

# Stanford Law School

## Office of the Registrar



### Pre-Registration Instructions for 1Ls

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### Pre-Registration Deadline (November 17, 2025)

All your choices for Winter 2025-2026 limited enrollment (Lottery & Consent of Instructor) courses must be submitted during the pre-registration period **beginning Friday, November 7 and ending, Monday, November 17, 2025.**

### Overview of the JD Requirements for the Class of 2028

An overview of the JD requirements is available in the SLS Student Handbook on the Stanford Law School website <https://law.stanford.edu/>. Select "I am Current Student" and then click on "SLS Student Handbook" under "Resources." See section "[The Doctor of Jurisprudence \(JD\) Degree.](#)"

## 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](#).

- Please note that you will be enrolled in Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, and Federal Litigation prior to December 4. You will receive an email notification when the course assignments have been posted to your study list.

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.

Note: 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. 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](mailto:registrar@law.stanford.edu)) that the hold has been cleared. After receiving your notice, we will add your 1L required courses to your winter study list.

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.

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 November 12

Professor Colleen Honigsberg, Associate Dean of Curriculum, and John Dalton, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, will hold a meeting on **November 12, promptly at 12:45 p.m. in room 290** 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.

**Note:** In Winter Quarter, you 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. **Beginning December 4, 2025 (Thu, 5:30 p.m.)**, you may add open enrollment courses directly to your winter study list in Navigate Enrollment at [enrollment.navigator.stanford.edu](https://enrollment.navigator.stanford.edu) or select the Navigate Enrollment button on the [Axess](#) (<https://axess.stanford.edu/>) login page.

See the University Registrar pages below for step-by-step instructions.

- For step-by-step instructions, see [Enroll in a Class](#).
- Course Swapping - To add and drop a course at the same time, see "Swap with Enrolled Class" in step 4 on the [Enroll in a Class](#) page. The deadline to add an open enrollment course to your study list is January 23, 2026 (Fri, 5 p.m.).

**Note:** You may only select open enrollment courses from the [1L Winter Elective list](#).

## 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.

You may apply for consent of instructor courses by submitting a consent application by , Monday, November 17, 2025 (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.

**Note:** You may only apply for consent of instructor courses from the [1L Winter Elective list](#).

## 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 November 7 and ending November 17, 2025 (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-limited enrollment courses in order of preference. You will see a list of all lottery enrollment courses offered in Winter Quarter. **You may only select limited enrollment 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. Be sure to make your final selections by the November 17 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 2026 and the Class of 2027 receive preference over the Class of 2028 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, e-mails will go to the student distribution lists telling you 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.

## Textbook Lists

- [2025-2026 Textbooks](#)

## SLS Academic Calendar and Deadlines

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