

**FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY**  
**COLLEGE OF LAW**

**GUIDE TO REQUIRED COURSES  
AND RECOMMENDED BAR EXAM  
SUBJECTS**

**2011-2012**

**SUMMARY OF REQUIRED COURSES**

All students must complete the following courses and requirements:

- Business Organizations
- Civil Procedure I & II
- Clinical Program or Pro Bono Service
- Constitutional Law I & II
- Contracts I & II
- Criminal Law
- Evidence
- Legal Methods I & II
- Mission-Related Course (applies to students entering in Fall 2010 or later)
- Professional Responsibility
- Property I & II
- Torts I & II
- Upper Level Writing Requirement

**REQUIRED COURSES**  
**FULL-TIME PROGRAM**

**FIRST YEAR REQUIRED COURSES**

First year students are required to take the following courses in the sequences set forth below. Full-time students must enroll in day sections of these courses.

**Fall Semester**

Course	Credit Hours
Civil Procedure I	3
Contracts I	3
Legal Methods I	3
Property I	3
Torts I	3

**Total Credits: 15**

**Spring Semester**

Course	Credit Hours
Civil Procedure II	3
Contracts II	3
Legal Methods II	2
Property II	2
Torts II	2
Constitutional Law I	3

**Total Credits: 15**

**UPPER –LEVEL REQUIRED COURSES**  
**FULL-TIME STUDENTS ENTERING THE COLLEGE OF LAW BEFORE FALL 2010**

Students who entered the College of Law before Fall 2010 must complete the upper-level required courses listed below.

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
Business Organizations	4
Constitutional Law II	3
Criminal Law	3
Evidence	4
Professional Responsibility	2

Full-time students must enroll in day sections of Business Organizations, Constitutional Law II, Criminal Law, Evidence, and Professional Responsibility.

**Sequencing of Upper-Level Required Courses**

**Second Year, Fall Semester** – Students must take the following courses in the fall semester of the second year of study:

- Constitutional Law II
- Evidence
- Professional Responsibility

**Second Year, Fall Semester or Spring Semester**

- Criminal Law

**Second Year or Third Year**

- Business Organizations

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

**Upper-Level Writing Requirements (2 credits)**

Students must write a substantial research paper in a qualifying seminar or an approved, faculty supervised independent research project. To satisfy the requirement, the research paper must be a minimum of **25 pages**, earn a grade of **B-** or above, and meet all standards of the Upper-level Writing Requirement. For more information, please see the 2011-2012 Student Handbook.

**Clinical Program or Pro Bono Service**

All students are required to engage in public service by participating in and satisfactorily completing either one of several available clinical offerings, or by completing at least 20 hours of approved pro bono service. For more information, please see the 2011-2012 Student Handbook and information available in the Clinic office.

**UPPER LEVEL REQUIRED COURSES**  
**FULL-TIME STUDENTS ENTERING THE COLLEGE OF LAW IN FALL 2010 OR LATER**

Students who entered the College of Law in Fall 2010 or later must complete the upper-level required courses listed below.

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
Business Organizations	4
Constitutional Law II	3
Criminal Law	3
Evidence	4
Mission-Related Course	2 or 3*
Professional Responsibility	2

\*Depending on Course

**Mission-Related Courses**

Students must complete one Mission-Related Course at the College of Law. Courses designated as Mission-Related will be taught in a manner that includes thematic coverage of items central to the College of Law mission, including, as appropriate, themes related to slavery and enslavement, colonization, segregation/apartheid, globalization/neo-colonization, and freedom movements (civil rights, human rights, women’s rights).

The College of Law has designated the following courses as Mission-Related.

- Critical Race Theory Seminar (2 credits) (offered as an Advanced Topics Seminar in Fall 2011)
- Public International Law (3 credits)
- Race and the Law (3 credits)

**Sequencing of Upper-Level Required Courses**

**Second Year, Fall Semester** – Students must take the following courses in the fall semester of the second year of study:

- Constitutional Law II
- Evidence
- Professional Responsibility

**Second Year, Fall Semester or Spring Semester**

- Criminal Law

**Second Year or Third Year**

- Business Organizations
- Mission-Related Course

Full-time students must enroll in day sections of Business Organizations, Constitutional Law II, Criminal Law, Evidence and Professional Responsibility. Full-time students may enroll in day or evening sections of Mission-Related Courses.

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**Highly Recommended Core Electives in Bar Examination Subject Matter Areas**

The faculty strongly encourages students to take the courses listed below, which cover subject matter tested on the Florida Bar Examination. In the past, the College of Law required all students to take these courses. Highlighting these courses reflects the view that a student will benefit from taking these courses, no matter what area of practice he or she chooses.

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
Criminal Procedure: Arrest and Investigation	3
Criminal Procedure: Pre-Trial	3
Criminal Procedure Survey	3
Estates and Trusts	3
Family Law	3
Florida Bar Law and Skills	4
Florida Constitutional Law	2
Florida Practice	2
Multistate Bar Law and Skills	4
Payment Systems*	3
Remedies	3
Secured Transactions*	3
Sales	2

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**REQUIRED COURSES**  
**PART-TIME PROGRAM**

**First Year Required Courses**

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**Fall Semester**

Course	Credit Hours
Civil Procedure I	3
Contracts I	3
Legal Methods I	3

**Total Credits: 9**

**Spring Semester**

Course	Credit Hours
Civil Procedure II	3
Contracts II	3
Legal Methods II	2

**Total Credits: 8**

(Students may not enroll in elective courses in the second semester of the first year.)

**Summer Session**

Course	Credit Hours
Criminal Law	3
Professional Responsibility	2

**Total Required Credits: 5**

(Students may enroll in elective courses during the summer session of the first year.)

**Second Year Evening Program Required Courses**

**Fall Semester**

Students must take the following courses in fall semester of the second year of study.

Course	Credit Hours
Constitutional law I	3
Torts I	3
Property I	3

**Total Credits: 9**

**Spring Semester**

Students must take the following courses in the Spring semester of the second year of study.

Course	Credit Hours
Constitutional Law II	3
Torts II	2
Property II	2

**Total Credits: 7\***

\*Second year students in the part time program have limited options for electives because they have not completed the foundational courses. Accordingly, second year part-time students who enroll in the required seven (7) credits only during the spring semester will be considered to be in compliance with the College of Law's minimum course load rules.

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**PART TIME STUDENT ENTERING THE COLLEGE OF LAW BEFORE FALL 2010.**

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Business Organizations	4
Evidence	4

**Sequencing of Upper- Level Required Courses**

**No Later than Third Year, Fall Semester**

- Evidence

**No Later than the Expected Semester of Graduation**

- Business Organizations

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