Pre-Registration Instructions for 2Ls, 3Ls, & Advanced Degree Students

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Pre-Registration Deadline (November 15, 2021)

All your choices for Winter 2021-2022 limited enrollment (Lottery & Consent of Instructor) courses must be submitted during the pre-registration period beginning Monday, November 1 and ending Monday, November 15, 2021. 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 Winter 2022 limited enrollment courses.
Class Schedule Grids and Course Descriptions

Please review the Winter 2L, 3L, Advanced Degree Class Schedule grid and course descriptions 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

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.

Limited Enrollment Lottery Courses

For some courses, the students able to enrol 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 1 and ending November 15, 2021 (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 Academics.
3. Under "Limited Enrollment Selections" you may enter up to four (4) choices for lottery-limited enrollment 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 Monday, November 15, 2021 (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.

Open Enrollment Courses

Open enrollment courses are open to all interested law students who have met the listed prerequisites. Beginning December 1, 2021, you may add open enrollment courses directly to your winter study list in Axess. Login to Axess and then click SimpleEnroll under Quick Links. The deadline to add an open enrollment course to your winter study list is January 21, 2022. 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 (Add and drop a course at the same time.)

Note: Axess will open for course enrollment on December 1, 2021.

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.

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: Axess will open for course enrollment on December 1, 2021.

Credit for Stanford Non-Law Course Petition Deadline (January 7, 2022)

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 Winter quarter, all petitions must be filed no later than January 7, 2022.

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 department contact for detailed course information.

Note: Axess will open for course enrollment on December 1, 2021.

Textbook Lists

- 2021-2022 Winter Textbook List

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