



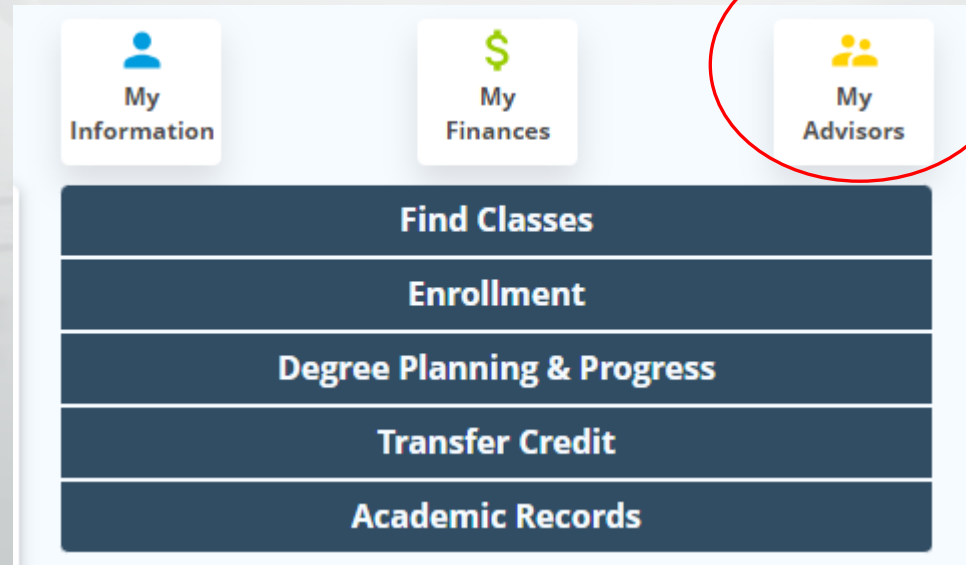
Course Selection & Registration Workshop

Fall 2025

Academic Advice

For assistance in choosing courses and planning an individualized curriculum to meet individual interests, students should meet with their assigned faculty advisor, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, or any faculty member.

Your faculty advisor can be found under “My Advisors” in LionPATH.



Core Legal Competence Courses

<https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/academics/academic-advisement>

Academic Advisement

Law school courses prepare students for the legal profession and offer students an opportunity to explore the diverse role of law in society. For assistance in choosing courses and planning an individualized curriculum to meet individual interests, students should meet with their assigned faculty advisor, the Associate Dean, or any faculty member. **A well-rounded legal education includes most of the following courses which comprise the core knowledge of all lawyers, most of which are routinely tested on state bar examinations.**

Core Legal Competence Courses:

Constitutional Law II

Sales

Evidence

Basic Federal Income Taxation

Conflict of Laws

Corporations

Wills, Trusts and Estates

Family Law

Administrative Law

Remedies

Secured Transactions

Essay Subjects on the UBE 2025-2027

MEE for 3L's (Class of 2025)

First year substantive courses and

- Business Associations
- Evidence
- Sales
- Conflict of Laws
- Family Law
- Wills, Trusts and Estates
- Secured Transactions

MEE for Class of 2026 and 2027

First year substantive courses and

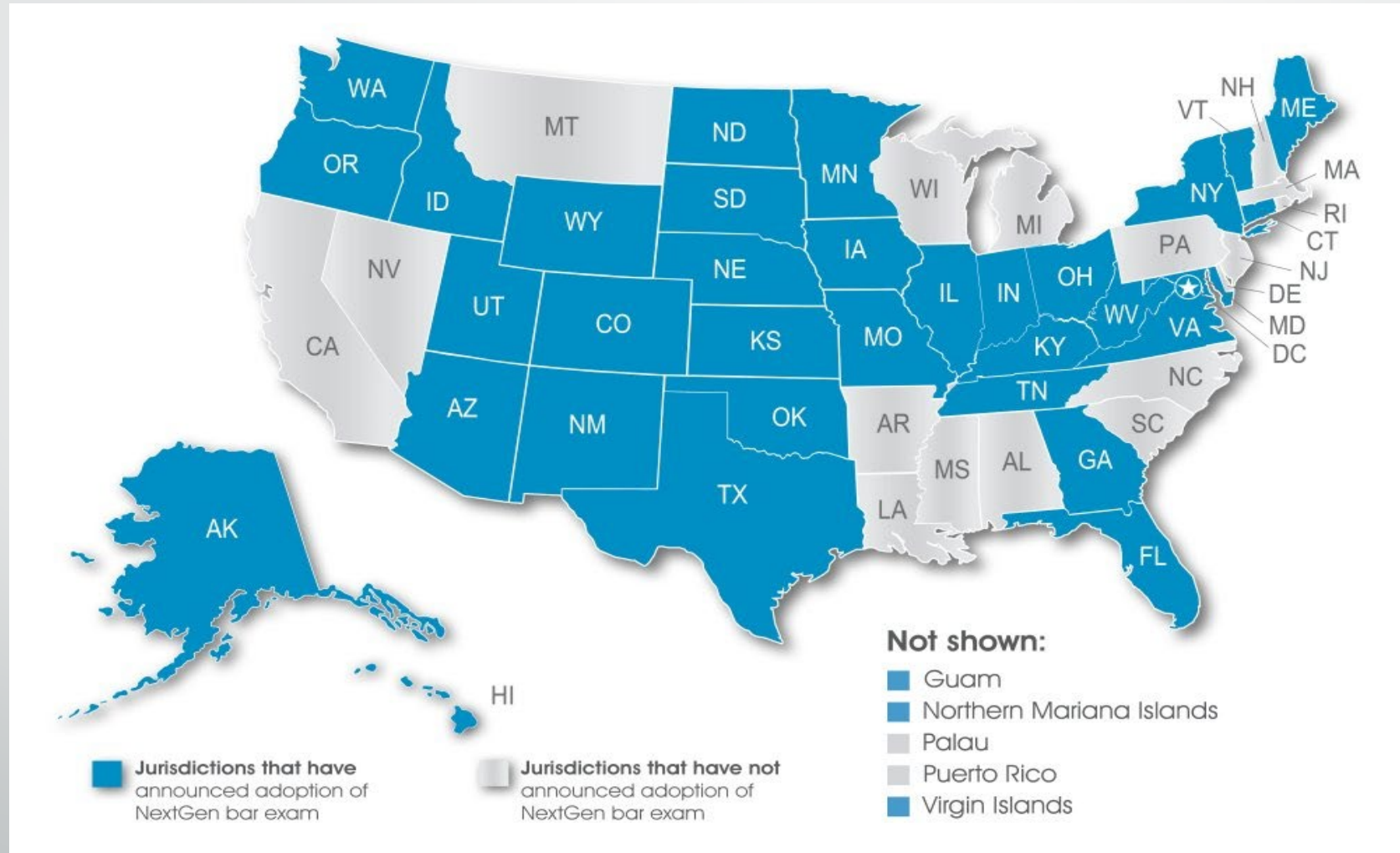
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Multistate Performance Test

- **From July 2026 through February 2028, both Family Law and Trusts and Estates will be tested regularly through the Multistate Performance Test.**

The MPT is designed to test an examinee's ability to use fundamental lawyering skills in a realistic situation and complete a task that a beginning lawyer should be able to accomplish. The MPT is not a test of substantive knowledge. Rather, it is designed to evaluate certain fundamental skills lawyers are expected to demonstrate regardless of the area of law in which the skills are applied.

NextGen



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July 2026:

Connecticut, Guam, Idaho, Maryland, Missouri, Northern Mariana Islands, Oregon, Virgin Islands, Washington

July 2027:

Arizona, Iowa, Kentucky, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, West Virginia, Wyoming

February 2028:

District of Columbia

July 2028:

Alaska, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, New York, Ohio, Texas, Utah, Virginia

Date to be announced:

- Illinois (2028)

NCBE

- <https://www.ncbex.org/exams/nextgen>
- <https://www.ncbex.org/>
- <https://www.ncbex.org/exams/ube>

Fall 2025 Enrollment Dates



March 17th

Schedule of Courses Released in LionPATH



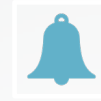
March 17th

Enrollment Shopping Carts Open in LionPATH



**March 21st
12:00 a.m.**

Registration Begins for students with Priority Registration



**March 24th
12:00 a.m.**

Registration Begins for JD students with 45 or more credits



**March 26th
12:00 a.m.**

Registration Begins for JD students with 28.0-44.9 credits



**March 27th
12:00 a.m.**

Registration Begins for JD students with 27.99 and below credits

***You will find your enrollment dates on the Student Center in LionPATH.
Please see the example below:***

Enrollment Dates			MORE
Enrollment Appointment			
Term	Begins on	Ends on	
Spring 2025 LawP	10/18/2024 12:00AM	1/12/2025 11:59PM	
Fall 2025 LawP	3/21/2025 12:00AM	8/24/2025 11:59PM	
Shopping Cart Appointment			
Term	Begins on	Ends on	
Spring 2025	10/8/2024 12:00AM	3/20/2025 11:59PM	
Fall 2025	3/17/2025 12:00AM	8/31/2025 11:59PM	

Before Enrollment...

Pre-Registration Activity Guide – Fall 2025

You must complete the Pre-Registration Activity Guide found on your To-Do list on your student center in LionPATH. You will not be able to enroll until this is completed.



HOLDS

If your academic record is subject to a hold, you will not be able to register. You should check the status of your academic record in your Student Center in LionPATH before your enrollment date.



Registration Information

<https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/registration-information>



LionPATH Student Help

<https://lionpathsupport.psu.edu/student-help/>

J.D. Degree Requirements

DEGREE AUDIT

(Academic Requirements Report)

You can use your Degree Audit along with your J.D. Requirements information to ensure you are staying on track to meet your graduation requirements.

- [Running a Degree Audit \(video\)](#) – [Running a Degree Audit Doc](#)
- [Interpreting a Degree Audit \(video\)](#) – [Interpreting a Degree Audit Doc](#)

Please note that these videos and documents were generally written to apply to all cohorts of students at Penn State. Therefore, some of the information may not apply specifically to Penn State Law students.

1. Earn at least 88 credits, including all [first-year required courses](#). The maximum number of credits permitted per semester is 17.
2. Be in residence for six semesters. To be in residence, the student must enroll in at least 12 credits, at full tuition, and not work more than 20 hours per week during the semester. Credits earned through the [Semester in Washington Program](#), the Semester in Harrisburg Program, the [Externships Everywhere Program](#), and authorized Penn State Law semester-long [study abroad programs](#) may be used to fulfill this requirement. Credits earned during the summer months may not be used to fulfill this requirement.
3. Complete with a grade of at least C one course designated as an [Upper-Level Writing Seminar course](#).
4. Complete with a grade of at least C the course in [Professional Responsibility](#).
5. Complete with a grade of at least a C one or more [experiential course\(s\)](#) totaling at least six credit hours.
6. Complete the Professional Development program that takes place during January of your 1L year.
7. Complete with a grade of at least a C one course approved by the faculty to comply with [ABA 303\(c\)](#).

Each student is responsible for fulfilling the above graduation requirements. Students should track their academic record and should seek clarification as needed from the faculty, deans, registrar and other administrative personnel.

Fall 2025 Academic Calendar

Intent to Graduate-Activation Period	August 18, 2025 – September 16, 2025
First Day of Classes	August 25, 2025
Last Day to Drop Classes	August 30, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. (ET)
Last Day to Add Classes	August 31, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. (ET)
Pass/Fail Request Period	August 25, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. through September 15, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
Labor Day Holiday <i>No Classes (University closed)</i>	September 1, 2025
Modified Class Schedule	November 25, 2025 – classes will follow a Friday schedule.
Thanksgiving Holiday- No Classes	November 26-28, 2025
Last Day of Classes	December 4, 2025
Study Days	December 5-7, 2025
Final Exams	December 8, 2025-December 19, 2025

Grading Deadline:

Grades are due from faculty on Tuesday, January 6, 2026.

LionPATH Wait List & Course Swap

You can choose to enroll in the Wait List when a class is full. The Wait List is like a line. When a seat becomes open, the student at the top of the list is automatically enrolled in the class, and everyone moves up a spot. Students should monitor the courses they add to their Wait List and remove courses they do not wish to keep on their Wait List. The Wait List will be available and run through the last day of the regular drop period.

Important Note: You will not be automatically enrolled in a class from the wait list if any of the following apply to you:

- 1) You have an active registration hold.
- 2) Course controls prevent your registration in the course.
- 3) There is a time/date conflict with a course already on your registration.
- 4) The addition of the course will cause the 17-credit registration limit to be exceeded.

To avoid # 3 and #4, the course that is being wait listed must be added using the [course swap](#) feature in LionPATH at the time the wait listed registration is being added.

Additional Resources



Co-Curricular Credit
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PSU Non-Law
Courses



Spring 2026
Anticipated Courses



Timely Registration
News



Student Academic
Handbook



Registration
Information



Questions?

