Course Selection Process
Spring 2019 - 1L Elective

Presented by the Dean of Students and the Registrar’s Office
Degree Requirements

Prior to graduation, a 2021 JD student must complete:

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

You need 84 credits to graduate.

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

Review the Course Descriptions and Courses by Category information on the Registrar’s site to determine which courses fulfill the degree requirements.
Credit Hours

Students may not register for fewer than 12 hours or more than 17 hours during any one term or fewer than 26 hours in any one academic year.

If you elect to take a course outside the Law School (during your 2L or 3L year), you must also register for at least 9 credits in the Law School each term. Exceptions to the credit hour requirements must be approved by the Dean of Students.
Core Courses

Although no particular course is required in the upper class years, the faculty strongly recommends that students take the following core courses no later than their second year: Administrative Law, Business Organizations, Evidence, Federal Income Taxation. Course enrollment may need to be limited by availability of classroom capacity or by teacher preference.

These courses are available to all 1L students during the Spring 2019 term*:

- 6101-1 Antitrust Law (3 Credits)
- 6131-3 Business Organizations (4 Credits)
- 6191-1 Conflict of Laws (3 Credits)
- 6361-1 Environmental Law (3 Credits)
- 6401-1 Evidence (3 Credits)
- 6441-1 Federal Income Taxation (3 Credits)
- 6822-1 Social Science and the Law (3 Credits)

*Please note: These courses are not the only electives available, but are the 7 electives available to all 1Ls regardless of section. The number of electives available to each 1L depends on their section assignment.
1L Elective

• You must choose 1 upper class course. It cannot conflict with any of your 1L classes.

• You may not use bid points.

• You must take the 1L elective for a letter grade. You may not take classes that are offered exclusively on a S/U basis and may not elect the S/U option for classes that offer it.
Pre-registration Timeline

The pre-registration link will be available from October 22 until 12:00 noon on October 29.

Pre-registration is not first-come, first-serve. You can login anytime until 12:00 noon on October 29 and make changes.

You will receive an email from the Law Registrar when the pre-registration link is available. The link will be in the important deadlines column on the Law Registrar’s website.
Pre-Registration Process

After you login, you will see this page. The pull down menu will display the 1L elective courses available to your section. You will rank your top 3 choices. You will see the enrollment cap for each course.
Pre-Registration Process

Here is how the lottery process will work:

1. It will attempt to add you to your first choice class.
2. If not admitted to your first choice, it will attempt to add you to your second choice.
3. If not admitted to your second choice, it will attempt to add you to your third choice.
4. If not admitted to your third choice, it will add you to the waitlist for your first choice.
What happens after pre-reg?

The lottery for Spring 2019 will be processed after pre-registration ends. Every attempt will be made to provide you with your course schedule by early January.

Add/Drop will begin on January 15. You will be able to make changes to your 1L elective at that point.

Be mindful of add/drop deadlines. You will see the add/drop deadlines listed below your 1L elective on your course schedule during add/drop.

It is important to have a backup plan, in case you end up on a waitlist for your preferred class. During the add/drop period, we encourage you to attend your second choice class, just in case you do not get admitted to your preferred class.
Questions?

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

Terry Thompson, Law School Registrar (law.registrar@cornell.edu)
The Registrar’s Office can provide more information on how the lottery process works.

Markeisha Miner, Dean of Students (law.dos@cornell.edu)
The Dean of Students can provide advice on individual course selections.

Faculty Advisor
You met your faculty advisor during Orientation. Your faculty advisor information is located in the upper left corner of your student schedule.
Thank You