

Spring 2026

J.D. Catalog and Schedule of Classes

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Welcome to the Spring 2026 semester. This catalog includes our course offerings for **Day Division** and **Evening Division** students in the J.D. program. We have a separate catalog with course offerings for our **non-J.D. programs**, including our LL.M. students; this is available at the spring 2026 quick guide.

A few notes:

- This is an **updated** course catalog for spring 2026. Changes since the last version are posted in section 9, including added course descriptions where available.
- A list of graduation requirements for the J.D. program is in section 10.
- To help your course planning, the faculty has recommended a list of courses for upper level students. This list is in Section 11.2 of the Student Handbook and is excerpted in section 11 of this catalog.
- 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.
- Day division and Evening division classes are presented separately, for purposes of the rule that at least half of your credits per semester be within your home division. If you don’t see classes you like in your home division, be sure to check the classes offered in the other division!

Finally, at a faculty meeting in May 2025, an amendment to the Student Handbook was approved simplifying the registration procedures for Chicago-Kent courses. Handbook § 3.2’s complex system of registration priority was replaced with a simpler procedure ([link](#)), as follows:

Subject to the provisions below, registration is to be phased. On the first day of registration, only 3L, 4L, and LL.M. students may register for classes. On the second day of registration, in addition to 3L, 4L, and LL.M. students, 2L students may register for classes. On the third day and all subsequent days of registration, all students may register for classes. As far as practicable, students in the LL.M. programs have priority for LL.M. courses in their program area over J.D. students.

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1 Day Division

In your second year, you must take at least 12 credits each semester, and no more than 16 credits. In your final year, you can take as few as 10 credits each semester; the maximum remains 16 credits.

There is one exception to the maximum credit limitation: students selected for the Chicago-Kent Law Review or Moot Court Honor Society, and who wish to register for Law Review or Moot Court credit, may take 17 credits (contact Academic Affairs (law-academicaffairs@illinoistech.edu) if this applies to you; we will have to manually increase your maximum credits in the system).

Credit hours for intersession classes (including Intensive Trial Advocacy 1) do not count as part of your regular semester course load for purposes of the maximum credit hour limitations, but we have to manually adjust your credits in the system to account for this. If taking an intersession course will put you over the maximum credit limit for your division, please contact Academic Affairs prior to registering so that your maximum hour limit can be adjusted in the system.

1.1 First-Year Students

All Day Division students (both full-time and part-time) should register for Civil Procedure, Property, and Legal Writing 2. Please be sure to register for the classes listed for your current section. For your final course, full-time Day Division students should register for one of the following: (1) Legislation; (2) First-Year Clinic (if you applied for and were selected for it); or (3) one of the designated elective courses listed on the next page.

If you register for, but are not admitted into, an elective class, you will be able to register for Legislation or another available elective during the add/drop period. If you do not take Legislation in the Spring, you will be required to take it next Fall.

Section A should sign up for Profs. Rosen and Goodman's classes. **Section B** should sign up for Prof. Nagel and Fackrell's classes. **Section C** should sign up for Profs. Reilly and Smith's classes.

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor	Note?	Credits
258-01	Civil Procedure	MW 12:50pm-2:25pm; R 12:15pm-1:50pm	Rosen, Mark		NA
258-02	Civil Procedure	MWF 12:30pm-2:05pm	Nagel, Mary		5
258-03	Civil Procedure	RF 11am-12:35pm; T 10am-11:35am	Reilly, Gregory		5
261-01	Property	TR 10am-11:50am	Goodman, Jordana		4
261-02	Property	TR 10am-11:50am	Fackrell, Sarah		4
261-03	Property	MW 10am-11:50am	Smith, Cathay		4

1.1.1 Legal Writing 2

You must register for the Legal Writing 2 section taught by the professor you have for Legal Writing 1.

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor	Note?	Credits
260-01	Legal Writing II	M 10am-11:50am; W 10am-10:55am	De Armond, Elizabeth		2
260-02	Legal Writing II	W 10am-11:50am; F 10am-10:55am	Debush, Anna		2
260-03	Legal Writing II	M 10am-11:50am; W 10am-10:55am	Johnson, Kari		2

260-04	Legal Writing II	M 10am-11:50am; W 10am-10:55am	Rogerson, Paul	2
260-05	Legal Writing II	M 1pm-2:50pm; W 1pm-1:55pm	Hill, Jodi	2
260-06	Legal Writing II	M 1pm-2:50pm; W 1pm-1:55pm	Schriner-Briggs, Jacob	2
260-51	Legal Writing II	TR 4pm-5:25pm	Harvey, Kathryn	2
260-82	Legal Writing II	TR 4pm-5:25pm	Mandell, Daniel	2

1.1.2 Professional Development and Identity

Pass/fail only. This class is required for all first-year day division students and focuses on concepts of professionalism, professional identity, and practice for lawyers.

In spring 2026, students will sign up for **LAW 357-01** with Professors Decatorsmith and de Freitas. The course will be offered asynchronously, completely online, using a textbook and written exercises that have submission deadlines throughout the semester. The instructors will communicate with the students through Canvas, and plan to also offer supplemental (though optional) professional development events during the semester, offered to the entire student body.

1.1.3 1L Your Way Courses

Full-time day division students should register for Legislation (see § 1.2.1); or the First-Year Clinic (if you applied and were accepted); or one of the electives listed below.

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor	Note?	Credits
435-01	Bankruptcy	TR 2pm-3:25pm	Walters, Adrian		3
344-01	Crmnl Procedure Adjud Proc	TR 2pm-3:25pm	Sommers, Zachary		3
365-01	Employment Discrimination	TR 2pm-3:25pm	Bent, Jason		3
402-01	Patent Law	TR 2pm-3:25pm	Fackrell, Sarah		3

All First-Year Clinic students will be required to attend regular class meetings with their supervising clinical professor on Mondays 4:00-5:50pm. The Clinic will notify each student approved for First-Year Clinic of the registration number you should use in registering; this will vary depending on the Clinic you are accepted into.

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor	Note?	Credits
	First Year Clinic	M 4pm-5:50pm	TBA, Law Faculty		Varies

You may also register for an elective other than the designated ones, if it fits into your schedule and you receive permission; contact the office of Academic Affairs (Law-AcademicAffairs@illinoistech.edu) if you are interested in registering for such an elective.

1.2 Second-Year Day Students (2024 Entrants)

1.2.1 Legislation

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor	Note?	Credits
206-01	Legislation: Process and Interp.	TR 2pm-3:25pm	Tierney, James		3

1.2.2 Constitutional Law

We had hoped to offer a daytime section of Constitutional Law in spring 2026, but regret we do not have an instructor to teach it. There is a day section of Constitutional Law for LL.M. students, but it is 3 credits and so does not satisfy the J.D. graduation requirements. See the evening division schedule for the section of Constitutional Law that satisfies J.D. graduation requirements.

1.2.3 Legal Writing 3

Day Division students are required to take Legal Writing 3 and Legal Writing 4 during their second year. Legal Writing 3 provides an introduction to researching and writing about non-litigation transactional issues and documents, with additional emphasis on oral communication with colleagues and clients. All sections of Legal Writing 3 are offered as General Practice sections. Additional sections of Legal Writing 3 are listed on the Evening Division schedule.

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor	Note?	Credits
431-01	Legal Writing 3	MW 11:45am-12:40pm	Gonzalez, Tomas	*	1
431-02	Legal Writing 3	TR 4pm-4:55pm	Brinkmeier, Alexandra		1
431-51	Legal Writing 3	M 4pm-5:50pm	Moltz, Ira	*	1

Note 1: 431-51 will be hybrid — online some weeks and in person other weeks.

Note 1: 431-01 will be online.

1.2.4 Legal Writing 4

Legal Writing 4 focuses on advanced research and writing skills in a variety of doctrinal areas and on creating legal instruments common to these areas. All second-year Day Division students were required to take Legal Writing 3 in the Fall semester, except for those who took a Legal Writing 4 Equivalency Class. Students who took an Equivalency Class in the Fall, and deferred Legal Writing 3, must register for Legal Writing 3 this semester. All other second-year Day Division students must register for Legal Writing 4 this semester. Additional sections of Legal Writing 4 are listed on the Evening Division schedule.

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor	Note?	Credits
432-02	Legal Writing 4: Business Transactions	MW 11am-12:25pm	O'Meara, Mark; Edison, Phil		3
432-85	Legal Writing 4: Civil Litigation	MW 4pm-5:25pm	Silvestri, Laurie		3
432-83	Legal Writing 4: Intellectual Property	TR 4pm-5:25pm	Oldaker, Joseph		3
432-84	Legal Writing 4: Intellectual Property	MW 4pm-5:25pm	Jones-Stephens, Kimberlee		3
432-01	Legal Writing 4: Real Estate Law	MW 1:30pm-2:55pm	Moltz, Ira	*	3

Note: 432-01 will be hybrid — online some weeks and in person other weeks.

1.2.5 Legal Writing 4 Equivalency Class

Students who take Criminal Litigation 2 or Judicial Externship in the Spring may satisfy the Legal Writing 4 requirement either by taking a regular Legal Writing 4 class, or by taking Legal Writing 4 Equivalency Class this semester (0

credits). The Student Handbook also sets out the other activities that can qualify for Equivalency. The Equivalency Class must be taken in the same semester as the activity that qualifies you to take the Equivalency Class – you may not defer the Equivalency Class to a later semester. There will be an initial class session held by Zoom (day/time TBA); the rest of the course will be conducted asynchronously online.

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor
119-01	Legal Writing IV Equivalent	Does Not Meet	Silvestri, Laurie

1.3 Professional Responsibility

Professional Responsibility is a J.D. degree requirement; it may be taken in any semester after the first year. Taking any of the following classes will satisfy the graduation Professional Responsibility requirement. Pass/fail is not available for any of these classes. The regular section of Professional Responsibility is subject to the mandatory curve; the Practice & Professionalism and Business Ethics sections are exempt from the curve.

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor	Note?	Credits
142-81	Practice and Professionalism	MW 4pm-5:25pm	Katz, Daniel; Rabanal, Alexander	*	3
134-81	Prof Responsibility:Bus Ethics	R 4pm-5:50pm	Robbins, Jenifer	*	2
415-01	Professional Responsibility	R 12pm-1:45pm	Solow, Sheldon	*	2

Note 1: LAW 415-01, “Practice and Professionalism,” covers the business and structure of law practice including economic modeling, client development, managing technology, and professional responsibility with a special focus on how technology affects the types of practice settings, tasks and ethical dilemmas facing new law graduates. Priority will be given to students in the Praxis Certificate program.

Note 2: LAW 134-81, “Business Ethics,” has a prerequisite of Business Organizations. This is a specialized section of Professional Responsibility focused on ethical obligations in business and transactional settings. Students within each priority group who are pursuing the Certificate in Business Law or the Praxis Certificate have priority. In spring 2026, Business Ethics will be taught online.

1.4 Day Division Elective Courses

Seminars, Clinical courses, Trial Advocacy, and intra-curricular activities are listed after the Evening Division schedule.

In addition to the courses listed here, Day Division students may also take Evening Division courses, but only if at least one-half of their credit hours in a particular semester consist of Day Division courses. **Courses that meet at 4:00 p.m. are considered both Day and Evening Division courses.**

1.4.1 Recommended courses

The faculty recommends that every student should take certain courses, including the “Recommended courses” below, prior to graduation.

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor	Note?	Credits
409-01	Business Organizations	MW 12:30pm-2:20pm	Shelby, Cary		4
273-01	Evidence	MTR 10:40am-11:35am	Erickson, David		3
280-01	Remedies	TR 4pm-5:25pm	Debush, Anna		3

1.4.2 Group A courses

The faculty recommends that every student should take at least 15 hours (for those in the lower third of their class, 20 hours) prior to graduation from a list that includes the following courses, with most courses taken from Group A and at least one course taken from Group B (see next subsection).

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor	Note?	Credits
430-81	Comparative Law	MW 4pm-5:25pm	Cho, Sungjoon		3
344-01	Crmnl Procedure Adjud Proc	TR 2pm-3:25pm	Sommers, Zachary		3
311-01	Estates and Trusts	MW 9:50am-11:40am	Decatorsmith, Jonathan		4
340-51	Family Law	MW 4pm-5:25pm	Johnson, Kari		3

Note: LAW 265-81, "Commercial Law: Payment Systems," will be taught online.

1.4.3 Group B courses

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor	Note?	Credits
435-01	Bankruptcy	TR 2pm-3:25pm	Walters, Adrian		3
365-01	Employment Discrimination	TR 2pm-3:25pm	Bent, Jason		3
441-81	Environ Law and Policy 2	T 4pm-5:50pm	Harley, Keith	*	2
402-01	Patent Law	TR 2pm-3:25pm	Fackrell, Sarah		3

Note: Environmental Law/Policy 1 is **not** a prerequisite for LAW 441-81.

1.4.4 Electives

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor	Note?	Credits
859-01	Advanced Family Law Prac and Pro	T 4pm-5:50pm	de Freitas, Rhonda		2
676-81	Animal Law	M 4pm-5:50pm	Harley, Keith	*	2
323-01	Artf. Intelligence and the Law: Law and Reg of Artificial Intell	M 9:45am-11:35am	Katz, Daniel		2
629-01	Class Actions	MW 1:30pm-2:55pm	Franklin, Jamie		3
294-01	Design Law	MW 8:30am-9:55am	Fackrell, Sarah		3
232-81	Energy Law	R 4pm-5:50pm	Harley, Keith		2
386-01	Foundations for Bar Success	T 10am-11:55am	Waldinger, Kate	*	3
457-81	Gen. and Crimes Against Humanity	W 4pm-5:50pm	Weber, Adam	*	2
300-01	Int'l and Comparav Copyright Law	TR 10am-11:25am	Dinwoodie, Graeme		3
387-01	International Business Trans	MW 1:10pm-2:35pm	Harris, Edward		3
384-01	International Trade	MW 10am-11:25am	Cho, Sungjoon		3
506-01	Justice and Techn Practicum	W 10:40am-12:30pm	Rabanal, Alexander		2
266-81	Labor/Employment Class	W 4pm-5:50pm	Ross-Jackson, Marsha	*	1
421-81	Labor/Employment Law Externshp	Does Not Meet	Ross-Jackson, Marsha	*	3

252-51	Law of Privacy	MW 4pm-5:25pm	De Armond, Elizabeth	3
503-01	Legal Reasoning and Exam Strat	R 10am-11:50am	Bjorklund, Kate	2
494-81	Lgl Project Mgmt-Proc Improvmt	T 4pm-5:50pm	Hoover, Kyle	2
429-52	Negotiations	R 4pm-5:50pm	Brown, Evan	2
348-81	Patent Practicum	R 4pm-5:50pm	Holly, Paul	*
464-81	Public Interest Law and Policy	TR 4pm-5:25pm	Shapiro, Carolyn	*
469-81	Real Estate Acquisitions and Dev	W 10am-11:50am	Rothbart, Jeffrey; Delrahim, Michael	*
968-01	Social Impact Law	W 10am-11:50am	Curran, Scott	2
309-81	Strat in Intellect Prop Law	M 4pm-5:50pm	Marr, David; TBA, Law Faculty	*
438-01	The Role of State Atty General	M 4pm-5:50pm	Shapiro, Carolyn; Raoul, Kwame	2
723-01	Trademark Practicum	W 4pm-5:50pm	Miller, Michelle	2

Note 1: For “Foundations for Bar Success,” pass/fail is not available. This course is required for students in their last year who rank in the bottom 25% of their class; it is optional, but encouraged, for other students in their final year. (Students in the bottom 25% of their class may petition Prof. Kate Waldinger for an exemption from taking the class; her email is kwaldinger@illinoistech.edu.) The class will be taught live. It will cover Civil Procedure, Contracts, Evidence, and Property as tested on the bar exam. It will cover both substantive rules and skills instruction for the written and multiple choice portions of the bar exam. Please note: The course does not satisfy the seminar requirement.

Note 2: 457-81, “Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity,” may be taken as a course or a seminar. If taken as a seminar, register using the number listed on the Seminar page of the schedule.

Note 3: 266-81 and 421-81 must be taken together. They are open only to students in the Labor & Employment certificate program, and they satisfy the practicum requirement for the certificate. The Labor/Employment Class may not be taken pass/fail; the Externship component is pass/fail only.

Note 4: 464-81 may not be taken pass/fail. Priority will be given to students in the Public Interest Law Certificate Program, International LL.M. students may take this class only with the permission of the instructor.

Note 5: 348-81, “Patent Practicum,” may be taken pass/fail only. Instructor permission required (email Paul Holly at pholly@illinoistech.edu). Recommended preparation: completion of a Patents course. Students will sit in on interviews with inventors and conduct a prior art search and draft a patentability assessment on the invention and prior art they find. Students will also complete a full patent application using a real inventor and under the review of a supervising attorney and partner.

Note 6: 309-81 may be taken pass fail/only. *Pass/fail only. Admission to the class is guaranteed to Intellectual Property certificate students who will graduate in December 2026 or earlier. Preference will also be given to students in the IIP LL.M. program. The class is open to other students, on a space-available basis, who have taken at least one intellectual property course and who have obtained instructor permission.

Note 7: 469-81 has a prerequisite of Business Organizations. Personal Income Tax is recommended preparation.

Note 8: 676-81, **Animal Law**, is offered either as a seminar or as an elective.

2 Evening Division

After your first year, you must take at least 8 credits each semester, and no more than 13 credits.

Credit hours for intersession classes (including Intensive Trial Advocacy 1) do not count as part of your regular semester course load for purposes of the maximum credit hour limitations, but we have to manually adjust your credits in the system to account for this. If taking an intersession course will put you over the maximum credit limit for your division, please contact Academic Affairs prior to registering so that your maximum hour limit can be adjusted in the system.

2.1 First-Year Students

First-year students must register for Spring classes despite having fixed schedules.

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor	Note?	Credits
251-51	Contracts	MW 6pm-8:20pm	Batlan, Felice		5
261-51	Property	TR 6pm-7:50pm	Mandell, Daniel		4

2.1.1 Legal Writing 2

You must register for the Legal Writing 2 section taught by the professor you have for Legal Writing 1.

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor	Note?	Credits
260-51	Legal Writing II	TR 4pm-5:25pm	Harvey, Kathryn		2
260-81	Legal Writing II	TR 8pm-9:25pm	Nagel, Mary	*	2
260-82	Legal Writing II	TR 4pm-5:25pm	Mandell, Daniel		2

2.2 Second-Year Students (2024 Entrants)

Second-year Evening Division students must register for Constitutional Law and for Professional Development & Identity.

2.2.1 Constitutional Law

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor	Note?	Credits
275-51	Constitutional Law	TR 6pm-7:50pm	Keller, Cherish		4

2.2.2 Professional Development and Identity

Most evening division students should have taken LAW 357-51 in fall 2025, in which case you have completed your requirement to take PD&I. If you have not taken PD&I, please see the day division option.

2.3 Second- and Third-Year Students (2023 & 2024 Entrants)

Evening Division students are required to take Legal Writing 3 and Legal Writing 4 during their second and third years.

2.3.1 Legal Writing 3

Legal Writing 3 provides an introduction to researching and writing about non-litigation transactional issues and documents, with additional emphasis on oral communication with colleagues and clients. All sections of Legal Writing 3 are offered as General Practice sections.

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor	Note?	Credits
431-02	Legal Writing 3	TR 4pm-4:55pm	Brinkmeier, Alexandra		1
431-51	Legal Writing 3	M 4pm-5:50pm	Moltz, Ira	*	1
431-81	Legal Writing 3	MW 6pm-6:55pm	Monforti, Erin		1
431-82	Legal Writing 3	Does Not Meet	Staff		1

Note: 431-51 will be hybrid — online some weeks and in person other weeks.

2.3.2 Legal Writing 4

Legal Writing 4 focuses on advanced research and writing skills in a variety of doctrinal areas and on creating legal instruments common to these areas. Legal Writing 3 is not a prerequisite for taking Legal Writing 4; Evening Division students may take the courses in either order.

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor	Note?	Credits
432-51	Legal Writing 4	MW 6pm-7:25pm	Garcia, Christopher		3
432-85	Legal Writing 4: Civil Litigation	MW 4pm-5:25pm	Silvestri, Laurie		3
432-81	Legal Writing 4: Comparative Land Transactions	TR 4:25pm-5:50pm	Cahill, Thomas; Komissopoulos, Christos		3
432-82	Legal Writing 4: Immigration Law	TR 4:25pm-5:50pm	Gunn, Tristan		3
432-83	Legal Writing 4: Intellectual Property	TR 4pm-5:25pm	Oldaker, Joseph		3
432-84	Legal Writing 4: Intellectual Property	MW 4pm-5:25pm	Jones-Stephens, Kimberlee		3
432-86	Legal Writing 4: Labor and Employment	TR 4:25pm-5:50pm	Bennett, Mark		3
432-52	Legal Writing 4: Public Interest	MW 6pm-7:25pm	Powell, Lewis		3

2.4 Professional Responsibility

Professional Responsibility is a J.D. degree requirement; it may be taken in any semester after the first year. Taking any of the following classes will satisfy the graduation Professional Responsibility requirement. Pass/fail is not available for any of these classes. The regular section of Professional Responsibility is subject to the mandatory curve; the Practice & Professionalism and Business Ethics sections are exempt from the curve.

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor	Note?	Credits
142-81	Practice and Professionalism	MW 4pm-5:25pm	Katz, Daniel; Rabanal, Alexander	*	3
134-81	Prof Responsibility:Bus Ethics	R 4pm-5:50pm	Robbins, Jenifer	*	2
415-51	Professional Responsibility	T 5pm-6:50pm	Orlowicz, Peter		2

Note 1: LAW 415-01, “Practice and Professionalism,” covers the business and structure of law practice including economic modeling, client development, managing technology, and professional responsibility with a special focus on how technology affects the types of practice settings, tasks and ethical dilemmas facing new law graduates. Priority will be given to students in the Praxis Certificate program.

Note 2: LAW 134-81, “Business Ethics,” has a prerequisite of Business Organizations. This is a specialized section of Professional Responsibility focused on ethical obligations in business and transactional settings. Students within each priority group who are pursuing the Certificate in Business Law or the Praxis Certificate have priority. In spring 2026, Business Ethics will be taught online.

2.5 Evening Division Elective Courses

Seminars, Clinical Education courses, Trial Advocacy, and intra-curricular activities are listed after the Evening Division schedule. In addition to the courses listed here, Evening Division students may also take Day Division courses, but only if at least one-half of their credit hours in a particular semester consist of Evening Division courses. **Courses that meet at 4:00 p.m. are considered both Day Division and Evening Division courses and are listed on both schedules.**

2.5.1 Recommended

The faculty recommends that every student should take certain courses, including the “Recommended courses” below, prior to graduation.

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor	Note?	Credits
273-51	Evidence	TR 6pm-7:25pm	Kling, Richard		3
280-01	Remedies	TR 4pm-5:25pm	Debush, Anna		3

2.5.2 Group A

The faculty recommends that every student should take at least 15 hours (for those in the lower third of their class, 20 hours) prior to graduation from a list that includes the following courses, with most courses taken from Group A and at least one course taken from Group B (see next subsection).

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor	Note?	Credits
202-51	Commercial Law:Sec Trans.	MW 6pm-7:25pm	Walters, Adrian		3
430-81	Comparative Law	MW 4pm-5:25pm	Cho, Sungjoon		3
344-51	Crmnl Procedure Adjud Proc	MW 6pm-7:25pm	Goldish, Megan		3
311-51	Estates and Trusts	MW 6pm-7:50pm	Stokes, Deadra		4
340-51	Family Law	MW 4pm-5:25pm	Johnson, Kari		3

Note: LAW 265-81, Commercial Law: Payment Systems, will be offered online.

2.5.3 Group B

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor	Note?	Credits
441-81	Environ Law and Policy 2	T 4pm-5:50pm	Harley, Keith	*	2
361-51	Securities Regulation	MW 6pm-7:25pm	Gupta, Ajay	*	3

Note 1: Environmental Law/Policy 1 is **not** a prerequisite for LAW 441-81.

Note 2: LAW 361-51, “Securities Regulation,” has a prerequisite of Business Organizations.

2.5.4 Electives

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor	Note?	Credits
859-01	Advanced Family Law Prac and Pro	T 4pm-5:50pm	de Freitas, Rhonda		2
676-81	Animal Law	M 4pm-5:50pm	Harley, Keith	*	2
418-01	Corporate Finance	R 8pm-9:25pm	Tierney, James		2
161-51	Criminal Litigation 2	T 6pm-7:50pm	Claps, Joseph; TBA, Law Faculty	*	2
391-51	Employment Relationships	TR 4pm-5:25pm	TBA, Law Faculty		3
232-81	Energy Law	R 4pm-5:50pm	Harley, Keith		2
457-81	Gen. and Crimes Against Humanity	W 4pm-5:50pm	Weber, Adam	*	2
304-51	Immigration Law and Policy	M 7:35pm-9:25pm	Kempster, Alec; Coenen, Nicholas		2
343-51	Juvenile Justice	R 7:35pm-9:25pm	Lucafo, Anthony		2
266-81	Labor/Employment Class	W 4pm-5:50pm	Ross-Jackson, Marsha	*	1
421-81	Labor/Employment Law Externship	Does Not Meet	Ross-Jackson, Marsha	*	3
252-51	Law of Privacy	MW 4pm-5:25pm	De Armond, Elizabeth		3
237-01	Law of Trade Secrets	TR 6pm-7:20pm	Rogerson, Paul		3
503-51	Legal Reasoning and Exam Strat	R 5:30pm-7:20pm	Bjorklund, Kate		2
494-81	Lgl Project Mgmt-Proc Improvmt	T 4pm-5:50pm	Hoover, Kyle		2
420-51	Mediation	W 7:35pm-9:25pm	Levitz, Corinne; Karim, Pari		2
335-51	National Security Law	T 6pm-7:50pm	Geiringer, John; Jonas, Barry		2
429-52	Negotiations	R 4pm-5:50pm	Brown, Evan		2
348-81	Patent Practicum	R 4pm-5:50pm	Holly, Paul	*	2
464-81	Public Interest Law and Policy	TR 4pm-5:25pm	Shapiro, Carolyn	*	3
216-51	Sports and the Law	W 6pm-7:50pm	Greengross, Ian		2
309-81	Strat in Intellect Prop Law	M 4pm-5:50pm	Marr, David; TBA, Law Faculty	*	3
438-01	The Role of State Atty General	M 4pm-5:50pm	Shapiro, Carolyn; Raoul, Kwame		2
723-01	Trademark Practicum	W 4pm-5:50pm	Miller, Michelle		2
416-51	Trademarks and Unfair Comptn	TR 5pm-6:25pm	Miller, Michelle		3

Note 1: For 161-51, "Criminal Litigation 2," pass/fail not available. Preference is given to students enrolled in the Criminal Litigation certificate program. Prerequisites: Evidence completed; and Trial Advocacy 1 completed or taken concurrently. Recommended preparation: Criminal Procedure: Investigative Process. You may take this class even if you did not take Criminal Litigation 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 this class for Legal Writing 4 credit.

Note 2: Several courses — 457-81, "Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity"; 407-51, "Video Game Law"; 343-51, "Juvenile Justice"; and 163-51, "Critical Legal Studies" — may be taken as a course or a seminar. If taken as a seminar, register using the number listed on the Seminar page of the schedule.

Note 3: 266-81 and 421-81 must be taken together. They are open only to students in the Labor & Employment certificate program, and they satisfy the practicum requirement for the certificate. The Labor/Employment Class may not be taken pass/fail; the Externship component is pass/fail only.

Note 4: 464-81 may not be taken pass/fail. Priority will be given to students in the Public Interest Law Certificate Program, International LL.M. students may take this class only with the permission of the instructor.

Note 5: 348-81, “Patent Practicum,” may be taken pass/fail only. Instructor permission required (email Paul Holly at pholly@illinoistech.edu). Recommended preparation: completion of a Patents course. Students will sit in on interviews with inventors and conduct a prior art search and draft a patentability assessment on the invention and prior art they find. Students will also complete a full patent application using a real inventor and under the review of a supervising attorney and partner.

Note 6: 309-81 may be taken pass/fail only. *Pass/fail only. Admission to the class is guaranteed to Intellectual Property certificate students who will graduate in December 2026 or earlier. Preference will also be given to students in the IIP LL.M. program. The class is open to other students, on a space-available basis, who have taken at least one intellectual property course and who have obtained instructor permission.

Note 7: 469-81 has a prerequisite of Business Organizations. Personal Income Tax is recommended preparation.

Note 8: 138-81 has a prerequisite of Business Organizations. Securities Regulation is recommended preparation.

Note 9: 251-51 will be taught online.

Note 10: LAW 676-81, **Animal Law**, is offered either as a seminar or as an elective.

Note 11: LAW 418-01, **Corporate Finance**, will be online, and offered mostly asynchronously. It will meet a few times by Zoom after 8pm so students enrolled in the evening section of Constitutional Law can attend. Because it is online, it counts toward your maximum distance education credits, and it is not bar-eligible for LL.M. students.

3 Seminars

Most seminars are limited to a maximum of 15 students.

For purposes of the rule that one-half of your credit hours in a semester must be in your home division, **seminars that meet at 4:00 p.m. are considered to be both Day Division and Evening Division seminars.**

In order to satisfy the senior seminar graduation requirement, you must have completed at least 54 hours of credit and Legal Writing 4 prior to beginning the seminar. You may take a seminar before you have earned 54 hours, but it will not satisfy the senior seminar graduation requirement. Seminars may not be taken pass/fail.

In addition to these offerings, there is a seminar option for Prof. Marder's *The American Jury*; see the Intersession Courses section below for details.

Note: You may also satisfy the seminar requirement through Independent Research in Lieu of Seminar; contact the office of Academic Affairs (Law-AcademicAffairs@illinoistech.edu) for details.

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor	Note?	Credits
676-81	Animal Law	M 4pm-5:50pm	Harley, Keith	*	2
916-01	Free Speech and the Digital Public Sphere	R 4pm-5:50pm	Schriner-Briggs, Jacob		2
957-81	Gen. and Crimes Against Humanity	W 4pm-5:50pm	Weber, Adam		2
974-01	Housing Law and Policy	M 4pm-5:50pm	Hill, Jodi		2
967-02	Intellectual and Cultural Proper	Does Not Meet	Smith, Cathay		1
925-51	Juvenile Justice	R 7:35pm-9:25pm	Lucafo, Anthony		2
973-01	Labor and Employment Seminar	T 4pm-5:50pm	Bent, Jason		2
907-01	Law of Social Networks	W 1pm-2:50pm	Yelderman, Alexandra		2

Note 1: LAW 676-81, **Animal Law**, is offered either as a seminar or as an elective.

Note 2: LAW 967-02, **Intellectual and Cultural Property Law**, is a continuation of a first-semester seminar.

4 Trial Advocacy

4.1 J.D. Trial Advocacy Courses

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor	Note?	Credits
555-01	Trial Advocacy 1	W 9am-12pm	TBA, Law Faculty		3
555-02	Trial Advocacy 1	W 9am-12pm	TBA, Law Faculty		3
555-81	Trial Advocacy 1	M 6pm-9pm	TBA, Law Faculty		3
555-82	Trial Advocacy 1	T 6pm-9pm	TBA, Law Faculty		3
558-01	Trial Advocacy 2	R 9am-12pm	TBA, Law Faculty		3
558-81	Trial Advocacy 2	T 6pm-9pm	TBA, Law Faculty		3

Note 1: for Trial Advocacy 1, Evidence is a prerequisite. Pass/fail is not available.

Note 2: for Trial Advocacy 2, TA 1 is a prerequisite. Pass/fail is not available.

Note 3: Intensive Trial Advocacy is also offered as an intersession course. For details, see the Intersession Courses page later in this schedule.

5 Clinical and Experiential Education Courses

For a current list of approved experiential courses, click [here](#).

5.1 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
542-01	Advanced Clinic	M 4pm-5:50pm	TBA, Law Faculty		3
542-02	Advanced Clinic	M 4pm-5:50pm	TBA, Law Faculty		4
530-01	Civil Litigation Clinic 1	M 4pm-5:50pm	Franklin, Jamie		3
530-02	Civil Litigation Clinic 1	M 4pm-5:50pm	Franklin, Jamie		4
531-01	Civil Litigation Clinic 2	M 4pm-5:50pm	Franklin, Jamie		3
531-02	Civil Litigation Clinic 2	M 4pm-5:50pm	Franklin, Jamie		4
512-01	Criminal Clinic 1	M 4pm-5:50pm	Kling, Richard		3
512-02	Criminal Clinic 1	M 4pm-5:50pm	Kling, Richard		4
532-01	Criminal Clinic 2	M 4pm-5:50pm	Kling, Richard		3
532-02	Criminal Clinic 2	M 4pm-5:50pm	Kling, Richard		4
583-01	Employ Benefit Claims Clinic I	M 4pm-5:50pm	Reynolds, William		3
583-02	Employ Benefit Claims Clinic I	M 4pm-5:50pm	Reynolds, William		4
586-01	Employ Benefit Claims Clinic 2	M 4pm-5:50pm	Reynolds, William		3
586-02	Employ Benefit Claims Clinic 2	M 4pm-5:50pm	Reynolds, William		4
537-01	Estate Planning/Prob. Clinic 1	M 4pm-5:50pm	Stokes, Deadra		3
537-02	Estate Planning/Prob. Clinic 1	M 4pm-5:50pm	Stokes, Deadra		4
872-01	Estate Planning/Prob. Clinic 2	M 4pm-5:50pm	Stokes, Deadra		3
872-02	Estate Planning/Prob. Clinic 2	M 4pm-5:50pm	Stokes, Deadra		4
523-01	Family Law Clinic 1	M 4pm-5:50pm	de Freitas, Rhonda		3
523-02	Family Law Clinic 1	M 4pm-5:50pm	de Freitas, Rhonda		4
504-01	Family Law Clinic 2	M 4pm-5:50pm	de Freitas, Rhonda		3
504-02	Family Law Clinic 2	M 4pm-5:50pm	de Freitas, Rhonda		4
536-01	IP Clinics	M 4pm-5:50pm	Miller, Michelle		3
536-02	IP Clinics	M 4pm-5:50pm	Miller, Michelle		4
538-01	IP Clinics	M 4pm-5:50pm	Miller, Michelle		3
538-02	IP Clinics	M 4pm-5:50pm	Miller, Michelle		4
567-01	Intensive Clinic	Does Not Meet	TBA, Law Faculty		10

568-01	Intensive Clinic Seminar	Does Not Meet	TBA, Law Faculty	2
511-01	Mediation and Other ADR Proc	M 4pm-5:50pm	Kentra, Pamela	3
511-02	Mediation and Other ADR Proc	M 4pm-5:50pm	Kentra, Pamela	4
515-01	Tax Clinic 1	M 4pm-5:50pm	Decatorsmith, Jonathan	3
515-02	Tax Clinic 1	M 4pm-5:50pm	Decatorsmith, Jonathan	4
535-01	Tax Clinic 2	M 4pm-5:50pm	Decatorsmith, Jonathan	3
535-02	Tax Clinic 2	M 4pm-5:50pm	Decatorsmith, Jonathan	4

5.2 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.

5.3 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	W 4pm-5:50pm	Decatorsmith, Jonathan; Kentra, Pamela		4
597-01	Criminal Lit. Legal Ext. 2	W 4pm-5:50pm	Decatorsmith, Jonathan; Kentra, Pamela		4
589-01	Envrn Law Legal Ext. 2	W 4pm-5:50pm	Decatorsmith, Jonathan; Kentra, Pamela		4
588-01	Envrn Law Legal Externship 1	W 4pm-5:50pm	Decatorsmith, Jonathan; Kentra, Pamela		4
593-01	Intell Prop Legal Ext. 2	W 4pm-5:50pm	Decatorsmith, Jonathan; Kentra, Pamela		4
590-01	Intellectual Prop Legal Ext. 1	W 4pm-5:50pm	Decatorsmith, Jonathan; Kentra, Pamela		4
877-01	International Externship	Does Not Meet	Weber, Adam	NA	
573-01	Judicial Externship 1	M 12pm-1pm	Decatorsmith, Jonathan; Kentra, Pamela		4
572-01	Judicial Externship 2	M 12pm-1pm	Decatorsmith, Jonathan; Kentra, Pamela		4
559-01	Legal Externship 1	T 4pm-4:55pm	Decatorsmith, Jonathan; Kentra, Pamela		4
571-01	Legal Externship 2	W 4pm-5:50pm	Decatorsmith, Jonathan; Kentra, Pamela		4

570-01 Semester Law Firm Assoc Pgmr M 3pm-4pm

Decatorsmith, Jonathan;
Kentra, Pamela

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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.

6 Intersession Courses

The following Intersession courses are considered Spring courses for purposes of tuition and computing Spring grade point averages. However, the credits will not count as part of your Spring course load for purposes of credit hour limitations. If registering for an intersession course will put you over your maximum credit limit, please contact the office of Academic Affairs (law-academicaffairs@illinoistech.edu) so that your maximum credit limit can be adjusted in the registration system.

Please note: First-year students may not take intersession classes.

ADR IN THE WORKPLACE (2 credits)

Prof. Totonchi

Course number: 427-01

Monday, January 12 - Friday, January 16

Pass/fail not available. This intensive class explores the doctrine and process of labor arbitration, employment mediation and employment arbitration. Students will participate in selecting neutral arbitrators, prepping for and conducting labor arbitrations, an employment mediation and an employment arbitration. There will be comments, critiques and suggestions at every step along the way. The condensed schedule should help you focus on mediation and arbitration as you would in real life. Class will meet for approximately 21 hours during the week (the hours will vary depending on the day, and there will be no in-person class session on Wednesday in order for the students to prepare for the rest of the week), with approximately 6 hours of additional instruction through distance learning techniques. If you enroll in the course and later decide not to take it, you must drop it no later than Friday, December 27, or you will be charged full tuition for the course unless another student takes your place. Priority for this class will be given to students seeking the Labor and Employment Law Certificate or the Workplace Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution Certificate.

INTENSIVE TRIAL ADVOCACY 1 (3 credits)

Prof. Erickson and faculty

Course number: 541-01

Saturday, January 10 - Saturday, January 17

Prerequisite: Evidence. Pass/fail not available. This is an intensive week-long version of the regular Trial Advocacy 1 class. Classes will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. each day, including the intervening Sunday. If you enroll in the course and later decide not to take it, you must drop it by Friday, December 27, or you will be charged full tuition for the course unless another student takes your seat. Note: You must take Trial Advocacy 2 in the Spring semester if you take Intensive Trial Advocacy.

SECURITIES ARBITRATION (2 credits)

Prof. Gana and faculty

Course number: 825-01

Monday, January 12 - Friday, January 16

This course practically teach the workings of a Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“FINRA”) Securities Arbitration. Students will learn how to conduct factual and legal analysis, analyze securities account documents, conduct legal research, develop case theory, draft pleadings and represent clients in securities arbitration proceedings before FINRA. The class grading will consist of a mock negotiation, mediation and arbitration for a final grade. (Note: we know this class is not currently showing up in the Registration system. We are working on it!)

SOFTWARE PATENTS: A PRACTICAL PERSPECTIVE (2 credits)

Prof. Sutton

Course number: 126-01

Monday, January 12 - Friday, January 16

Classes will meet from 9:00-12:00 noon and 2:00-5:00 p.m. each day. There are no prerequisites for the course, although some familiarity with computers and software could be helpful. This course will address ongoing changes to the laws of patentable subject matter, indefiniteness, and divided infringement, and the practical implications of these changes on software patents. The course will also address the evolution of software innovation being protected, discussing how artificial intelligence and large language models in particular are impacting the industry. After an introduction to both patents and software, the course will focus on the Supreme Court decisions in *Alice Corporation Pty. Ltd. v. CLS Bank International*, *Nautilus, Inc. v. Biosig Instruments, Inc.*, and *Limelight Networks, Inc. v. Akamai Technologies, Inc.*, as well as the related case law. During the course, students will learn practical techniques to analyze existing software patent claims relating to modern software innovation based on these areas of developing law to form opinions regarding patent validity and patent infringement, and to suggest changes that could eliminate issues that may arise regarding invalidity and non-infringement.

THE AMERICAN JURY (2 or 3 credits)

Prof. Marder

Course number: 423-01 (2 or 3 credits)

Seminar number: 958-01 (3 credits)

Monday, January 12 - Saturday, January 17

Pass/fail not available. The class will meet for 6 days from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm and from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm with a break for lunch. The class is being offered either for regular course credit (either 2 credits or 3 credits) or for seminar credit (3 credits).

Course option: Students taking the course option for 2 credits will complete a short take-home exam by Monday, January 20. Students taking the course option for 3 credits will complete the take-home exam by Monday, January 20, and observe a jury selection in a nearby courthouse during the Spring semester and submit a memo with their findings.

Seminar option: Third-year and fourth-year students who wish to use the class to satisfy the seminar graduation requirement can take this course for three credits and write a seminar paper during the Spring semester; this option is available only with the permission of the professor (email nmarder@illinoistech.edu). This intensive course will examine every stage of the jury process, including the summoning of prospective jurors, voir dire, peremptory challenges, jury instructions, jury deliberations, and post-verdict interviews with the judge. In addition, the course will begin with a brief history of the jury and will end with two unusual features of the American jury – the hung jury and the nullifying jury. The course will follow the framework developed in Prof. Marder's recent book, *The Power of the Jury: Transforming Citizens into Jurors*, which examines every stage of the jury process from the jurors' perspective and strives to make juries more diverse. The course will also include what the Supreme Court has said about each stage of the jury process so that students will also be well-versed in the law by the end of the course. Finally, students will have experience doing what lawyers do for each stage of the jury process, such as asking voir dire questions and drafting jury instructions, and will also observe and analyze actual recorded jury deliberations, which lawyers cannot do.

If you enroll in the course and later decide not to take it, you must drop it by Friday, December 27, or you will be charged full tuition for the course unless another student takes your seat. The course will entail reading beforehand, reading throughout the week, and independent viewing of jury deliberations in preparation for the class during which they will be discussed. This course will be of particular benefit to students who want to become trial lawyers, trial judges, policymakers, or just well-informed jurors when they are called to serve.

7 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	IP 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).

8 Online courses

Courses that meet online, or partly online, will be listed here.

Section	Course Title	Meeting Pattern	Instructor	Note?	Credits
418-01	Corporate Finance	R 8pm-9:25pm	Tierney, James		2
391-51	Employment Relationships	TR 4pm-5:25pm	TBA, Law Faculty		3
967-02	Intellectual and Cultural Proper	Does Not Meet	Smith, Cathay		1
252-51	Law of Privacy	MW 4pm-5:25pm	De Armond, Elizabeth		3
431-01	Legal Writing 3	MW 11:45am-12:40pm	Gonzalez, Tomas	*	1
431-51	Legal Writing 3	M 4pm-5:50pm	Moltz, Ira	*	1
432-01	Legal Writing 4: Real Estate Law	MW 1:30pm-2:55pm	Moltz, Ira	*	3
260-81	Legal Writing II	TR 8pm-9:25pm	Nagel, Mary	*	2
119-01	Legal Writing IV Equivalent	Does Not Meet	Silvestri, Laurie	*	0
420-51	Mediation	W 7:35pm-9:25pm	Levitz, Corinne; Karim, Pari		2

9 Course changes

Changes to courses, meeting times, and so on will be listed here.

Changes to courses

- Dec. 17 changes
 - Waitlists have been added to most, if not all, of the classes that students have requested.
 - Spring Legal Writing 4. The second IP-themed section of LW4 has returned. LAW 432-83, CRN 52974, will meet Tues/Thurs at 4pm and has enrollment available. In addition, as students shift out of their existing LW4 classes into this one, other spots will open up in your preferred sections.
- Dec. 10 changes
 - Corporate Finance's time has been updated in Registration to fix a time conflict.
 - Legislation has two sections. It is looking increasingly likely that both will be taught by (sigh) Prof. Tierney in a (sigh) single ginormous section in the auditorium. If that's not your jam—and who could blame you—remember 1Ls can defer Legislation to their 2L fall. Those already enrolled in the "TBA" section don't have to do anything if you want to remain; we'll handle everything on the back end.
 - Trademarks & Unfair Competition has moved from 6pm to 5pm because of a change of instructor (and new instructor availability). It is now taught by Prof. Michelle Miller.
 - Employment Relationships has moved from 6pm to 4pm for a change of instructor (and new instructor availability). It is now taught by Prof. Jim Prozzi. It will be mostly online (which means it also counts as a Distance Education class), though there will be some in-person meetings the first and last weeks of class.
 - Real Estate Acquisition & Development was supposed to have been listed initially on Wednesdays at 10am but was listed Tuesdays at 9:35 instead. It was moved to its intended time to reflect instructor availability.
- Nov. 26 changes
 - We know both **Securities Arbitration** and **Housing Rights Law and Policy** continue not to appear in the Registration system. We are working on it — thanks for your patience.
 - We've opened waitlists on a number of classes and can continue to do so as requests come in. Once the waitlist is created, adding yourself is a self-service option in Banner registration.
 - **Juvenile Justice** is back, in both seminar and non-seminar versions. The meeting time has changed to Thursday evenings.
 - **Corporate Finance** is offered on Thursday evenings in an online / mostly asynchronous format. If you're interested, read the evening-section footnote carefully.
 - A handful of new classes (**Labor and Employment Law**, **Free Speech and Digital Public Sphere**, and **Trademark Practicum**) were set up incorrectly, which has made them temporarily unavailable. These should now be available for registration.
 - A revised list of experiential learning options will be posted shortly for those planning ahead for skills and clinic requirements.
 - **Trademarks and Unfair Competition** has a new instructor, which required a time change as well.
 - You may have seen that **Bankruptcy** was one of the 1L Your Way options. Because this course had never previously been open to 1Ls, the system automatically restricted it — and the restriction wasn't lifted before the class filled (with non-1Ls). We're working to remove the restriction so students can add to the waitlist.

- Nov. 11 changes
 - Please see updates to the Professional Development and Identity course for both day and evening sections.
 - LAW 432-02, **Legal Writing 4**, has had its meeting pattern updated.
 - Contracts, Property, and LW2 have had their meeting patterns updated; LAW 260-81, **Legal Writing 2** (Prof. Nagel's section) has an updated meeting pattern.
 - LAW 438-01, **The Role of the State Attorney General**, has been listed as an elective, and is not available as a seminar.
 - LAW 676-01, **Animal Law**, is now available either as an elective or as a seminar, but there are not different section #'s. Please coordinate with Prof. Harley if you have questions or wish to elect the seminar option.
 - There is an update about Legislation in section 1.2.1. In addition, LAW 206-01 is being offered by Prof. Tierney.
 - There is an update about Constitutional law in section 1.2.2.
- Oct. 28 changes
 - LAW 432-02, **Legal Writing 4: Business Transactions**, will move to MW 11am-12:25pm so students can enroll in both this section of LW4 as well as Business Organizations.
 - LAW 258-01, **Civil Procedure** (Prof. Rosen's section) has had a change in its meeting pattern. The session previously scheduled for Tuesdays at 4pm has been moved to Thursdays at 12:15pm to clear a conflict.
 - LAW 260-05 and 260-81, both **Legal Writing 2**, have switched instructors but the times for each section remain as before. Prof. Hill will teach section 05 and Prof. Harvey will teach section 81.
 - LAW 260-81, **Legal Writing 2** (Prof. Nagel's section) has had a change in its meeting pattern. In addition, the Tuesday section will meet in person, while the Thursday section will meet online.

The following courses will not be offered in spring 2026:¹

- Nov. 26 changes
 - Critical Legal Studies
 - International Environmental Law
- Nov. 11 changes
 - LAW 138-81, **Hedge Funds** (Van Pelt and Hennion)
 - LAW 265-81, **Commercial Law; Payment Systems** (Spak)
 - LAW 343-51, **Juvenile Justice**, and LAW 925-51, **Juvenile Justice** (seminar) (Lucafo)
 - LAW 415-51, **Professional Responsibility** (Orlowicz)
 - LAW 432-83, **Legal Writing 4** (TBA instructor)
 - LAW 451-81, **Data Privacy: Rest-Pre-Breach** (Dawson)
 - LAW 495-51, **Electronic Discovery** (Bottner)
 - LAW 679-81, **Public Sector Employees** (Kim)
 - LAW 813-01, **Mergers and Acquisitions** (Choate)

¹We hope the schedule won't change further, but Chicago-Kent reserves the right to cancel further classes as circumstances dictate.

- Oct. 28 changes
 - LAW 720-01, **Advanced Legal Research** (Wenger et al.)
 - LAW 800-01, **Regulation** (Tierney)

Added course descriptions

- LAW 968-01, **Social Impact Law: Practicing with Purpose in a Changing World**:

Social Impact Law explores the evolving role of lawyers as essential stewards of justice, mission, and strategy in a rapidly shifting world. From advising global institutions including foundations and nonprofits to guiding businesses, government partners, and hybrid ventures, today's social impact lawyers sit at the intersection of law, policy, and purpose. In this course, students will learn how lawyers help build, protect, and scale purpose-driven institutions and initiatives. Drawing on real-world practices, case studies, and firsthand insights from the instructor and guest speakers, the course offers a behind-the-scenes look at lawyering for global foundations, nonprofits, social enterprises, and cross-sector partnerships - spanning philanthropy, corporate social impact, public-private collaboration, social finance, and more.

Topics include:

- The foundational role of law and lawyers in shaping and sustaining civil society, and how this legacy informs the modern practice of social impact law
- The evolving role of lawyers and legal institutions in real time - examining how today's professionals are navigating and shaping pressing issues at the intersection of democracy, equity, regulation, and impact
- Core principles of nonprofit and corporate law as applied to social impact organizations
- Legal frameworks for mission-driven ventures, social enterprises, and cross-sector collaborations
- Strategic counsel on governance, compliance, partnerships, and fiduciary duty in an era of heightened public scrutiny
- The expanding role of lawyers as trusted advisers, not just legal technicians
- The defense of democratic institutions, the rule of law, and professional ethics amid political polarization

Students will gain practical experience through simulations and exercises that place them in the role of in-house counsel advising on live social impact scenarios. They will leave with tools, frameworks, and insights to confidently guide organizations at the forefront of social change. This course is ideal for students interested in social impact, philanthropy, nonprofit law, corporate social impact, impact investing, public interest work, or simply exploring how to practice law with greater purpose.

10 J.D. Graduation Requirements

Requirement	Description	Reference
Credit hours	87 hours to earn the JD; at least 64 must be in courses that require attendance in regularly scheduled classroom sessions or direct faculty instruction.	§ 1.1(a)
Time	Must be completed in 84 months (7 years)	
Grade Point Average	Attain cumulative GPA of at least 2.300.	§§ 1.1(b), 8.1-8.8
Transcript Submission	Students must have timely submitted their undergraduate and graduate transcripts.	§ 1.1(c)
Required First-Year Courses	<i>Fall Semester:</i> Contracts (251), Torts (253), Criminal Law (257), Legal Writing 1 (259); <i>Spring Semester:</i> Civil Procedure (258), Property (261), Legal Writing 2 (260), and either Legislation (206) or a 1L your way course. Students deferring Legislation must take it Fall of 2L year.	
Required Upper-Level Courses	Constitutional Law (275); Legal Writing 3 (431); and Legal Writing 4 (432) or LW4 equivalency (119). Certain activities qualify students to take a LW4 equivalency class in lieu of a regular section.	
Professional Responsibility	Students must take either the course Professional Responsibility or one of these alternatives: Ethics and Advocacy, Practice and Professionalism, and Professional Responsibility: Business Ethics.	
Seminar requirement	Take a seminar or independent research in lieu; must have completed 54 course credits and LW4 or equivalency (see § 1.4) unless waived.	§ 1.2(b)
Required experiential credits	Take six credits from approved list of experiential courses (including LW3 and LW4, through which most students will get 4 credits); see handbook for details if you are doing LW4 equivalency.	§ 1.2(a)
Bar Exam Strategies	Students in the bottom 25% of their class at the end of their second year are required to take Bar Exam Strategies in their final semester.	§ 1.2(a)
Other limits	No more than 6 credits of elected pass/fail courses; those offered only pass/fail don't count toward this limit. No more than 24 credit hours toward graduation for clinical courses and externships combined. No more than 4 credit hours for TA positions.	

Note: This checklist provides a high-level overview of the JD program requirements. According to § 1.8 of the student handbook: “Students have the responsibility to make sure they complete all degree requirements. Graduating seniors should make an independent review of their records before registering for their final semester.” For full details, exceptions, graduation tracking, and updates, consult the current student handbook (available on the academic affairs website).

11 Student Handbook § 11.2: Recommended Courses for Upper Level Students

In addition to the faculty recommendations below, students are advised to check what subjects are tested on the bar exam in the state where they plan to sit for the bar and to take that information into consideration in selecting courses.

I. The faculty believes that every student should take:

1. Business Organizations (4 hours)
2. Evidence (3 hours)
3. Personal Income Tax (3 hours)
4. Remedies (3 hours)

II. The faculty believes that every student should take at least 15 hours from the following list of courses, with most courses taken from subsection A and at least one course taken from subsection B.

Courses not included in this list should not be thought of as less challenging or unimportant. They may have been left off because they cover advanced or very specialized material, or because they focus on non-traditional legal materials. Students may take some of those courses with their remaining electives.

For those students whose grade point average is in the lower third of the class after they complete their first year of law school (two semesters for full-time Day Division students and three semesters for part-time Day Division students and for Evening Division students), we recommend in the strongest terms possible that they take at least 20 hours (rather than 15) from the following list, with a heavy emphasis on courses that cover subject matter that may be tested on the bar exam.

Group A. Courses in major areas of law

1. Administrative Law (3 hours).
2. Civil Litigation: one of the following: Appellate Courts and Procedure (3 hours), Complex Litigation (3 hours), Federal Courts (3 hours), Illinois Civil Procedure (2 hours).
3. Commercial Law: one or both of the following: Secured Transactions (3 hours), Payment Systems (3 hours).
4. Conflict of Laws (3 hours)
5. Constitutional Law: First Amendment (2 or 3 hours).
6. Criminal Procedure: The Adjudicative Process (3 hours), or The Investigative Process (3 hours).
7. Estates and Trusts (4 hours).
8. Family Law (3 hours).
9. International Law (3 hours) or Comparative Law (3 hours).

Group B. Courses focusing on statutory analysis and/or administrative agencies

1. Antitrust (3 hours).
2. Bankruptcy (3 hours).

3. Copyright Law (3 hours) or Patent Law (3 hours).
4. Employee Benefits Law (2 or 3 hours).
5. Employment Discrimination (3 hours).
6. Environmental Law & Policy (3 hours).
7. Labor Law (3 hours).
8. Securities Regulation (3 hours).
9. Taxation of Business Enterprises (4 hours).

III. The faculty believes that every student should take at least one skills or one clinical course from the following list of such courses.

A. Skills courses:

1. Employment Litigation (3 hours).
2. Mediation (2 hours).
3. Negotiations (2 hours).
4. Pretrial Litigation (3 hours).
5. Trial Advocacy 1(3 hours).

B. Clinical courses:

1. In-House Clinic (3 or 4 hours)
2. Judicial Externship (4 hours).
3. Legal Externship (4 hours).
4. Labor and Employment Externship (4 hours) (for students in the Labor and Employment Law Certificate Program only).