**Spring 2024 – FAQs for 1L Elective Selection**

**Who is eligible to choose a 1L elective?**

All **full-time** 1L students will choose an elective as their fifth course for the spring semester. Full-time students who are ranked in the top 75% of the 1L class after the fall semester will remain in the 2- or 3-hour course they have chosen from the list of courses. Students who are ranked in the remaining 25% after the first semester will be enrolled in Principles of Legal Analysis, an excellent course that focuses on strengthening legal analysis and legal writing skills, and they will be dropped from the elective they have chosen. (Students ranked in the bottom 26-33% may also choose the Principles of Legal Analysis as their elective once ranks are published.)

**How were courses identified for the 1L elective?**

The courses identified as suitable for the 1L elective were identified by the faculty teaching the courses based on an understanding of what courses full-time 1Ls will have completed in the fall semester and what courses full-time 1Ls will enroll in for the spring semester. These courses include courses that are part of our required curriculum, courses that are part of our certificates, and other courses that we think may interest you.

**When and how will 1Ls choose their elective?**

1Ls will choose their elective on **Friday, November 17, 2023, between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.** Associate Director Dawn Harvey will send a link to students by email on the morning of November 17th for a site called Qualtrics, which will be the site on which you will register. **YOU WILL NOT REGISTER USING LORA SELF-SERVICE, but you can use LSS to organize your Course Planner to see if the elective will fit in your schedule.** You will choose an available elective from the courses listed. When seats in a course are full, that course will no longer be an option, and you will need to select a course from among the available options for you that have remaining seats. You will have an opportunity beginning **November 27th** to request a course section change and/or waitlist for another course.

**How many seats are available in each course section?**

The current number of seats available in each section will be identified on the Academic Affairs Website under Schedule of Classes and Course Descriptions on the afternoon of **November 16th**. That number will change as students register on that Friday, November 17th.

**What if the course I choose is full when I try to register?**

The Qualtrics site will only show courses with available seats. When all seats are taken in a course, that course will no longer be available for students to choose from. You should then move to your second or third choice in which seats are available and select that course.

**What happens if I am subject to the Guided Curriculum because I am ranked in the bottom 25% of the class after first semester grades are submitted?**

Students who rank in the bottom 25% of the 1L class after first semester grades are submitted will automatically be enrolled in the Principles of Legal Analysis course, and they will be dropped from their
chosen elective. Students ranked in the bottom 26% to 33% may opt to enroll in Principles of Legal Analysis as their elective. Students are advised not to purchase materials for their 1L elective until they are sure they will remain in the chosen course. 1L ranks will be run once all 1L grades are submitted, which we expect to be the weekend before the semester begins.

What if the rest of my spring schedule does not appear on LORA Self-Service?

If your schedule does not appear on LORA Self-Service, you should ensure you have signed off on the Student Agreement on LORA (only if needed), that you have no financial or other holds on your account, and you have confirmed your emergency contact information.

Students are able to choose a 2-hour or a 3-hour course as their elective. How will this difference be factored into class rankings after the 1L year for purposes of law journal candidacy and Phi Delta Phi Legal fraternity?

We will base these rankings on the four required courses, and exclude the 1L elective and Principles of Legal Analysis.

Some thoughts on making your selection follow.

1) Make sure that the course you choose fits into your schedule, and it does not conflict with the day and time of one of your required courses.

2) Required courses that you may choose include Torts II, Lawyering III/Ethics (Lawyering II is NOT a prerequisite for Lawyering III), and Constitutional Criminal Procedure. You can't go wrong choosing to complete a requirement you will need to complete anyway sometime during law school. Law & Poverty and Law & Poverty Seminar: Social Justice Lawyering both satisfy the Law & Poverty requirement. Because the Lawyering II (Appellate Advocacy) course is an experiential course in which all 1Ls will be enrolled, we do not list any experiential courses for the spring.

3) Several courses are courses that are part of certificates.
Environmental Law certificate: Natural Resources Law, Toxic Torts  
Tax Law certificate: State and Local Taxation  
Health Law certificate: Health Law II, Elder & Disabled Law, Medical Malpractice, Healthcare Fraud & Abuse Law  
International Legal Studies: Law of the European Union I  
Law, Technology, & Entrepreneurship: Employment Discrimination

4) Other courses include the following. In the area of family law and a civil law course, Civil Law of Persons. Two Professional Seminars that may interest you include Professional Seminar: Privacy Law and Professional Seminar: Intersection of Law, Politics, & Policy. For those interested in business, Creditors Rights and Bankruptcy.