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I. GENERAL:

A. REQUIRED COURSES

You must meet the requirements set out in Part II below to graduate from Law School. We encourage you to construct course schedules that will enable you to graduate from Law School in a timely fashion. In particular, we would advise you not to wait until your final semester of Law School to fulfill your writing requirement!

B. MISSOURI BAR EXAM

Because most of you will take the Missouri Bar Exam, you should know that the subjects tested on the Missouri Bar are reflected in whole or substantial part in the following courses: (1) All first-year courses; (2) Administrative Law; (3) Business Organizations; (4) Conflict of Laws; (5) Constitutional Law; (6) Criminal Procedure; (7) Estates & Trusts; (8) Evidence; (9) Family Law; (10) Modern Payment Systems; (11) Professional Responsibility; (12) Remedies; (13) Sales & Leases; and (14) Secured Transactions.

C. STUDENTS ON PROBATION

Students on probation are subject to the following conditions:

1. Their schedule of courses must be approved by the Associate Dean, and the dropping of any course during the semester must also be approved by the Associate Dean. In general, students will be required to take required courses before electives and take graded courses rather than pass-fail courses.
2. They may NOT take the following courses:
 - Externship;
 - Independent Research;
 - Courses taught outside the Law School (such as graduate courses);
 - Seminars, except for students classified as 3L students;
 - Courses taught by non-law faculty;
 - Clinics or Clinic-related courses including:
 - Child Protection Clinic
 - Criminal Clinic
 - Family Violence Clinic: Individual & Social Justice
 - Mediation Clinic
 - Clinical Skills
 - Legislative Clinic & Legislative Clinic Seminar
 - Innocence Project

II. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The degree requirements below are applicable to all students. Note that the requirements fall into seven categories: (a) Total Credit Hours; (b) Residency

Requirement; (c) First-Year Required Courses; (d) Second-Year Required Courses; (e) Second or Third-Year Required Courses; (f) Writing Requirement; and (g) Perspectives Requirement. It is your responsibility to ensure that you comply with the relevant degree requirements. To assist you, we provide the following checklist:

1. TOTAL CREDIT HOURS

_____ 89 credit hours required for graduation

2. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

We are required by the American Bar Association to ensure that you meet applicable “residency” requirements. If you plan to graduate from Law School in the customary fashion (in three years), you will meet the residency requirement by taking at least 12 hours in each of six semesters during the three academic years. If you opt to take courses during one or two summer sessions, your semester hours for “residence” purposes may be reduced accordingly. If you plan to graduate early (in two and a half years), you must attend five semesters of at least 12 hours each and two summer terms of six hours each (or seven in one summer and five in the other summer but not four and eight or three and nine). In any event, you need 72 “residence hours” and 89 total hours in order to graduate.

Residence hours need not be taken at MU. Thus, if you transfer in, or take courses elsewhere, these may count. However, most summer courses taken at other law schools or in foreign programs do not usually count for “residency” even though they count for credit hours. You cannot graduate in less than 2 ½ years. If you have any questions, contact the Associate Dean before you act.

_____ Residency requirement

3. REQUIRED FIRST YEAR COURSES

You are required to take the following courses during your first year of Law School. If you have not completed them by the conclusion of your first year, you are required to do so as soon thereafter as possible. You must complete all of these courses to graduate:

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| _____ Torts | _____ Criminal Law |
| _____ Contracts I | _____ Contracts II |
| _____ Civil Procedure I | _____ Civil Procedure II |
| _____ Legal Research & Writing | _____ Property |
| _____ Lawyering | _____ Advocacy & Research |

4. REQUIRED SECOND YEAR COURSES

You are required to take the following courses during your second year of Law School. For purposes of this requirement, your second year of Law School includes the summer following your first year as well as both semesters during the subsequent academic year:

_____ Constitutional Law--Must be taken in the Fall semester

_____ Evidence--May be taken in either the Fall or Spring semester;

5. REQUIRED SECOND OR THIRD YEAR COURSES

You are required to take the following courses during your second or third year:

_____ Professional Responsibility

_____ Criminal Procedure

6. WRITING REQUIREMENT

All students must fulfill an upper-level writing requirement. The key component of the writing requirement is that an initial draft must be submitted critiqued, and returned to the student for the redrafting of a final submission. The upper-level writing requirement may be met in any of the following ways:

_____ Enrollment as a writer in a course or seminar approved for writing credit (these courses have a (W) on the course schedule). These courses **MUST** require an analytical paper of at least 20 double-spaced pages, a critique by the faculty member and a rewrite by the student; **OR**

_____ Completion of Law Review or Journal of Dispute Resolution or MELPR writing requirements provided that requirement involves a double spaced paper of at least 20 pages and a rewrite of that paper, **AND** a faculty member approves the paper for Writing Credit

OR

_____ Completion of an analytical legal research paper of at least 20 double-spaced pages under the supervision of a member of the law faculty as an independent research project through Research (5875), provided that the project included a draft and a redraft as described above.

7. PROFESSIONAL PERSPECTIVES REQUIREMENT ALL STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE THREE YEARS OF PERSPECTIVES REQUIREMENT AS SET OUT ON THE LAW SCHOOL WEBSITE;

II. COURSE INFORMATION

Use the information below to help prepare your course preferences. You may also review the list of courses, the “grid” of scheduled courses, and the exam schedules at: <http://www.law.missouri.edu/students/schedules.html>

A. COURSE PREREQUISITES

The following courses, not all of which are offered next year or every year, have prerequisites. You are responsible for ensuring that you have satisfied the relevant prerequisites:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Prerequisite</u>
Taxation of Property Transactions.....	Must have taken Basic Federal Income Taxation
Appellate Advocacy.....	Must have completed Advocacy & Research
BOA Competition.....	Must have completed Advocacy & Research.
Child Protection Clinic.....	Requires professor's approval, prior or concurrent enrollment in Professional Responsibility, and prior or concurrent enrollment in Child Protection & Law Seminar
Corporate Finance.....	Must have taken Business Organizations
Corporate Taxation.....	Must have taken Basic Federal Income Taxation
Criminal Clinic.....	Requires professor's approval, prior or concurrent enrollment in Professional Responsibility, concurrent enrollment in Clinical Skills and Criminal Clinic Writing Project
Drafting Legal Instruments	Must be a Third year student to take this course.
Estate Planning & Taxation.....	Must have taken Estates & Trusts and Basic Tax
Family Violence Clinic.....	Requires professor's approval, prior or concurrent enrollment in Professional Responsibility, and prior or concurrent enrollment in Advocacy, Family Violence & Public Policy (only offered in Fall semester)
Federal Courts	Must have taken Constitutional Law
Foreign Affairs & the Constitution.....	Constitutional Law is required and International Law is strongly recommended

Innocence Project	Must have taken Wrongful Convictions. Must be Rule 13 Certified.
International Taxation.....	Must have taken Basic Federal Income Taxation
Law Practice Mgt./Technology.....	Must have taken Professional Responsibility
Mediation Clinic.....	Must have taken Mediation or a mediation training approved by the professor
Moot Court I and II.....	You MUST be enrolled in this course if you have been selected to represent the School of Law in the National Moot Court or ABA Moot Court competition;
Partnership Taxation.....	Must have taken Basic Federal Income Taxation.
Tax Research.....	Must have taken Basic Federal Income Taxation and prior or concurrently enrolled in Taxation of Property Transactions
Trial Practice.....	Must have taken Evidence
Will & Trust Drafting.....	Must have taken Estates & Trusts

NOTE: MyZou will NOT prevent you from registering for classes for which you do not have the Prerequisite. WE WILL, HOWEVER, Review such courses. If you have signed up for a course and do not have the Prerequisite, you MAY be removed without further notice from that course.

B. COURSE ENROLLMENT CAPS: When you go to MyZou, you will see the enrollment cap limits for each course.

Please note that writing sections designated with a (W) on the course list are capped at 8 unless otherwise specified by the instructor.

C. COURSES OUTSIDE OF LAW SCHOOL THAT YOU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER. As a law student, you are entitled to take three (3) hours of study outside the law school provided that course is related to your field of study and provided the course is at the graduate level or above (courses numbered 7000-9999). A request to take a course outside the law school must be presented to the Associate Dean for approval. A request for an additional three (3) hours may be granted upon approval of the Standards Committee.

D. A NOTE ON TRIAL PRACTICE: There will be have two sections of Trial Practice in the

Fall that will be the usual four credit graded courses.

Additionally, Professor Devine will offer Trial Practice as a 3-credit course during the intersession between the fall and spring semesters, January 4-13 & January 16, 2010. The intersession course will be very intensive and will involve distinguished practitioners working with Prof. Devine. The course will be offered on a *pass/fail* basis and open to 40 students. Students will be expected to attend all sessions.

Please note the following policy in effect for Trial Practice:

If you are enrolled in Trial Practice as of 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the First Day of class for a semester or at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of fall final examinations for the Intersession course, you will NOT be permitted to withdraw after that date (except for "good cause" arising later in the semester, to be solely decided by the Trial Practice faculty). In other words, if you are enrolled in Trial Practice as of the above time, you will receive a grade for the course.

E. NOTE on Conflict Theory --Students registering for Conflict Theory (Fall) need to note that a Wednesday night and Saturday session is required in this course. Students considering these courses can review previous course syllabi on Professor Reuben's web site at <http://law.missouri.edu/reuben/PreviousSyllabi.htm>.

F. THE CLINICAL PROGRAM

The Law School offers several opportunities for students to work with clients under expert supervision

CRIMINAL CLINIC (F/SP) (5470) (2) (JOHNSON). The Criminal Clinic is available during both the Fall and Spring semesters. It can only be taken once. Enrollment is limited to 8 students per semester. Students must also enroll in Clinical Skills and Criminal Clinic Writing Project and have completed, or be enrolled in, Professional Responsibility. Students must have prior permission of Professor Johnson to enroll. The companion Criminal Clinic Writing Project course will be graded but does ***not fulfill*** the "writing" requirement for graduation.

EXTERNSHIP (F/SP/SS) (5570) (2-3) (JOHNSON, DAILY AND WILSON-SETSER). The externship program is available in Summer, Fall, and Spring semesters. Students must have prior permission of the professor teaching the course for the semester. .

LEGISLATIVE PRACTICUM (5746)(3) (SP) (K. Dean). Students will be assigned to work with individual lawyer legislators, or lawyer staff, at the Missouri General Assembly,

averaging 8-10 hours per week. The students will assist members of the General Assembly by drafting legislation, preparing materials for hearings, and conducting research and analysis to respond to broad public policy issues as well as constituent concerns. On occasion students may be assigned to legislative committees, legislative staff support services, or to groups lobbying for legislation. There will be a required classroom component which may cover such topics as: the legislative process (primary emphasis on Missouri); interest groups in the legislative process; ethical issues relating to legislators, legislative lawyers, and lobbyist generally; bill drafting; legislative advocacy; and Missouri specific statutory interpretation issues. Current and former legislators and staff may serve as periodic guest professors. Students will be expected to meet periodically with the professor and to maintain a journal of their activities. No Prerequisites, graded Pass/Fail.

NOTE: The legislative session typically begins at 4PM on Mondays and tends to end Thursday afternoon. There are no sessions on Friday and many legislators are gone on Friday. It is important that you keep as much free time as possible in your schedule on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday to have time to work in Jefferson City.

FAMILY VIOLENCE CLINIC : INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE (F/SP) (5580) (4) (BECK).

The Family Violence Clinic will be available in both the Fall and Winter semesters.

It can only be taken once. Enrollment is limited to 8 students in Fall and 8 students in Winter. Students will represent approximately 12 abused women and/or children during the semester by obtaining orders of protection and in proceedings before the juvenile court. The Family Violence Clinic will emphasize courtroom representation. Enrollees will represent indigent individuals in civil and juvenile courts and will undertake faculty guided projects to do public problem solving with legislators, inter-professional graduate students, and law students from other schools. This clinic formerly provided 3 credits for individual representation; students found the workload too heavy. Increasing the credits to 4 will balance the workload. Adding new activities will provide students with leadership opportunities to advance social justice. The clinic is pass/fail. Professional Responsibility and Advocacy, Family Violence, and Public Policy **must** be taken in the fall by all students no matter which semester the clinic is taken. Students must have prior permission of Professor Beck to enroll, and must become Rule 13 certified.

INNOCENCE PROJECT (SP)(5632 (4) (UPHOFF). A joint innocence project involving the UMKC Law School, our law school, the MU School of Journalism and a non-profit group The Midwestern Innocence Project. This System funding allowed UMKC to hire a clinician, Tiffany Murphy, who will serve as legal director for The Midwestern Innocence Project and supervise law students from both UMKC and MU. Although the physical clinic will be in KC, law students will work in Columbia on cases of possible actual innocence from six states, although there will be no cases from Boone County, Missouri. MU Journalism students will also participate in the project by

enrolling in a course at the J-School taught by Prof. Steve Weinberg. 8 students are permitted in the Clinic; Wrongful Convictions and Rule 13 Certification are prerequisites. Admission to the clinic is by application only. Contact Prof. Uphoff. If selected for the clinic you will be able to obtain a permission number for both the clinic and the wrongful conviction class. You will be required to enroll in the fall wrongful conviction class unless you have already taken the course.

MEDIATION CLINIC (F/SP) (5770) (1-2) (LEV IN). THE MEDIATION CLINIC IS OFFERED IN THE FALL SEMESTER WITH PRIORITY TO J.D. STUDENTS AND IN THE WINTER SEMESTER WITH PRIORITY TO LLM STUDENTS. J.D. students may enroll in the Winter semester if space is available and the students have previously enrolled in the Mediation Course (5765) or an approved training. During the semester, students will have an opportunity to mediate cases in a variety of contexts, including cases referred by state agencies and small claims courts. Students will also have the opportunity to observe mediations conducted by the Division of Workers' Compensation and a Federal Magistrate Judge. Enrollment is capped at six.

G. PASS/FAIL COURSES

You may not choose to take a class pass/fail. The faculty decides whether a course is to be conducted on a graded basis (65-100) or on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis. Most courses are graded. If you have a question about whether the course is graded, you should ask the instructor. There is no limit on the number of S/U hours that a student may have.

H LIMITS ON PASS/FAIL COURSES/INDEPENDENT RESEARCH/EXTERNSHIP

There is no limit on the number of courses you may take pass/fail.

There is a 3 hour limit on the number of hours you may take as Independent Study.

There is a 3 hour limit on the number of Externship hours you may take.

I. WAIT LISTS

There are NO wait lists. As students drop courses, the online registration will indicate that there are spaces available in the course. You can create a "wish list," but your "wish list" will not automatically enroll you if an opening is created. **YOU MUST CHECK ON A COURSE YOU REALLY WANT REGULARLY TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS AN OPENING.**

IV. London Law Consortium – Spring 2009

The Law School cooperates with several other law schools to provide students with a special opportunity to spend the Spring semester of their second or third

year in London. Enrollment in the London Law Consortium is limited, so you should still sign up for the Spring Semester courses you expect to take at MU. We will hold an informational meeting and invite applications to the London Law Consortium in the first few weeks of the Fall 2008 semester. For further information on the spring, 2009 semester, including costs and fees, go to <http://law.missouri.edu/jd/study-abroad/england.html>

V. FACULTY

You can find biographical information on most members of the faculty in the *Course Catalog* on the Law School's webpage. In addition, the following will join the law school for all or part of next year;

A. NEW FACULTY;

Troy Rule joins the faculty as an Associate Professor of Law this Fall. Professor Rule has his law degree from the University of Chicago and was in private practice with K&L Gates, LLP in Seattle. He will teach in the area of Commercial Law.

B. ADJUNCT FACULTY

In addition to our permanent faculty, the law school asks a handful of highly qualified Adjunct Professors to lend us (and you) their expertise each year. In the 2008 year, we continue to have the benefit of practitioners such as Judge Debbie Daniels, Judge Leslie Schneider, and attorneys Jim Layton, Ron Smull, Bill Thompson, Bruce Harry, Debbie Doxee, Roger Geary, Lori Levine, Karen Hajicek, Ronald Holliger, and others. Finally, the law school has some "permanent" visitors including Ray Phillips, retired from the faculty of the University of Georgia, and Bill Fisch and Peter Davis, retired from our own faculty, in addition to Erika Fadel who continues to be a visitor with us in our research and writing program and will also teach Client Interviewing and Counseling

VI. COURSE REGISTRATION & SIGN-UP PROCESS—ALL REGISTRATION WILL BE DONE ONLINE. GO TO:

[HTTPS://MYZOU.MISSOURI.EDU/PSP/PRD/?CMD=LOGIN](https://myzou.missouri.edu/psp/prd/?cmd=login) AND ENTER YOUR PAWPRINT. THEN, CLICK ON "SELF-SERVICE" AND YOU WILL GET TO THE REGISTRATION SECTION.

FOR INCOMING 3L STUDENTS, REGISTRATION FOR BOTH FALL, 2009 AND SPRING, 2010 WILL BEGIN AT 7:00 A.M. ON THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2009.

FOR INCOMING 2L STUDENTS, REGISTRATION FOR BOTH FALL, 2009 AND SPRING, 2010 WILL BEGIN AT 7:00 A.M. ON TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2009.

ONCE REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR YOUR GROUP, YOU MAY REGISTER AT ANY TIME THEREAFTER.

REMEMBER, THERE ARE NO WAIT LISTS. YOU CAN PUT COURSES IN YOUR "WISH LIST," BUT YOU WILL NEED TO CHECK THE MYZOU SYSTEM FOR ADD/DROPS IN COURSES IN WHICH YOU WISH TO ENROLL.

THE FOLLOWING COURSES ARE WILL NEED TO HAVE FACULTY PERMISSION OR IS A STUDENT SPECIFIC PERMISSION COURSE AND YOU WILL WORK WITH DENISE BOESSEN IN 203:

FALL 2009:

CLINICAL SKILLS, CRIMINAL CLINIC & CRIMINAL CLINIC WRITING PROJECT
FAMILY VIOLENCE CLINIC
MOOT COURT II
RESEARCH
WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS

SPRING 2010:

CLINICAL SKILLS, CRIMINAL CLINIC & CRIMINAL CLINIC WRITING PROJECT
FAMILY VIOLENCE CLINIC
INNOCENCE CLINIC
MOOT COURT I
RESEARCH

Please note the following refund of fees schedule:

Refund of Fees:	100%	Before classes begin, less a \$20.00 cancellation fee
Fall 2009	90%	8/24/09 – 09/02/09
	50%	9/03/09 – 9/19/09
	25%	9/20/09 – 10/06/09
		No Refund after October 6, 2009.

Spring 2010 refund of fee schedule ~ TBA.

THE LAW SCHOOL MAY CANCEL COURSES THAT FAIL TO REACH MINIMAL ENROLLMENT LEVELS DURING THE REGISTRATION AND SIGN-UP PROCESS.

FALL SEMESTER 2009 DATES & DEADLINES

Classes Begin: Aug. 24, 2009
Labor Day Holiday Observed: Sep. 7, 2009
Thanksgiving week off: Nov. 23 – 27, 2009
Last Day of Classes: Dec. 4, 2009
Stop Day: Dec. 7, 2009
Exams Begin: Dec. 8, 2009
Exams End: Dec. 18, 2009

INTER-SESSION FOR TRIAL PRACTICE

Class Begins: January 4, 2010 *and* ends January 13, 2010 with all students in Trial on Saturday, January 16, 2010

***** **Registration for the Inter-Session Trial Practice will be included with Spring 2010 registration** *****

SPRING SEMESTER 2010 DATES & DEADLINES

Classes Begin: Jan. 14, 2010
(Note: this is *earlier* than the Campus start-date!
Martin Luther King Holiday: Jan. 18, 2010
Spring Break week off: Mar. 29 – April 4, 2010

Last Day of Classes: April 30, 2010
Stop Day: May 3, 2010
Exams Begin: May 4, 2010
Exams End: May 14, 2010
Graduation: May 16, 2010 (tentatively)