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Pre-Registration Deadline (November 13, 2020)

All your choices for Winter 2020-2021 limited enrollment (Lottery & Consent of Instructor) courses must be submitted during the pre-registration period beginning Sunday, October 25 and ending Monday, November 13, 2020.

Overview of the JD Requirements for the Class of 2023

An Overview of the JD requirements for the Class of 2023 is available on the SLS Registrar’s Office website at https://law.stanford.edu/education/courses/law-students/ (See 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. Login to Axess, click the Student tab and then click SimpleEnroll.

- Please note that you will be enrolled in Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, and Federal Litigation prior to December 6. 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 an Athletics-Physical Education 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.

Important 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 Athletics-Physical Education).

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) that the hold has been cleared. After receiving your notice, we will add your 1L required courses to your winter study list.

Quarterly Check-In: Prior to enrollment for each quarter, students will be asked to complete the check-in to inform Stanford of their enrollment and housing plans. Instructions on how to complete the check-in in order to remove the associated enrollment hold in Axess is available at https://studentservicescenter.stanford.edu/quarterly-check/quarterly-check. We anticipate that the check-in for Winter Quarter will be requested in late November. If you have any questions regarding the Quarterly Check-In, please contact the Student Services Center.
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 an Athletics-Physical Education 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 9)

Professor Robert Weisberg, Associate Dean for Curriculum, will hold a Zoom meeting on November 9, promptly at 1:00 p.m. to discuss Winter Quarter 1L courses. Prior to the meeting, 1L students will receive an email invitation with the Zoom Meeting ID. 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.

Types of Elective Courses

There are three categories of enrollment in the 1L Winter Elective courses:

1. **Open Enrollment Courses** – Courses in which any student can enroll who has met the listed prerequisites.
2. **Consent Courses** – Courses in which the instructor decides admission.
3. **Limited/Lottery Courses** – Courses in which enrollment is limited and selection made by lottery.

Note: You may pre-register for more than five units of Consent of Instructor and Limited/Lottery enrollment courses. However, if you are admitted to more than five units of elective courses, you must reduce your elective courses on your study list (no later than the Winter Quarter add/drop deadline on January 29, 2021).

Open Enrollment Courses

Open enrollment courses are open to all interested law students who have met the listed prerequisites. Beginning December 6, 2020, you may add open enrollment courses directly to your winter study list in Axess. Login to Axess and then click SimpleEnroll. The deadline to add an open enrollment course to your winter study list is January 29, 2021. If applicable, this will allow you to make open enrollment course selections after knowing the results to the consent of instructor and law lottery courses.

- [How to Enroll in Courses](#)
- [How to Use the Course Swap Tool in Axess](#)

Note: You may only select open enrollment courses from the 1L Winter Elective 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 Friday, November 13, 2020 (unless instructor has set a different deadline). See course description and Consent of Instructor Forms for 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, you will also receive an email from the Law School Registrar’s Office. We will let you know when you will be able to add the course to your study list 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 Sunday, October 25 and ending Friday, November 13, 2020 (11:59 p.m.):

1. **Login to Axess.** You will be required to enter your SUNet ID and password.
2. Click the **Student Center tab** *(wait for the page to load)* and then click on **Law Lottery** from the drop down menu under **Other Academic**.
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 limited/lottery enrollment courses offered in Winter Quarter 2020-2021. 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. 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 13 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 limited/lottery courses. Note: The Class of 2021 and the Class of 2022 receive preference over the Class of 2023 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.

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**Textbook Lists**

- [2020-2021 Winter Textbook List](#)

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