

Summer Session 2024

Planning and Course Selection Guide For UVIC LAW Students



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* This Guide is aimed primarily at JD students. JD/JID students are eligible to register in summer courses except for LAW 301 Administrative Law and LAW 315 Business Associations. For JD/JID program requirements, students should refer to last year's [2023-24 Winter Session JD/JID Planning and Course Selection Guide](#). An updated 2024-25 Winter Session JD/JID Planning and Course Selection Guide will be posted in a few months, along with Winter Session registration information.

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Summer Course Delivery

Summer 2024 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

Summer Session law courses are available to UVic Law students that have completed their first year required courses and are in good academic standing as of May 2024.

Pilot Project: Part-time Summer Study Option Available

In summer 2024, as a pilot, students may study part-time without seeking special permission to reduce their study load. In previous years, students choosing to take summer courses were required to study full-time or obtain permission for part-time studies.

Full-time study is registration in 7.0 - 8.5 units/term. Part-time study is registration in fewer than 7.0 units. Students may register in one or more courses in summer 2024, up to the permitted maximum.

This change to the part-time study regulations is in place for summer 2024 only. The intention is to allow students to participate in the rich course offerings available, and/or reduce their required course loads in 2024-25.

Part-time units earned in summer 2024 will count towards 2L, 3L or 4L standing, based on the student's current progress through their program.

IMPORTANT: There are tuition, bursary, award, academic standing and other variables to consider when registering in full or part-time in summer courses.

Pilot Project: Important Implications of Part-Time Study: Tuition, Student Loans, etc.

Students choosing to study part-time need to know the implications for tuition, bursaries and student loans. Please review the information posted on the [UVic Student Awards and Financial Aid](#) page. General bursary eligibility information is [here](#).

Faculty of Law regulations consider part-time study to be registration in fewer than 7.0 units per term. **However, under the university definition, and for tuition and fee assessment, part-time study is considered to be registration in fewer than 6.0 units per term.** The current [fees for Undergraduate Programs](#) can be found in the [UVic Academic Calendar](#). Students registered in 5.75 units or less will be assessed for part-time tuition and ancillary fees. Students registered in 6 units or more will be assessed full-time tuition and ancillary fees.

The following tips about general and law bursaries have been provided by Law Financial Aid Officer Deb Kennedy. If you have any questions about your individual situation, please email Deb at lawfao@uvic.ca.

- For students who drop below 4.5 units (or 3.0 for CAL-registered students), eligibility for bursary (both law and general) funding will be affected. There may be rare exceptions to this rule under some of our extraordinary and emergency needs funding.
- Students registered in between 4.5 (3.0 for CAL-registered students) and 5.75 units will pay reduced tuition. This means that, while they are still eligible for law and general bursary funding, the amount they are eligible for might be affected. For example, if law or general bursaries have already been disbursed, and a student is in this enrolment range, their bursary will need to be recalculated. This generally results in a lower eligibility amount, and money needs to be taken back.
- For students who stay between 4.5 (3.0 units for CAL-registered students) and 5.75 units and have received emergency or extraordinary needs funding from Law Financial Aid, the amount will not be affected. If they have received such funding from SAFA, Deb can always talk to SAFA about individual cases.
- Students who remain at 6.0 units or above pay full-time tuition. Law and general bursary eligibility will not be impacted provided they maintain that threshold.

JD Students

Registration in summer courses is **optional** for non-co-op JD students. Typically, law co-op students **are expected** to attend one full-time academic summer term.

JD/JID Students

Summer Session courses are available to JD/JID students, however overall program requirements must be considered.

Generally, part-time summer study is encouraged for JD/JID students planning to slightly lighten their courseload in the following academic year.

However, full-time summer study is discouraged for JD/JID students as it will not remove the requirement for students to register in future terms where their required transsystemic JD/JID courses **MUST** be taken (e.g. LAW 105I, LAW 109I, LAW 301I, LAW 315I, LAW 395I, LAW 350I & LAW 450I).

JD/JID students may not register in LAW 301 Administrative Law or LAW 315 Business Associations as they will take the transsystemic versions of these courses in their program.

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.

This Guide is aimed primarily at JD students. Given JD/JID will only potentially register part-time, JD/JID information is included but limited in this guide. Student can refer to specific sections of **last year's** [2023-24 Winter Session JD/JID Planning and Course Selection Guide](#) for JD/JID program information. An updated 2024-25 Winter Session JD/JID Planning and Course Selection Guide will be posted in a few months, along with Winter Session registration information. The upper year transsystemic course offerings will be different in 2024-25 than they were in 2023-24.

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 [Law 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 12, 2024 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 12, 2024, at 1:00 pm.
4. Co-op students must register in a full-time course load (7.0 - 8.5 units).
5. As of summer 2025, co-op status will no longer be considered for determining registration priority. Priority will be determined solely by students’ progress in the degree program, as it is for Winter Session registration.

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 would normally be required to take a full-time course load (7.0 - 8.5 units), however, as a pilot in summer 2024, students may register part-time if they choose.
3. All JD students are authorized to register on “Day 2” Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 8:00 am.
4. Students who register in Summer Session and find themselves in academic difficulty at the end of the spring term, will 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 2024 may contact the front office regarding their registration priority.

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

1. Current first-year students must complete all first-year courses and obtain standing in first year in order to remain registered in Summer Session 2024.
2. Upper-year JD students wishing to register in Law Centre in Summer Session 2024 must participate in the lottery. See pages 12-13 for details. The lottery deadline is Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 12:00 noon PT. Students who 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, Associate Director, Law Academic Services at 250-721-8153 or lawmaass@uvic.ca.

Registration Related Dates

Thurs, Feb 29, early	All students will receive an automated registration email. Instructions will be given on how to check your individual registration date and time (aka your “time ticket”).
Mon, March 4, 12:30 pm	Summer Session Information Session, Room 158 and Zoom Associate Dean, Academic & Students Andrew Newcombe, Co-op Coordinator, Francine Proctor.
Wed, March 6, 12:00 noon	Deadline for LAW 350 Law Centre Lottery , 12:00 noon PT (See pages 12-13 for details.)
Mon, March 11, 12:30 pm	Summer Session Drop in Q & A, Room 143 and Zoom Associate Dean, Academic & Students Andrew Newcombe.
Tue, March 12, 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 12, 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. (See pages 2-3 for details.)
Wed, March 13, 8:00 am	Day 2 Registration, Morning, All Non-Co-op Students Non-co-op students register using UVic’s Online Tools . Registration will open at 8:00 am and remain open thereafter. (See pages 2-3 for details.)

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, Third and Fourth Year and Per Term

The JD degree is 3 years of full-time study, the JD/JID degree is 4 years of full-time study. Full-time second-, third- and fourth-year (JD/JID) 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 or fourth 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 JD students and other students that choose to participate in a summer term or stop-out from their studies.

Generally, 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). **However, as a pilot in summer 2024 only, students may study part-time without seeking special permission. The units will count toward whichever year of study they're currently in or beginning.**

JD students must take a minimum of 29.0 and a maximum of 33.0 upper-year units. JD/JID students must take a minimum of 43.5 and a maximum of 49.5 upper-year units (this includes LAW 105/105I and LAW 109/109I taken in 2L). Students may not return for additional academic terms if they have completed the required 29.0 (JD) or 43.5 (JD/JID) upper-year units, the compulsory courses in their program 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 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 Associate Director, Academic Administration and Student Services
- The Director, JID (JD/JD students)
- The Director, Indigenous Initiatives
- 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](#) has been posted. 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.

In Summer 2024, there will be two exam periods. See the exam schedule and [Important Academic Dates](#) for details.

Important: The first exam period is for the condensed Intellectual and Cultural Property courses which end on Fri, June 14. The exam period is Wed, June 19 to Fri, June 21. Two of the three final exams are administered in-person, **these exams may not be written remotely**, so plan accordingly. Ongoing courses will be cancelled on these three days.

Any travel arrangements made during term must be made to avoid conflict with final examinations.

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 JD Courses

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

Students who commenced the JD program in September 2019 or later must 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.

Compulsory Upper-Year JD/JID Courses

Please refer to the [2023-24 Planning and Course Selection Guide](#) for UVic Law JD/JID students until such time as the 2024-25 Guide has been posted in a few months. The upper-year requirements of the JD/JID are more extensive. When referencing the 2023-24 Guide, note that the required offerings in 2024-25 will be different for students in each year of the JD/JID.

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%. The unit value of the course does not increase when students choose this option. 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.

If no due date is specified by the course instructor, papers are generally due on the last day of classes in the term. Students may negotiate a later deadline with their course instructor, however the alternative due date should be no later than the last day of the exam period.

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 Academic 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 Academic 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.

The default due date for LAW 399 papers is the last day of classes. Students may negotiate a later deadline with their faculty supervisor, however the alternative due date should be no later than the last day of the final exam period.

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	Queering Law
Jurisprudence	International Human Rights and Dispute Resolution
Indigenous Legal Theories	Historical Foundation of Common Law
Feminist Legal Theories	Law and Religion
Green Legal Theory	Equality, Human Rights and Social Justice Law
Law and Society in Southeast Asia	Inter-Societal Jurisprudence through Cinema
Race, Sex, Families	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 occurs in early September, except the Kawaskimhon Moot for which selection occurs in November. 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.

JD/JID Students and Legal Mooting

JD/JID students interested in mooting should read the section on LAW 365 Legal Mooting on page 8 of last year's [Winter Session 2023-24 JD/JID Planning and Course Selection Guide](#). An updated Guide will be posted for 2024-25 in a few months.

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: Review of Current Law and Law Reform Law Journal

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 2024-2025 will be in March 2024. 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.

To qualify for LAW 389 and to be a member of the *Appeal* Board, students must be eligible for registration in classes for both the fall and spring term. Students scheduled to be in Law Centre or on an exchange term are not eligible to register in LAW 389.

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.

JD/JID students who receive an offer to participate in Appeal in third or fourth year must seek the permission of their field school instructor to ensure there will be no scheduling conflicts between their field school and Appeal.

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 2024-2025 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 lawcaa@uvic.ca.

Courses in Other Faculties at the University of Victoria

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

During their JD, an upper-year student may take a maximum of 3.0 units worth of courses in other faculties within the university for credit toward their JD degree. All students must obtain the approval of the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations as well as the instructor of the course in advance of registering for the course. If the course is graduate level, the student must also meet the admissions standards of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and obtain the approval of the Dean of Graduate Studies.

Students may be asked to justify to the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations how the course fits with their JD program.

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

Students may consider taking a term or clinical program in upper year. 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 term-long 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](#) and the [UVic Law website](#).

Law Centre Admission Lottery and Registration Priority

The lottery deadline is Wednesday, March 6, 12:00 noon PT.

The LAW 350 Law Centre Ballot can be found on the [Law Registration Page](#)

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 2024 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 and third-year students in their final term or year. 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](#).

Lottery Deadline

Submit your ballot by email to law.studentservices@uvic.ca by **no later than Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 12:00 noon PT**. In your email subject line, type your name and V number and “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 Academic 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 8 to Wednesday, August 21, 2024**.

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 twice weekly for seminars 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 has a credit value of 2.0 units per term. See information below regarding restrictions on taking LAW 353 ELC twice.

Important: 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. **Because of the structure of the course, and the responsibility to clients, students should only register in this course if they can commit to remaining registered. If you're interested, but aren't sure whether to register, email Holly Pattison at elc@uvic.ca to discuss your individual situation.**

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. As of summer 2025, co-op status will no longer be considered for determining the registration priority. Priority will be determined solely by students' progress in the degree program, as it is for Winter Session registration.

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 2024 (September 2024). A second-year student is a student who will have completed first year by the start of the Winter Session 2024 (September 2024). In June, students are authorized to register for the entire Winter Session 2024-25 (fall term 2024 **and** spring term 2025).

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 2024 Law Centre is Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 12:00 noon PT.

Course Registration Dates

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| Tue, March 12, <u>8:00 am</u> | 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 12, <u>1:00 pm</u> | 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 13, <u>8:00 am</u> | 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 2024 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)
- BALLOT: Law Centre Summer 2024 - Lottery deadline March 6 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:

- You will receive an automated registration email on Thurs, February 29 with your “time ticket”. The email will provide instructions on how to login to Online Tools to check your registration status. If you don’t receive the email, email Law Academic Services at law.studentservices@uvic.ca.
- The registration email will be sent to your preferred email address.
- View your [registration status](#) to ensure your registration date is 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 email law.studentservices@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 the office 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.

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.

Course (may not be offered in 2024-24)	Required Prerequisites	Required Corequisites	Recommended Pre- or Corequisites
LAW 313 Securities Regulations			LAW 315 Business Associations; or LAW 315I Transsystemic Bus Associations
LAW 320 Wills, Estates and Succession Planning			LAW 319 Trusts
LAW 321 Competition Law			<i>It is recommended that students have taken a prior course in corporate law.</i>
LAW 324 Children and the Law			LAW 322 Family Law LAW 301 Administrative Law
LAW 345A First Nation Taxation			LAW 315 Business Association; or LAW 315I Transsystemic Bus Associations strongly recommended Prerequisite LAW 345 Tax is a recommended pre- or corequisite
LAW 346A Corporate Taxation	LAW 345 Taxation LAW 315 Business Associations; or LAW 315I Transsystemic Business Associations		
LAW 346B International Taxation	LAW 345 Taxation		LAW 315 Business Associations; or LAW 315I Transsystemic Bus Associations
LAW 348 Managing Intellectual Property	LAW 347 Intellectual Property* (See PCIS for important registration information)		
LAW 349 Business Law Clinic		LAW 315 Bus Associations; or LAW 315I Transsystemic Bus Associations (Pre or coreq)	LAW 347 Intellectual Property (taken before if possible)
LAW 350 Law Centre: Clinical Law Term	7.0 units of upper-year law courses.		Preference will be given to students who have completed LAW 303 Criminal Procedure LAW 309 Law of Evidence LAW 322 Family Law
LAW 353 Environmental Law Clinic (ELC)			LAW 329 Environmental Law
LAW 353A ELC Intensive	LAW 353 ELC		LAW 329 Environmental Law
LAW 355 Legal Skills			LAW 309 Evidence LAW 307B Civil Procedure
LAW 356 Advocacy	LAW 309 Evidence		
LAW 384 Field Course in Reconciliation, Ecology and Place-based Law	An upper-year environmental law course and background in environmental law are required prerequisites		
LAW 385 Comparative Copyright Law			LAW 347 Intellectual Property

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* This requirement will be waived for Summer Session 2024, however, please see the important registration information regarding this course in the [PCIS](#).