Pre-Registration Instructions for 1Ls

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Pre-Registration Deadline (November 18, 2022)

All your choices for Winter 2022-2023 limited enrollment (Lottery & Consent of Instructor) courses must be submitted during the pre-registration period beginning Sunday, November 6 and ending Friday, November 18, 2022.

Overview of the JD Requirements for the Class of 2025

An Overview of the JD requirements for the Class of 2025 is available at Registration for Law Students - Courses - Stanford Law School. Click Pre-registration for Law Students and then see 2022-2023 Winter Pre-Registration.
Winter Quarter 1L Required and Elective Courses

You are required to take Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, and Federal Litigation in a Global Context in Winter Quarter. You will be automatically enrolled for these courses and your exact section assignment for Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, and Federal Litigation in a Global Context will be available for viewing in Axess by December 1, 2022.

In addition to the above required courses, **you may take up to five units of electives**. Elective courses are limited to those within the Law School that have been designated as open to first-year students, with the exception that first-year JD students may take a Physical Education course or music lessons course, but it will not count toward residency or graduation.

A list of the 1L Winter Electives is available in the SLS Course Catalog (Select 1L Winter Elective under the Category filter). First-year students may take no more than 14 quarter units in the Winter Quarter.

Only in exceptional circumstances will the Petitions Committee entertain requests by first-year students to take law courses not on the 1L Winter Elective list, more than the prescribed number of units, or courses outside the law school (except for Physical Education courses or music lessons courses).

**Enrollment Holds**

Students with enrollment holds (enforced by the University Registrar’s Office) in Axess will not be automatically enrolled in their 1L required courses.

What to do if you have an enrollment hold: Check Axess for more information about your hold. You can usually click on the hold to see what office has placed the hold, what steps you need to take, and whom to contact.

All holds should be cleared prior to first day of instruction. Once you clear the hold and you no longer see the hold displayed in Axess, please notify the Law School Registrar’s Office by email (registrar@law.stanford.edu) that the hold has been cleared. After receiving your notice, we will add your 1L required courses to your study list.

**Note:** An enrollment hold does not block students from bidding for lottery courses via the Law Lottery in Axess or from submitting applications for consent of instructor courses.

Spring Quarter 1L Required and Elective Courses

In Spring Quarter, you will automatically be enrolled in Property and Federal Litigation in a Global Context.
In addition to the above required courses, you must take at least 3 units but no more than 8 units of electives in Spring Quarter. There is no 1L prescribed electives list in Spring. However, Directed Research, Directed Professional Writing, Senior Thesis, and Research Track are not available to first-year students and first-year students may not take courses outside the law school with the exception that first-year JD students may take a Physical Education course or music lessons course, but it will not count toward residency or graduation. Please also note that some SLS courses may have special enrollment prerequisites and/or restrictions. See course descriptions for details. First-year students may take no more than 14 quarter units in the Spring Quarter.

1L Curriculum Meeting with Professor Robert Weisberg (November 15, 2022)

Professor Robert Weisberg, Associate Dean for Curriculum, will hold a meeting on November 15, promptly at 12:50 p.m. in room 190 to discuss Winter Quarter 1L courses. In addition, please feel free to contact your individual professors for advice. Your Autumn Quarter professors may be particularly good sources of information.

Class Schedule Grids and Course Descriptions

Please review the Winter 1L Class Schedule grid and course descriptions for the 1L Winter Electives carefully, as there sometimes are additional restrictions and requirements described in the detailed course descriptions written by the instructors. Please also note that some courses have formal prerequisites or assume knowledge of other courses.

- Law Class Schedule Grids
- Course Schedules and Descriptions
- 1L Winter Electives (Select 1L Winter Elective under Category filter)

Courses Approved by the Curriculum Committee to Meet Specific Graduation Requirements

A list of courses approved to meet specific graduation requirements is available in the SLS Course Catalog. Select the specific requirement under the Graduation Requirements filter. In Winter Quarter, 1L may only select courses from the 1L Winter Elective list.
Open Enrollment Courses

Open enrollment courses are open to all interested law students who have met the listed prerequisites. 1Ls may only select open enrollment courses from the 1L Winter Elective list.

Beginning **December 1, 2022**, you may add open enrollment courses directly to your winter study list in Axess. The deadline to add an open enrollment course to your winter study list is January 27, 2023.

Axess offers you two different options for course enrollment: SimpleEnroll and Enroll (Alternate). You can also add and drop a course at the same time. See the University Registrar pages below for step by step instructions for each option.

- How do I enroll in a class with SimpleEnroll?
- How do I enroll in a class with Enroll (Alternate)?
- How To Use Course Swap

Consent of Instructor Courses

Instructors will admit students to these limited enrollment courses and create a waitlist for students who do not get admitted initially. 1Ls may only select consent courses from the 1L Winter Elective list.

You may apply for consent of instructor courses by submitting a consent application by Friday, November 18, 2022 (*unless instructor has set a different deadline*). See course description and Consent of Instructor Forms for deadlines and instructions.

If you are admitted to a consent course by the instructor, you will receive a permission number from the SLS Registrar’s Office to enroll in the class in Axess.

Limited Enrollment Lottery Courses

For some courses, the students able to enroll are determined by a lottery conducted by the Registrar’s Office. You may bid for limited enrollment lottery courses via the Law Lottery in Axess beginning Sunday, November 6 and ending Friday, November 18, 2022 (11:59 p.m.):

1. Login to Axess. You will be required to enter your SUNet ID and password.
2. Click on My Academics, Enroll in Classes, and then click on Law Lottery.
3. Under “Limited Enrollment Selections” you may enter up to four (4) choices for lottery courses in order of preference. You will see a list of all lottery enrollment courses offered in Winter Quarter. You may only select lottery courses from the 1L Winter Elective list. If you select a course that is not on the 1L Winter Elective list, the course
will be automatically dropped during the lottery process. You may enter up to four (4) choices for lottery-limited enrollment courses in order of preference for Winter. Be sure to make your final selections by the November 18 deadline.

Lottery Process: Students’ preferences are entered and the members of the class are randomized. The program will admit students up to a maximum of two lottery courses. Note: The Class of 2023 and the Class of 2024 receive preference over the Class of 2025 in the lottery process. Thus, there are fewer vacancies for 1Ls in these limited enrollment courses. We recommend that you apply for the courses that interest you. If you are placed on a waitlist, there is a good chance that you will receive a spot in a class as students adjust their study lists at the start of the term. See “Attend or Inform Policy” below.

Waitlists: If a course is oversubscribed, the program automatically prepares waiting lists. These lists will be maintained by the Registrar’s Office and will be used by instructors to fill vacancies as they occur. Please note that you will be assigned only to waiting list(s) for oversubscribed course(s) that you ranked higher than the second limited enrollment lottery course to which you were admitted. Thus, if you did not get into two limited enrollment lottery courses, you will be put on the waiting list for each course on your list.

Notification. After the lottery has been run, students will be notified. Lottery results will be available in Axess.

Attend or Inform Policy: All students who have been admitted to a lottery class or are on the waiting list for the class must attend all sessions of the class during the add/drop period at the start of the quarter or inform the instructor in advance of your continued interest. Failure to “attend or inform” may lead to you being dropped from the course or waiting list.

Textbook Lists

- [2022-2023 Winter Textbook List](#)

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