

## XVIII. COURSE SELECTION IN LAW SCHOOL

Chase faculty and deans are frequently asked by both prospective and current law students for recommendations about selecting courses from among the many offerings in the catalog. The student sometimes has in mind an area of law or a specialty in which he or she would like to practice, although many come to law school with no such plans, and many change their plans after beginning their course of study. Because the J.D. program is intended to provide a general preparation for the practice of law, a frequent recommendation is that the student leave specialization for an LL.M. program or experience in practice. However, some general observations about course selection can be offered for anyone who already has an idea about the type of area or practice that he or she wants to have after graduation. These observations may also assist the student who has not yet decided on a career path to make a more informed decision. They should be considered within the framework of Required and Core courses that have been so designated to provide each Chase student with a well-rounded legal education and preparation for the bar examination.

Any Chase faculty member or dean will be happy to discuss with you your plans for law study and practice. You may wish to speak with your faculty advisor, but you may also wish to speak with faculty members and deans who teach or have practice experience in areas of law in which you are interested. Further information about courses and programs at Chase may be found in the Chase Catalog, in the other sections of this Student Handbook, in the registration materials distributed each semester, and on reserve in the Chase Law Library.

### A. Full-Time Students

Full-time students are expected to maintain a full-time course load. In the first year of law study, full-time students must take the following Required courses in the sequence shown below:

Fall		Spring	
Legal Analysis and Problem Solving	1		
Basic Legal Skills I / Research	2		
Basic Legal Skills I / Writing	0	Basic Legal Skills II / Writing	3
Civil Procedure I	3	Civil Procedure II	3
Contracts I	3	Contracts II	3
Torts I	3	Torts II	3
Property I	3	Property II	3

In the second year of law study, full-time students must take the following Required courses in the sequence shown below.

Fall		Spring	
Constitutional Law I	3	Constitutional Law II	3
Criminal Law	3		

In addition to the Required courses that must be taken in sequence, full-time students must also complete the following Required courses prior to graduation: Criminal Procedure, Evidence, and Professional Responsibility. These Required courses are normally offered in the following semesters in the full-time division:

Fall

Spring

Professional Responsibility	3	Criminal Procedure	3
Evidence	3		

**B. Part-Time Students**

In the first year of law study, part-time students must take the following Required courses in the sequence shown below.

Fall

Spring

Legal Analysis and Problem Solving	1		
Basic Legal Skills I / Research	2		
Basic Legal Skills I / Writing	0	Basic Legal Skills II / Writing	3
Contracts I	3	Contracts II	3
Torts I	3	Torts II	3
<b>First Summer</b>			
Criminal Law	3		

In the second year of law study, part-time students must take the following Required courses in the sequence shown below.

Fall

Spring

Property I	3	Property II	3
Civil Procedure I	3	Civil Procedure II	3
Constitutional Law I	3	Constitutional Law II	3

In addition to the Required courses that must be taken in sequence, part-time students must also complete the following Required courses prior to graduation: Criminal Procedure, Evidence, and Professional Responsibility. These Required courses are normally offered in the following semesters in the part-time division.

Fall

Spring

Criminal Procedure	3	Professional Responsibility	3
Evidence	3		

### C. Course Selection

The following Course Selection and Planning Guide is designed to help you plan your law school career by indicating when Required, Core, and Elective courses are likely to be taught each year. Please note that this guide does not guarantee that all courses will be offered in the future as they have been in the past. While we try to adhere to this guide as much as possible, we cannot provide a guarantee for several reasons. First, we are a very small dual-division school, where circumstances may arise that prevent us from offering every one of our Core and Elective courses at any given time. Second, our curriculum is continually being studied and revised, so it is always possible that changes in curriculum may occur that will alter the course selection or availability. Third, many Elective courses are taught by adjunct professors, whose availability may vary with their schedules. Fourth, our course offerings are partly dependent on student demand, which likewise may vary over time and may not be sufficient to permit a particular course to be offered. If you are certain that you want to take a particular course while at Chase, you may want to speak with the Associate Dean for Academics about its availability.

This table shows the frequency with which certain elective courses have been offered.

1. Annually: Course has ordinarily been taught at least once per year;
2. Frequently: Course has been taught most academic years;
3. Occasionally: Course has been taught on average, at least every third year; and

With courses falling in categories 2 and 3, you are strongly advised that:

If you are interested in the course, make sure to take it when it is scheduled, and

If you are strongly interested, convey your interest to the Associate Dean for Academics so that the possibility of increasing its frequency can be addressed. If there are enough students who have a need or interest in a course to justify its being offered, we will attempt to find someone with the expertise to teach it and to add it to the schedule, if we can do so in a timely fashion.

<b>Course</b>	<b>Annually</b>	<b>Freq'ly</b>	<b>Occ'ly</b>
Accounting for Lawyers		X	
Advanced Appellate Advocacy	X		
Advanced Criminal Procedure		X	
Advanced Legal Analysis Strategies	X		
Advanced Legal Research	X		
Advanced Online Legal Research		X	
Anti-Trust Law			X
Arbitration Competition		X	
Arbitration Law and Practice			X
Art Law			X
Bankruptcy		X	
Broadcast/Telecommunications/Internet Law			X
Business Basics for Lawyers		X	
Business, Technology and Regulation Seminar		X	
Chase Externship Program	X		
Children's Law Clinic	X		
Clinical Externship Program	X		
Clinical Externship Program – Local Government Law Center	X		
Clinical Internship Program – Local Government Law Center	X		
Close Corporation Problems			X
Contract Drafting	X		
Conflict of Laws			X
Constitutional Law Seminar		X	
Constitutional Litigation Clinic	X		
Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice		X	
Corporate and White Collar Crime		X	
Crimes Against Justice			X
Criminal Law/Criminal Justice Seminar		X	
Cultural Property Law			X
Death Penalty: Policy and Procedure		X	
Deposition Strategies		X	
Domestic Violence Prosecution and Trial		X	
Domestic Violence Law Seminar		X	
Drafting International Business Agreements			X
Elder Law			X
Employment Discrimination	X		
Employment Law	X		
Entertainment Law			X
Environmental Law I		X	
Equine Law			X
Ethics for Transactional Lawyers		X	
European Union Law			X
Facts, Storytelling and Persuasion		X	

<b>Course</b>	<b>Annually</b>	<b>Freq'ly</b>	<b>Occ'ly</b>
Federal Courts			X
Federal Practice and Procedure			X
Immigration Law and Policy		X	
Indigent Defense Clinic	X		
Insurance		X	
Intellectual Property Survey		X	
Intensive Trial Advocacy Program (ITAP)			X
International Business Transactions			X
International Law		X	
Interschool Competition (Mt. Ct.)	X		
Jurisprudence		X	
Juvenile Law			X
Kentucky Innocence Project	X		
Kentucky Practice and Procedure	X		
KY Criminal Justice Externship	X		
Labor Relations		X	
Land Use Planning			X
Law and Religion			X
Law and Social Problems Seminar			X
Law of Healthcare			X
Law Review	X		
Legal Drafting	X		
Legal History			X
Legislation and Statutory Interpretation			X
Mediation	X		
Modern Real Estate Transactions		X	
National Trial Advocacy Competition	X		
Not for Profit Corporations			X
Patent Law		X	
Patent Prosecution		X	
Pretrial Litigation	X		
Race, Racism and American Law			X
School Law			X
Securities Regulation			X
Sports Law			X
State and Local Government Law		X	
State Constitutional Law	X		
Supervised Independent Study	X		
Tax: Advanced Income Tax Concepts		X	
Tax: Business Organizations and Business Planning		X	
Tax: Estate and Gift Tax		X	
Tax: Estate Planning			X
Tax: IRS Legal Counsel Externship		X	
Tax: Moot Court Interschool Competition		X	

Course	Annually	Freq'ly	Occ'ly
Tax: State and Local Taxation		X	
Tax: Tax Policy Seminar		X	
Trial Advocacy	X		
Voir Dire Strategies		X	

This chart shows in which semester (fall or spring) certain Required and Core courses are likely to be offered in each division (full-time and part-time). The chart also shows, in relation to the summer term, whether the courses are offered frequently, occasionally, or rarely.

Course	Fall	Spring	Summer
<b>Required Courses:</b>			
Prof. Responsibility	Day	Evening	Frequently
Criminal Procedure	Evening	Day	Frequently
Evidence	Day/Evening	Not Offered	Occasionally
<b>Core Courses:</b>			
Administrative Law	Day	Evening	Occasionally
Agency, Partnership, LLCs	Evening	Day	Occasionally
Corporations	Day	Evening	Occasionally
Family Law	Evening	Day	Frequently
Remedies	Not Offered	Day/Evening	Rarely
Tax-Basic Income Tax	Day/Evening	Not Offered	Frequently
Concepts			
UCC: Payment Systems	Evening	Day	Occasionally
UCC: Sale and Secured	Day	Evening	Occasionally
Wills and Trusts	Day	Evening	Occasionally

<b>AREAS OF STUDY AND PRACTICE</b>	
<p><b>Business Organizations</b></p> <p><i>Suggested Courses</i></p> <p>Accounting for Lawyers  Agency, Partnership and LLCs  Anti-Trust Law  Business Basics for Lawyers  Business Technology and Regulation  Close Corporation Problems  Contract Drafting  Corporations  Not for Profit Corporations  Tax-Basic Income Tax Concepts</p>	<p><b><i>Related Areas: Commercial Transactions, International Law, Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Taxation</i></b></p> <p><i>Related Courses</i></p> <p>Administrative Law  Alternative Dispute Resolution/Mediation  Bankruptcy  Conflict of Laws  Corporate and White Collar Crime  Crimes Against Justice  Insurance Law  Intellectual Property  International Business Transactions  Legal Drafting  Securities Regulation  State and Local Taxation  Tax-Advanced Income Tax Concepts</p>
<p><b>Commercial Transactions</b></p> <p><i>Suggested Courses</i></p> <p>Bankruptcy  Broadcast/Telecommunications/Internet  Ethics for Transactional Lawyers  Legal Drafting  State and Local Taxation  UCC: Sales and Secured Transactions  UCC: Payment Systems</p>	<p><b><i>Related Areas: Business Organizations; Intellectual Property; Litigation and Dispute Resolution</i></b></p> <p><i>Related Courses</i></p> <p>Accounting for Lawyers  Alternative Dispute Resolution/Mediation  Insurance Law  Intellectual Property  International Business Transactions  Legislation and Statutory Interpretation  Tax-Basic Income Tax Concepts</p>
<p><b>Criminal Law</b></p> <p><i>Suggested Courses</i></p> <p>Advanced Criminal Procedure  Criminal Law/Criminal Justice Seminar  Corporate and White Collar Crime  Crimes Against Justice  Death Penalty Practice and Procedure  Kentucky Criminal Law Externship</p>	<p><b><i>Related Areas: Family Law; General Practice; Governmental Practice; Litigation and Dispute Resolution; Personal Injury</i></b></p> <p><i>Related Courses</i></p> <p>Federal Courts  Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiating  Juvenile Law  Race, Racism and American Law  Trial Advocacy</p>

<b>AREAS OF STUDY AND PRACTICE</b>	
<b>Employment Law</b>	<b><i>Related Areas: Business Operations; Litigation and Dispute Resolution</i></b>
<i>Suggested Courses</i>  Arbitration Law and Practice Corporate and White Collar Crime Employee Benefits Employment Law Employment Discrimination Labor Relations	<i>Related Courses</i>  Administrative Law Alternative Dispute Resolution/Mediation Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiating Remedies
<b>Environmental Law</b>	<b><i>Related Areas: Business Organizations; Governmental Practice; Litigation and Dispute Resolution; Personal Injury</i></b>
<i>Suggested Courses</i>  Administrative Law Environmental Law Land Use Planning	<i>Related Courses</i>  Alternative Dispute Resolution/Mediation Corporate and White Collar Crime Insurance
<b>Estate Planning</b>	<b><i>Related Areas: Business Organizations; Litigation and Dispute Resolution; Taxation</i></b>
<i>Suggested Courses</i>  Elder Law Tax: Bus. Organizations and Bus. Planning Tax: Estate and Gift Tax Tax: Estate Planning Tax: Tax Policy Seminar Wills and Trusts	<i>Related Courses</i>  Agency, Partnership, LLCs Alternative Dispute Resolution/Mediation Close Corporation Problems Corporations
<b>Family Law</b>	<b><i>Related Areas: Business Organizations; General Practice; Litigation and Dispute Resolution; Taxation</i></b>
<i>Suggested Courses</i>  Alternative Dispute Resolution/Mediation Domestic Violence Law Seminar Domestic Violence Prosecution and Trial Elder Law Family Law Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiating Juvenile Law Wills and Trusts	<i>Related Courses</i>  Administrative Law

<b>AREAS OF STUDY AND PRACTICE</b>	
<b>Governmental Practice</b>	<i>Related Areas: Business Organizations; Criminal Law; Environmental Law; International Law; Litigation and Dispute Resolution, National Trial Advocacy Team</i>
<i>Suggested Courses</i>  Administrative Law Broadcast/Telecommunications/Internet Corporate and White Collar Crime Crimes Against Justice European Union Law Federal Courts Immigration Law and Policy Legislation and Statutory Interpretation Local Government Intern/Externship Tax: State and Local Taxation	<i>Related Courses</i>  See Related Areas
<b>Intellectual Property</b>	<i>Related Areas: Business Organizations; Commercial Transactions; Environmental Law; Litigation and Dispute Resolution; International Law</i>
<i>Suggested Courses</i>  Administrative Law Business Technology and Regulation Intellectual Property Survey Patent Law Patent Prosecution	<i>Related Courses</i>  Antitrust Law Bankruptcy Remedies Tax: State and Local Taxation
<b>International/Transnational Law</b>	<i>Related Areas: Business Organizations; Commercial Transactions; Governmental Practice</i>
<i>Suggested Courses</i>  European Union Law Immigration Law and Policy International Business Transactions International Law	<i>Related Courses</i>  Conflict of Laws
<b>Jurisprudence</b>	<i>Related Areas: All Areas</i>
<i>Suggested Courses</i>  History of Anglo-American Law Jurisprudence Legal History	<i>Related Courses</i>

<b>AREAS OF STUDY AND PRACTICE</b>	
<p><b>Litigation and Dispute Resolution</b></p> <p><i>Suggested Courses</i></p> <p>Administrative Law  Advanced Appellate Advocacy  Alternative Dispute Resolution/Mediation  Arbitration Prac. and Procedure  Bankruptcy  Conflict of Laws  Federal Trial Practice Seminar  Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiating  Legal Drafting  Pretrial Litigation  Trial Advocacy</p>	<p><b><i>Related Areas: All Areas</i></b></p> <p><i>Related Courses</i></p> <p>Insurance  Juvenile Law  National Trial Advocacy Team  Remedies</p>
<p><b>Personal Injury</b></p> <p><i>Suggested Courses</i></p> <p>Alternative Dispute Resolution  Conflict of Laws  Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiation  Remedies  Pretrial Litigation  Trial Advocacy</p>	<p><b><i>Related Areas: Criminal Law; Family Law; General Practice; National Trial Advocacy Team; Litigation and Dispute Resolution</i></b></p> <p><i>Related Courses</i></p> <p>Bankruptcy  Insurance Law  Legal Drafting  National Trial Advocacy Team</p>
<p><b>Real Estate Transactions</b></p> <p><i>Suggested Courses</i></p> <p>Land Use Planning  Legal Drafting  Modern Real Estate Transactions</p>	<p><b><i>Related Areas: Business Organizations; Commercial Transactions; Environmental Law; General Practice; Litigation and Dispute Resolution; Taxation</i></b></p> <p><i>Related Courses</i></p> <p>Alternative Dispute Resolution/Mediation  Bankruptcy  UCC: Sales and Secured Transactions</p>

<b>AREAS OF STUDY AND PRACTICE</b>	
<b>Taxation</b>	<i>Related Areas: Business Organizations; Commercial Transactions; Estate Planning; Family Law; Governmental Practice; Litigation and Dispute Resolution; Real Estate Transactions</i>
<i>Suggested Courses</i>  Administrative Law Tax: Advanced Tax Concepts Tax: Bus. Organizations and Bus. Planning Tax: Estate and Gift Tax Tax: Estate Planning Tax: IRS Legal Counsel Externship Tax: Moot Court Interschool Competition Tax: State and Local Taxation Tax: Tax Policy Seminar	<i>Related Courses</i>  Agency, Partnership and LLCs Alternative Dispute Resolution/Mediation Close Corporation Problems Corporate and White Collar Crime Corporations Wills and Trusts
<b>Other Specialty Practice Areas</b>	
<i>Suggested Courses</i>  Admiralty Bankruptcy Insurance	