

SOUTHWESTERN

LAW SCHOOL
Los Angeles, CA

Course Sequence Policy

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Revision history: Formerly a part of the Academic Policies and Procedures; established as a standalone policy in May 2025; technical edits were made in May 2025; edits made in June 2026

Related policies: Repeated Courses Policy; Attendance Policy; Administrative Withdrawal Policy; Incomplete Grade Policy

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A. Course Sequence Requirement

Absent extraordinary circumstances (e.g., changing J.D. programs, returning from leave of absence, etc.), students are required to follow course sequences detailed in the Appendix of this policy unless otherwise approved in writing by the Associate Dean for Student Services.

B. LAWS I and II Progression

Legal Analysis and Writing (LAWS) I is a prerequisite for LAWS II. Students who fail LAWS I or do not complete the course may not enroll in LAWS II during their first year. Instead, both LAWS I and II will be required in the second year. Failure to complete LAWS I and II may impact a student's ability to enroll or participate in other courses and programs, such as externships and honors programs.

C. Completion of First-Year Curriculum

Students enrolled in residential J.D. programs complete the first-year curriculum after successfully completing LAWS I and II, Foundations, Contracts I and II, Civil Procedure I and II (or, for SCALE, Jurisdiction and Civil Litigation), Criminal Law, Property, Torts, and a first-year elective.

Students enrolled in the Online J.D. Program complete the first-year curriculum after successfully completing LAWS I and II, Foundations, Contracts I and II,

Constitutional Law I and II, Criminal Law, Property, Torts, and a first-year elective.

D. Full-Time Student Course Requirements and Registration Eligibility

After completing their required first-year courses, full-time students may enroll in any course offered during a summer term, provided that only first-year courses are prerequisites. All full-time students must complete the required first-year courses and register for the required second-year courses before taking upper-division elective courses. Students who have not completed all required first-year courses may be approved to enroll in the summer term and upper-division elective courses with written approval from the Associate Dean for Student Services. Only upper-division students may enroll in the January intersession.

E. Part-Time Student Course Requirements and Registration Eligibility

Part-time students who have completed their required first-year courses (i.e., LAWS I and II, Contracts I and II, Torts, and Foundations) may enroll in any summer session course for which they have completed the prerequisites. Students who have not completed their required first-year courses may be approved to enroll in the summer term and upper-division elective courses with written approval from the Associate Dean for Student Services. Only upper-division students may enroll in the January intersession.

F. Courses Required in the Final Year

Students may only enroll in Wills and Trusts, Bar Skills & Strategies, and Family Law (Online J.D. students only) in their final year of study.

G. Withdrawal from Required Courses

Students are not permitted to withdraw from required courses except under extenuating circumstances (e.g., changing J.D. programs, etc.) with written permission from the Associate Dean for Student Services.

H. Policy Revisions

Southwestern expressly reserves the right to change or modify any aspect of this policy at any time, with or without notice.

Appendix

Full-time Residential Program

First Year

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| Fall Semester: |
| Civil Procedure I |
| Contracts I |
| Criminal Law |
| Foundations of Law & Practice |
| LAWS I |
| Torts or Property |

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| Spring Semester: |
| Civil Procedure II |
| Contracts II |
| First Year Elective |
| Foundations of Law & Practice |
| LAWS I |
| Torts or Property |

Second Year

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| Fall Semester: |
| Constitutional Law I |
| Evidence or Business Associations |

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| Spring Semester: |
| Constitutional Law II |
| Evidence or Business Associations |

Third Year

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| Fall or Spring Semester: |
| Bar Skills and Strategies |
| Wills and Trusts |

Full-time Online Program

First Year

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| Fall Semester: |
| Constitutional Law I |
| Contracts I |
| Criminal Law |
| Foundations of Law & Practice |
| LAWS I |
| Torts or Property |

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| Spring Semester: |
| Constitutional Law II |
| Contracts II |
| First Year Elective |
| Foundations of Law & Practice |
| LAWS I |
| Torts or Property |

Second Year

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| Fall Semester: |
| Civil Procedure I |
| Evidence or Business Associations |

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| Spring Semester: |
| Civil Procedure II |
| Evidence or Business Associations |

Third Year

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| Fall or Spring Semester: |
| Bar Skills and Strategies |
| Wills and Trusts |

Part-time Residential and Online Programs

First Year

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| Fall Semester: |
| Contracts I |
| Criminal Law |
| Foundations of Law & Practice |
| LAWS I |

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| Spring Semester: |
| Contracts II |
| Foundations of Law & Practice |
| LAWS I |
| Torts |

Second Year

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| Fall Semester: |
| Civil Procedure I |
| Constitutional Law I |
| Property |

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| Spring Semester: |
| Civil Procedure II |
| Constitutional Law II |
| LAWS I |

Third Year

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| Fall Semester: |
| Evidence or Business Associations |

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| Spring Semester: |
| Evidence or Business Associations |

Third Year

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| Fall or Spring Semester: |
| Bar Skills and Strategies |
| Wills and Trusts |

SCALE Program

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| Quarter 1 |
| Contracts I |
| Foundations of Law and Practice |
| LAWS I |
| Torts |
| Quarter 2 |
| Civil Litigation |
| Contracts II |
| Criminal Law |
| Legal Profession |
| Quarter 3 |
| Evidence Law and Practice I |
| LAWS II (multi-term course) |
| Property |
| Remedies |
| Quarter 4 |
| Evidence Law and Practice II |
| First Year Elective |
| Jurisdiction |
| LAWS II (multi-term course) |
| Summer Session |
| Lawyering Practicum |

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| Quarter 5 |
| Community Property |
| Constitutional Law I |
| Business Associations |
| Quarter 6 |
| Constitutional Law II |
| Practical Lawyering Skills |
| Quarter 7 |
| Bar Skills and Strategies |
| Wills and Trusts |
| Quarter 8 |
| Externship |