

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

The three-year curriculum is designed in accord with the professional law courses usually offered in ABA-approved law centers/schools. For graduation, there must be satisfactory completion of at least 90 semester hours of professional courses, including required courses, earning a 2.0 cumulative grade point average. Additionally, no student may qualify for the awarding of the Juris Doctor degree who has not acquired a 2.0 average for all required courses. Electives are offered as a part of the curriculum and students are permitted to take the elective courses specified during the second and third years of school. Each student is responsible for keeping informed of the number of additional credits needed to meet the graduation requirements.

Students are enrolled as either full-time or part-time and are expected to remain in that status for the entire first academic year. A student who wishes to change his/her enrollment status during the academic year must obtain the approval of the vice chancellor and must file a Request for Exception to Academic Policy form (Available in the Records and Registration Department).

Probation, dismissal, and Maximum Hours

First-Year Students

1. A first-year student whose overall grade point average at the end of the first regular semester is less than 1.5 is automatically dismissed.
2. A first-year student whose overall grade point average at the end of the first semester is less than 2.0 is on probation and may not schedule more than 12 hours for full-time or 8 hours for part-time students.
3. A first-year student whose overall grade point average at the end of the first two regular semesters is less than 2.0 is automatically dismissed.
4. First-year students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better at the end of the first year in order to attend summer school.

Second-and Third-Year Students

1. A second or third year student whose overall grade point average after the third regular semester is less than 2.0 is on probation. If the student was on probation in the regular semester immediately preceding the student is automatically dismissed.

2. A second or third year student on probation may not schedule more than 14 hours.
3. A second or third year student who receives a grade of "F" in six semester hours of work in any one regular semester is on probation if the student's overall grade point average is 2.5; if it is less than 2.5, the student automatically dismissed.