

Frequently Asked Questions

- **What academic honors can I earn while in law school?**

See 'Academic Policies & Procedure - Honors' section of the College of Law academic catalog for additional information.

- **What does it mean to be on academic probation?**

See 'Academic Policies & Procedure - Academic Standing' section of the College of Law academic catalog.

- **What student organizations can I join at the law school?**

Many College of Law organizations welcome all students who are interested, while others require students to be elected or chosen. See 'Student Organizations, Guidelines, and Services' section of the College of Law academic catalog.

- **What is the law school's grade point average system?**

See the 'Academic Policies and Procedures' section of the College of Law academic catalog.

- **What is Degree Works?**

Degree Works (<http://registrar.wvu.edu/dw/>) is an online audit for students to review and monitor their progress toward degree completion. It organizes academic coursework into blocks of requirements to help easily identify courses completed and what courses are still needed in order to complete your degree. For additional information, including how to log in to Degree Works, see the 'Academic Policies and Procedures' section of the College of Law academic catalog.

- **Whom should I see if I have a question regarding academic matters at the College of Law?**

For academic matters, please see the Director of the Academic Excellence Center.

- **Whom should I see if I have a non-academic or personal matter that pertains to my law school experience?**

For such matters, see the College of Law's Assistant Dean for Student Services and Engagement.

- **What are the attendance and absence policies ?**

See the 'Academic Policies and Procedures' section of the College of Law academic catalog.

- **What are midterm and/or final exam numbers?**

Midterm and final exam numbers are assigned to students following the add/drop deadline at the start of each semester by the Office of the University Registrar and are viewable in your Degree Works. In many classes, these numbers are used on papers and exams in place of student names so that the professors can grade anonymously. Students are routinely notified of information concerning midterm exam and final exam numbers each semester. **These anonymous numbers change every semester and are meant to be kept to yourself and not shared with classmates, professors or friends. If you are unable to view your anonymous number, please contact the College of Law's Student Services Office.**

- **Where can I find guidance about choosing courses?**

Curriculum requirements are listed in the Academic Programs (http://catalog.wvu.edu/graduate/law/academic_policies_and_procedures/academic_programs/jd/) section of the College of Law academic catalog, and the College of Law website contains a "Course Schedule and Registration Information (<https://www.law.wvu.edu/academics/course-schedule-and-registration-information/>)" page that lists the course schedule each semester. To help students develop a plan of study, each spring the Director of the Academic Excellence Center coordinates registration advising information for students and shares information about curricular planning, course offerings, recommended courses for various areas of practice, and information about subjects tested on the bar exam. Students with questions about choosing courses should consult faculty in their areas of interest and/or the Director of the Academic Excellence Center.

- **Where can I find the Student Code of Professional Responsibility?**

See the 'Professional Responsibility and Bar Admission' section of the College of Law academic catalog.

- **Where can I find out about careers, jobs, and summer internships?**

See the 'Student Organizations and Services' section of the College of Law academic catalog or visit the College of Law's website: Meredith Career Services Center (<http://law.wvu.edu/career-services/>).

- **What do I need to do in my 3L year to apply to take the bar exam the following summer?**

No later than the beginning of the fall of your 3L year, visit the bar examiners' homepage in the state where you plan to practice. The application must be started and finished in a timely manner to be able to take the exam in the summer. Some state applications are due earlier than others. The application to practice includes a character and fitness review. Contact the Director of the Academic Excellence Center for more information.

- **What do I need to do in my 3L year to prepare to take the bar exam?**

(1) Take the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE) in the spring of second year or fall of 3L year (after you have taken the class in Professional Responsibility), (2) determine what is going to be on your state's July exam, (3) explore early and summer prep programming that will prepare you for that exam (*e.g.* classes at the law school and state-specific commercial programming for the summer) and (4) connect with the Academic Excellence Center. In short, choose a program of preparation and realize that your program of preparation could begin as early as the 6th semester of law school if you choose to participate in the school's early-start bar preparation class. Contact the Director of the Academic Excellence Center for more information.

- **Upon graduation, how do I assure that I pass the exam the first time I take it in July?**

The College of Law strongly urges students to focus on and complete the summer bar exam preparation program of your choosing. Do not work unless it is absolutely necessary because studying for the exam is a full-time job.

- **I'm a graduate of the WVU College of Law and need a copy of my unofficial/official academic transcript. Who do I contact regarding this request?**

All transcript requests are made through the Office of the University Registrar. *Only official transcripts are available upon request.* Order details and instructions can be found here (<https://registrar.wvu.edu/academic-records/request-transcript/>). The College of Law no longer provides copies of transcripts and all requests will be redirected to the Office of the University Registrar.