



VILLANOVA  
UNIVERSITY

Charles Widger School of Law

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS for the CLASS of 2023**

(rev. 3/2021)

Category	Course	Credit	Student	Notes
<b>1L Required</b>	Civil Procedure (4), Criminal Law (4), Torts (4), Contracts (4), Property (4), Constitutional Law I (3), Elective (3), Legal Writing, Analysis & Research (5), 1L Module (1), Professional Development I (1)	33		
<b>Upper Level Required</b>	2L Module	1		
	Legal Profession	3		
	Constitutional Law II	3		
	Professional Development II	1		
	Professional Development III	1		
	Legal Writing III	2-3		<i>Fall or Spring of 2L year; Transactional or Litigation. <b>Can not be taken in 3L year.</b></i>
	Practical Writing	2-3		<b>5000 level courses including clinics.</b> (Note: A clinic satisfies the practical writing requirement and counts towards the experiential learning requirement. In other words, a clinic “double counts” towards both practical writing and experiential learning.)
	Seminar/Research Paper	2-3		<b>6000 level courses;</b> Includes Directed Research; Participation on a Journal does not fulfill this requirement; No more than 6 credits of Directed Research and Seminar/Research Paper will be counted towards credits needed for graduation.
	Experiential Learning	6		Must take 6 credits of experiential learning in a clinic or an externship. A clinic also satisfies the practical writing requirement; externships do NOT satisfy the practice writing requirement. <b>Concurrent enrollment prohibited:</b> No student may take more than one experiential class (clinic or externship) in a single semester. See website for more information on credit limitations.
<b>Electives</b>				7000 level courses

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<b>Bar Elective Courses</b>				
	Business Organizations	4		
	Conflicts of Law	3		
	Criminal Procedure	3		
	Decedents' Estates & Trusts	3		
	Evidence	4		
	Family Law	3		
	UCC Art. 2 Sales	2		
	Secured Transactions	2/3		
<b>Other Recommended Courses</b>				
	Administrative Law	2		
	Trial Advocacy	2		
	Intro to Fed Tax	3		
	Employment Discrimination	3		

1L year	<b>33</b>
2L year	
3L year	
<b>TOTAL REQUIRED</b>	<b>90</b>

**Students may not take fewer than 12 or more than 18 credits per semester.**

**Prerequisites:**

Students must check the course descriptions for every course before registering to determine if the course carries a pre- or co-requisite. Because we require students to register for a full year of classes during the registration period, the online registration program (NOVASIS) will not prevent you from registering for a class for which you do not have the prerequisite, **however, you will not be granted credit for any course you take without having completed the prerequisite, even if you complete the entire semester.** Full course descriptions are available on the Registrar's website, and students are required to review them before registering.