

# Academic Advising for FLEX Cohorts

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# FLEX FILES Podcast (Spotify)

AND

**NEW** FLEX JD Advising Webpage:

<https://law.pace.edu/academics/flex-jd-advising>

## Fall 2023 Episodes:

- Career Services
- ULSR
- Accelerating Grad.
- Student Spotlight
- Academic Success
- WSA
- Student Services



## Spring 2024 Episodes:

- Law Library
- 50-Hour Pro Bono
- Law Review
- Advanced Legal Writing
- Financial Aid

# AGENDA

- Core takeaways:
  - Within the designated FLEX scheduling block (i.e., Tuesday evening/Thursday evening/Saturday morning), we offer everything you need to fulfill your academic requirements and the credits needed for graduation; if your work/personal schedule strictly limits you to the FLEX block, it is a more limited menu of course offerings
  - What is generally offered within the FLEX block: (1) required courses, (2) courses that satisfy upper-level requirements; & (3) Bar-recommended courses
  - Deviation from the FLEX track is possible depending on your level of scheduling flexibility, provided you are still fulfilling your requirements
  - Space is guaranteed for you in the specifically designated courses for each FLEX cohort, and you must register on the first day of your priority registration period to secure your reserved space
- Overview of 4 FLEX years and the path to 88 credits
- Credit loads (plus a discussion of distance credits and accelerating graduation)
- Summer/Fall '24 course offerings
- Website walkthrough (key pages to note)
- Q&A

# Graduation Requirements – ALL JDs

- 88 Academic Credits (CR) total:
  - All **first-year courses** (30 CR total; Torts, Civ Pro, Contracts, Crim, Con Law, Property, Legal Skills I & II, Legal Methods)
  - 58 additional CR after first-year courses completed, **including:**
    - **Professional Responsibility** (3 CR; PT students must take in 2L or 3L)
    - **Upper-Level Writing Requirement**, including Upper-Level Research Requirement (2-4 CR depending on option; 3 CR most common for FLEX)
    - **Upper-Level Skills Requirement**, including NYS Skills Competency Requirement (6 CR total; must take 4-CR Lawyering course if you do not pursue a clinic/externship)
    - **Administrative Law/Regulatory Process Requirement** (3 CR; not just the Administrative Law course, though that is most common in FLEX block)
    - **ASAP** courses **if required for you** (7 CR total; 2-CR PLA in Fall 2L + 5 CR in 4L year and Supplemental Bar Skills Program during bar prep)
- 6 Professional Development Credits (keep track of your progress; you can ask CCPD if you need to check on your total)

# Credit Loads

## Part-Time Students:

- Fall/Spring — 9-12 credits; 8 (underload) or 13 (overload) **with the permission** of the Academic Dean; no fewer than 8; cannot register for more than 12 credits without an approved overload
- Summer — maximum 6 credits
- To graduate in 4 years, you need an average of 11 credits per semester, unless you take summer credits

## Limits on Distance Education Credits:

- Fully distance course = yellow on course grid
- 15-credit limit
- May not take any distance credits until you have completed 28 credits (i.e., no distance classes over your first summer)
- Rising 4Ls: Save 3 distance credits for MBE Strategies in final semester; Rising 2Ls & 3Ls: Save 5 credits for Bar prep courses\*

# Accelerating Graduation

- It is possible to graduate in May (most common), September (after the Summer semester) or January (after the Fall semester)
- Finishing a semester early within the PT division is achievable through (A) summer credits or (B) a combination of summer credits and Fall/Spring overloads
  - NOTE: you must pay separately for summer credits unless you have a full-tuition scholarship (and you must register for 6 credits to receive federal loans)
- Graduating a year early typically requires a switch to the FT division, which is only an option if you are not working full-time
- If this is something you're interested in, the earlier you start planning for it, the better
- To request an overload or a switch in division, please complete the required form and submit it to the Registrar

# Office of Academic Success

- ASAP Program: For all students below 2.8 GPA after second semester or any subsequent semester
  - 2L Year – must take Principles of Legal Analysis
  - 4L Year – must take Advanced Analytical Skills and MBE Strategies in final semester, and Supplemental Bar Skills Program when studying for the bar
    - **2025-2026 Academic Year:** We will be transitioning from AAS and MBE to a new pair of Bar prep courses (details TBA)
- Bar Preparation Counseling
- Academic Support
- Danielle Kocal, Stephanie Desiato, and Nick Kording

# First-Year Required Curriculum

Fall 1L	Spring 1L	Fall 2L
Civil Procedure (T eve)	Contracts (T eve)	Con Law (T eve)*
Torts (R eve)	Criminal Law (R eve)	Property (R eve)*
Legal Skills I [inc. Legal Methods] (Sat)	Legal Skills II [inc. Legal Methods] (Sat)	Professional Responsibility (Sat)**

\*Property and Con Law must be taken by the end of your 2L year (FLEX block offering: Fall only)

\*\*PR must be taken by the end of your 3L year (FLEX block offering: Fall only)



# Upper-Level Requirements — FLEX Timing

Requirement	Requirement-Satisfying Course(s)	When <i>Typically</i> Offered for FLEX
Professional Responsibility	Professional Responsibility	Fall 2L
Administrative Law/Regulatory Process Requirement	See full menu of classes (Admin Law most common in FLEX block)	Variable
Upper-Level Writing Requirement	Advanced Appellate Advocacy or Advanced Legal Writing*	Fall 3L
Upper-Level Skills Requirement	Lawyering (must take if no clinic/externship)	Fall 4L
ASAP (required for ASAP students/recommended for all)	LPM or DLD	Spring 4L
	<b>THROUGH SPRING 2025:</b> MBE Strategies + AAS	Spring 4L
	<b>POST-SPRING 2025:</b> TBA	4L Year

\*There are numerous other ways to fulfill ULWR (e.g., daytime seminar if you have flexibility, GR/DR project, Law Review note, etc.)—AAA and ALW are the specific courses we offer in the FLEX block

# Current 1L FLEX JDs (Class of '27)

Courses Already Taken (including Spring 2024)	Fall 2024 Offerings for 2L FLEX Cohort	Requirements Remaining Post-Fall 2024
<p>Civil Procedure (4 CR)</p> <p>Torts (4 CR)</p> <p>Criminal Law (4 CR)</p> <p>Contracts (4 CR)</p> <p>Legal Skills I (3 CR)</p> <p>Legal Skills II (3 CR)</p> <p>Legal Methods</p> <p>[22 CR]</p>	<p>T: <b>Constitutional Law</b> (4 CR) - Required course</p> <p>Th: <b>Property</b> (4 CR) - Required course</p> <p>Sat: <b>Professional Responsibility</b> (3 CR) - Required Course</p> <p>[11 CR]</p> <p>W: <b>Principles of Legal Analysis</b> (2 CR) - IF GPA &lt; 2.8; take in place of PR and take PR next year</p>	<p>55 CR, <u>including</u>:</p> <p>Upper-Level Writing Requirement (3 CR) [Fall '25]</p> <p>Administrative Law/Regulatory Process Requirement (3 CR) [TBD]</p> <p>Upper-Level Skills Requirement: Lawyering (4 CR/NYS Competency) [Fall '26] + LPM (3 CR) or DLD (2CR) [Spring '27]</p> <p>2 Bar Prep Courses (5 CR) [4L Year] *Course titles, exact timing, and teaching modalities TBA *REQUIRED for ASAP students but strongly recommended for ALL</p> <p><b>For an extended forecast, please see the FLEX Roadmap on our new FLEX JD Advising webpage:</b> <a href="https://law.pace.edu/academics/flex-jd-advising">https://law.pace.edu/academics/flex-jd-advising</a></p>

# Current 2L FLEX JDs (Class of '26)

Courses Already Taken (including Spring 2024)	Fall 2024 Offerings for 2L FLEX Cohort	Requirements Remaining Post-Fall 2024
<p>All first-year required courses (30 CR)</p> <p>Professional Responsibility (3 CR)</p> <p><i>Principles of Legal Analysis (if GPA &lt; 2.8)</i></p> <p>Evidence (4 CR)</p> <p>Corporations (4 CR)</p> <p>Sales (3 CR)</p> <p>[44 CR]</p>	<p>T: <b>Crim Pro-Inv</b> (4 CR) - Bar subject</p> <p>Th: <b>Wills</b> (4 CR) - Bar subject</p> <p><b>AND 1 OF 3 OPTIONS:</b></p> <p>Sat: <b>AAA</b> (3 CR) - Fulfills ULWR</p> <p>Sat: <b>ALW</b> (3 CR) - Fulfills ULWR; seat capacity = 12</p> <p>Asynchronous: <b>ALR</b> (3 CR) - Counts toward ULSR; seat capacity = 16</p> <p>[11 CR]</p>	<p>33 CR, <u>including</u>:</p> <p>Administrative Law/Regulatory Process Requirement: <b>Admin Law</b> (3 CR) [Est. Spring '25]</p> <p>Upper-Level Skills Requirement: <b>Lawyering</b> (4 CR/NYS Competency) [Fall '25] + <b>Law Practice Management</b> (3 CR) or <b>Drafting Legal Documents</b> (2 CR) [Spring '26]</p> <p><b>2 Bar Prep Courses</b> (5 CR) [4L Year] <i>*Course titles, exact timing, and teaching modalities TBA</i> <i>*REQUIRED for ASAP students but strongly recommended for ALL</i></p> <p><b>For an extended forecast, please see the FLEX Roadmap on our new FLEX JD Advising webpage: <a href="https://law.pace.edu/academics/flex-jd-advising">https://law.pace.edu/academics/flex-jd-advising</a></b></p>

# Current 3L FLEX JDs (Class of '25)

Courses Already Taken (including Spring 2024)	Fall 2024 Offerings for 3L FLEX Cohort	FINAL SEMESTER (TENTATIVE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All first-year required courses + PR</li> <li>- <i>Principles of Legal Analysis (if GPA &lt; 2.8)</i></li> <li>- Evidence</li> <li>- Corporations</li> <li>- Sales</li> <li>- Crim Pro-Inv.</li> <li>- RETF</li> <li>- Advanced Appellate Advocacy (or other ULWR)</li> <li>- Wills</li> <li>- Admin Law (Admin Req.)</li> <li>- NY Practice</li> </ul> <p>[66 CR]</p>	<p>T: <b>Lawyering</b> (4 CR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Counts toward ULSR</li> <li>- Fulfills NYS Competency</li> </ul> <p>Th: <b>Secured Transactions</b> (3 CR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DISTANCE (2 hours synch + 1 hour asynchronous)</li> <li>- Bar subject</li> </ul> <p>Sat: <b>Survey of Dispute Resolution</b> (3 CR) OR <b>Trial Ad</b> (4 CR toward ULSR)</p> <p>[10-11 CR]</p>	<p><b>MBE Strategies</b> (3 CR; DISTANCE) and <b>Advanced Analytical Skills</b> (2 CR)</p> <p><i>*Bar prep classes REQUIRED for ASAP but strongly recommended for ALL</i></p> <p><b>Family Law</b> (3 CR; Bar subject)</p> <p><b>Law Practice Management</b> (3 CR toward ULSR) or <b>Drafting Legal Documents</b> (2 CR toward ULSR)</p> <p>[10-11 CR]</p>

# ULWR Options for Rising 3L Cohort (or Rising 4Ls if still needed)

- **AAA** [3 CR] on Saturday – guaranteed spot if advanced in 1L Moot or obtained permission (email me if you need to request permission)
- **ALW** [3 CR] on Saturday – limited seat capacity but restricted to FLEX
  - Also offered over the Summer!
- **Guided Research** or **Directed Research** [2 CR] with FT faculty member
  - 3.0 GPA generally required
  - Can also do over the Summer!
- Pretrial Civil Litigation Simulation (Saturday Spring '25) [4 CR]
- Law Review note
- Daytime seminar (*if you have availability*) [2 CR most common] – see list in Registration Handbook
- Fall semester of the Federal Judicial Honors Program (*for students who have daytime availability and are selected for this program*)

# Eve./Sat. Alternatives for Fall

## 1 CR:

- Skills Workshop: Real Estate Closings (Sat., 9:30-12:30 for 5 weeks) [**ULSR**]

## 2 CR:

- Drafting Legal Documents (M, 6-8) [**ULSR**]
- Advanced Corporate Seminar: Corporate Governance (M, 6-8) [Corps is a prerequisite]
- Banking Law (W, 6-8)
- Patent Law (W, 6-8)
- Advising Startups (W, 6-8) [Corps is a prerequisite]
- Prisoners' Rights (R, 6-8)
- Privacy Law (R, 6:30-8:30)

## 3 CR:

- IP Agreements & Licensing (M, 6-9) [**ULSR**; Survey of IP is a prerequisite]
- Legislative & Regulatory Process (T, 6-9) [**Admin/Regulatory Process Req.**]
- Natural Resources Law (W, 6-9) [**Admin/Regulatory Process Req.**]
- Advanced Legal Writing (Sat., 9:30-12:30) [**ULWR**]
- Advanced Legal Research (asynchronous/distance) [**ULSR**]

## 4 CR:

- New York Practice (M/W, 6-8)
- Pretrial Civil Litigation Simulation (T/R 6-8) [**ULWR or ULSR**]
- Disability Rights Clinic (seminar T, 6:30-8:30) [**ULSR**] \*BY APPLICATION ONLY\*

# SUMMER 2024 OFFERINGS

## (Rising 2Ls)

- **Advanced Legal Research** (3 CR toward the Upper-Level Skills Requirement)
- **Advanced Legal Writing** (3 CR; fulfills the Upper-Level Writing Requirement)
- **Criminal Procedure-Adjudication** (3 CR; Bar-recommended)
- **Negotiations** (2 CR toward ULSR)
- **Skills Workshop: Jury Selection** (1 CR toward ULSR)
- **Skills Workshop: Motion Practice** (1 CR toward ULSR)

# SUMMER 2024 OFFERINGS

## (Rising 3Ls & 4Ls)

- **Administrative Law** (3 CR; Admin Law/Regulatory Process Requirement; DISTANCE)
- **Advanced Legal Research** (3 CR toward the Upper-Level Skills Requirement)
- **Advanced Legal Writing** (3 CR; fulfills the Upper-Level Writing Requirement)
- **Conflicts** (3 CR; Bar-recommended; DISTANCE)
- **Criminal Procedure-Adjudication** (3 CR; Bar-recommended)
- **Lawyering** (4 CR toward the ULSR; fulfills NYS Competency)
- **Negotiations** (2 CR toward ULSR)
- **Skills Workshop: Jury Selection** (1 CR toward ULSR)
- **Skills Workshop: Motion Practice** (1 CR toward ULSR)



# Uniform Bar Examination (UBE)

- The UBE = **Multistate Bar Examination (MBE)** + **Multistate Essay Examination (MEE)** + **Multistate Performance Test (MPT)**
- Topics tested and forthcoming changes noted on next slides
- Rising 4Ls will take the UBE in its current form
- Offered through February 2028 in select states; ***unclear at present time what NY will do – we will let you know as soon as NY decides***
  - Continue with UBE through February '28
  - Switch to NextGen in July '26, Feb. '27, July '27, Feb. '28, or July '28
  - Switch back to a NY-specific Bar (unlikely, but possible)

## NextGen Bar Exam

- Unclear when/if NY or NJ will adopt
- Connecticut adopted for July 2026

### ***Likely content:***

- MBE-like multiple-choice questions
- MPT-like short answer questions integrating doctrine and lawyering skills
- No long essays; a little less memorization
- 1.5 days instead of 2 days
- Possibility that NY will expand its NYLE to half-day
- Topics: MBE subjects (see next slide) + Corps + Family Law (as of July 2028)

# MBE Subjects

MBE Subject	1L Course	Upper Level Courses
Civil Procedure	Civil Procedure	Conflicts*
Constitutional Law	Constitutional Law	
Contracts	Contracts	Commercial Law: Sales
Criminal Law and Procedure	Criminal Law	Criminal Procedure- Investigations  Criminal Procedure- Adjudication*
Evidence		Evidence
Real Property	Property	Real Estate Transactions and Finance**
Torts	Torts	

\*a limited number of topics on the MBE are covered in this course

\*\* Approx. 50% of topics on MBE are covered in this course

# MEE Subjects

## Through February 2026

*All MBE Subjects plus:*

- Business Associations (Corporations and Partnerships)
- Family Law
- Conflicts of Law
- Secured Transactions
- Trusts and Estates (Wills)

## July 2026 – February 2028

*All MBE Subjects plus:*

- Business Associations (Corporations and Partnerships)

# Admission to the Bar (New York)

- Uniform Bar Examination (UBE)
  - Registration period: Oct 1-31 for Feb Bar; Mar 1-31 for July Bar
  - Applications for test accommodations must be received in the Board's office no later than October 31st for the February exam and March 31st for the July exam
- New York Law Course
  - Approximately 17 hours of video lectures
  - Complete this within 1 year before or 3 years after passing the UBE
- New York Law Exam
  - Typically offered 3 times per year (April, September, December)
  - Complete this within 1 year before or 3 years after passing the UBE
- Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam
  - Typically offered 3 times per year (March, August, November)
  - Score is valid for 3 years in New York
- 50 Hour Pro Bono Requirement
- Character and Fitness

# Key Links

- <https://law.pace.edu/academics/registrarbursar/course-and-registration-information>
- <https://law.pace.edu/sites/default/files/academics/AcademicRegulations.pdf>
- <https://law.pace.edu/academics/registrarbursar/forms>
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# Questions?

