



Summer 2024

# Summer 2024 Course Catalog

Summer Semester 2024, May 20th - August 1st

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## 2023-2024 ACADEMIC CALENDAR - ALL CAMPUSES

### 2023 FALL SEMESTER

July 17 -July 30	Registration for Fall 2023-Spring 2024-Summer 2024 (All Campuses)
July 24 - August 3	First Year Institute (All Campuses) Mandatory for All First Year Students
August 14	Classes Begin (All Campuses)
August 21 –September 3	Add/Drop Fall 2023 Classes (no fees)
September 4	Labor Day (Classes may be rescheduled)
November 23	Thanksgiving (Classes may be rescheduled)
November 23	Last Day of Instruction
November 27 – December 1	Study Week
December 4 - December 7	Fall Semester Midterm and Final Exams
December 8 – January 7	Semester Break (No classes)
December 8 - January 2	Add Period - Spring 2024 Classes
December 11 – January 7	Winter Break – Administrative Offices Closed

### 2024 SPRING SEMESTER

January 8	Classes Begin
January 8	Spring Start Begins
January 8 - January 21	Drop Period - Spring 2024 Classes (no fees)
January 15	Martin Luther King Day (Classes may be rescheduled)
February 19	Presidents Day (Classes may be rescheduled)
March 25 - April 14	Selection for Summer 2024 Electives
April 18	Last Day of Instruction ( <i>Continuing and Spring Start students</i> )
April 22 - April 26	Study Week
April 29- May 3	Spring Semester Final Exams ( <i>Continuing and Spring Start students</i> )
May 4 - May 19	Semester Break (No classes)
May 4 - May 13	Add Period - Summer 2024 (no fees)

### 2024 SUMMER SEMESTER

May 20	Classes Begin
May 20 - June 2	Drop Period - Summer 2024 Classes (no fees)
tba	Graduation (SLO Students)
tba	Graduation (KCCL Students)
tba	Graduation (MCL Students)
May 27	Memorial Day (Classes to be rescheduled)
June 19	Juneteenth (Classes to be rescheduled)
July 4	Independence Day (Classes to be rescheduled)
July 26	Last Day of Instruction
July 29 – August 1	Summer Semester Final Exams
July 22 – August 4	Registration Fall 2024–Spring 2025-Summer 2025 Academic Year (All Campuses)
July 22 - July 25	Orientation
August 2 – August 18	Semester Break (No classes)
August 19	Fall 2024 Classes Begin

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Course Title	Campus	Course Type	Units	Cohort Year	Class Cap	Course Description
Animal Law	Online	Elective	2	Open	15	Animals and the legal effects of their unique nature are present throughout the law. Animal Law is the body of law relating to animals and the unique interaction between people and animals. As such, this course explores the aspects of animal law on a horizontal plane: moving through each of the legal field's classic practice areas, identifying and discussing key animal law concepts in each, surveying the historical and current profile of this rapidly developing specialty. In brief, animal law encompasses all areas of the law in which the nature -- legal, social, biological -- of nonhumans is an important factor. In this manner, students will be provided with a comprehensive survey of animal law as a field within the United States' legal community, methods of integrating animal law into other areas of legal practice and analysis, and establishing a broad foundation upon which to build animal law study, should they so choose. It is an objective overview of a challenging area -- one with a growing number of cases and laws, increasing public and practical interest, and significantly different historical, legal and philosophical foundations than most other courses.
Appellate Writing	All	Required	2	2L	Varies	Students will gain experience in litigation, motion writing, and appeals. Our primary purpose is to further refine your skills in legal writing by exposing you to complex law and motion and appellate writing. <b>Prerequisite: Legal Writing I, Legal Writing II</b>
Artificial Intelligence in Legal Practice: Navigating Technology, Ethics, and Analysis	Online	Elective (General & Tech)	1	2L	15	This course is designed for second- and third-year law students, aiming to bridge the gap between traditional legal studies and the dynamic world of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and data analysis. Through five comprehensive sessions, students will learn AI's foundational concepts, ethical considerations, biases in AI applications, and practical data analysis skills using Microsoft Excel. Culminating in student-led presentations on AI topics, this course not only enlightens students about AI's transformative impact on legal practice but also equips them with hands-on skills in Excel, enhanced by AI, to analyze real-world legal case data effectively. The integration of AI and Excel training, coupled with ethical discussions and real-world legal case studies, prepares future legal professionals for an AI-driven world, ensuring they remain at the forefront of legal innovation.
California Housing Law	Online	Elective	1	1L	15	This course will cover California housing law and policy - including review and discussion of low- and moderate-income units (from both the tenant and homeowner view), code enforcement (housing violations) affordable housing development (subdivisions, environmental review, etc.) public housing and housing subsidies, disability requirements, renting and access to justice.  The class will have presentations from local experts on selected topics: These individuals may include a County Hearings Officer (Zoning Administrator), Environmental Consultants re: CEQA and environmental impacts, staff of local non-profit low-income housing organizations.  The course will conclude with a a study prepared by the students on a class-selected aspect of the topics we cover - from the perspective of local County/City regulations. The overall intent for this course is for the students to have an overview of the myriad ways in which housing, especially affordable housing is pulled in California. Development, zoning, construction and social strains affect all aspects of housing. The expectation is for all students to not only understand the many directions in which housing development is pulled in California, but to be able to recognize, understand and navigate these various stresses as an attorney and advocate for affordable housing.
Children and the Law	Online	Elective	1	1L	15	A review of selected U.S. Supreme Court cases involving children with emphasis on parental decision making regarding their children, the legal rights of children and the criminal justice process with a focus on culpability and punishment. Depending on the interests of the class and if time permits other topics may be addressed; such as terminating the rights of birth parents in the context of adoption and the Indian Child Welfare Act.
Communication Skills for Lawyers: Difficult Conversations Lab	Online	Elective	2	1L	15	Whether sharing bad news with a client, apologizing for a mistake, providing feedback, or talking with a colleague about an uncomfortable issue, the ability to handle difficult conversations respectfully and professionally has never been more necessary. In fact, the most in-demand skill of professionals is good communication, according to LinkedIn's 2024 global inventory. With artificial intelligence's increasing prominence in the workplace, mastering uniquely human skills like empathy, intuition and self-knowledge creates a path to professional achievement. This lab will identify the key elements of preparing for, conducting, and concluding difficult conversations. Students will have class time to practice these skills through role plays.
Core Mediation Training	Online	Required	2	Open	15	This intensive 10-week, 32-hour Mediation Certification Training will teach you how to help others work through their conflicts. This training meets the requirements of the California Dispute Resolution Programs Act for mediators. The communication and problem-solving skills taught in this course are applicable in a wide range of situations including work, personal and community life. The course has been adapted to a virtual format.
Criminal Trial Practice	ECL	Elective	2	1L	15	The course will teach you everything you need to know about prosecuting and defending a criminal trial. You'll learn the nuts and bolts of criminal trial preparation, including pre-arrest procedures, case preparation and investigation, evidentiary objections, pre-trial motion work, and trial. The course will prepare you to conduct jury selection, present opening statements, direct/cross examination, and effective closing arguments. Students completing the course will gain the confidence and experience necessary to properly conduct a criminal jury trial.

Education Law	Online	Elective	2	1L	15	This seminar is a survey course of educational opportunity, student rights, and educational reforms in U.S. schools, focusing on K-12 schools. Topics include issues related to race and ethnicity, immigration status, language, gender, and disability as it bears on educational equality; discipline, freedom of expression, and religion in the context of student rights; and federal authority, curricular control, and alternatives to traditional public education in response to educational reform efforts. This will be an interactive discussion-based seminar where students will analyze contemporary legal issues in K-12 education.
Environmental Justice: Race, Class, and the Environment	Online	Elective	2	2L	15	Environmental justice describes a social and political movement to seek greater equity in the distribution of environmental harms and benefits in our society and, in particular, to address the disproportionate impact of pollution on low-income communities and communities of color. This course explores the intersection between traditional environmental law and civil rights, and how decisionmaking affects not only our natural environment but also our lived environment. The course will provide an overview of traditional and emerging environmental justice topics, examine the innovative methods practitioners are using to address systemic environmental inequalities, and help students develop practical advocacy and litigation skills needed for environmental justice attorneys in California.
Family Law	Online, KCCL	Elective	2	2L	15	The student will learn the fundamentals of a California family law practice, including familiarity with the various proceedings under the California Family Code, jurisdiction, practice and procedure, and strategies for ethical and effective representation of parties in Family Law proceedings. <b>Prerequisite: Real Property</b>
Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Law	Online	Elective	2	Open	15	This course will introduce students to the overlapping, but rich and complex fields of food, agricultural, and environmental law, Congress' purpose in enacting the major statutes in each field, their basic framework, and how each has evolved through regulation and judicial interpretation.
Gibson Appellate Advocacy	Online	Fulfills writing requirement for Joint JD/MLS Degree	2	3L	N/A	The course will be devoted to writing an appellate brief using the same fictional closed universe case used in moot court. Students will be evaluated on legal writing skill, including the correct use of legal terminology. The highest-quality briefs will be well-organized, concise and persuasive. Citations must be consistent with the California Style Manual citation format. The format of the brief must also conform to the Rules of the United States District Court of Appeal for the 9th Circuit. This course satisfies the writing requirement for the joint MLS/JD program. <b>Prerequisite: Appellate Writing (Legal Writing III). This class is for students in the joint JD/MLS program. The class should be taken concurrently with Moot Court.</b>
International Business (Commercial Transactions)	Online	Elective	2	Open	15	This course covers all legal and practical aspects of transacting business across borders. Topics will include types of transactions, contracts, financing, foreign registrations, contingency planning, and use of international agreements and treaties. The course will be hands-on with each student developing and managing their own hypothetical transaction from inception to conclusion, with emphasis on effective advocacy and advice for the client.
Introduction to Legal Issues for Tech Companies	Online	Elective (General & Tech)	2	Open	15	This course is designed to introduce incoming first-year law students learn legal commercial issues surrounding a technology company in Silicon Valley. Topics discussed will include the following: Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) subscriptions, warranties and service level agreements (SLA's), data security and privacy, indemnities, limitations of liability, and much more. Through a combination of class discussion, lectures, and written exercises, this course will provide an opportunity for students to understand the role of a commercial attorney and how to consider, evaluate and adapt to emerging changes in commercial/technology law practice with a thoughtful and critical mindset.
Introduction to Venture Capital & Private Fund Formation	Online	Elective (General & Tech)	2	Open	15	Private investment funds, including venture capital and private equity funds, involve the allocation and investment of billions of dollars worldwide. While in recent years private investment funds have become subject to greater scrutiny by regulators, they remain less regulated and understood than publicly traded investment funds. This class provides an opportunity for students to be introduced to private investment funds, learn about the structuring and regulatory issues related to such funds and become familiar with the legal documentation and current issues of the private investment fund industry.
Legal Research	All	Required	2	1L	Varies	A class to familiarize students with the basic foundations of legal research. Assignments include researching problems in the law library and researching and writing office memoranda, opinion letters and other documents. Computer assisted legal research is included. <b>Prerequisite: Legal Writing I</b>
Legal Synthesis (Early Bar Prep for 3Ls)	Online	Elective	2	3L	18	This course is designed to help graduating law students understand and begin preparing for the California Bar Examination. Students are expected to complete weekly homework (e.g., an essay assignment, a PT assignment, and/or MBE questions), and to come prepared to complete in-class simulations. Because the bar prep season is entirely self-study, after each in-class or homework assignment, students will evaluate ways to improve their exam-taking and study strategies. Students will also learn how to become self-regulated learners and how to use the required texts to begin early self-study for the California Bar Examination. This course includes several interactive activities and discussions to promote active learning and is NOT a passive lecture course. <b>Prerequisites: All 1L, 2L, and fall/spring 3L classes. This course is for students taking courses in the summer of their 3L year.</b>
Master of Legal Studies Thesis	Online	Fulfills writing requirement for MLS Degree	2	MLS students only	N/A	In order to earn a Master of Legal Studies Degree (MLS), students are required to take this Capstone Thesis course. By petition, students also pursuing the JD degree, may opt to take this course in lieu of Appellate Advocacy. The MLS Director will teach this individualized writing and research course. <b>This course is for students in the MLS program who are in the last two semesters of their degree.</b>
MBE Review Course	Online	Elective	2	2L	15	This is a skills-based course and class sessions are designed to increase students' exposure to and facilitate the practice of MBE questions. In-class lectures will be primarily taught in the Socratic method. Students will be chosen randomly to discuss specific MBE examples, including the applicable legal principles and legal reasoning of both correct and incorrect answers. In addition, role-playing, collaborative learning exercises and practice exam questions will be employed. <b>Prerequisites: Real property, civil procedure, evidence, contracts, torts, crimes.</b>

Moot Court	All	Required	2	3L	Varies	Moot Court aims to help students discover and develop their advocacy skills in the context of advanced Constitutional Law hypotheticals. The course will emphasize oral advocacy exercises, culminating in multiple rounds of moot court argument. <b>Prerequisites: Constitutional Law</b>
Professional Responsibility	All	Required	2	1L	15	Students will learn the principles, rules and policies underlying the ethical obligations of attorneys in the practice of law, including an introduction to legal writing and analysis. Students will also be provided with materials to prepare for the Multiple State Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE), required for admission to the State Bar of California.
Real Estate Transactions	Online	Elective	2	2L	N/A	This course introduces students to the fundamentals of residential real estate transactions, such as acquisition, financing, due diligence, property ownership and rights, and the role of attorneys and brokers and their ethical duties. <b>Prerequisite: Real Property</b>
Starting and Managing a Law Practice	Online	Elective	1	2L	15	This course will provide training on how to start your own firm, and how to manage it once it is started. It will touch on firm administration, attracting clients, managing staff and other aspects of subjects relevant to legal entrepreneurs. Even if you have no intention of starting your own practice, the skills discussed in this class will make you a more valuable associate and help elevate you to a partnership position at a law firm. <b>Prerequisite: Professional Responsibility</b>
Trial Advocacy	SLO	Elective	2	2L	N/A	This course is a one-semester course covering trial advocacy with an overall goal of training students to competently try a case to jury. Subjects covered include jury selection, in limine motions, opening statements, direct and cross examination, admitting exhibits, voir dire of experts, impeaching witnesses, and closing argument. <b>Prerequisites: Civil Procedure, Evidence</b>



# JD Graduation Checklist

Students in the JD program will complete a ninety-unit degree path, including seventy required units, two clinical units, core mediation training, and elective units.

Students must maintain a 70.00 cumulative grade point average (GPA) to maintain good academic standing. In addition, students who do not successfully pass at least 60% of the units they are enrolled in during a semester will be placed on academic probation.

JD students must successfully complete all graduation requirements within 84 months (7 years) from commencement.

Student must be in good academic and financial standing to graduate.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1L Courses Fall - Summer	Semester(s) Offered	Units
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contracts I Contracts II	Fall Spring	3 units 3 units
<input type="checkbox"/>	Torts I Torts II	Fall Spring	3 units 3 units
<input type="checkbox"/>	Criminal Law & Procedure I Criminal Law & Procedure II	Fall Spring	3 units 3 units
<input type="checkbox"/>	Legal Writing I A Legal Writing I B	Fall Spring	1 unit 1 unit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Skills	Fall Only	1 unit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Professional Responsibility	Summer Only	2 units
<input type="checkbox"/>	Legal Research	Summer Only	2 units

*Because The Law Schools' curriculum is designed as a part-time program, the courses follow a required sequence that anticipates completion in four years starting from the fall semester of a student's 1L courses.*

25 total units



## Required 2L - 4L courses

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2L Courses Fall - Summer	Semester(s) Offered	Units
<input type="checkbox"/>	Evidence I Evidence II	Fall Spring	3 units 3 units
<input type="checkbox"/>	Real Property I Real Property II	Fall Spring	3 units 3 units
<input type="checkbox"/>	Civil Procedure I Civil Procedure II	Fall Spring	3 units 3 units
<input type="checkbox"/>	Legal Writing II A Legal Writing II B	Fall Spring	1 unit 1 unit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Appellate Writing	Summer Only	2 units
			22 total units

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3L Courses Fall - Summer	Semester(s) Offered	Units
<input type="checkbox"/>	Constitutional Law I Constitutional Law II	Fall Spring	3 units 3 units
<input type="checkbox"/>	Business Organizations I Business Organizations II	Fall Spring	3 units 3 units
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Property	Fall Only	3 units
<input type="checkbox"/>	Moot Court	Summer Only	2 units
			17 total units

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4L Courses Fall - Spring	Semester(s) Offered	Units
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wills & Trusts	Fall Only	3 units
<input type="checkbox"/>	Remedies	Spring Only	3 units

\*The class of 2028 and beyond will be required to take a for-credit pre-bar preparation course in their 4L year.

6 total units\*





## Required Clinical Units

		Semester(s) Offered	Units
■	General Clinical Units	Fall, Spring, Summer	2 total units
■	Core Mediation Training	Spring & Summer Only	2 units
<p><i>The general clinical unit requirement may be met by completing clinics offered by the law school. After receiving approval, 3L and 4L students may complete legal and judicial internships for clinical credit. Students must successfully pass 1L courses, including professional responsibility, before enrolling in clinical courses where they will work with the public. If a student completes more than two general clinical units, the additional units will be applied to their elective unit requirement. Students may apply up to eleven clinical units toward the JD degree audit.</i></p>			4 total units

## Electives

		Semester(s) Offered	Units
■	General Elective Units	Fall, Spring, Summer	16 total units
<p><i>Most elective courses are offered in the summer semester. Elective courses change every year. The summer course schedule is published before the summer elective enrollment period.</i></p>			

## Total Units Required for JD

### 1L - 4L Required

✓ 1L = 25 units

✓ 2L = 22 units

✓ 3L = 17 units

✓ 4L = 6 units\*  
70 Units



### Clinical & Elective

✓ General Clinical = 2 units

✓ Core Mediation = 2 units

✓ General Elective = 16 units

20 Units



**90  
Total  
Units**

\* The class of 2028+ will take a for-credit pre-bar prep class in 4L



# Populi Degree Audit



The Populi degree audit compares your academic progress to the degree requirements. It is a useful tool to help you monitor your progress in real-time.

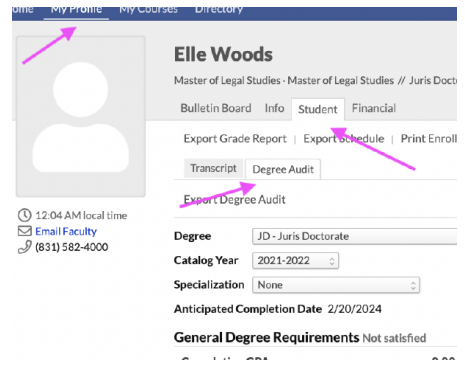
The Registrar maintains all student records and will determine official degree eligibility using both Populi records and your student file.

## Step 1:



### Log into Populi

- Log into your student Populi account.
- The degree audit is found on My Profile>Student.
- Navigate to the degree audit tab.

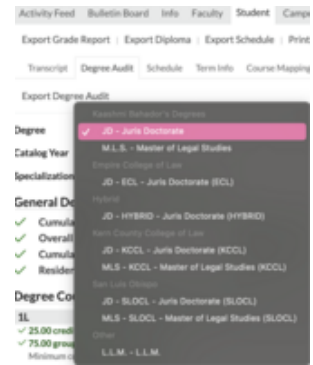


## Step 2:



### Select Degree

- Click the degree pull-down menu and select JD - Juris Doctorate.

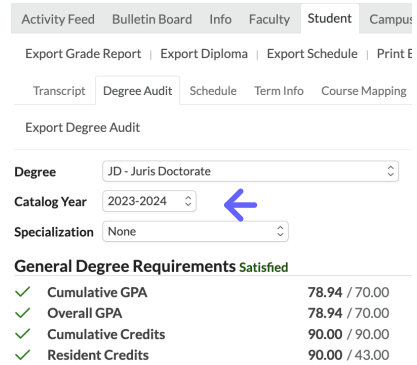


## Step 3:

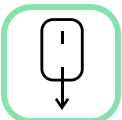


### Select Catalog Year

- Select the current year.



## Step 4:



### Review Audit

- Scroll down to review the list of Completed and In Progress courses.
- Courses are organized by cohort year and type. For example, 1L courses, 4L courses, and electives.

4L

- ✓ 6.00 credits earned / 6.00 required
- ✓ 83.50 group GPA / 2.00 required
- Minimum course grade points: 2.00

Show All **Completed** Not completed

Course	Name	Grade	Status	Applied
326	Remedies	90	3 credits completed	✓
331	Wills & Trusts	77	3 credits completed	✓

## Step 5:



### Earned/Required

- Check the summary information at the top of each category to see how many units you need to satisfy each category and how many units you've earned so far.

3L

- ✓ 17.00 credits earned / 17.00 required
- ✓ 85.94 group GPA / 2.00 required
- Minimum course grade points: 2.00

Show All **Completed** Not completed

If you have any questions regarding your degree audit, get in touch with your academic advisor. They can provide you with the necessary guidance and assistance.