

Widener University Delaware Law School

Admissions Office

Memorandum

Date: March 15, 2026 (updated May 8, 2026)

To: Trial Admissions Program Participants

From: Carly Gardner, Esq.
Assistant Dean of Admissions

Re: Trial Admissions Program Policies and Procedures

The Purpose of the Trial Admissions Program

The Trial Admissions Program (TAP or Program) is an alternative method of admission to law school for successful participants. TAP is designed to identify and assist applicants who display promise of success in legal studies, even though they have not excelled in their performance on the principal standardized predictors of success in law school studies, the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and the undergraduate grade point average (UGPA).

Participants will take courses similar to those taken in the first year of law school. The workload, type of material covered, and assessments will be in line with first year law courses at Delaware Law School. This allows TAP participants to gain an appreciation of the work demanded of law students. It also allows TAP faculty the means to assess participant work and evaluate each TAP participant's ability to do the type of legal analysis demanded of law students. TAP participants will take Legal Methods (a course focused on legal analysis and client-based problem solving). Participants will be evaluated on a legal memorandum they write in this course. TAP participants will also take two doctrinal courses. The work in these classes will be evaluated by examinations at the end of each unit of the Program.

Using this screening method, in the past 5 years the success rate for participants has been as high as 51% of the class. However, there is no quota, and it is possible that any number of participants will be admitted. Acceptance to Delaware Law School is based solely on the criteria set forth in this memorandum.

TAP courses are conducted entirely online. To ensure that participants enrolled in TAP are ready and able to commit to the online format of instruction, please be sure to read over the Program requirements and the expectations regarding attendance and participation, before submitting your tuition for the Program. All courses are held synchronously requiring participants to adhere to the course schedule and attendance policies articulated below. Participants will be provided with all course links and access prior to the start of TAP. To ensure receipt of all TAP course information, please be sure to activate your Widener University email account. See instructions below.

Program Schedule

Classes will begin on May 18, 2026 and end on June 11, 2026. TAP participants are required to take three courses, one legal writing course and two doctrinal courses. The two doctrinal courses will be separated into two-week modules. Participants will have an exam at the end of each module. Those exams will take place on Monday, June 1, 2026, and Monday, June 15, 2026. The final Legal Methods assignment will be due on Thursday, June 18, 2026.

All classes will take place in the evening, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 9:00 p.m. with a break from 7:25 to 7:35 p.m. Below is the TAP class schedule.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5/18	5/19	5/20	5/21	5/22
Orientation and Legal Methods	Legal Methods	Property	Property	
5/25	5/26	5/27	5/28	5/29
	Legal Methods	Property	Property	Property Exam Review
6/1	6/2	6/3	6/4	6/5
Property Exam	Legal Methods	Contracts	Contracts	
6/8	6/9	6/10	6/11	6/12
Legal Methods	Contracts	Contracts	Contracts Exam Review	
6/15	6/16	6/17	6/18	6/19
Contracts Exam			Legal Methods Papers Due	

Assignments for the first night of class will be available online at delawarelaw.widener.edu/TAPMaterials on or about May 8, 2026.

Orientation

Orientation will take place at 5:30 p.m. on May 18, 2026, on Zoom immediately prior to the start of class.

You are required to attend Orientation.

Attendance

Participation in all TAP classes is highly encouraged. Absence from class may weaken your potential for success. However, participants may miss one three-hour class per course. Any participant who misses more than one of

each class will not be permitted to take the final examinations or submit a final Legal Methods assignment, whichever is applicable, and will be denied admission to the Law School. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class.

Computer and Technology Requirements

You will need a computer with a monitor (desktop or laptop) to participate in TAP. Tablets, iPads, Chromebooks, and phones will not be sufficient for your work and are not acceptable for participation in TAP. All course materials, aside from your textbooks, will be available on Canvas, our learning management system. You will receive access to Canvas prior to the start of TAP.

The classes will be conducted using Zoom. You must have a web camera and microphone to participate in class on Zoom. The microphone and camera that are integrated with most laptops are generally fine for classes. Cameras must remain on during classes and exams. You will need a reliable internet connection. If you have a strong wireless connection, that is usually fine. If your Wi-Fi connection is not stable or is otherwise unreliable, we recommend an Ethernet cable to connect your computer directly to your router.

Examination Procedure and Code of Conduct

All TAP participants are required to take final examinations and complete written assignments. Exams will be administered and proctored remotely. All exams and the final Legal Methods writing assignment will be graded anonymously. The professors will not know the identity of an examinee or have access to the anonymous numbers. The Registrar's Office will assign each participant an anonymous number. Instructions on how to retrieve your anonymous number are available online at delawarelaw.widener.edu/TAPMaterials.

TAP examinations are taken and legal writing assignments are completed subject to the [Law School Code of Conduct](#). All TAP participants are required to adhere to the Law School's Code of Conduct in all respects. Students shall not use Generative Artificial Intelligence (GAI) for any graded or required course work. Please review the [Widener Delaware Law School Policy on GAI and Academic Misconduct](#) for more details. The Law School Code of Conduct and Policy on GAI and Academic Misconduct are also available at delawarelaw.widener.edu/TAPMaterials.

Complaints alleging violations of the Code of Conduct or Policy on GAI ("Code of Conduct Complaints") will be filed with the Office of Student Affairs, and investigated and adjudicated by that office, the TAP faculty, and the Office of Admissions as they see fit. Their adjudication is not subject to appeal, and the Law School reserves the right to deny admission to any student based on the evidence developed during an investigation. Thus, Code of Conduct Complaints involving TAP participants are not adjudicated using the procedures set forth in the Law School's Code of Conduct, and TAP participants are not entitled to those procedures.

Examination Accommodations

Any TAP participant wishing to discuss the possibility of receiving an exam accommodation as a result of a learning disability or other disability must contact Carly Gardner, the Assistant Dean for Admissions, at cagardner@widener.edu and submit to her a written request for accommodations. Supporting documentation from a qualified treatment professional is required for disability accommodations. Frequently asked questions about

necessary documentation and requesting accommodations may be found [here](https://sites.widener.edu/sas/student-information/) (sites.widener.edu/sas/student-information).

TAP participants are responsible for making any necessary accommodation requests. We suggest you request accommodations prior to May 1, 2026. **Requests submitted after May 1, 2026 may jeopardize access to accommodations in time for academic programming.**

Examinations and Grading

The Admission Standard: An invitation to participate in TAP is not acceptance to the Law School. Admission to the Fall 2026 entering class at Delaware Law will be granted to all TAP participants who have met the attendance standards, completed all assignments, taken all examinations, demonstrated the ability to do law school work by achieving a minimum 2.3 cumulative GPA and have adhered to all Policies and Procedures set forth in this memorandum.

No academic credit toward the J.D. degree is granted for TAP. TAP courses will not appear on a student's law school transcript and will not transfer to any other program.

myWidener – Widener University's online portal

myWidener will provide access to important information related to TAP.

Accounts are generated and available to activate shortly after you receive your invitation to participate in TAP. **Please allow at least 72 hours from the time of your TAP invitation email before trying to activate your account.** Please take time to activate your account, as this is the only way you will be able to obtain your exam taking anonymous number and final TAP grades. Course grades are expected to be available online at [myWidener](#) in late July.

You will need your University ID Number referred to as your **School Tracking No.** which you will find on your [Applicant Status Online \(ASO\)](#). Once you retrieve your University ID Number, visit our Password Self-Service webpage to look up your account information at pss.widener.edu. Use the University ID Number in the **Login ID Lookup** field (Last Option) to obtain a verification code and follow the account set up instructions.

Please contact ITS at 302-477-2221 or at dehelpdesk@widener.edu, if you have difficulty logging into myWidener. Please email Admissions at delawarelaw@widener.edu with any other questions.

Notification of Program Results

Notifications of acceptance or denial will be available through your [Applicant Status Online](#) (delawarelaw.widener.edu/ApplicationStatus). Course grades will be available at [myWidener](#) and students will be notified when they are posted.

Participants who are unsuccessful in TAP are not entitled to review their examinations or Legal Methods papers. TAP professors are experienced members of our faculty and their grading is not subject to appeal.

Please Note: We do not accept applications from unsuccessful TAP participants. Unsuccessful TAP participants are ineligible for future admission to the Law School.

Scholarship Awards

Successful TAP participants who enroll in the Fall 2026 entering class will receive a First State Merit Scholarship award in the amount of \$5,000.00. This award will be renewable provided that the student maintains good academic standing.

Tuition

Tuition for TAP is \$1,500. **You will not receive a tuition bill.** To accept the invitation to participate in TAP, please submit payment [online](https://succeed.widener.edu/register/delaware_tap_payment) (https://succeed.widener.edu/register/delaware_tap_payment).

The Trial Admission Program Tuition is due as follows:

Your Date of Acceptance:	Your Tuition is Due:
Prior to April 3	April 16, 2026
April 4 to April 17	April 23, 2026
April 18 to May 1	May 7, 2026
May 2 to May 11	May 14, 2026

Failure to adhere to these payment guidelines will result in your seat being released.

If you decide not to participate in TAP after paying your full tuition, you will receive a refund of \$1,200.00 provided that you notify the Admissions Office in writing of your decision on or before May 5, 2026. If you notify the Admissions Office about your decision to withdraw between May 6, 2026 and May 14, 2026, you will receive a ½ tuition refund of \$750.00 provided you have paid the full tuition. If you withdraw after May 14, 2026, no tuition will be refunded.

Textbooks

Textbooks will be available online at the [Widener University Online Bookstore](#). We expect textbooks to be available no later than May 8, 2026. You may contact the Bookstore at widener@bkstr.com regarding your purchase and our price-matching guarantee.

Please know that you do not need to buy new copies of any TAP textbooks. Used copies or rental copies are absolutely acceptable and, in most instances, significantly cheaper. Be sure, however, to select the correct edition. Students may rent or buy used books from Amazon, Alibris, Campus Book Rentals, chegg.com, or other online rental sites.

TAP Calendar (Updated March 15, 2026)

Monday, May 18 – Orientation
Classes Begin

Friday, May 29 – Last Day of Module 1 (Exam Review)

Monday, June 1 – Property Exam

Thursday, June 11 – Last Day of Module 2 (Exam Review)

Monday, June 15 – Contracts Exam

Thursday, June 18 – Legal Methods Papers Due