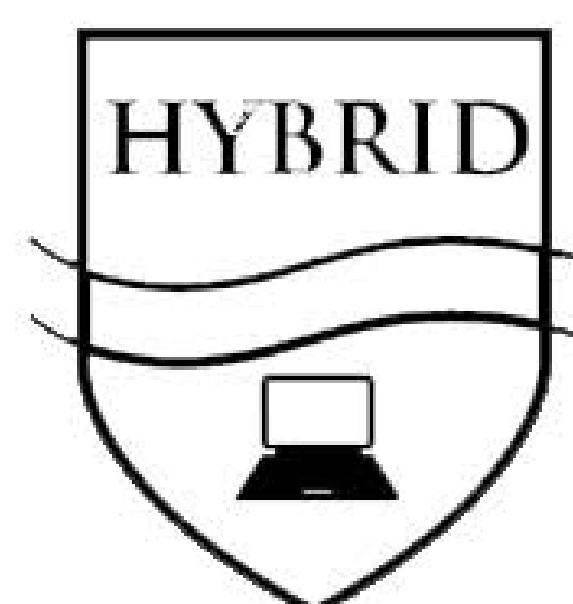
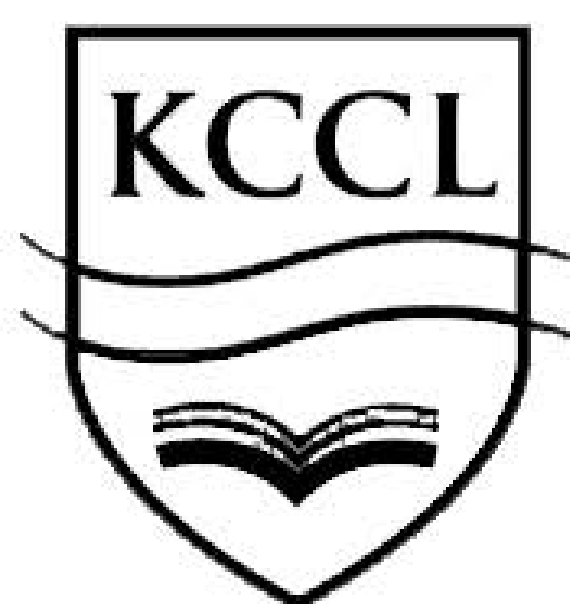
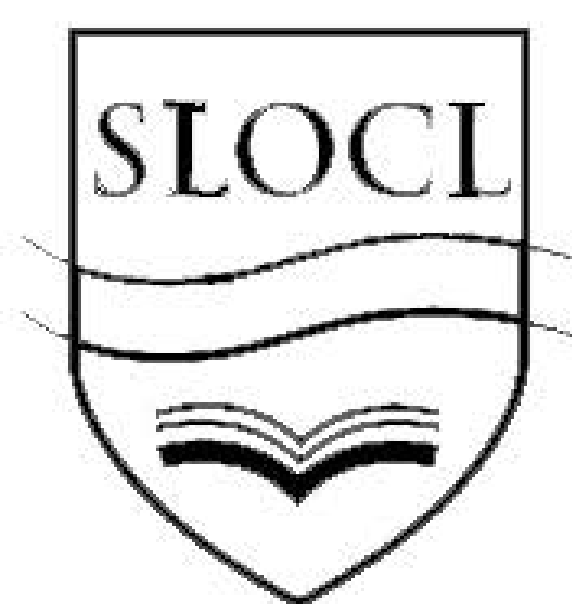
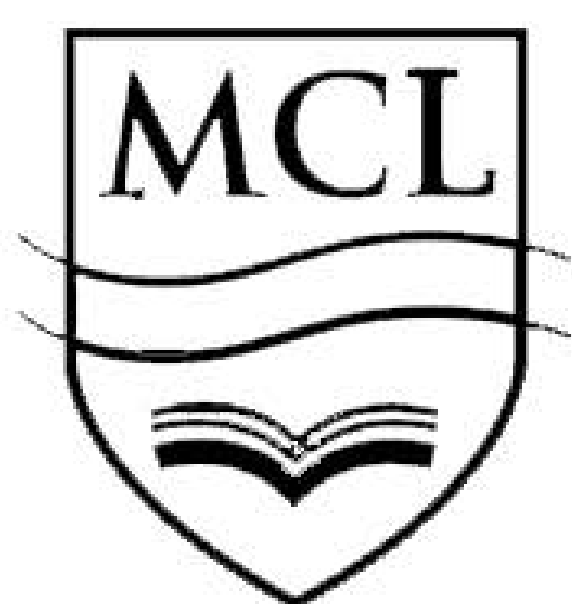


JD Catalog and Graduation Requirements





JD students at Monterey College of Law, San Luis Obispo College of Law, Kern College of Law, Empire College of Law, and in the Hybrid Online JD must complete 90 units to graduate.



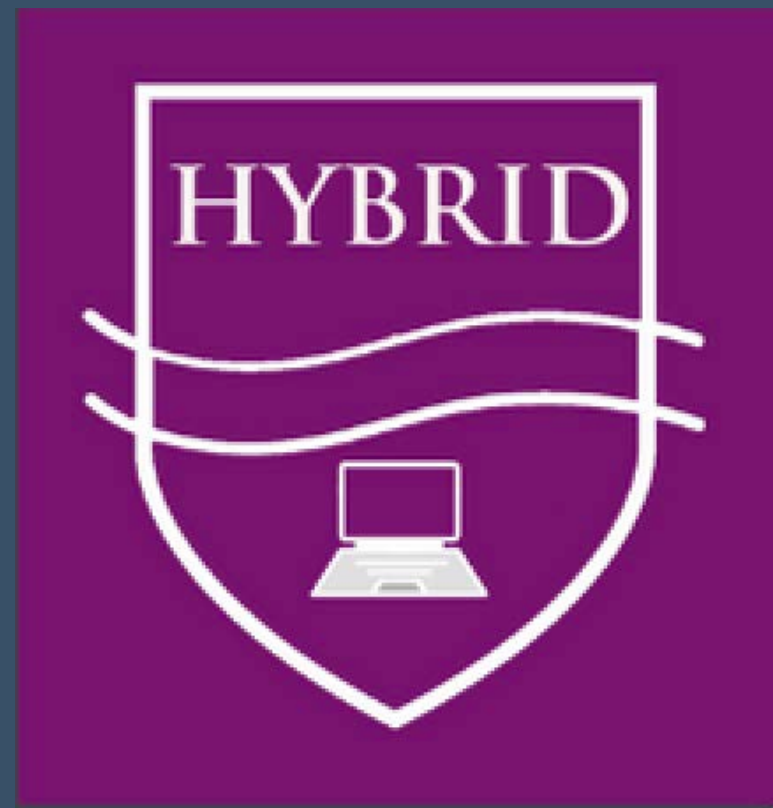
The majority of law school courses emphasize substantive law using the traditional casebook method. Advocacy, writing, and clinical courses emphasize practical skills. The Clinical Studies Program encourages students to participate in internships under the supervision of practicing lawyers and judges.



Because the Law Schools’ curriculum is designed as a part-time program, the courses follow a prescribed sequence that anticipates completion in four years.



In order to graduate, students must attain a 70.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) with a minimum of 90 credits of study, and be in good financial standing.



Students must complete both required and elective units to satisfy the graduation requirements.



First Year

Required 1L Courses

Year-Long Course	Must Complete Fall and Spring Semesters	6 unit Course
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1 Contracts

This class covers enforceable agreements including requirements for the formation of a contract; problems of interpretation, consideration and its equivalent; damages for breach; the statute of frauds; illegality, and rights and liabilities of third parties arising from the contract itself or from assignment of contractual rights or delegation of duties.

Year-Long Course	Must Complete Fall and Spring Semesters	6 unit Course
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2 Criminal Law & Procedure

Topics include substantive criminal law and elements of criminal responsibility; law of crimes against persons; property; and habitation; the theory of criminal responsibility, parties and defenses to crimes. Also covered are the procedures for indictments, arrest, bail, trial sentencing, and appeals.

Year-Long Course	Must Complete Fall and Spring Semesters	6 unit Course
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3 Torts

The historical development and nature of non-contractual civil law, which allocates the economic burden of various injuries. A study of the principles of liability for harm.



First Year

Required 1L Courses cont.

Year-Long Course	Must Complete Fall and Spring Semesters	2 unit Course
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4 Legal Writing I

An introductory course designed to improve analytical and written communication skills. Students work on simple legal problems and how to identify and analyze legal issues and express their legal reasoning. Assignments include exercises in case briefing, exam writing, and drafting legal memoranda. This course meets five times in the fall and five times in the spring.

One Semester Course	Offered in Fall	1 unit Course
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5 Legal Skills

This class addresses key skills needed for law school, the bar exam, and the practice of law. Students review keys facts, rule synthesis, analogies and comparisons, analysis and essay writing. This course meets five times in the fall.

One Semester Course	Offered in Summer	2 unit Course
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6 Professional Responsibility

An examination of the lawyer’s obligation to the client and the public. The class examines the professional rules contained in the American Bar Association Model Code and the California Rules of Professional Conduct.



First Year

Required 1L Courses cont.

One Semester Course	Offered in Summer	2 unit Course
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7 Legal Research

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. A survey of CALR tools including on-line resources for legal and public records research is included.



Second Year

Required 2L Courses

Year-Long Course	Must Complete Fall and Spring Semesters	6 unit Course
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1 Civil Procedure

This course covers the rules of preparing and bringing a civil case to trial. The concepts of formation of a claim (pleadings), pretrial preparation (discovery) and the law and cases governing personal and subject matter jurisdiction and venue are introduced along with summary judgment, interpleader and res judicata.

Year-Long Course	Must Complete Fall and Spring Semesters	6 unit Course
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Prerequisite- Contracts

2 Real Property

The historical development and current application of real property law, including the nature of estates, landlord/tenant rights and obligations, life estates, rules against perpetuities, vesting, restraints on alienation, easements, servitudes, nuisances, lateral support, regulation of land use, transfer of interest in land, and financing of real estate.

Year-Long Course	Must Complete Fall and Spring Semesters	6 unit Course
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Prerequisite- Criminal Law & Procedure

3 Evidence

Both the Federal Rules of Evidence and California Statutes are used to explore the concepts of relevance, hearsay, witness competency, privileges, presumptions, burdens of proof and judicial notice.



Second Year

Required 2L Courses cont.

Year-Long Course	Must Complete Fall and Spring Semesters	2 unit Course
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Prerequisite- Legal Writing I

4 Advanced Legal Writing (LWII)

Students develop their persuasive writing skills through writing assignments involving motions, points and authorities, and declarations. This advanced class enables students to demonstrate their legal analysis and ability to advocate a position.

One Semester Course	Offered in Summer	2 unit Course
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Prerequisites- Legal Writing I, Legal Writing II

5 Appellate Writing (LWIII)

Students develop advanced writing skills for use in law and motion and appellate practice.

One Semester Course	Offered in Fall, Spring, and Summer	1 unit Course
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MCL Campus only

6 Small Claims Clinic

Students learn the process of preparing and presenting a case in Small Claims court. The course emphasizes practical skills by assisting members of the public with preparing their cases for small claims court.



Third Year

Required 3L Courses

Year-Long Course	Must Complete Fall and Spring Semesters	6 unit Course
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Prerequisites-Crim Law & Procedure, Evidence

1 Constitutional Law

A study of the United States Constitution with an emphasis on the theory and practice of judicial interpretation and review. Topics include the separation of federal powers, the relation of the federal government to the states and specific government powers (tax, treaty, war, and commercial). The course also covers limitations placed on the exercise of governmental power, emphasizing the Bill of Rights, due process and equal protection clauses.

Year-Long Course	Must Complete Fall and Spring Semesters	6 unit Course
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2 Business Law

The law related to the formation and operation of California corporations. Detailed consideration is given to exemption provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, the proxy, anti-fraud and insider trading provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and pertinent SEC regulations. Included is an in-depth examination of the practical skills and application of the law.

One Semester Course	Offered in Fall	3 unit Course
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Prerequisite- Real Property

3 Community Property

The nature of property interests of married California residents including identifying and tracing community and separate property, management and control of marital property, liability for debts, of dissolution of marriage, annulment or legal separation are viewed and property rights of non-marital partners are covered.



Third Year

Required 3L Courses Cont.

One Semester Course	Offered in Summer	2 unit course
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Prerequisite-Constitutional Law

4 Moot Court

Moot Court Competition gives students an opportunity to study advanced constitutional issues. The semester culminates in a series of hearings, where local judges hear the students’ oral arguments on each side of a current civil liberties issue. The public is invited to witness the final round of arguments by four students in front of an appellate judges.



Fourth Year

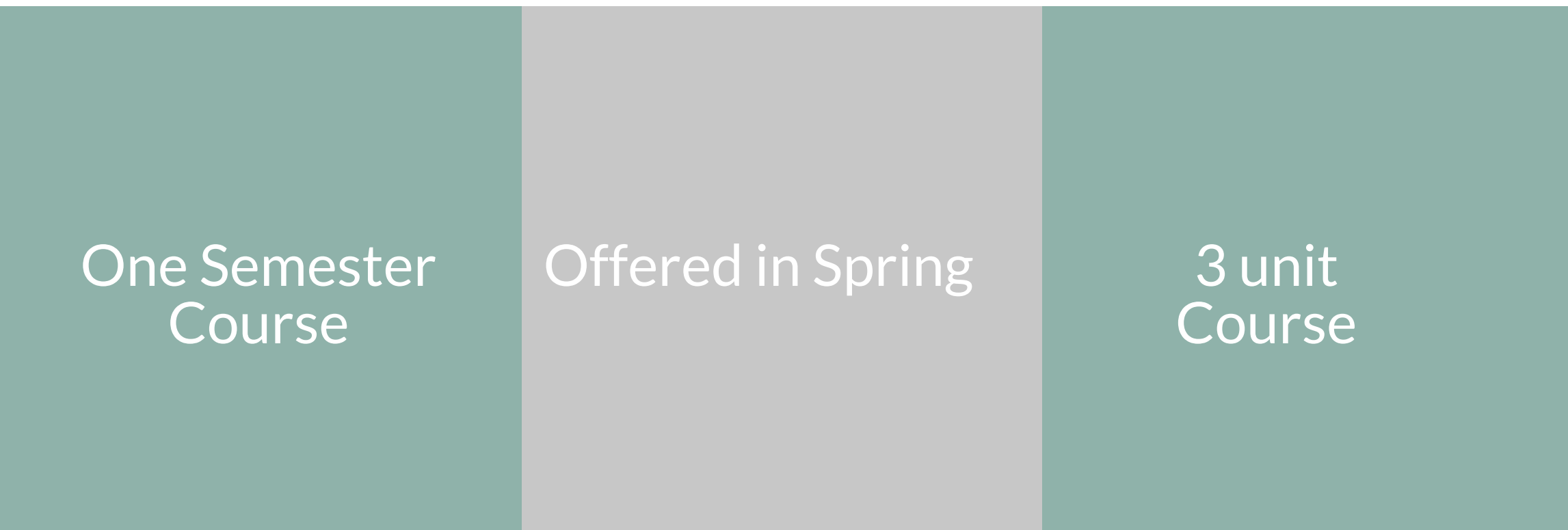
Required 4L Courses



Prerequisites-Real Property, Community Property

1 Wills & Trusts

A study of California law regarding the succession of property, wills, and trusts.



Prerequisites-Contracts, Torts

2 Remedies

A general survey of equity including the adequacy of legal remedies, injunctions, specific performance, declaratory relief and the jurisdiction and powers of courts of equity. The course also covers the measure of damages in contracts, torts and property, and enforcement of money judgments.



Electives

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Mandatory Elective units

- Core Mediation (Two unit course)
- Two clinical studies units

The clinical studies requirement may be met through participation in one of the law schools' sponsored advisory clinics, or may be completed through legal and judicial internships available to second, third, and fourth-year students upon approval by the Dean of Clinical Studies.

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General Elective units

- MCL Students must complete 15 units of electives.
- SLO, Kern, Empire, & Hybrid JD Students must complete 16 units of electives.

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Joint JD/MLS Degree

Students must sucessfully complete Gibson Appellate Writing in addition to the JD degree requirements to earn the Joint JD/MLS Degree.

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Elective courses are offered in the summer semester. 2L & 3L students typically take 6-8 elective units in the summer semester.

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