

Stanford Law School

Office of the Registrar



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Pre-Registration Deadline (March 11, 2024)

All your choices for Spring 2023-2024 limited enrollment (Lottery & Consent of Instructor) courses must be submitted during the pre-registration period **beginning February 28 and ending March 11, 2024**. Follow the instructions below to pre-register for limited enrollment courses. Students who do not pre-register during that time will lose their preferences for Spring limited enrollment courses.



Class Schedule Grids and Course Descriptions

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Attention First-Year JD Students

In Spring Quarter, you will automatically be enrolled in Property (4 units) and Federal Litigation in a Global Context (2 units).

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 an Athletics-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.

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.

Specific graduation requirements are also listed in the course description (See Graduation Requirements under Sections).

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 **February 28** and ending **March 11, 2024** (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.

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.

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 Lottery course to which you were admitted. Thus, if you did not get into two Lottery courses, you will be put on the waiting list for each course on your list.

Notification. After the lottery has been run, email notifications will go to the student distribution lists telling students to go to Axess to view the results.

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.

Consent of Instructor Courses

The instructors will admit students to these limited enrollment courses. You may apply for consent of instructor courses by submitting a consent application by **March 11, 2024** (*unless the instructor has set a different deadline*). See course description and [Consent of Instructor Forms](#) for deadlines and detailed instructions.

After the consent applications have been processed and reviewed, you will be notified by the Registrar's Office or the instructor of the results of each application you filed:

acceptance, waiting list, or rejection. Please note that some instructors may require students notified of acceptance to accept or reject the placement.

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.

Open Enrollment Courses

Open enrollment courses are open to all interested law students who have met the listed prerequisites. **Beginning March 6, 2024**, you may add open enrollment courses directly to your spring study list in Axess.

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](#)

Clinics (Not Applicable for 1L Students)

If you have any questions regarding clinics, please contact the [Mills Legal Clinic](#).

Externships (Not Applicable for 1L Students)

If you have any questions regarding externships, please contact the [Externship Program](#).

SLS Approved Non-Law Courses (Not Applicable for 1L Students)

A list of Stanford University courses approved for Law School credit without a petition is available on the SLS website. Click Menu, Education, Courses, and then click [SLS Approved Non-Law Courses](#).

If a student wishes to enroll in a course for Law School credit that is not pre-approved for Law School credit, the student may petition to take that course (see below).

Some University courses may have special enrollment instructions and restrictions. See course description in Explore Courses (<https://explorecourses.stanford.edu/>) or department contact for detailed course information.

Note: Axxess opens for Spring Quarter enrollment on March 6, 2024.

Credit for Stanford Non-Law Course Petition - Deadline: April 5 (Not Applicable for 1L Students)

If a student wishes to enroll in a class that has not been designated by the Dean or the Dean's delegate pursuant to the foregoing section, the student may petition to take that class. In the petition, the student must show that the class bears a close and significant relationship to the student's academic or career plans. This petition must be filed with the Registrar, and it must be filed by the Friday of the first week of the quarter. **For Spring quarter, all petitions must be filed no later than April 5, 2024.**

Given this deadline, students must petition if they may want to take a particular class outside the law school, even if they are not sure that they will ultimately choose to enroll or remain in the course. This early action is necessary so students will be able to learn the determination of the Petitions Committee—and whether law school credit will be awarded or withheld—within the add-drop deadline. Late petitions will be denied.

[Credit for Stanford Non-Law Course Petition](#) forms are available on the SLS Registrar's Office website.

Some University courses may have special enrollment instructions and restrictions. See course description in [Explore Courses](#) or [Academic Departments](#) detailed course information.

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