

Progression Requirements – Law

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The timetable for the first term is available in the Administrative Office on the first day of classes. The Faculty may, on notice, schedule compulsory classes and seminars in accordance with the timetable.

Attendance

Success in law studies requires that students devote their full time to the work of the school. The Faculty advises all students to avoid outside employment unless absolutely necessary.

No credit is allowed for work done in absentia. Leave of absence is not permitted except in unusual circumstances. Students in good standing who are permitted to withdraw can rejoin the Faculty of Law subject to the regulations in force at the time they apply to re-enter. Failure to attend classes, seminars, appointments or examinations without good cause constitutes a ground for exclusion from the Faculty.

The right to sit for examinations or to submit work for evaluation is conditional upon regular class attendance and participation in required exercises. An instructor, with the approval of the Associate Dean (Academic), may refuse to evaluate all or part of a student's work where attendance has not been regular.

Permission to Register in Individual Courses

A student registered in another faculty at Western may, upon application, be granted permission to register in one full or equivalent course offered by the Faculty of Law. Such registration occurs at the discretion of the student's dean and the dean of the Faculty of Law. Students granted such permission will be granted in the same way as regular students in the course; however, they can obtain no credit toward a Bachelor of Laws degree in this manner.

Evaluation

Course descriptions must set out clearly the contents of the course and the method of evaluation. These may not be changed after they have been published without the instructor's and students' agreement.

Instructors should be as specific as possible about the method of evaluation. While it may not be essential to indicate whether an examination is open or closed book, it is preferable to provide students with this information at the outset of the course.

In upper-year courses, a final examination may count for more than 75% of a student's final grade only if the student (i) has been given the option of a final examination worth 75% or less, and (ii) has declined that option. First-year courses (with the exception of Legal Research, Writing and Advocacy, Corporate Law and Legal Ethics and Professionalism) run the full academic year, with mid-term examinations held in December worth at least 20% and not more than 30% of the student's final grade in the course. Questions included in first-year December examinations cannot be released to students prior to the day after classes end in the fall term.

The Faculty uses a system of blind marking, and students are issued exam numbers each term. These numbers are the only identification used by students on examination papers. They also may be used for other methods of evaluation.

No more than 75% of a student's final grade in a course may be assessed on the basis of group work. This rule does not apply to a research paper undertaken as a

joint Individual Research project for which

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no components of any student's grade in the course can be assessed on a pass/fail basis.

The class average in an upper-year course of 25 or fewer students must be between 74.0 – 79.0. The class average in an upper-year course of more than 25 students and in all first year courses must be between 74.0 – 76.0. Grades in the "F" range will be excluded from the calculation of class averages. These grading rules do not apply to indep

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For greater certainty,

1. A compulsory course is any course specified in the Faculty's Academic Program as one that a student must take;
2. In a pass/fail course, a fail will be considered a final grade of F and a pass will not count as a grade of F, D or C-;
3. A student shall be deemed not to have obtained a final grade of F, D or C- in a course if the student initially receives a failing grade but later passes the course by supplemental assessment.

Before requiring a student to withdraw, the Associate Dean (Academic) shall arrange for a review of all final grades of C- or lower in all courses taken by the student. This review will include rereading of all the student's examination papers to verify the accuracy of the marking process.

Despite the above, the Dean may grant a student who is required to withdraw permission to remain enrolled, subject to any conditions the Dean deems appropriate. Before making a final decision, the Dean shall first inform the student of the outcome(s) of the aforementioned review and give the student an opportunity to explain why the student should be permitted to remain enrolled.

Prerequisites

A student may not take a course for which there is a prerequisite if the final grade obtained in the prerequisite was an F.

Process

The Faculty of Law uses the Gradebook in OWL to record grades. It is the responsibility of all instructors to enter their students' final grades and, for first-year

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Business School are excluded. Calculations for Ivey Scholar and Gold Medals are completed in the same way.

A student who takes Law courses totaling at least 12 credit hours in each of Years Five and Six of the combined program is considered for the Dean's Honour List at the Faculty of Law in that year on the basis of those courses.

Graduation with Distinction

Eligibility to graduate "with distinction" for each degree is determined by each Faculty.

Gold Medal

Students in the combined program are eligible to be considered for the Gold Medal in either or both degree programs, along with other eligible graduating students in those programs, as determined by the requirements in the Faculty of Law or the Richard Ivey School of Business.

Fees

Students pay the prevailing fees as determined by the University policy on combined programs. Contact the Office of the Registrar, Western Student Services building, room 1120, 519-661-2100, or at www.registrar.uwo.ca for details.

JD/MBA COMBINED PROGRAM

Structure

Students are registered in the combined JD/MBA program for all three years. Upon completion of the combined program, students will receive both a JD and an MBA degree. Below is a brief outline of the program by year. The specifics may change as courses change in each faculty.

Year	Months	Program Structure
One	March - August (to Labour Day)	MBA Modules 1, 2 (with MBA 2015-2016 class)
	September - April	Law 1
Two	September - December	Law and MBA
	January - April	Law and MBA
Three	September - December	Law and MBA
	January - April	Law and MBA

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	June	Law Convocation MBA Convocation

JD/MBA combined program students must successfully complete:

- x MBA core courses (Modules 1, 2, ICP/INVP), 6 MBA electives (weight of 0.75 each), totaling 14.50 credits.
- x 1 independent research credit from MBA (0.75 weight) or Law.
- x The compulsory elements of Western Law's regular JD program, including the Faculty writing requirement.
- x Additional upper year Law courses totaling at least 33 credit hours.

ICP = Ivey Consulting Project course

INVP = New Venture Project course

Students' choices of elective courses are subject to the approval of the Program Directors who must review proposed elective course selections to ensure that the objectives of the program are met. The elective courses may not include introductory courses of a dual law and business nature.

Visit:

https://law.uwo.ca/future_students/jd_admissions/combined_degree_programs/applications_combined_graduate_programs.html

for further details on the JD/MBA combined program.

Exchange Programs

Students enrolled in the combined program may be eligible for a Law exchange in Year Three. Students must ensure that their course load is appropriately balanced before permission will be given to participate in an exchange program.

Progression Standards

Students are considered for the Dean's Honour List at the Faculty of Law during their first year of Law. In subsequent years of the combined program, students who take Law courses totaling at least 12 credit hours in any year are considered for the Dean's Honour List at the Faculty of Law in that year on the basis of those courses. Students are considered for the Dean's Honour List at the Richard Ivey School of Business after completion of the MBA component of the combined JD/MBA program.

Graduation with Distinction

Eligibility is determined by the regulations in effect in the Faculty of Law and the Richard Ivey School of Business respectively.

Stephen Watchorn Memorial Medal

Students in the combined program are eligible for the Stephen Watchorn Memorial Medal, and are not eligible for the Gold Medal in the Faculty of Law or the Richard Ivey School of Business.

Fees

Tuition fees for the combined programs are set by the University. Contact the Office of the Registrar, Western Student Services building, RM 1120, 519-661-2100, or at www.registrar.uwo.ca for details.