Summer Session 2023

Planning and Course Selection Guide
For UVIC LAW JD* Students

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* JD/JID students are not normally eligible to register in Summer Session courses, see page 2.
Summer Course Delivery

Summer 2023 law courses will be delivered in person. Some courses may include online elements, however students registered in summer courses should plan to be in Victoria and be prepared to attend classes on campus.

Admission to Summer Session

JD Students

Full-time study in Summer Session is available to upper-year UVic Law JD students in good standing.

Typically, law co-op students are expected to attend one academic summer term.

Registration in summer is optional for non-co-op JD students and many choose to follow the pattern of registering in Winter Session courses (fall and spring terms) only.

Summer Session is only available to JD students who have completed all first year required JD courses and who are in good academic standing in May 2023. Students who choose to register in summer courses must register in a full-time course load (7.0 - 8.5 units) with some specific exceptions as noted throughout this guide.

Students approved for part-time studies, who are interested in registering in summer term courses, must consult with the Associate Dean, Academic and Students Relations prior to registering.

JD/JID Students

Summer Session courses are not available to JD/JID students except in exceptional circumstances and only with the permission of the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations. This applies to all JD/JID students. All required transsystemic JD/JID courses are offered in Winter Session only, and are offered on a limited basis, throughout each of the four years of students’ JD/JID degree. This results in little flexibility for JD/JID students to register in Summer Session courses full-time.

Co-op Students and Summer Session

1. Typically, co-op students are expected to attend one academic Summer Session during their legal studies. Co-op students must follow one of the three approved academic term / work term schedule options outlined in the Law Co-op Handbook. Schedule changes require permission from the Co-op Coordinator, and this is only granted in exceptional circumstances.
2. Upper-year co-op students have first priority registration in Summer Session courses and will be authorized to register on “Day 1” Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 8:00 am.
3. First-year co-op students enrolling in their first term of second year in Summer Session will have second priority registration and will be authorized to register on “Day 1” Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 1:00 pm.
4. Co-op students must register in a full-time course load (7.0 - 8.5 units).

Non-Co-op JD Students and Summer Session

1. Registration in Summer Session is optional for non-co-op students.
2. Students who choose to take summer courses must register in a full-time course load (7.0 to 8.5 units).
3. All JD students are authorized to register on “Day 2” Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 8:00 am.
4. Students who register in Summer Session and find themselves in academic difficulty at the end of the spring term, may be required to withdraw from Summer Session. This includes students with deferred coursework or academic standing issues.
5. Students completing their final academic term in summer 2023 may contact the front office regarding their registration priority.

All JD Students (Co-op and Non-Co-op) and Summer Session

1. All students in summer term must register in a full-time course load unless they are authorized by the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations as part-time students.
2. Current first-year students must complete all first-year courses and obtain standing in first year in order to remain registered in Summer Session 2023.
3. Upper-year students wishing to register in Law Centre in Summer Session 2023 must participate in the lottery. See pages 12-13 for details. The lottery deadline is Friday, March 3, 2023, 12:00 noon PT. Students that miss the lottery may contact law.studentservices@uvic.ca to be added to the waitlist.

General

This guide, along with the faculty timetable, schedule and websites (Law and UVic), give detailed information on course offerings, faculty regulations and important dates. Please review all information thoroughly prior to selecting your courses. Course information is here.

If you have questions, contact Yvonne Lawson, Manager, Academic and Students at 250-721-8153 or lawmaass@uvic.ca.

Registration Related Dates

Thurs, March 2, **12:30 pm**  
**Summer Session Q & A, On Zoom**  
Zoom Link: [https://uvic.zoom.us/j/83703357776](https://uvic.zoom.us/j/83703357776)  
Associate Dean, Academic & Students Andrew Newcombe, Manager, Academic & Students Yvonne Lawson, and Co-op Coordinator, Francine Proctor.

Fri, March 3, **12:00 noon**  
**Deadline for LAW 350 Law Centre Lottery, 12:00 noon PT**  
(See pages 12-13 for details.)

Tue, March 14, **8:00 am**  
**Day 1 Registration, Morning, Upper-year Law Co-op Students**  
Upper-year co-op students register using UVic’s Online Tools. Registration will open at 8:00 am and remain open thereafter. No other students will have access to registration at this time. (See pages 2-3 for details.)

Tue, March 14, **1:00 pm**  
**Day 1 Registration, Afternoon, First-year Law Co-op Students**  
First-year co-op students register using UVic’s Online Tools. Registration will open at 1:00 pm and remain open thereafter.
Planning and Course Selection

This section lists general information about the Faculty of Law program requirements. A full description of program requirements is available in the UVic Calendar. It is your responsibility to ensure that your program meets UVic’s and the Faculty of Law’s requirements, regulations, policies and procedures as stated in the UVic Calendar and on the faculty’s website under Student and Academic Matters.

Unit Requirements for Each of Second and Third Year and Per Term

Full-time second and third-year students must take a minimum of 14.5 units and a maximum of 16.5 units in each academic year. The academic year consists of the two terms that make up a student’s second year of law or third year of law. The academic year will often consist of Winter Session courses (fall and spring terms), but this will vary for law co-op students and other students that choose to participate in a summer term or stop-out from their studies.

Full-time students may not register in fewer than 7.0 units or more than 8.5 units in a term. Part-time students must take a minimum of 3.0 units each term. Students hoping to deviate from these registration requirements must request permission from the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations (lawassoc@uvic.ca).

Students must take a minimum of 29.0 and a maximum of 33.0 upper-year units. Students may not return for additional academic terms if they have completed the required 29 upper-year units, the compulsory courses and the major paper requirement.

Workload

Upper-year courses are usually term-long (12 weeks) and weighted at 1.5 units (3 hours of instruction per week) or 2.0 units (4 hours of instruction per week). Full-time students take 4 or 5 courses per term to meet the unit requirements. In Summer Session, courses offered on a condensed basis will have more class hours/week.

Students should expect to be assigned 20 to 30 pages of reading per scheduled class hour for each course. You can expect a weekly total of 300 to 500 pages of reading each week. Some readings are quick and easily understood and some will require a slow and detailed reading. There may also be differences in teaching styles, course materials and content, assigned readings and evaluation methods among sections of each course. Details about workload expectations and online components of each course will be made available in course descriptions and/or on associated Brightspace sites.
Course Information and Counselling

The elective program in the upper years of the JD program requires proper course counselling and course selection. Students may draw on the following resources when making course selection decisions:

- Course timetables and examination schedules
- Preliminary Course Information Summaries (PCIS)
- Course Offering Patterns Guide
- The Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations
- The Associate Dean, Administration and Research
- The Manager, Academic Administration and Student Services
- The Law Co-op Coordinator
- The Law Careers Officer
- Faculty members

Preliminary Course Information Summaries (PCIS)

A PCIS for each course will be posted on the Faculty of Law website prior to registration. PCIS are intended to help you with your course selection decisions. PCIS are to be used as a guideline only and are subject to change. Course descriptions will be posted on Brightspace and will be available to registered students at the start of term.

Course Prerequisites and Corequisites

Several upper-year law courses have required pre- or corequisite law courses. This should be considered during your course planning. Students must not register in courses for which they do not have the required pre- or corequisites. If you register in a course and are missing the required pre- or corequisites, you will not be permitted to remain in the course. The compulsory first-year law curriculum is a prerequisite for upper-year courses. Review the Course Prerequisites and Corequisites table that appears on the final page of this guide.

Examination Schedules

The examination schedule will be posted prior to registration. It is the student’s responsibility to select courses that do not have conflicting exams and to pay due attention to the timing of take-home exams. Students who wish to avoid consecutive examinations must select their courses accordingly. Students with exams on consecutive days do not have grounds for deferrals on this basis.

Any travel arrangements for the end of term must be made to avoid conflict with final examinations. We highly advise that travel not be scheduled before the end of the exam period. Students may be required to write a deferred exam due to extenuating circumstances within the exam period.

Cancellation or Rescheduling of Courses

Any course or program may be cancelled or rescheduled due to insufficient enrollment or other administrative circumstances. New course restrictions or prerequisites may also be imposed.
Enrollment Limitations

Courses and seminars have enrollment limitations that are listed under the heading “Cap” on the Course Schedules. The Faculty of Law reserves the right to place a cap on any course for pedagogical reasons or due to space limitations. **Students should not expect course caps to be raised when courses are full and have waitlists.**

Compulsory Upper-Year Courses

In order to graduate, all students must successfully complete the faculty’s **major research paper requirement.**

Students who **commenced the JD program between September 2012 and September 2018** must also successfully complete the following compulsory upper-level courses:

- LAW 301 The Administrative Law Process, and
- LAW 315 Business Associations, and
- LAW 360 Legal Ethics and Professionalism,
- or equivalent courses approved by the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations in advance of students enrolling in the course as a means of satisfying the Federation of Law Societies of Canada’s requirements.

Students who **commenced the JD program in September 2019 or later** must also successfully complete the compulsory upper-level courses:

- LAW 301 The Administrative Law Process, and
- LAW 360 Legal Ethics and Professionalism,
- or equivalent courses approved by the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations in advance of students enrolling in the course, as a means of satisfying the Federation of Law Societies of Canada’s requirements.

Major Research Paper Requirement

During the upper years of the program, all students must fulfill the “major research paper” requirement. A major research paper is a legal research paper of no fewer than 7,500 words (exclusive of footnotes and bibliography) on an approved subject which counts for at least 50% of the grade in a course and on which the student achieves a minimum grade of 65%. The major research paper requirement may be satisfied by:

1. writing a major research paper in a course (where permitted by the instructor) under the faculty regulations governing such papers; OR
2. successfully completing LAW 388 Advanced Legal Research and Writing; OR
3. writing a directed major research paper in LAW 399 Supervised Research and Writing.

Faculty regulations governing major research papers are posted on the faculty website under [Student and Academic Matters](#). The course syllabus will typically indicate the number of major research papers, if any, the instructor will be willing to supervise in that course.

LAW 390 Major Research Paper in a Course

Students planning to write their major research paper in a course (other than LAW 399 or LAW 388), where such papers are permitted by the instructor, must register in the course in the usual way and must also complete the “Consent to Supervise LAW 399 Supervised Research and Writing
and/or LAW 390 Major Paper Within a Course” form available online. The form requires the instructor’s electronic signature or email approval. The completed and signed form must be submitted by email to law.studentservices@uvic.ca at the beginning of the term in which the paper will be written. The legal research paper must be no fewer than 7,500 words (exclusive of footnotes and bibliography) on an approved subject which counts for at least 50% of the grade in a course and on which the student achieves a minimum grade of 65%. Students unsure about whether a major research paper will be permitted in a particular course should consult with the instructor or the Manager, Academic and Students. Students are urged to consider this option for completing the major paper requirement, as opposed to enrolling in LAW 399.

**LAW 390 Major Research Paper Registration**

Students completing their major research paper within a course will also be registered in LAW 390 for the term in which they complete the paper. The LAW 390 registration is used for tracking and transcript purposes only and bears no unit value. (The student is already obtaining credit for the course in which the paper requirement is being fulfilled.) Law Student Services will register the student in LAW 390 when the completed and signed consent form (see above) is submitted to law.studentservices@uvic.ca at the beginning of term. Students that have secured a faculty supervisor for LAW 399 Supervised Research and Writing should indicate on the consent form whether the paper is intended to fulfill the major research paper requirement. If this is the case, staff will register the student in both LAW 399 (for credit) and LAW 390 (for tracking). Not all LAW 399 papers meet the major paper requirement so this information must be included on the consent form. Students meeting the major research paper requirement by registering in LAW 388 ALRW will not be registered in LAW 390.

**Policy on LAW 399 Supervised Research and Writing**

LAW 399 Supervised Research and Writing provides students an opportunity to undertake substantial research and writing on a legal subject approved by a faculty member who agrees to supervise the paper. The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to students on proposals to write a LAW 399 research paper.

The calendar description for LAW 399 is as follows:

(Units: 1.0 - 4.0) During either of the second or third years of a student’s program, a student may undertake a substantial research and writing project on a legal subject approved by a member of the Faculty of Law who agrees to supervise the project. With the approval of the Dean or the Dean’s nominee: (1) a student may be awarded credit for two separate supervised research papers provided that the total credit does not exceed 4 units and each paper is started and completed in separate terms; (2) this course may be extended over two terms; or (3) if this course is to be taken for 1.0 unit only.

The following guidelines apply to LAW 399 paper proposals.

- Students are generally expected to satisfy their LAW 390 Major Paper Requirement in a regular course offering rather than applying for LAW 399.
- An exception can be made where LAW 399 offers a student an opportunity to complete an original research and writing project, of publishable quality, where the subject matter of the paper is such that there is not a course-based opportunity to complete this work.
• Students are strongly advised to seek Faculty Member approval for a LAW 399 well in advance. Faculty Members may be approached by students about supervising a LAW 399 one to two terms in advance.
• Faculty Members are generally not available to supervise LAW 399 papers in their non-teaching term. In particular, there are limited opportunities to write LAW 399 papers in the summer term.
• Sessional and adjunct instructors do not normally supervise LAW 399 papers.
• The availability of LAW 399 is subject to the agreement of a supervising Faculty Member. Whether, and under what circumstances, a faculty member agrees to supervise a LAW 399 is ultimately subject to the discretion of the supervising Faculty Member.
• Students should keep in mind that a LAW 399 paper is a major undertaking. A LAW 399 paper worth 1.5 units will be analogous to the time requirements of a 1.5-unit course.
• The maximum unit value for a single LAW 399 paper is 2.0 units.

LAW 399 Supervised Research and Writing - Registration

• Students cannot register themselves for LAW 399; this will be done by Law Student Services staff upon submission of the appropriate documentation to law.studentservices@uvic.ca.
• In order to register for LAW 399, have your instructor sign your completed “Consent to Supervise LAW 399 Supervised Research and Writing and/or LAW 390 Major Paper within a Course” registration form found on the law registration webpage. On the form, you must indicate whether the paper will be 1.0, 1.5 or 2.0 units. Email your form to law.studentservices@uvic.ca.
• The form must be submitted no later than the add/drop deadline for the term in which the LAW 399 paper is to be completed.
• The approval of the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations is needed if LAW 399 is to be completed for only 1.0 unit. A LAW 399 paper that is completed for only 1.0 unit of credit and that has fewer than 7,500 words does not meet the Faculty’s major paper requirement.
• Where a student is seeking to complete a LAW 399 in a topic that could be addressed within course work, they should first consult with the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations.
• In rare occasions, due to exceptional circumstances, the course may be extended over two terms with prior written approval of the supervising professor and the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations.

Successful completion of a supervised research paper in LAW 399 will satisfy the requirements of the major research paper regulations, provided the paper is no fewer than 7,500 words in length (exclusive of footnotes and bibliography) and the student receives a 65% or better on the paper.

LAW 343 Contemporary Issues in Law

LAW 343 Contemporary Issues is a course that usually has multiple sections. Each section is a different topic with a different schedule. There is only one section for each topic. Students may take more than one LAW 343 course during their law degree and in a single term.
Experiential Learning and Clinical Courses

In any given year, there will be multiple opportunities to access experiential learning across the curriculum. UVic Law is unique in its diversity of clinical offerings. Students are encouraged to take a clinical course, such as the Law Centre, the Business Law Clinic, or the Environmental Law Clinic. For detailed information about clinical courses see the section below on “Term/Clinical Programs and Courses”.

Legal Perspectives Courses

Students are encouraged to take at least one legal perspectives course in either second or third year. For example, the following courses, not all of which may be offered in any given year, are regarded to be legal perspectives courses:

- Animals, Culture and the Law
- Jurisprudence
- Indigenous Legal Theories
- Feminist Legal Theories
- Green Legal Theory
- Law and Society in Southeast Asia
- Race, Sex, Families
- Queering Law
- International Human Rights and Dispute Resolution
- Historical Foundation of Common Law
- Law and Religion
- Equality, Human Rights and Social Justice Law
- Inter-Societal Jurisprudence through Cinema
- Race, Ethnicity, Culture and the Law

LAW 365 Legal Mooting

Legal mooting is available as a course option in Winter Session only. The following credit value has been assigned to these moot competitions:

- The BC Law Schools Moot Competition: 1.5 units
- The Bowman National Tax Moot: 1.5 units
- The Canadian Client Consultation Competition: 1.5 units
- The Fox Intellectual Property Moot: 1.5 units
- The Gale Cup: 1.5 units
- The Jessup International Law Moot: 2.0 units
- The Julius Alexander Isaac Moot: 1.5 units
- The Kawaskimhon Moot: 1.5 units
- The Western Canada Mock Trial (MacIntyre-Sopinka): 1.5 units
- The Willms and Shier Environmental Law Moot: 1.5 units
- The Wilson Moot: 1.5 units

Selection for Mooting Teams

Selection for mooting teams is by competition, which occurs in early September. Students cannot register for LAW 365 Legal Mooting unless they are selected to participate in a moot through the selection process. Students should therefore register in a full-time course load in June and drop a course in spring term if they are selected. In any given year, it is possible that the Faculty will not participate in one or more of the above moots.

Researcher Position

Some moots have a researcher position. Researchers earn slightly less credit (1.0 unit) than students who act as counsel (1.5 - 2.0 units) and do not normally travel with the team to attend the moot. Selection for researcher positions will also take place in September.
Academic Credit for Moots

Credit for moots is applied in the spring term unless special permission is sought and granted by the Associate Dean, Academic and Students Relations. This permission will only be granted in exceptional circumstances as the moot competitions occur in the spring term.

Students cannot participate in more than one moot in a single academic year. A student may be awarded credit in their upper-year program to a maximum of 2.0 units in an academic year and 4.0 units in the student’s entire program, for supervised participation in mooting programs approved by the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations. The Canadian Client Consultation Competition is considered to be a moot for these purposes. This regulation is strictly enforced. No exceptions are permitted under any circumstances.

Students may participate in more than one moot competition during their program, including the same moot competition. Students who wish to participate in a second moot, must compete a second time, even if for the same moot competition. Students who have mooted competitively for credit in an earlier year, may only do so again if numbers permit. Priority will always be given to students who have not had the opportunity to moot over those that have.

First year students will not receive credit for moot competitions, though they may compete in some of the moots.

Co-op and Moot Eligibility

Co-op students may be eligible to participate in the mooting program. Students must notify the Law Co-op Coordinator of their intention to participate in the moot run-offs.

Student must obtain written permission from the Law Co-op Coordinator before participating in the mooting run-offs.

See the Law Co-op Handbook for the guidelines that will be applied in determining whether a co-op student may participate in a moot while on a work term. Each student’s circumstances are unique, so decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Term Courses and Moot Eligibility

Preparation for moots begins in fall term and students must be available to meet with their team in both fall and spring terms. For this reason, students in Law Centre, full-time field schools or on exchange in either term cannot participate in a moot.


LAW 389 Appeal is available as a course option in Winter Session only.

UVic Law’s legal journal Appeal: Review of Current Law and Law Reform offers registered students the opportunity to participate, as members of the editorial board, in the production of a legal review. LAW 389 is a year-long course worth 2.0 units. Students may choose to be registered for 1.0 unit in the fall and 1.0 unit in the spring or 2.0 units in the spring term. It is not possible to register for the 2.0 units in the fall.
The deadline to apply for Appeal in 2023-2024 will be in March 2023. Students seeking information may email the editors at appeal@uvic.ca. Specific meeting times for this course may be established in consultation, prior to the start of term.

Co-op students who receive an offer to participate in Appeal must contact the Law Co-op Coordinator to obtain permission if the course occurs during a work term.

LAW 352 Exchange Term

Students are encouraged to consider participating in an exchange term with one of UVic Law’s exchange partners. Exchange terms are evaluated on a pass/fail basis and are, in most situations, 7.5 units of block credit. The process for applying for an exchange term in 2023-2024 takes place in February. Exchange terms are offered in Winter Session only.

For details on exchange opportunities see: https://www.uvic.ca/law/jd/exchangeterms/index.php. All questions, including what can and cannot be combined with an exchange term should be directed to the Coordinator, Academic Administration at lawca@uvic.ca.

Enrolment in Non-Law Courses at the University of Victoria

Upper year law students may, with permission, take courses in other departments and schools in the University for up to 3 credit units towards their JD or JD/JID degree. Normally, enrolment in more than one non-law course per term will not be permitted. Examples of courses that have been approved in recent years are set out in the appendix. Language courses and introductory level classes are rarely approved. It is generally expected that the non-law course will be at the 300 level or greater. Students wanting to take a non-law course must get the prior approval of the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations and the instructor of the course in question.

Students may not take non-law Summer Session courses for credit unless they are enrolled fulltime in the Law academic Summer Session. The same Faculty regulations regarding approval and credit unit limits will apply.

Criteria that will be considered by the Associate Dean in determining whether approval will be granted include the student rationale for replacing a course in law with an outside course and how the non-law course will contribute to the student’s legal studies.

Students taking courses in other faculties should be aware that supplemental examinations are not offered by all departments. Furthermore, even where supplemental examinations are available, the student must have achieved a final grade of "E" (not "F"). If a law student received an "F" (0 to 49%) grade in a course outside the Faculty of Law and could not write a supplemental in that course, the student would not achieve standing in the Faculty of Law for that year.

More detailed information is posted on the Course Registration and Timetables page.

Term and Clinical Programs and Courses

Students may consider taking a term or clinical program in second- or third-year law. The rationale for the development of the clinical and term programs is to provide students with an opportunity to apply their knowledge of the law, to develop an understanding of legal processes,
to develop lawyering skills and to provide an opportunity to achieve some degree of specialization in an intense and closely supervised format. Students may not enrol in more than two term programs. Except in unusual and compelling circumstances, students who enrol in a term program are not permitted to enrol in other courses during that term without the authorization of the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations.

**LAW 350 Clinical Law Term - The Law Centre**

In this full-time full term clinical course students will receive training in interviewing, counselling, negotiation, mediation, advocacy before Provincial Court and administrative tribunals, and drafting. They will represent clients with problems related to criminal law, corrections law, family law, human rights law, and a variety of civil law issues. Students will develop awareness of legal and social problems of economically disadvantaged, significantly ill, liberty challenged, Indigenous and aged members of society.

This process requires a carefully supervised program with manifold opportunities for one-to-one instructor student supervision and regular group sessions. The Law Centre Program takes place in a community law office and the maximum enrollment is 14 students. Students who enroll in the Law Centre are required to obtain Temporary Articles through the Law Society of British Columbia.

The Law Centre is offered in fall, spring, and summer with 14 spaces available in each term. The credit value of the term is 7.5 units. Registration for this term program will be determined by lottery. See the section below on Admission to Law Centre for details.

Students interested in the Law Centre should review the [Law Centre website](https://www.lawcentre.uvic.ca) and the [UVic Law website](https://www.law.uvic.ca).

**Admission Lottery and Registration Priority**

Admission to LAW 350 Law Centre Clinical Term (The Law Centre) is determined by lottery. If you wish to register in the Law Centre in summer term 2023 you must submit a ballot by the deadline indicated.

There are 14 places available in Law Centre every term. Priority registration in Summer Session is given to third-year co-op students then third-year non-co-op students. Next priority is second-year co-op students. Within these categories, priority will also be given to students who have taken one or more of the three following courses: LAW 309 Law of Evidence, LAW 303 Criminal Procedure or LAW 322 Family Law.

The Law Centre ballot is posted on the [law registration page](https://www.law.uvic.ca/register).

**Lottery Deadline**

Submit your ballot by email to law.studentservices@uvic.ca by **no later than Friday, March 3, 2023 at 12:00 noon PT**. In your email subject line, type “BALLOT LAW 350 Law Centre”.
You will receive a confirmation email from a staff member in reply. You may submit one ballot only. The lottery deadline is strictly enforced. Late ballots are accepted, however if there is a waitlist your name will be added to the end regardless of your year of study and co-op status. If the ballot is no longer posted on the website, please contact law.studentservices@uvic.ca to be added to the waitlist.

Lottery Results

Participating students will be advised of the results of the lottery within a few days of the ballot deadline. **If you accept an offer, consider it to be a serious commitment that you will attend the course.** If you aren’t sure whether to accept an offer, let us know and we’ll discuss your individual situation with you. Withdrawals are problematic, particularly as the start of term approaches.

Registration

If you ballot successfully for Law Centre, Law Students Services staff will register you in LAW 350 Law Centre for 7.5 units in summer term. **If you decide to withdraw from Law Centre, please advise us** by emailing law.studentservices@uvic.ca immediately. If you are waitlisted for Law Centre, you may register yourself in regular courses on your registration day.

Prerequisites

To be eligible for Law Centre, students must have completed a minimum of 7.0 units of upper-year law courses. Preference will be given to students who have also completed one or more of LAW 303 Criminal Procedure, LAW 309 Law of Evidence and LAW 322 Family Law.

Other Courses

Students registered in Law Centre are not permitted to register in any other course in addition to the Law Centre.

Deferred Coursework or Academic Standing Issues

Students with deferred work from a prior term, or who are not in good academic standing when the term begins, will be required to withdraw from Law Centre. In extenuating circumstances, permission to continue may be granted by the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations.

Term Dates

The Law Centre is a term program with a credit value of 7.5 units. It takes place from **Wednesday, May 3 to Friday, August 18, 2023.**

Review the [For Law Students](#) section of the [Law Centre website](#) for an understanding of the time commitment required.

Attendance
The Law Centre term begins with an intensive orientation period that runs for the first four weeks of term in the law school. Full-time attendance during these four weeks of orientation is required. Permission to miss a class/session will only be granted for reasons of accommodation or in other limited circumstances. Students with questions about this requirement, or who are seeking accommodation should contact the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations and the Director of the Law Centre.

Waitlist
14 seats are available in the Law Centre. A waitlist will be created and maintained by Law Student Services. Eligible students who miss the lottery deadline may be added to the waitlist on a first-come first-served basis, regardless of their year of study or whether they are a co-op student.

*The Faculty reserves the right to exercise an overriding discretion in regard to the interpretation and application of all priority rules.*

**LAW 349 Business Law Clinic (BLC)**

LAW 349 BLC brings together a dynamic combination of senior law students, community-based entrepreneurs, and innovative businesses’ owners. The BLC can provide legal information about issues that are important to small businesses. As the owners and law students work together, they learn that a venture’s path to success is greatly assisted when owners consult with legal counselors in the initial development stage of the business.

Typical legal issues faced by entrepreneurs or business owners are dealt with in this course, including the protection of ideas, business formats, bank or investor financing, product liability, commercial contracts and the selection of a lawyer.

Students can register for LAW 349 BLC in Online Tools on their registration day. LAW 349 BLC has a credit value of 1.5 units per term. LAW 315 Business Associations or LAW 315I Transsystemic Business Associations are required pre- or corequisites. See information below regarding restrictions relating to taking this course twice.

**LAW 353 Environmental Law Clinic (ELC)**

The Environmental Law Clinic (ELC), LAW 353, is the Faculty's foundational environmental clinical course. Students receive supervised experience working for conservation, community, and First Nation clients.

The class will meet weekly for a 3-hour seminar in which legal skills and professional responsibility issues are learned and discussed. LAW 353 is offered every term and has a cap of ten to twelve students. Students can register for LAW 353 ELC in Online Tools on their registration day. LAW 353 may be taken for 1.5 units or, with the prior permission of both the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations and the instructor, for 2.0 units per term. See information below regarding restrictions on taking LAW 353 ELC twice.

Students registered in this course will be contacted by ELC staff prior to the start of term. Files are assigned early, and students must attend the first scheduled class.
LAW 349 Business Law Clinic and LAW 353 Environmental Law Centre Clinic: Restrictions

The course descriptions for these courses indicate that, with the approval of the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations and the instructor, students may enrol in either of these courses twice. However, you must not register in LAW 353 or LAW 349 for a second time without prior approval of both the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations and the Instructor. Such approval is highly exceptional and will only be granted if there is space available in the course at the beginning of a term. That is, students who have not yet had an opportunity to take the course will have priority.

Concentration in Environmental Law and Sustainability

The concentration in Environmental Law and Sustainability will provide students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in environmental law and sustainability, and to use their legal knowledge in the direct service of real clients pursuing a range of interests aimed at environmental protection. Students who complete the eight required courses and electives will receive a notation on their transcript. For details, please see the program information posted with the registration materials on the law registration webpage.

Course Registration

Authorization to Register

Students are authorized to register for Summer Session courses in March. Rules determining which students register on Day 1 and Day 2 are different for Summer Session than for Winter Session (fall and spring terms).

For Summer Session, registration priority is determined by whether the student is in the Co-op Program and also by the student’s progress in the degree program (i.e. first, second or third year). See pages 2-3 of this guide for details.

Admission to the Law Centre Clinical Law Program in summer term is determined by lottery and priority rules are different than in Winter Session. See pages 13-14 for details. The deadline to ballot for summer 2023 Law Centre is Friday, March 3, 2023, 12:00 noon PT.

In Winter Session, third-year students have priority and register one day earlier than second-year students. For Winter Session course registration purposes, a third-year student is a student who will have completed the second year of the JD program by the start of Winter Session 2023 (September 2023). A second-year student is a student who will have completed first year by the start of the Winter Session 2023 (September 2023). In June, students are authorized to register for the entire Winter Session 2023-24 (fall term 2023 and spring term 2024).

Course Registration Dates

Tue, March 14, 8:00 am  Day 1 Registration, Morning
Upper-year co-op students register in Online Tools.
Registration will open at 8:00 am and remain open thereafter.
No other students will have access to registration at this time.
(See pages 2-3 for details.)

Tue, March 14, 1:00 pm  Day 1 Registration, Afternoon
First-year co-op students register in [Online Tools](#)
Registration will open at 1:00 pm and remain open thereafter. (See pages 2-3 for details.)

Wed, March 15, **8:00 am**  
**Day 2 Registration, Morning**  
Non-co-op JD students register in [Online Tools](#)  
Registration will open at 8:00 am and remain open thereafter. (See pages 2-3 for details.)

### Prepare Yourself for Registration – Review Law Materials

Carefully review the 2023 Summer Session registration information on the [law registration webpage](#). The documents will be posted as they become available.

- Important Academic Dates
- Planning and Course Selection Guide (this document)
- Course Offering Patterns Guide
- BALLOT: Law Centre Summer 2023 - Lottery deadline March 3 at 12:00 noon PT
- Concentration in Environmental Law and Sustainability
- Preliminary Course Information Summaries ([PCIS](#))
- Course Schedule (will include CRNs) and Timetables
- Examination Schedule

### UVic’s Registration Process

The registration process is managed by the UVic Registrar’s Office.

Detailed registration instructions are on the [How to Register for Courses](#) webpage. Helpful video tutorials are posted. Please review the information carefully.

This guide highlights certain registration aspects of note to law students but does not otherwise include instructions.

**Important tips:**

- Time tickets with your registration date and time were emailed on March 2. If you don’t receive one, email Yvonne Lawson at lawmaass@uvic.ca.
- View your [registration status](#) to ensure your registration dates are correct and you have no holds on your account due to fees owing.
- Law courses have caps and limited spaces. Be prepared and register promptly at your designated date and time.
- Anecdotally, the Plan Ahead “Build a Course Plan” tool is recommended, it can be found in [Online Tools](#). Use caution when courses have multiple sections, using the CRN rather than the course number is advised.
Double-Degree Student Registration

Registration issues are common for law students in double degree programs. JD + MPA double-degree students should contact Yvonne Lawson at lawmaass@uvic.ca. The issues arise from incompatibility between graduate and undergraduate records in Banner.

Proxy Registration

If you have a commitment that conflicts with your registration time (e.g., air travel, work responsibilities, unreliable internet) you are responsible for finding a trusted friend or relative to register you using your Online Tools account. As a precaution, you may wish to contact Yvonne Lawson (lawmaass@uvic.ca) to provide the person’s name and confirm that your personal registration situation may be discussed in the event that they experience registration issues, i.e. your proxy may contact Yvonne directly for assistance.

Registration Holds or Blocks

View your registration status to ensure you have no holds on your record that will prevent you from registering.

There is a strict University of Victoria policy that if you owe any fees or fines you will be blocked from registration. This includes tuition, ancillary fees, co-op work term fees, library fines and parking tickets.

Faculty of Law staff cannot override Accounting registration holds. If you do have outstanding fees, settle your account quickly. It can take 48 hours for payments to be processed and have the block removed by Accounting. Settling an overdue account one day before registration may not allow enough time to remove the hold.

For inquiries regarding fee-related blocks to your account contact UVic Accounting at tuition@uvic.ca, 250.721.7032 or toll free at 1.800.663.5260. Detailed information is available from UVic’s Tuition Office.

Course Waitlists

If you add yourself to waitlists during registration, be sure to monitor your situation. See details, including useful video tutorials in What happens if I’m on a Waitlist?

CAUTION - Registration Offers and Deadlines:

• Registration offers will be sent to your Preferred Email address.
• Registration offers are sent once per day at 1:00 pm PT (excepting weekends and stat holidays).
• Note the offer expiry date and time, you will have 47 hours to respond to waitlist offers prior to the start of term.
• When term begins, the offer expiry will reduce to 23 hours.
• If you don’t respond by the deadline you will be dropped from the waitlist.
• If you miss the deadline and are dropped from the waitlist, you may waitlist yourself a second time. Unfortunately, you will have lost your priority and will be at the end of the waitlist. There are no exceptions to this rule so respond to offers quickly.
Registration and Waitlist Combined Limit

Law students may be waitlisted and registered in a combined total of 10.0 units per term. 8.5 units is the maximum registered units permitted and an additional 1.5 units is given to allow waitlist flexibility. This means students registered in 8.5 units may only waitlist for one additional 1.5-unit course. Or, for example, a student registered in 6.0 units may waitlist for up to 4.0 more units of courses (i.e. to a combined limit of 10.0 units). Plan your registration accordingly.

Course Offering Patterns

To assist you with longer term course planning, the Course Offering Patterns Guide is posted with the registration documents on the law website. The information in this document is offered solely to help students plan their overall programs and does not constitute a promise to offer a particular course in a particular term in future years. The 2022-23 Winter Session version of this document is the most current.

See next page for the Course Prerequisites and Corequisites Chart
## Course Prerequisites and Corequisites Chart

*It is your responsibility to ensure course pre- and corequisites are met. Note that the courses below may not be offered in any given term or year.*

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