

UNDERSTANDING OSEL SKILLS COURSES

General Skills Requirement

- All JD students must earn 8 total skills credits to graduate.
- Students may earn skills credits from OSEL-hosted skills courses or from any of the available sources of skills credit listed in the Local Rules.

Required Skills Competencies

- Within the 8-credit total, students must earn at least 1 skills course satisfying each of the required skills competencies:

SKR1: Client Interviewing

SKR2: Negotiation

SKR3: Cultural Competence

SKR4: Law Office Management/Professionalism

Skills credits are added to a student's transcript under institutional coursework as they are earned so students can track their progress towards the graduation requirement.

REGISTERING FOR SKILLS COURSES

- **Register through Blackboard at least 24 hours in advance**
 - Students who miss the registration deadline may still attend and receive credit but must file a Motion for Skill Credit.
 - Registration links are available on the Skills Calendar section of the website under the course description and are also usually distributed through social media and the Loyola Law Weekly
- **Registration Instructions**
 - Click on the "Click Here To Register" link under the course description of the desired skills course. After logging in to Blackboard, follow the "Click here to enroll" link. This will take you to a second screen with a panel on the left hand side of the screen that you may need to maximize. Click the green "+ Enroll" button in the panel to complete the process.
 - To check if you have enrolled successfully, make sure the class is listed under your Blackboard courses.

COURSE TITLE

Below is an example of a skills course title. You will see these on flyers around campus, the skills calendar, and law school monitors.

SKL-TRAN-101218: Risk Management

COURSE PREFIX

The first few letters of the title will explain the type of credit.

SKL: Skills Lecture

- This course is for general skills credit

SKR1, SKR2, SKR3, or SKR4: Skills Requirement

- This course satisfies one of the four required skills competencies:

SKR1: Client Interviewing

SKR2: Negotiation

SKR3: Cultural Competence

SKR4: Law Office Management and Professionalism

Note: Some skills courses may require submission of a reflection paper or assignment to earn skills credit when noted on the course description.

SKILLS TRACK

Next, you may see TRAN, MAR, CIV, SOCJ, or CRIM in the course title. This means this course is part of a skills track.

For example:

SKL-TRAN-091815: Mergers & Acquisitions

This course is part of the “**Transactional Law**” skills track.

 **CIVIL**

 **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

 **MARITIME**

 **CRIMINAL**

 **TRANSACTIONAL**

COURSE NUMBER

Next, you may see a short combination of numbers. These numbers give you the month, date and year in which the course will be taught.

For example:

SKL-MAR-09182018: Maritime Primer

This course will take place on September 18th and 20th, 2018.

LAW COURSES CONFERRING SKILLS CREDIT

- Students may also earn skills credit for some of their regular academic courses, including all experiential courses and certain other LAW courses with a skills component.
- Each qualifying LAW course earns 1 general skills credit unless otherwise noted. Students may earn no more than 4 skills credits from LAW courses.
- Some courses only confer skills credit when taught by certain professors or only after a particular semester depending on when they were approved for skills credit.
- Please review the Skills Inventory on our website to see which LAW classes confer skills credit.

www.law.loyno.edu/lawskills

OTHER SOURCES OF SKILLS CREDIT

- **ONLINE:** Students in their final semester can earn up to three skills credit through the viewing of online skills courses
- **CLE:** Students can earn up to two skills credits for attending approved off-campus CLEs
- **See Prof. Hector Linares, Coordinator of Skills & Experiential Learning, or email him at halinare@loyno.edu for more details**

SKILLS AWARD

You can also win an award!

The student who, at the time of graduation, has earned the most skills credits shall receive the honor of the Skills Award reflecting dedication to practical training and experiential learning. The student shall receive a certificate reflecting the honor and may include the honor on their résumé.

ENJOY!

Good news! Skills courses are FREE, so take as many as you can to build up your transcript. Just think, your transcript could look like the the one below.

LAW SKILL COURSES:

SKL-090613: Client Interviewing (Civil)
SKL-091413: How to Take a Deposition of a Medical Expert
SKP-091313: Client Interviewing (Criminal)
SKP-092013: Client Interviewing (Transactional)
SKP-09171913: Voir Dire Practicum
SKL-091713: Lawyers in the Great Tradition
SKP-09242613: Client Interviewing (Health Care)
SKP-10010313: Health Care Primer
SKL-CLE-100513: Basics of Estate Planning
SKL-CLE-092813: Louisiana Legislative Update
SKP-101113: Direct/Cross and Evidence Drills
SKL-101113: Virtual Marketing and Social Media
SKL-CLE-101213: Building your Practice
SKP-101813: Drafting LLC and Articles of Organization
SKL-101813: Professional & Social Interaction Skills
SKP-101913: Law Office Management for Solo Practice
SKL-10222413: Practicing in Federal Court