

REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

Overview

Online registration for the Spring 2025 semester will begin November 20, 2024. All currently-registered 2L, 3L, and 4ED students will receive emails to their Widener accounts directing them to check for their specific date and time for registration. Students may register for courses any time on or after their designated registration date and time. Registration will close on Friday, January 17th, the end of the first week of classes. Any changes to registration after the closing date must be made at the Registrar's Office.

Waitlists will be in effect for the registration period. Available seats for all waitlists will be held for 5 days. If you are on a waitlist, you are advised to check your Widener email at least once per week for notification of an available seat. During the first week of classes, the available waitlisted seats will be held for 24 hours only.

All students MUST follow the required course sequence for their year and division listed on the last two pages of this information packet. Exceptions to the required course sequence are permitted ONLY with approval from the Office of Student Affairs. Failure to register for the required courses in the sequence listed is likely to result in closed sections, examination conflicts, and delays in meeting graduation requirements. Your academic advisor in the Office of Student Affairs is available to assist you with planning your schedule.

How to use these Registration Materials

These registration materials have been developed to make course selection and registration an easy process. We have included general information and instructions, and we suggest you adhere to the following procedure:

1. Read the General Information section (below) for information on waitlists, financial clearance, course guidelines, and required courses.
2. Review the [Course Schedule](#) and course descriptions. Review the days and times for each course in order to avoid possible time conflicts. Make sure you review the final exam schedule listed on the far-right columns of the course schedule. Extensive efforts have been made to schedule final exams so that students are not restricted from taking electives solely because of conflicting exam schedules, but this is not always possible. Examination conflicts created by a student's choice in course selection do not entitle the student to an exam deferral. The same applies to multiple examinations within a 24-hour period.
3. Register for your courses.
 - a. Log in to myWidener.
4. Prior to the start of classes, check your schedule for final room assignments and possible time adjustments.

General Information

Contact for general questions / troubleshooting for registration:

Registrar's Office

Telephone Number: (302) 477-2170

E-mail Address: delawarelawreg@widener.edu

Contact for questions about course planning

For RD students with last names beginning with letters A - Dn:

Maryann Brown, Co-Director of Academic Success Programs and Associate Professor
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302-477-2148

For RD students with last names beginning with letters Do - Q:

Alice Eakin, Associate Dean for Student Academic Affairs and Co-Director of Academic Success Programs
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For RD students with last names beginning with letters R - Z:

Gigi Tewari, Assistant Professor and Assistant Dean of Students
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Academic Advising for all Extended Division Students:

Nyla Millar, Assistant Professor and Assistant Dean of Students (Evening Division)
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Waitlist: You may choose to waitlist a course section if that section is closed at the time you are registering. Instructions for adding to a class waitlist are in the New Registration Instructions, click here. As seats become available, you will automatically be notified at your Widener email address according to your rank on the waitlist. Available seats will be held for 5 days. If you are on a waitlist, you are encouraged to check your Widener email at least once a week for notification of an available seat. During the first week of classes for the Spring 2025 semester, the available waitlisted seats will be held for 24 hours. If you miss your opportunity to register you will need to put yourself back on the waitlist, so it is imperative that you check your email regularly!

Financial Clearance: Financial clearance for the Fall 2024 semester is required in order for you to register for the Spring 2024 semester. Please contact the Bursar's Office with any questions about your account.

Bar Exam Success: Substance & Skills – Jumpstart your bar exam preparation with our bar exam course, Bar Exam Success: Substance & Skills. This graded three credit course focuses both on the substance of commonly tested MBE subjects and the skills and strategies essential to success on the bar exam, including the essay portion of the exam. This course is not a substitute for the commercial bar review course you will take after you graduate, but it will help you make the most of whatever commercial bar review course you take. Students with a grade point average that was below 3.0 after their first two semesters are required to take Bar Exam Success: Substance & Skills as a graduation requirement, but all students are encouraged to take the course. **Please Note: There is no casebook for the class, but students will be charged \$150 for course materials and access to various online tools required for the course.**

Legal Problem Solving: Legal Problem Solving is designed to provide students with additional writing experience and individualized feedback to evaluate and enhance writing skills and analysis, with a particular focus on exam writing. Legal Problem Solving is required in the fall semester for rising second year regular division students and in the spring semester for rising second year extended division students who at the end of their first two semesters had a cumulative grade point average below 2.7.

Additional Course Guidelines for Juris Doctor Students

- Registration rules restrict regular division students from registering for evening sections and extended division students from registering for day course sections. Any student, regular or extended, may register for course sections designated as letter “O” sections (not the numeral zero but the letter “O”). The “O” section designates that the section is open for both regular and extended division students.
- Registration for all non-classroom credits (clinics, externships, directed research, law review, moot court, etc.) must be done through the Registrar’s Office, after completion of the appropriate paperwork.
- All students entering law school in Summer 2017 or after are required to complete 12 credits of experiential courses. Two credits of Legal Methods II will count towards that 12-credit requirement. Courses that satisfy the professional skills or experiential requirement are noted with a “#” sign on the course schedule.

Required Spring Course Sequence: Regular Division Students

3L Students

Required:

- Bar Exam Success: Substance & Skills (3 credits), required only for students with a cumulative GPA below 3.0 after the first two semesters.

General: May not take less than 12 credits or more than 16 credits.

2L Students

Required:

- Criminal Procedures, if not taken already (3 credits)
- Contracts II (4 credits)
- Torts II (2 credits)
- Legal Methods III, if not taken already (2 credits)
- Professional Responsibility, if not taken already (3 credits)

General: May not take fewer than 12 credit or more than 16 credits.

Required Spring Course Sequence: Extended Division Students

4L Students

Required:

- Bar Exam Success: Substance & Skills (3 credits), required only for students with a cumulative GPA below 3.0 after the first two semesters.

General: May not take less than 8 credits or more than 11 credits

3L Students

Required:

- Contracts II (4 credits)

General: May not take less than 8 credits or more than 11 credits

2L Students

Required:

- Professional Responsibility (3 credits)
- Evidence (3 credits)
- Civil Procedure II (2 credits)
- Legal Problem Solving, required only for students with a cumulative GPA below 2.7 after the first two semesters (2 credits)

General: May not take less than 8 credits or more than 11 credits

FAQs

I am required to take the Bar Prep course. Do I need to take additional electives to fulfill my electives requirement? OR I am taking the Bar Prep course as an elective, but it isn't showing up as one in Student Planning. Will the course count toward my electives requirement?

Yes and no. Our registration system cannot recognize the Bar Prep course as an elective because it has to be entered as a required course for some students. Therefore, the Bar Prep course will not appear to fulfill your electives requirement in Student Planning, regardless of whether it was a required course or an elective for you.

That said, students do not have an elective credit requirement per say, but rather a requirement for how many total credits must be completed to graduate. Required courses take up a certain number of those credits and then the rest of the credits are fulfilled by taking other classes, the vast majority of which are categorized as electives. In the case of the Bar Prep course, it may not be recognized as an elective in the system, but it still contributes to your credit total. When you graduate, the Registrar's Office will manually certify that each student has completed the required number of credits, and the Bar Prep course will be added in manually.

I want to take two courses by their final exam times are on back-to-back days. Can one of my exams be deferred?

No. While students may raise concerns about closely-scheduled final exams of major classes with the Registrar's Office or Student Affairs, there is no guarantee that the final exam can be moved. Please understand, course and final exam schedules are set based on a variety of factors and while every effort is made to provide students with the most course options with the fewest scheduling and exam conflicts, it is not always possible to avoid every conflict. The final responsibility for selecting a schedule that does not conflict lies with the individual student, and students should reach out to their advisors (contact information listed above) to discuss options for developing their course selection.