**CHECKLIST OF ISSUES FOR CURRICULUM PLANNING**

84 credits to graduate: 30 1L plus 54 upper-level; average 13.5 credits per upper-level semester, for 4 semesters. Of the 84, the following limitations apply:

- **Per semester credits**: minimum of 12, maximum of 16 *(including credit earned through the Paulsen Competition)*

- **Externships**: maximum of 2 externships; special permission may be granted under certain conditions for a third externship

- **Teaching Assistantship**: maximum of 2 credits; (note: research assistants do not get credits, they get paid)

- **NYS Court of Appeals/ABA Rules**:
  - A **maximum of 20 credits** from the following group of credit-bearing enterprises can count towards the 84 credits:
    - Field work for Alexander Fellows (10 credits), the Pro Bono Scholars Practicum Field Work (10 credits) and the Prosecutor Practicum (10 credits)
    - *Both* field work *and* classroom work from the following clinics:
      - Criminal Appeals Clinic, Family Court Clinic, Fashion Law Practicum; Holocaust Claims Restitution Practicum
    - *Both* field work *and* classroom work from Field Clinics and Externships
    - Journals
    - Moot Court and all competition teams (e.g., ADR Competition Honor Society, etc.)
    - Independent Research
    - Course entitled: “Legal Practice”, Law 7825 (1 credit)
    - Teaching Assistant
    - New School Courses
    - Courses at other divisions of Yeshiva University (e.g., AECOM, Wurzweiler, etc.)
    - Credits in Excess of Classroom Meeting Hours for Regularly Scheduled Courses
      - (e.g.1 credit for Pretrial Practice, 1 credit for Real Estate Reporter, 1 credit for Contract Drafting, 3rd credit (if applicable) of IP Colloquium)

  - A **maximum of 30 total credits from the preceding group AND the following group** may count towards the 84 credits:
    - Both field work and classroom work for:
      - Advanced Mediation Practicum; Asylum Access Ecuador Intensive Clinic; Bet Tzedek Clinic; Civil Rights Clinic; Criminal Defense Clinic; Divorce Mediation Clinic; Guardianship Clinic; Human Rights and Atrocity Prevention Clinic (formerly known as the Human Rights and Genocide Clinic); Immigration Justice Clinic; Indie Film Clinic, Innocence Project; Mediation Clinic; Securities Arbitration Clinic; Tech Start-up Clinic; Youth Justice Clinic; and the classroom seminar component for Alexander
Fellows (2 credits), Prosecutor Practicum (2 credits) and Pro Bono Scholars Practicum (2 credits).

- **Experiential/Skills Requirement**: Students beginning their studies in or after May 2014 shall be required to complete 4 experiential credits; students beginning in or after May 2015 shall be required to complete 5 experiential credits; and students beginning in or after May 2016 or thereafter shall be required to complete 6 experiential credits. The classes and credits that can be used to satisfy this requirement are noted on the JD Course List and in the Course Description document.

- **Writing Requirement**: can be satisfied through (i) designated paper course, (ii) note for a journal or brief for moot court, or (iii) independent study project with substantial writing component. Registering for a designated course or an independent student or writing a journal note does not mean you will get writing credit. You must hand in drafts and rewrite the writing project based on supervising professor’s comments.

- **ALR**: one credit Advanced Legal Research (generally offered at 8:30 in the morning)

- **Professional Responsibility**: one stand-alone course designated as satisfying the PR requirement. For example: Professional Responsibility, Ethics in Litigation, Ethics for the Business Attorney, etc.

- **Core Course Requirement** -- Students must take a minimum of 5 of the following 13 courses in order to graduate:
  - Administrative Law
  - Comparative Law
  - Conflicts of Law
  - Constitutional Law II
  - Corporations
  - Criminal Procedure
  - Evidence
  - Family Law
  - Federal Courts
  - Federal Taxation
  - International Law
  - Jurisprudence
  - Trusts and Estates
Graduation appointment: must be done with the Registrar the semester before the semester in which you are scheduled to graduate. You cannot graduate or sit for a state bar examination without this meeting.

Additional details are available from the following sources:

a) the Student Handbook, Registration Information Packet, JD Guide to Course Selection, and course evaluations from prior years;

b) individual appointments with a member of the Office of Student Services and Advising;

c) faculty members;

d) fellow students.

Additional requirements for bar admission (but not for graduation):

- **MPRE**: Students can and should take the Multi-State Professional Responsibility Exam (“MPRE”) while in law school. Additional information is available in the Registrar’s Office.

- **Pro Bono Requirement**: New York State requires that applicants for admission demonstrate that they have performed 50 hours of qualifying uncompensated, law-related pro bono work performed under the supervision of an attorney. Additional information is available through the Office of Career Services.

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