



Academic Advising Worksheet

First-Year Required Courses (30 credits)

_____ Civil Procedure; Contracts; Constitutional Law; Criminal Law; Lawyering Skills; Property Law; Torts

Upper-Level Required Courses (9 credits min.)

_____ *Introduction to Business Fundamentals*
_____ Professional Responsibility (3)*
Course: _____
_____ Experiential Education (6)*
Course: _____
Course: _____

Upper-Class Writing Requirement (0-3 credits)

_____ Course(s)/Journal: _____
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Advisor(s): _____

Other Degree Requirements

_____ Successfully complete 85 credit hours
_____ Minimum of 64 law faculty-led credits
_____ 12 -17 law credits per semester;
minimum of 26 credits per academic year
_____ Maximum 17 non-GPA credits**
_____ 2.30 cumulative GPA

Bar Tested Electives (optional)

_____ Corporations (4)
_____ Conflict of Laws (3)*
_____ Advanced Constitutional Law (3)
_____ Criminal Procedure (3 or 4)
_____ Evidence (3 or 4)
_____ Family Law (3 or 4)*
_____ Secured Transactions (4)
_____ Trusts and Estates (4)*

*Not tested in the NextGen Bar Exam (expected in 2026)

Law Faculty Recommended Electives* (optional)

_____ Administrative Law
_____ Introduction to Federal Tax
*Corporations and Evidence are also recommended

Other Electives (credits)

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Course Selection Questions:

- 1) What are your professional goals?
 - a. If your interest is [Business/Corporate Law](#), [Constitutional Law](#), [Criminal Law](#), [Health Law](#), [Intellectual Property & Information Law](#), or [International Law](#), you should review the [Advice from Faculty](#).
 - b. If you're still defining your professional goals, review the [Associate Deans' course selection memo](#); use 2L classes for bar-related courses, graduation requirements, and to explore topics. Talk with mentors.
- 2) Which of the unique curricular offerings are you planning to explore? ([Study abroad](#), [Semester-in-Practice](#), [externships](#), [dual-degree](#), [certificate programs](#), [concentrations](#), the [Transactional Law Program](#), the [Trial Advocacy program](#), or classes in other BU graduate schools?)
If you want to engage in one of these unique programs, you may need to make a 2-year plan to ensure completion of graduation requirements, and a balanced academic experience.
- 3) How do you learn best? Are you balancing doctrinal, seminar and experiential courses?
- 4) How will you fulfill graduation requirements; while complying with non-GPA and in-class credit rules?
- 5) What subjects are tested on the bar exam for your chosen jurisdiction?

* See the *Course Selection Guide* for the lists of courses that fulfill these requirements. No one course can be applied to both the professional responsibility and the experiential learning requirements. More than one course can be applied to the experiential course requirement to reach the required six credits.

**Students may increase the number of non-GPA credits applicable to their degree to 21 with approval from the Academic Standards Committee. No more than 3 credits can be applied to independent study.