



Summer 2025

Summer 2025 Course Catalog

Summer Semester 2025, May 19th - August 1st



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2024-2025 ACADEMIC CALENDAR - ALL CAMPUSES

2024 FALL SEMESTER

July 22 – August 4	Registration for Fall 2024-Spring 2025-Summer 2025 (All Campuses)
July 22 - July 25	Orientation (All Campuses) Mandatory for All First Year Students
August 19	Classes Begin (All Campuses)
August 19 –September 1	Drop Period - Fall 2024 Classes (no fees)
September 2	Labor Day (Classes may be rescheduled)
November 28	Thanksgiving (Classes may be rescheduled)
November 28	Last Day of Instruction
December 2 - December 6	Study Week
December 9 - December 13	Fall Semester Midterm and Final Exams
December 14 – January 5	Semester Break (No classes)
December 14 - January 5	Add Period - Spring 2025 Classes
December 14 – January 5	Winter Break – Administrative Offices Closed

2025 SPRING SEMESTER

January 6	Classes Begin
January 6	Spring Start Begins
January 6 - January 19	Drop Period - Spring 2025 Classes (no fees)
January 20	Martin Luther King Day (Classes may be rescheduled)
February 17	Presidents Day (Classes may be rescheduled)
March 24 - April 15	Selection for Summer 2025 Electives
April 17	Last Day of Instruction (<i>Continuing and Spring Start students</i>)
April 21 - April 25	Study Week
April 28- May 2	Spring Semester Final Exams (<i>Continuing and Spring Start students</i>)
May 3 - May 18	Semester Break (No classes)
May 3 - May 18	Add Period - Summer 2025 (no fees)

2025 SUMMER SEMESTER

May 19	Classes Begin
May 19 - June 2	Drop Period - Summer 2025 Classes (no fees)
tba	Graduation (SLO Students)
tba	Graduation (KCCL Students)
tba	Graduation (MCL Students)
May 26	Memorial Day (Classes may be rescheduled)
June 19	Juneteenth (Classes may be rescheduled)
July 4	Independence Day (Classes may be rescheduled)
July 25	Last Day of Instruction
July 28 – August 1	Summer Semester Final Exams
July 21 – August 3	Registration Fall 2025–Spring 2026-Summer 2026 Academic Year (All Campuses)
tba	Orientation
August 2 – August 17	Semester Break (No classes)
August 18	Fall 2025 Classes Begin



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Course Title	Campus	Course Type	Units	Eligible Cohort Year (s)	Class Cap	Course Description
Advanced Case Litigation	Online	Elective	2	2L, 3L, 4L Only	15	This hands-on course provides students with simulated real-world experience in managing a case from start to finish. Students will work through the litigation process, beginning with the initial complaint (civil or criminal) and progressing through client and witness interactions, discovery, pre-trial motions, and trial. Each side will have access to an evidence bank—including physical and digital evidence and witness statements—and will follow a structured case schedule with firm deadlines for filings, arguments, and trial proceedings. By engaging in practical exercises and simulated casework, students will develop critical litigation skills essential for real-world practice.
Appellate Writing	All	Required	2	2L	Varies	Students will gain experience in litigation, motion writing, and appeals. Our primary purpose is to further refine your skills in legal writing by exposing you to complex law and motion and appellate writing. Prerequisite: Legal Writing I, Legal Writing II
Art Law in the Era of the Internet and Gig Economy	Online	Elective (General & Tech)	2	1L, 2L, 3L, 4L	15	Through reading cases, articles, and other materials, students will explore the complex issues regarding creativity and copyright law. In the era of the Internet and the "gig" economy, it really is "the best of times" and "the worst of times." The barrier to being a professional creative is lower than it ever has been, but at the same time, even as people hunger for more creative content, it is harder than ever to make a living doing it. The modern age is largely an age of remix, reuse, and repurpose, but it creates a landscape where creative's rights are challenged as they never have been before. Both creatives, and society as a whole, need lawyers who understand all of the nuances of this issue.
Artificial Intelligence in Legal Practice: Navigating Technology, Ethics, and Analysis	Online	Elective (General & Tech)	1	2L, 3L, 4L Only	15	This course is designed for second- and third-year law students, aiming to bridge the gap between traditional legal studies and the dynamic world of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and data analysis. Through five comprehensive sessions, students will learn AI's foundational concepts, ethical considerations, biases in AI applications, and practical data analysis skills using Microsoft Excel. Culminating in student-led presentations on AI topics, this course not only enlightens students about AI's transformative impact on legal practice but also equips them with hands-on skills in Excel, enhanced by AI, to analyze real-world legal case data effectively. The integration of AI and Excel training, coupled with ethical discussions and real-world legal case studies, prepares future legal professionals for an AI-driven world, ensuring they remain at the forefront of legal innovation.
Bankruptcy	Online	Elective	1	1L, 2L, 3L, 4L	15	Bankruptcy is a summer-elective, five-session, one-unit, survey course. Its purpose is to acquaint you with individual and business entity liquidation or reorganization. It will examine the economic and social policies that influenced the development of the modern bankruptcy code. The course will focus on the three main types of bankruptcy relief that you will likely encounter in practice: Chapter 7 (liquidation); Chapter 13 (individual debt adjustment); and Chapter 11 (reorganization). Relief under Chapter 9 (municipalities), Chapter 12 (family farm reorganization), and Chapter 15 (cross-border insolvency) will not be discussed in detail.
Communication Skills for Lawyers: Difficult Conversations Lab	Online	Elective	2	1L, 2L, 3L, 4L	15	Whether sharing bad news with a client, apologizing for a mistake, providing feedback, or talking with a colleague about an uncomfortable issue, the ability to handle difficult conversations respectfully and professionally has never been more necessary. In fact, the most in-demand skill of professionals is good communication, according to LinkedIn's 2024 global inventory. With artificial intelligence's increasing prominence in the workplace, mastering uniquely human skills like empathy, intuition and self-knowledge creates a path to professional achievement. This lab will identify the key elements of preparing for, conducting, and concluding difficult conversations. Students will have class time to practice these skills through role plays.
Core Mediation Training	Online	Required	2	1L, 2L, 3L, 4L	15	This online intensive 10-week, 32-hour Mediation Certification Training will teach you how to help others work through their conflicts. This course meets the requirements of the California Dispute Resolution Programs Act for mediators. The communication and problem-solving skills taught are applicable in a wide range of situations including work, personal and community life.

Death and Cemeteries	Online	Elective	2	1L, 2L, 3L, 4L	15	This course explores legal issues surrounding death, including burial, body and organ donation, and legal implications of state and federal cemetery practices. Students will develop practical skills essential for navigating new areas of law in response to client needs. Emphasis is placed on researching complex legal topics, distilling key findings into clear, concise presentations and written materials, and effectively communicating legal concepts to clients.
Gibson Appellate Advocacy	Online	Fulfills writing requirement for Joint JD/MLS Degree	2	3L	N/A	The course will be devoted to writing an appellate brief using the same fictional closed universe case used in moot court. Students will be evaluated on legal writing skill, including the correct use of legal terminology. The highest-quality briefs will be well-organized, concise and persuasive. Citations must be consistent with the California Style Manual citation format. The format of the brief must also conform to the Rules of the United States District Court of Appeal for the 9th Circuit. This course satisfies the writing requirement for the joint MLS/JD program. Prerequisite: Appellate Writing (Legal Writing III). This class is for students in the joint JD/MLS program. The class should be taken concurrently with Moot Court.
International Business (Commercial Transactions)	Online	Elective	2	1L, 2L, 3L, 4L	15	This course covers all legal and practical aspects of transacting business across borders. Topics will include types of transactions, contracts, financing, foreign registrations, contingency planning, and use of international agreements and treaties. The course will be hands-on with each student developing and managing their own hypothetical transaction from inception to conclusion, with emphasis on effective advocacy and advice for the client.
Introduction to Venture Capital & Private Fund Formation	Online	Elective (General & Tech)	2	1L, 2L, 3L, 4L	15	Private investment funds, including venture capital and private equity funds, involve the allocation and investment of billions of dollars worldwide. While in recent years private investment funds have become subject to greater scrutiny by regulators, they remain less regulated and understood than publicly traded investment funds. This class provides an opportunity for students to be introduced to private investment funds, learn about the structuring and regulatory issues related to such funds and become familiar with the legal documentation and current issues of the private investment fund industry.
Legal Analysis	Online	Elective	2	Application required	Limited	Legal Analysis is a pass/no pass course focused on helping students improve their exam-taking and study skills through in-class exercises and individual feedback on assignments. The course will address concepts such as note-taking, time management, outlining, legal analysis, essay writing, MCQ strategies, and exam-taking skills. The course will use concepts from Contracts, Torts, and Criminal Law & Procedure. Students must apply to take this course, and enrollment will be limited.
Legal Research	All	Required	2	1L	Varies	A class to familiarize students with the basic foundations of legal research. Assignments include researching problems in the law library and researching and writing office memoranda, opinion letters and other documents. Computer assisted legal research is included. Prerequisite: Legal Writing I
Legal Synthesis (Early Bar Prep for 3Ls)	Online	Elective	2	3L, 4L	18	This course is designed to help graduating law students understand and begin preparing for the California Bar Examination. Students are expected to complete weekly homework (e.g., an essay assignment, a PT assignment, and/or MBE questions), and to come prepared to complete in-class simulations. Because the bar prep season is entirely self-study, after each in-class or homework assignment, students will evaluate ways to improve their exam-taking and study strategies. Students will also learn how to become self-regulated learners and how to use the required texts to begin early self-study for the California Bar Examination. This course includes several interactive activities and discussions to promote active learning and is NOT a passive lecture course.
Master of Legal Studies Thesis	Online	Fulfills writing requirement for MLS Degree	2	MLS students only	N/A	In order to earn a Master of Legal Studies Degree (MLS), students are required to take this Capstone Thesis course. By petition, students also pursuing the JD degree, may opt to take this course in lieu of Appellate Advocacy. The MLS Director will teach this individualized writing and research course. This course is for students in the MLS program who are in the last two semesters of their degree.
MBE Review Course	Online	Elective	2	2L, 3L, 4L Only	15	This is a skills-based course and class sessions are designed to increase students' exposure to and facilitate the practice of MBE questions. In-class lectures will be primarily taught in the Socratic method. Students will be chosen randomly to discuss specific MBE examples, including the applicable legal principles and legal reasoning of both correct and incorrect answers. In addition, role-playing, collaborative learning exercises and practice exam questions will be employed. Prerequisites: Real property, civil procedure, evidence, contracts, torts, crimes.

Moot Court	All	Required	2	3L	Varies	Moot Court aims to help students discover and develop their advocacy skills in the context of advanced Constitutional Law hypotheticals. The course will emphasize oral advocacy exercises, culminating in multiple rounds of moot court argument. Prerequisites: Constitutional Law
Probate Administration: A Practical Approach	Online	Elective	2	2L, 3L, 4L Only	15	This course provides students with practical knowledge and skills in California probate administration. Students will learn the procedural and substantive aspects of managing estates after death, including the responsibilities of executors, administrators, and probate attorneys. The course will examine the entire probate process from initial filings through final distribution and closing of estates.
Professional Responsibility	All	Required	2	1L	15	Students will learn the principles, rules and policies underlying the ethical obligations of attorneys in the practice of law, including an introduction to legal writing and analysis. Students will also be provided with materials to prepare for the Multiple State Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE), required for admission to the State Bar of California.
Starting and Managing a Law Practice	Online	Elective	1	2L, 3L, 4L Only	15	This course will provide training on how to start your own firm, and how to manage it once it is started. It will touch on firm administration, attracting clients, managing staff and other aspects of subjects relevant to legal entrepreneurs. Even if you have no intention of starting your own practice, the skills discussed in this class will make you a more valuable associate and help elevate you to a partnership position at a law firm. Prerequisite: Professional Responsibility



JD Graduation Checklist

Students in the JD program will complete a ninety-unit degree path, including seventy required units, two clinical units, core mediation training, and elective units.

Students must maintain a 70.00 cumulative grade point average (GPA) to maintain good academic standing. In addition, students who do not successfully pass at least 60% of the units they are enrolled in during a semester will be placed on academic probation.

JD students must successfully complete all graduation requirements within 84 months (7 years) from commencement.

Students must be in good academic and financial standing to graduate.

☑	1L Courses Fall - Summer	Semester(s) Offered	Units
■	Contracts I Contracts II	Fall Spring	3 units 3 units
■	Torts I Torts II	Fall Spring	3 units 3 units
■	Criminal Law & Procedure I Criminal Law & Procedure II	Fall Spring	3 units 3 units
■	Legal Writing I A Legal Writing I B	Fall Spring	1 unit 1 unit
■	Skills	Fall Only	1 unit
■	Professional Responsibility	Summer Only	2 units
■	Legal Research	Summer Only	2 units
<i>Because The Law Schools' curriculum is designed as a part-time program, the courses follow a required sequence that anticipates completion in four years starting from the fall semester of a student's 1L courses.</i>			25 total units



Required 2L - 4L courses

☑	2L Courses Fall - Summer	Semester(s) Offered	Units
■	Evidence I Evidence II	Fall Spring	3 units 3 units
■	Real Property I Real Property II	Fall Spring	3 units 3 units
■	Civil Procedure I Civil Procedure II	Fall Spring	3 units 3 units
■	Legal Writing II A Legal Writing II B	Fall Spring	1 unit 1 unit
■	Appellate Writing	Summer Only	2 units
			22 total units

☑	3L Courses Fall - Summer	Semester(s) Offered	Units
■	Constitutional Law I Constitutional Law II	Fall Spring	3 units 3 units
■	Business Organizations I Business Organizations II	Fall Spring	3 units 3 units
■	Community Property	Fall Only	3 units
■	Moot Court	Summer Only	2 units
			17 total units

☑	4L Courses Fall - Spring	Semester(s) Offered	Units
■	Wills & Trusts	Fall Only	3 units
■	Remedies	Spring Only	3 units
<small>*The class of 2028 and beyond will be required to take a for-credit pre-bar preparation course in their 4L year.</small>			6 total units*



Required Clinical Units

		Semester(s) Offered	Units
■	General Clinical Units	Fall, Spring, Summer	2 total units
■	Core Mediation Training	Spring & Summer Only	2 units
<i>The general clinical unit requirement can be met by completing clinics offered by the law school. After receiving approval, 3L and 4L students may complete legal and judicial internships for clinical credit. Students must successfully pass 1L courses, including professional responsibility, before enrolling in clinical courses where they will work with the public. If a student completes more than two general clinical units, the additional units will be applied to their elective unit requirement. Students may apply up to eleven clinical units toward the JD degree audit.</i>			4 total units

Electives

		Semester(s) Offered	Units
■	General Elective Units	Fall, Spring, Summer	*16 total units
<i>Most elective courses are offered in the summer semester. Elective courses change every year. The summer course schedule is published before the summer elective enrollment period. * The class of 2028+ must take a 3-unit pre-bar prep class in 4L in addition to 13 general elective units</i>			

Total Units Required for JD

1L - 4L Required

- ✓ 1L= 25 units
- ✓ 2L= 22 units
- ✓ 3L= 17 units
- ✓ 4L= 6 units*
70 Units



Clinical & Elective

- ✓ General Clinical= 2 units
- ✓ Core Mediation= 2 units
- ✓ General Elective= 16 units
20 Units



90 Total Units

* The class of 2028+ must take a 3-unit pre-bar prep class in 4L in addition to 13 general elective units

Populi Degree Audit



The Populi degree audit compares your academic progress to the degree requirements. It is a useful tool to help you monitor your progress in real-time.

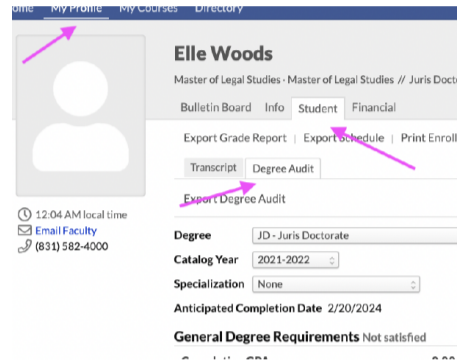
The Registrar maintains all student records and will determine official degree eligibility using both Populi records and your student file.

Step 1:



Log into Populi

- Log into your student Populi account.
- The degree audit is found on My Profile>Student.
- Navigate to the degree audit tab.

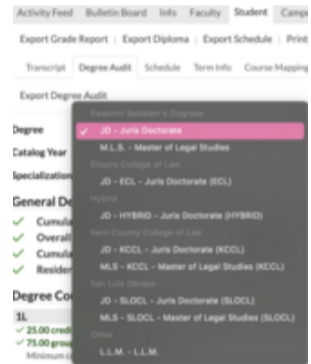


Step 2:



Select Degree

- Click the degree pull-down menu and select JD - Juris Doctorate.

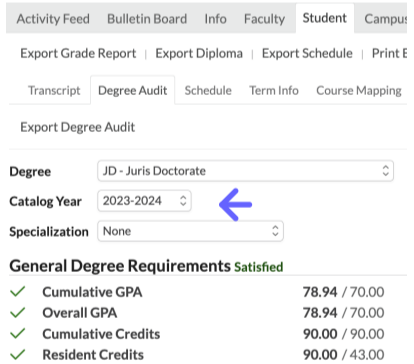


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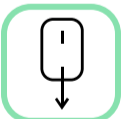


Select Catalog Year

- Select the current year.



Step 4:



Review Audit

- Scroll down to review the list of Completed and In Progress courses.
- Courses are organized by cohort year and type. For example, 1L courses, 4L courses, and electives.

4L

- ✓ 6.00 credits earned / 6.00 required
- ✓ 83.50 group GPA / 2.00 required
- Minimum course grade points: 2.00

Show All **Completed** Not completed

Course	Name	Grade	Status	Applied
326	Remedies	90	3 credits completed	✓
331	Wills & Trusts	77	3 credits completed	✓

Step 5:



Earned/Required

- Check the summary information at the top of each category to see how many units you need to satisfy each category and how many units you've earned so far.

3L

- ✓ 17.00 credits earned / 17.00 required
- ✓ 85.94 group GPA / 2.00 required
- Minimum course grade points: 2.00

Show All **Completed** Not completed