorsmith, Jonathan		4
530-01	Civil Litigation Clinic 1	MW 3pm-5pm	Franklin, Jamie		3
530-02	Civil Litigation Clinic 1	MW 3pm-5pm	Franklin, Jamie		4
531-01	Civil Litigation Clinic 2	MW 3pm-5pm	Franklin, Jamie		3
531-02	Civil Litigation Clinic 2	MW 3pm-5pm	Franklin, Jamie		4
512-01	Criminal Clinic 1	MW 3pm-5pm	Kling, Richard		3
512-02	Criminal Clinic 1	MW 3pm-5pm	Kling, Richard		4
532-01	Criminal Clinic 2	MW 3pm-5pm	Kling, Richard		3
532-02	Criminal Clinic 2	MW 3pm-5pm	Kling, Richard		4
583-01	Employ Benefit Claims Clinic I	MW 3pm-5pm	Reynolds, William		3
583-02	Employ Benefit Claims Clinic I	MW 3pm-5pm	Reynolds, William		4
586-01	Employ Benefit Claims Clinic 2	MW 3pm-5pm	Reynolds, William		3
586-02	Employ Benefit Claims Clinic 2	MW 3pm-5pm	Reynolds, William		4
521-01	Environ and Energy Law Clinic	Does Not Meet	Harley, Keith		1
521-02	Environ and Energy Law Clinic	W 11am-2pm	Harley, Keith		3
521-03	Environ and Energy Law Clinic	W 11am-2pm	Harley, Keith		4
537-01	Estate Planning/Prob. Clinic 1	MW 3pm-5pm	Stokes, Deadra		3
537-02	Estate Planning/Prob. Clinic 1	MW 3pm-5pm	Stokes, Deadra		4
872-01	Estate Planning/Prob. Clinic 2	MW 3pm-5pm	Stokes, Deadra		3
872-02	Estate Planning/Prob. Clinic 2	MW 3pm-5pm	Stokes, Deadra		4
523-01	Family Law Clinic 1	MW 3pm-5pm	de Freitas, Rhonda		3
523-02	Family Law Clinic 1	MW 3pm-5pm	de Freitas, Rhonda		4
504-01	Family Law Clinic 2	MW 3pm-5pm	de Freitas, Rhonda		3
504-02	Family Law Clinic 2	MW 3pm-5pm	de Freitas, Rhonda		4
536-01	IP Clinics	MW 3pm-5pm	Miller, Michelle		3
536-02	IP Clinics	MW 3pm-5pm	Miller, Michelle		4
538-01	IP Clinics	MW 3pm-5pm	Miller, Michelle		3
538-02	IP Clinics	MW 3pm-5pm	Miller, Michelle		4

511-01	Mediation and Other ADR Proc	MW 3pm-5pm	Kentra, Pamela	3
511-02	Mediation and Other ADR Proc	MW 3pm-5pm	Kentra, Pamela	4
515-01	Tax Clinic 1	MW 3pm-5pm	Decatorsmith, Jonathan	3
515-02	Tax Clinic 1	MW 3pm-5pm	Decatorsmith, Jonathan	4
535-01	Tax Clinic 2	MW 3pm-5pm	Decatorsmith, Jonathan	3
535-02	Tax Clinic 2	MW 3pm-5pm	Decatorsmith, Jonathan	4

3.2 Environmental and Energy Law clinic

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor	Credits
521-01	Environ. & Energy Law Clinic	Does Not Meet	Harley, Keith	1
521-03	Environ. & Energy Law Clinic	M 11:45am-1:35pm	Harley, Keith	3
521-04	Environ. & Energy Law Clinic	M 11:45am-1:35pm	Harley, Keith	4

Note: The environmental law clinic has a prerequisite of Civil Procedure. Pass/fail only. For the one-credit version, there is no classroom component, and instructor approval is required. Students are required to perform 5 hours a week of fieldwork for the one-credit version, 10 hours a week of fieldwork for the 3-credit version, and 12 hours a week of fieldwork for the 4-credit version, in addition to the classroom component.

3.3 Externship Programs (Access2Practice)

Note: enrollment is by Department permission only. The on-line application must be submitted for consideration no later than one week before the first day of classes (Tuesday, January 13, 2026), and registration completed no later than the business day before the first day of classes (Friday, January 16, 2026). The normal two-week add period does not apply to Legal or Judicial Externships. For more information, see the relevant provisions of the student handbook and contact Tracy Kish (tkish@illinoistech.edu).

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor	Note?	Credits
596-01	Criminal Lit. Legal Ext. 1	Does Not Meet	Decatorsmith, Jonathan; Kentra, Pamela		4
588-01	Envrn Law Legal Externship 1	Does Not Meet	Decatorsmith, Jonathan		4
590-01	Intellectual Prop Legal Ext. 1	Does Not Meet	Decatorsmith, Jonathan; Kentra, Pamela		4
573-01	Judicial Externship 1	M 12pm-1:15pm	Decatorsmith, Jonathan		4
572-01	Judicial Externship 2	M 12pm-1:15pm	Decatorsmith, Jonathan		4
559-01	Legal Externship 1	Does Not Meet	Kentra, Pamela; Decatorsmith, Jonathan		4
571-01	Legal Externship 2	Does Not Meet	Decatorsmith, Jonathan; Kentra, Pamela		4
599-01	Off-Site Legal Externship	Does Not Meet	Kentra, Pamela		4

Note 1: Please see the information on page 2 of the schedule about taking a Legal Writing 4 Equivalency Class if you are interested in using Judicial Externship for Legal Writing 4 credit.

4 Intra-Curricular Activities

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor	Note?	Credits
548-01	AAJ Competition	Does Not Meet	Erickson, David		1
587-01	AALSA Moot Court	Does Not Meet	TBA, Law Faculty		1
450-01	Academic Skills Program Teaching Assistant (1 credit)	Does Not Meet	TBA, Law Faculty		1
450-02	Academic Skills Program Teaching Assistant (2 credits)	Does Not Meet	TBA, Law Faculty		2
552-01	BLSA Moot Court	Does Not Meet	TBA, Law Faculty		1
509-01	BLSA Trial Advocacy	Does Not Meet	Keller, Cherish		1
100-01	Curricular Practical Training	Does Not Meet	Staff		0
554-01	Environmental Law Moot Court	Does Not Meet	TBA, Law Faculty		1
639-01	Honors Scholar Activity 2nd Yr	Does Not Meet	Krent, Harold		1
645-01	Honors Scholars Seminar 3rd Yr	Does Not Meet	Krent, Harold		1
553-01	I P Moot Court	Does Not Meet	Reilly, Gregory		1
560-01	International Law Moot Court	Does Not Meet	Weber, Adam		1
895-01	J.S.D. Colloquium	Does Not Meet	Staff		1
896-01	J.S.D. Colloquium OSDL	Does Not Meet	Staff		1
871-02	Journal of Energy and Environmental Law (Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor)	Does Not Meet	TBA, Law Faculty		2
871-01	Journal of Energy and Environmental Law (Submiss. Ed., Exec. Art. Editor, and Research Ed.)	Does Not Meet	TBA, Law Faculty		1
565-02	Journal of Intellectual Property (Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor)	Does Not Meet	TBA, Law Faculty		2
565-01	Journal of Intellectual Property (General Membership)	Does Not Meet	TBA, Law Faculty		1
600-01	Law Continuation Studies	Does Not Meet	TBA, Law Faculty		1
591-02	Law Review (Editor-in-Chief)	Does Not Meet	TBA, Law Faculty		3
550-01	Law Review (General Membership)	Does Not Meet	TBA, Law Faculty		1
591-01	Law Review (Managing Editor, Executive NC Editor, Research and Educ Coordinator)	Does Not Meet	TBA, Law Faculty		2
562-01	Lgl Writing Teach'g Asst (1 credit)	Does Not Meet	TBA, Law Faculty		1
562-02	Lgl Writing Teach'g Asst (2 credits)	Does Not Meet	TBA, Law Faculty		2
551-01	Moot Court Honor Society (prerequisite: Appellate Advocacy)	Does Not Meet	Keller, Cherish		1

563-01	National Trial Team (Trial Advocacy)	Does Not Meet	Erickson, David	1
579-01	Student Org. Moot Court	Does Not Meet	Keller, Cherish	1

Note 1: 639-01, “Honors Scholars Activity,” is open only to second-year Honors Scholars; meeting time TBA.

Note 2: 639-02, “Honors Scholars Seminar 3rd Yr,” is open only to third-year Honors Scholars; meeting time TBA. The papers written for the third-year Honors Scholar Activity count in satisfaction of the graduation seminar requirement.

Note 3: for independent studies (whether or not in lieu of seminar), the Registrar will manually register you and assign you a section number after you fill out the independent study form (link) and return it to the office of Academic Affairs (law-academicaffairs@illinoistech.edu).