



TO: SLS Students

FROM: SLS Registrar's Office

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Autumn 2026 Pre-Registration Deadline (August 20, 2026)

Dear Students,

We hope your summer is going well. This is to let you know that all your choices for Autumn 2026-2027 limited enrollment (Lottery & Consent of the Instructor) courses must be submitted during the pre-registration period beginning **August 7** and ending **August 20, 2026**. 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 Autumn 2026 limited enrollment courses.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Class Schedule Grids and Course Descriptions

- [Law Class Schedule Grids & Course Updates](#)
- [Course Schedules and Descriptions](#)

Classroom locations will be announced prior to the start of the term.

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 descriptions.

Limited Enrollment Lottery Courses (See "Law Lottery" in Axess)

For some courses, the students able to enroll are determined by a lottery conducted by the Registrar's Office. A list of Law Lottery courses is available in the [SLS Course Catalog](#) (Under FILTER, select the Year/Quarter and then select [Lottery Courses](#)).

You may bid for limited enrollment lottery courses via the **Law Lottery** in Axess **beginning August 7** and ending August 20, 2026 (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 limited/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 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, 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 **August 20, 2026** (*unless instructor has set a different deadline*). See course description for detailed instructions.

After the consent applications have been processed and reviewed by the instructors, you can check the status of an application (accepted, waitlisted, or denied) in [SLS Registrar](#) <https://registrar.law.stanford.edu/>. After logging in, see the list of "Policy Practicum" applications or click the "Consent Courses" tab to view consent applications.

Students admitted to a consent course or a policy practicum will receive an email with a permission number to enroll in the class in Axess.

Open Enrollment Courses (Axess Opens August 10, 2026)

Law Courses: Open enrollment courses are open to all interested law students who have met the prerequisites listed. Beginning **August 10** (Mon, 6 p.m.) you may add **LAW** open enrollment courses directly to your study list in Axess.

Non-Law Courses:

- Week of August 10 (Mon-Fri) Stanford Bulletin ([Navigate Classes](#)) published with academic year 2026-27 course offerings.
- September 3 (Thu, 12 a.m. midnight) Axess opens for non-Law course enrollment for Law students.
- See Stanford Academic Calendar [2026-27](#) for non-Law course enrollment and deadlines.

How to Enroll in Classes: Head to Stanford's enrollment system, [Navigate Enrollment](#) at enrollment.navigators.stanford.edu or select the Navigate Enrollment button on the [Axess](#) login page.

- 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 [How to Enroll](#) page.

Clinics

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

Externships

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

Stanford Non-Law Courses

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](#). The 2026-2027 non-law courses will be available the week of August 10.

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 Stanford [Navigate Classes](#) or department contact for detailed course information.

See Stanford Academic Calendar [2026-27](#) for non-law course enrollment and deadlines.

Credit for Stanford Non-Law Course Petition - Deadline: September 25, 2026

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 Autumn Quarter 2026, all petitions must be filed no later than **Friday, September 25, 2026**.

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 Stanford [Navigate Classes](#) or [academic department contact](#) for detailed course information.

Stanford Navigate Classes: The 2026-2027 course descriptions will be published the week of August 10. Axxess opens for non-law course enrollment on September 3 (Thu, 12 a.m. midnight).

For enrollment deadlines in non-law courses, see Stanford Academic Calendar [2026-27](#).

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