



DEAN OF STUDENTSOFFICE

SELECTING 2L CLASSES REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS Wednesday, August 7, 2024

Agenda

- Review GW Law's JDGraduation Requirements
- Course Selection Strategy
- Mechanics of Course Registration





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Topic 1

Graduation Requirements

Requirements for Graduation

- 84 Total Credits
- Six Enrollment Units
- 45 Graded Credits
- Up to 8 Total UngradedCredits Permitted



Three Additional Upper-Level Requirements Letter Grade (Unless Not Available)

- 6 Experiential Learning Credits
- PRE course (2 credits)
- Legal WritingRequirement



Completing The Requirements

DO YOUR DILIGENCE

 Be sure requirement will be satisfied by a particular course and instructor.

NO DOUBLE-DIPPING

 Classes used to satisfy one requirement cannot be used to satisfy a second requirement.

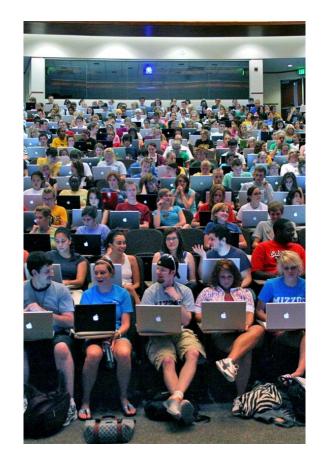


Online Credits (Distance Education)

JD students are permitted to take 15 online credits which will go toward the 84 required for graduation.

No more than 6 online credits in the course of a particular semester.

There are special situations and other considerations—review the Information to Supplement the Bulletin.



The Full-Time / Six Semester Approach

	1L Year	2L Year	3L Year	
Fall	15	13	13	
	Credits;	Credits; Credits;		
	1 EU	1 EU	1 EU	
Spring	16	14	13 Credits;	
	Credits;	Credits;		
	1 EU	1 EU	1 EU	

84 Credits & 6 EUs

The Full-Time & Part-Time Approach

Paying for credits in the summer provides EUs in the summer, which can be used to your future advantage

EXAMPLE:

- Paying for 4 Summer Credits = 0.3 EUs
- Allows Taking Just 10 CR in a Final Semester = 0.7 EUs
- Part-Time Student Status Allows Student Full-Time Work That Semester

A change in status could trigger financial aid and scholarship implications.

Use DegreeMAP to Track Your Progress

How to Log into DegreeMAP:

- 1. Log into the GWeb
- 2. Click the Student Records and Registration Tab
- 3. Click the Student Records Information Menu
- 4. Click on the <u>DegreeMAP</u> link
- 5. Click the "Launch DegreeMAP" button





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Topic 2

Course Selection Strategy

Course Selection Strategy

Create a Master Plan for Remaining Semesters

Consult the Bulletin: Foundational & Advanced Courses in Interest Area(s)

Chip Away at Graduation Requirements

Seek Mix of Grading Methodologies

Exam Schedule is NOT Negotiable

Bar Preparation and "What Everyone Should Take" Courses – Reasonable Minds Differ

Easier to Change the Plan than to Have No Plan



Summer Credit Options

- •Field Placement and Co-Requisite Courses Many Offered On "Distance Learning" Basis (US & Int'l)
- Summer Courses at GW
 - In Evening [6-8 pm or 6-9 pm]; Most Two Days/Week; some weekend
 - Many "core" courses offered—e.g. in <u>Summer 2024</u> there was Evidence (weekend compressed course), PRE, Administrative Law (3 CR), International Law (3 CR), and Corporations (online) (4 CR) among others
- Summer Courses at Another Law School
- •FP's Co-Req Courses and Summer Courses at GW Are All GRADED Credits

Full Semester Options Outside DC

- GWinNY
- GW-University of Groningen (Netherlands)
- GW-Universita Bocconi (Milan, Italy)
- North American
 Consortium for Legal
 Education



CR/NC Course Options

- Dean's Fellow/Writing Fellow (4/8 CR Max Each)
- Journal (4 CR; Four Semester Commitment)
- Field Placement (1-4 CR/Semester; 8 CR Max; 2-CR Co-Req Course Required [Graded]: e.g., Gov't Lawyering, Craft of Judging)
- Advocacy Competitions (1 CR/Comp; 1 Comp/Sem; 3 CR Max)
- Clinics (2-6 CR/Semester; Most Clinics Are Graded)
- GW Graduate Courses 6,000-level or higher (6 CR Max; must show Legal Nexus; B- or Better)
- Summer Law Courses at Other Schools (6 CR Max)
- "Conversion" of Elective Courses (One/Semester; 6 CR Max) Note: Not available to transfer students
- Joint Degree Programs (Registered as Such; Up to 12 CR)
- Miscellaneous (e.g., Reading Groups, Upper-Level Writing, some skills offerings) (1-2 CR)

Courses Relevant to the Bar

The Uniform Bar Exam (currently in 40 jurisdictions) has three components:

- Multistate Performance Test: Two 90-Minute Questions Requiring Completion of Lawyering Task (Client Letter or Memorandum, e.g.).
- Multistate Bar Exam: 200 Multiple Choice Questions on: Civ Pro, Con Law I, Contracts, Crim Law, Property, Torts, Con Law II, Crim Pro and Evidence
- Multistate Essay Exam: Six 30-Minute Essay Questions on topics among: Civ Pro, Con Law I, Contracts, Crim Law, Property, Torts, Con Law II, Crim Pro, Evidence, Corporations, Unincorporated Biz Assn's & Agency Law, Conflict of Laws, Family Law, Trusts & Estates, and Secured Transactions

National Conference of Bar Examiners (ncbex.org) has more info.

Almost 150 Classes/Semester to Choose From! Consider One or Two Transcript "Themes"

- Administrative Law and Government Regulation
- ■Advanced Torts
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Business and Finance
- Commercial Law
- Constitutional Law & Civil Rights
- Criminal Law and Procedure
- Environmental and Energy Law

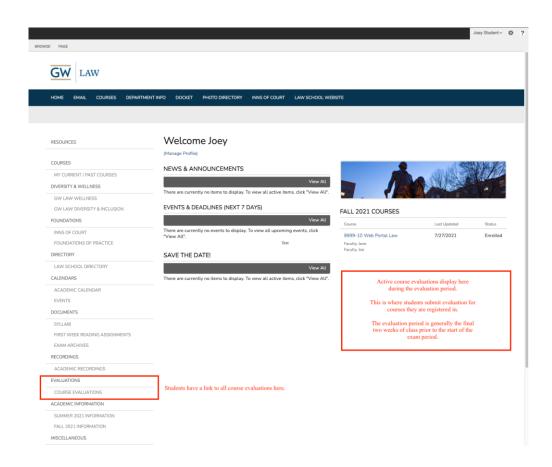
- ☐ Family Law & Estate Planning
- ☐ Government Procurement Law
- ☐ Health Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- ■International & Comparative Law
- Labor and Employment
- Litigation and the Judicial Process
- National Security and U.S. Foreign
- **Relations Law**
- Property and Land Development
- Taxation

Concentrations

Business & Finance Law, <u>Assistant Dean Michael Rand</u>
Energy Law, <u>Assistant Dean Kristoffer Svendsen</u>
Environmental Law, <u>Assistant Dean Randall Abate</u>
Family Law, <u>Associate Dean Laurie Kohn</u>
Government Procurement Law, <u>Assistant Dean Jessica Tillipman</u>
Health Law, <u>Professor Sonia Suter</u>
Intellectual Property Law, <u>Associate Dean John Whealan</u>
International and Comparative Law, <u>Associate Dean Rosa Celorio</u>
International Business Law, <u>Associate Dean Rosa Celorio</u>
International Security and Cybersecurity Law, <u>Associate Dean Lisa Schenck</u>
National Security and U.S. Foreign Relations Law, <u>Associate Dean Lisa Schenck</u>

Accessing Faculty Reviews

Students have access to reviews of faculty members written by other students. This information is on the MyLaw Portal (left side).



Advanced Waitlist Courses

Certain courses have such high demand that registration is completed outside of the normal process.

The list of the courses is found on the Records Office's Registration Information document that they update each term.

Rising 2Ls are not eligible to enroll in these select courses. But as a rising 3L, you can enter a lottery to be enrolled in them.

GWeb NFORMATION SYSTEM

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Topic 3

Mechanics of Course Registration

Three Different Numbers

Course Registration Number (CRN)

Course Number Section Number

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60759	6202	12	Contracts	4.0	MWR	0225 -	0340pm	Swaine
60760	6202	13	Contracts	4.0	MTR	0955 -	1110am	Fairfax
60761	6202	14	Contracts	4.0	MF	0830 -	1030am	Maggs
61046	6202	15	Contracts	4.0	MTW	0350 -	0505pm	Schooner

First Steps:

- 1. Clear Any Holds on Your Registration (e.g., Library, Health, Immunization) via GWeb.
- 2. E.g. Read the Fall 2024 Registration Information published by the Records Office (which is updated each term). Key provisions:
 - Registration Via GWeb, Wednesday, August 14
 - Registration Is By Lottery; Not First Come, First Served
 - Do Not Contact Professors to Seek Enrollment



Next Steps:

- Consult the <u>Bulletin</u> for areas of interest and review course descriptions (and prereqs). Also available at <u>www.law.gwu.edu/courses</u>.
- 4. Consult the <u>Course Catalog</u>, <u>Course Schedule</u> and <u>Course List</u>, and utilize the filters.
- 5. Consult the preliminary documents for two-semester planning. (Records Office webpage)



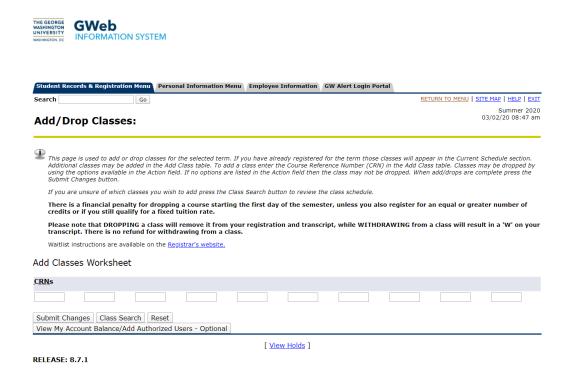
More Steps:

- 6. E.g. Consult the Fall 2024
 Information to Supplement the
 Bulletin document (forthcoming) to
 see pertinent changes or notices.
 - Changes to the Supplement is a separate document you will want to consult at the conclusion of this summer.
- 7. Consult the Exam Schedule document to confirm no conflicts and manageable exam schedule that allows time between exams and paper deadlines.



Almost There:

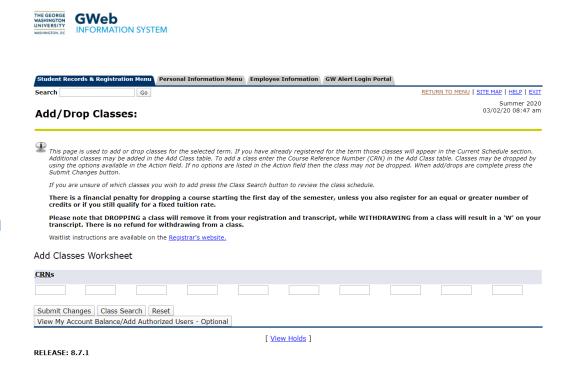
- 8. Consult the **Closed Class List** document on the Records Office website.
- 9. Determine what your priority should be. (more on next slide)
- 10. Once you have identified the slate of courses for which you intend to register, collect their CRNs from the Records Office webpage.





Final Steps:

- 11. Actually register:
 - Go to <u>GWeb</u> during your designated timeframe and input CRNs.
 - A <u>step-by-step guide</u> is published by GWU Registrar and available on Records Office webpage.
 - Submit your priority through the link on the Records office webpage.
- 12. Review the registration results.



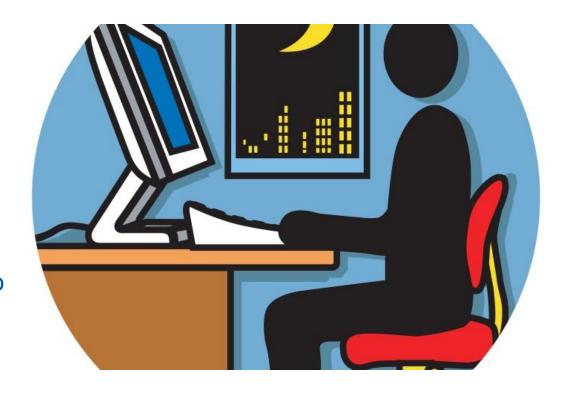
The Priority Form

One Priority Selection per student each semester. Note this will not be available until registration for Spring 2025

Submit during registration period - more info via Records Office website (not GWeb); select Spring 2025 semester.

Use Priority Choice on the class you want or need most to implement your master plan; you must also register for the course on GWeb

Check the closed class list after 3L registration ends before submitting Priority Form; otherwise, you may waste it



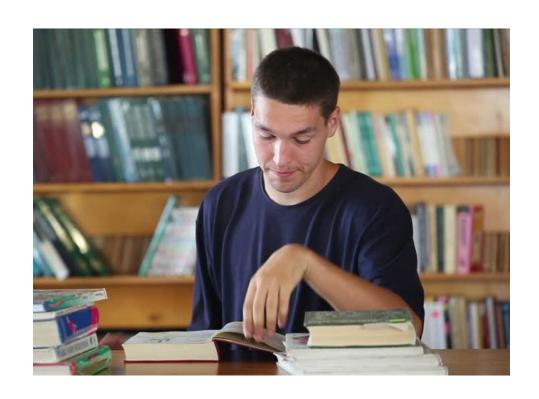
Request to Register for a Restricted Class

Some classes require completion of an additional <u>form</u>.

If necessary, complete and submit to the Records Office.



Drop-In Advising



Dean of Students staff members will offer open advising at designated times to answer your questions.

See the schedule on the Registration Memo and Portal Announcement.



Important Sources of Information

- 1. Law School Bulletin
- 2. Records Office Website:
 - Registration Memo
 - Course Schedule with CRNs
 - Exam Schedule
 - Information to Supplement the Bulletin
 - Closed Class List
- 3. <u>DOS "Academic and Course Advising" Website</u>
 - Experiential Course List
- 4. <u>DegreeMAP</u>



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

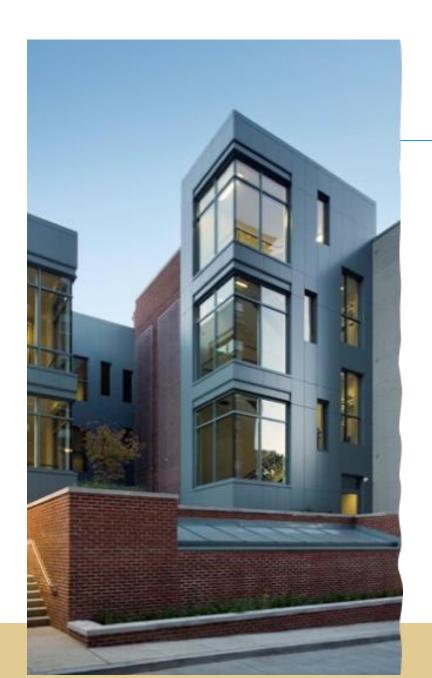
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What are Clinics Anyway?

- Bridge between Classroom & Practice
- Academic Program
- · Public Interest Law Firm
- Professional Development & Lawyering & Professional Identity





Overview

- 20 program offerings across a wide variety of practice areas
- Credit load options:
 - 4-6 experiential learning credits (15-22 hours/week)
 - 2-3 experiential learning credits (8-12 hours/week)
- Grades: Letter graded credits, except Small Business & Community Economic Development Clinic, Access to Justice Clinic

GW Clinics 2024-2025

- Access to Justice Clinic Animal Rights Division
- Access to Justice Clinic Family Law Division
- Access to Justice Clinic Naturalization Advocacy Division
- Access to Justice Clinic Nonprofit & Entrepreneur Clinic
- Access to Justice Clinic Policy Advocacy Division
- Access to Justice Clinic Prisoner Civil Rights Division
- Access to Justice Clinic Workers' Rights Division
- Administrative Issues and Appeals Clinic
- Civil and Human Rights Law Clinic
- Criminal Appeals & Post-Conviction Services Clinic (not offered in Fall)
- Criminal Defense and Justice Clinic
- Domestic Violence Project
- Family Justice Litigation Clinic (not offered in 2024-2025)
- · Health Rights Law Clinic
- Housing Advocacy & Litigation Rising for Justice Clinic
- Housing Equity Policy & Advocacy Clinic
- Housing Equity Policy & Advocacy Clinic Environmental Equity Division
- Intellectual Property & Tech Law Clinic
- Immigration Clinic
- Public Justice Advocacy Clinic
- Small Business & Community Economic Development Clinic (not offered in Fall)
- Vaccine Injury Litigation Clinic

I'm a new transfer or visiting student: How can I prepare to enroll in a Clinic?

- Visit the Clinic website and MyLaw portal to learn about each clinics and its prerequisites.
- Registration & Enrollment Process
 - Admitted by application Fall 2024:
 Currently no open slots
 - Spring 2025: Important dates
 - Clinic Open & House, Tabling, and Panels occur in <u>mid-</u> <u>October</u>
 - Applications due shortly after





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ADVOCACY PROGRAMS

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https://www.law.gwu.edu/advocacy-competitions



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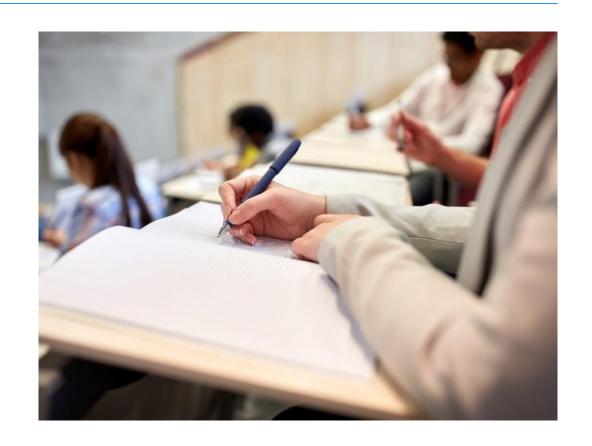
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Dean of Students Overview

Tuesday, August 7, 2024

Agenda

Who We Are,
What We Do &
How We Can Help



Our Staff

Jason Belk, Associate Dean of Students
Anthony D. Tiberio, Assistant Dean of Students
Andra Roy Chernack, Director of DSS & Senior Academic Advisor
Dr. Andrew Realon, Assoc. Director for Student Academic Development
Casey L. Miller, Director of Wellness & Community Engagement
Karly Bowen, Senior Student Program Associate
Dan Prestwich, Director of Student Academic Services
Victoria Karker, Office Assistant

Finding Us

First Floor of E Building

- Next to Records
- Above the Admissions Office

700 20th Street, NW

Intersection of 20th & G



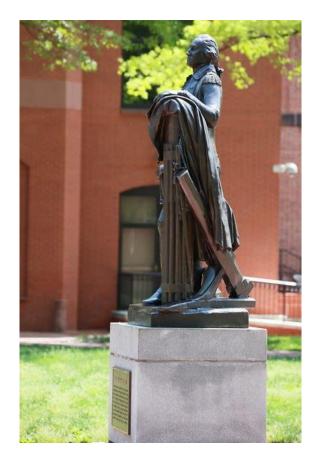
Communicating with Us

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respond during business hours

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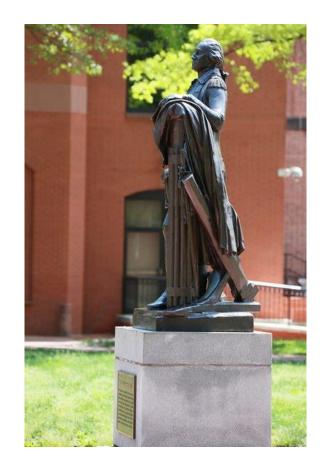
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Communicating at the Law School

yourname@law.gwu.edu

- email of record
- mailbox rule
- use this account to email DOS





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What We Do Academic Advising

Academic Advising

- Assistance with course selection
- Registration assistance
- Educate Graduation/Degree Requirement (See DegreeMap)
- By appointment, Drop-In Sessions, Advising Fairs
- Joint Degree information & advising
- Transfer advising
- https://www.law.gwu.edu/academic-course-advising

Class Recordings - 10 Reasons

- Death in the family
- Observance of religious holiday
- Class conflict caused by make-up class
- Jury duty or other required court appearance
- Military obligations
- Ongoing medical condition or disability
- Birth/Adoption of child (both parents)
- Extraordinary travel delays
- Participating in academic exercises or competitions where student is officially representing GW Law
- https://www.law.gwu.edu/class-recording-policy

Counseling Assistance on Exam Issues

- Publish the "Exam Memo" this fall it will be found at: https://www.law.gwu.edu/exam-information
 2024-records-information
 4 https://www.law.gwu.edu/exam-information
- Address exam issues
- Enforce exam anonymity
- DO NOT CONTACT PROFS: BEFORE, DURING, OR AFTER EXAM
- Always contact DOS first

Disability Support Services

- Bifurcated system with University to address requests academic accommodations
- Disability/Chronic registered with DSS
- Accommodations vary from student to student
- Deadline to submit request November 15 / April 15
- https://www.law.gwu.edu/disability-support-services
- https://disabilitysupport.gwu.edu/

Consultations & Assistance Emergencies

- Don't hesitate to reach out!!
- Difficulty managing
 - personal or
 - academic progress
- Referrals to CHC CAPS & DC LAP

TRANSFER ADVISING!

- Transfer Credit Memos (TCMs)
 - Based on transcript submitted with application
 - Summer credits pending?
 - Credits pending administrative action
 - Online coursework to date MUST be disclosed
- Advising session
 - Program Directors & Law School Administrative Offices
 - One-on-one





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Community Expectations

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GW Law Policy on Academic Integrity

"Academic excellence, in any discipline, depends on an environment of honesty, integrity, and fairness. This general requirement is heightened by the special mission of a law school – to prepare students for a practice that relies heavily on the honor of its participants. The Law School community expects its members to uphold the highest ethical standards."



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Plagiarism

Section 5.1.2 defines plagiarism as "[i]ntentionally, knowingly or recklessly representing the words or ideas of another as one's own in any academic exercise, including, without limitation, the intentional, knowing, or reckless failure to give attribution when making a direct quotation or when paraphrasing or borrowing facts or information. An intentional, knowing or reckless violation of any rule set forth in "Citing Responsibly" shall be regarded as an act of plagiarism. Absent exceptional mitigating circumstances, the normal sanction for a substantial case of plagiarism includes, at a minimum, a one-year suspension.



Tips to Avoid Plagiarism



Start off by keeping notes and drafts in order. Add citations as you go, and do not assume you will have time to go back later to find the correct page number and source.



A Note about Drafts...

In the absence of further specification, the minimum requirements for drafts are: (1) direct quotations must be indicated as quotations; and (2) notations must follow the quotations to indicate that further citation will be provided in the final work product.



If permitted, <u>ask for help</u> in using the proper citation form. If help is unavailable, include quotation marks and provide citations as best you can, clearly indicating words and ideas that are not your own.



Give yourself enough time to review your paper for mistakes and omissions. A careful check should show whether you have properly cited each sentence that requires a citation.



"When in doubt, always credit the source!"



Pledge of Honesty:

On my honor, I submit this work in good faith and pledge that I have neither given nor received improper aid in its completion.

Signature of Student



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GW Code of Student Conduct

Alcohol/Other Drug Violations

Destruction of Property

Discriminatory Misconduct

Dishonesty

Disorderly Conduct

Community Disturbance

Hazing

Interfering With University Events

Physical Abuse

Sexual Misconduct

Theft



Sexual Misconduct

GW Title IX Office

https://titleix.gwu.edu

Confidential Resources

- Office of Advocacy and Support
- Counseling and Psychological Services

Bias/Harassment

Bias Incident Response Team (BIRT):

- Support students who are targets or witnesses of hate or bias incidents
- Refer students to available campus resources and services including units that will conduct formal investigations



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In early fall, you will be asked to certify you are aware of/have completed the following:

- Law School Bulletin
- Academic Integrity Code
- Citing Responsibly
- GW Code of Student Conduct
- Title IX Sexual Misconduct Module



Application Disclosures



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1. Has any college, university, graduate school, or professional school you attended ever brought a disciplinary action against you (including honor code charges), issued you a warning or reprimand, placed you on academic or social probation, suspended you, or asked you to withdraw? You need not disclose any matter that has been expunged or removed from your permanent record or file.



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2. Have you ever been convicted of or pled guilty or no contest to a criminal charge (felony, misdemeanor or other), including any charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, but not including minor traffic charges? You need not disclose any charge or conviction that has been expunged or sealed by order of a court, a copy of which order you have in your possession.



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- 3. Are there any criminal charges (felony, misdemeanor or other) pending against you?
- 4. Has your college or university, graduate or professional school course of study been interrupted for one or more terms for any reason?
- 5. If you have ever served in the military and were discharged, was your discharge under conditions other than honorable?



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Before Sunday, at 11:59 pm (before classes begin), email disclosures to inATGW@law.gwu.edu

Disclosures *after* Sunday formal submission, supporting documentation *and* review.

Drop-In hours with Dean Tiberio *Friday, August 16 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.* in the Dean of Students Office.