

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL of LAW

Updated Proposed Spring 2024 Graduation Plan

Note: You must complete the program in six years.

December 2023 Lawyering Fundamentals Course (Online – Check Academic Calendar for dates)

2023 Fall	LFC (Online)		
2024 Spring	Torts I *	Contracts I *	Legal Methods *
2024 Summer	Torts II *	Contracts II *	Legal R&W *
2024 Fall	Criminal Procedure I *	Evidence I *	Civil Procedure I *
2025 Spring	Criminal Procedure II *	Evidence II *	Civil Procedure II *
2025 Summer	Commercial Law	Criminal Law *	Legal Ethics
2025 Fall	Constitutional I *	Real Prop I *	Elective ¹
2026 Spring	Constitutional II *	Real Prop II *	ULWR ^E *
2026 Summer	Business Organizations	Pleadings & Practice *	Domestic Relations
2026 Fall	Conflict of Laws	Trusts & Estates	Elective ²
2027 Spring	Skills Course ^G *	ADR *	Elective ³
2027 Summer	Elective ⁴	Elective ⁵	Elective ⁶

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

A. Since the school’s curriculum, course schedules and instructor/classroom availability are subject to change, this plan does not contractually guarantee access to specific courses in the sequence listed or graduation by a specific date or semester. The term “elective” is intended to merely suggest that you schedule the elective course(s) of your choosing from the course offerings available and does not guarantee access to any specific elective(s) or that specific elective(s) will be offered in any given academic term.

B. Under all circumstances, you are responsible for ensuring that all requirements for graduation listed in the current Student Handbook are satisfied. There is no “grandfather clause,” and BSL reserves the right to modify the academic curriculum at any time. A copy of the current Student Handbook is published and dated on the BSL law school website. All courses must be completed within six (6) years of your initial enrollment date to receive academic credit for graduation. Likewise, transfer credits may not have been completed more than six (6) years prior to the graduation semester to qualify for academic credit.

C. Please carefully review your graduation plan for completeness and accuracy relative to your circumstances. BSL administrators are not responsible for typographical errors, omissions, or your misinterpretation of this plan. If you believe your plan contains an error, please contact the Assistant Dean immediately.

D. You may not increase the number of classes/week unless you have a current GPA of 3.00. Additionally, because of normal scheduling conflicts that occur later in your matriculation, it may not be possible to accelerate your graduation date. Failing or withdrawing from a course will not generate an automatic revision of your plan. You may be permitted to register for up to **four (4) classes**, with approval from the Dean.

E. If you make changes to your class registration after the registration period has closed, enrollment in some courses may be severely limited or denied. Consequently, your graduation date may be affected. You will also incur a late registration penalty.

F. The Upper-Level Writing Requirement (“ULWR”) listed here in the Summer of 2026 may be fulfilled by taking one of the following courses: Appellate Brief Writing, Advanced Motion Drafting, Practical Family Law, Study Skills II, Transactional Document Drafting, or Will Drafting. More courses may be added in the future that will also satisfy this requirement. Students may choose to take more than one of these courses to fulfill other elective requirements, but at least one of the listed courses must be completed for the student to graduate.

G. The Skills Course listed here in the Spring of 2027 may be fulfilled by taking one of the following courses: Trial Advocacy, Mediation, Shakespeare in Law, or Negotiation. More courses may be added in the future that will also satisfy this requirement. Students may choose to take more than one of these courses to fulfill other elective requirements, but at least one of the listed courses must be completed for the student to graduate.

* To pass these courses, you must earn a grade of C- or higher. Failure to earn a grade of at least C- means you must repeat the course until you earn a grade of C- or higher. The passing grade in all other courses without an asterisk is D-.