

Winter 2026 First Year Electives

It is a J.D. degree requirement that 1L students take a **Mandatory** First-Year Elective (3 or 4 credits) in their second term. Classes that fulfill this requirement have **footnote #16** attached to them on the Law School's [Class Schedule](#) for the Winter 2026 term. These classes are:

- 903 1L Advocacy Clinic: *Child Custody* (Andres, Kay, Lee & Vandervort) (4 credits) EL
- 903 1L Advocacy Clinic: *Immigration* (Lee) (4 credits) EL
- 751 Accounting for Lawyers (DeSimpelare) (3 credits)
- 601 Administrative Law (Mendelson) (4 credits) SR
- 603 Budget and Appropriations Law (Bagenstos) (3 credits) SR
- 646 Chinese Constitutionalism (Howson) (3 credits) IC
- 632 Classical Liberalism and the Rule of Law (Kethledge) (3 credits)
- 652 Commercial Law: Secured Transactions and Mortgages (Pottow) (4 credits) SR
- 502 Corporate Governance and Investment Banking (Kim) (3 credits) IC
- 500 Cybersecurity (Moon) (3 credits)
- 620 Disability Rights (Bagenstos) (3 credits) SR
- 651 Economic Analysis of Law (Prescott, JJ) (3 credits)
- 657 Enterprise Organization (Beny) (4 credits)
- 657 Enterprise Organization (Rauterberg) (4 credits)
- 669 Evidence (Clark) (3 credits)
- 669 Evidence (Niehoff) (4 credits)
- 681 First Amendment (Adams) (3 credits)
- 687 Immigration and Nationality (Arnold) (3 credits) SR
- 744 International Human Rights Law (Ratner) (3 credits) IC
- 630 International Law (Daugirdas) (4 credits) IC
- 661 International Law of Climate Change (Haverkamp) (3 credits) IC
- 569 Legislation and Regulation (Bagley) (4 credits) SR
- 569 Legislation and Regulation (Mortenson) (4 credits) SR
- 708 Local Government (Kazis) (4 credits)
- 560 Property (Perzanowski) (4 credits)
- 575 Public Lands & Natural Resources Law (Klass) (3 credits)
- 501 Racial Justice in America (Boddie) (3 credits)
- 784 Responding to Wrongdoing (Hershovitz) (4 credits)
- 747 Taxation of Individual Income (Fox) (4 credits) SR
- 760 Trademarks and Unfair Competition (Litman, J.) (4 credits) SR
- 755 Trusts and Estates (Noxull) (3 credits)

PR = fulfills the Professional Responsibility requirement for graduation

IC = fulfills the Int'l or Comparative Law course distribution requirement for graduation

SR = fulfills the Statutory or Regulatory course distribution requirement for graduation

EL = Experiential Learning course

NY = fulfills the New York Bar's ethics requirement

Note: First-year electives do not fulfill the Upper-Level Writing requirement for J.D. 1L students

Classes with **footnote #35** on the Law School's [Class Schedule](#) for the Winter 2026 term are **Optional** First-Year Electives (can be taken *in addition* to a Mandatory first-year elective).*

READ THE FOOTNOTES attached to classes on the Law School's term [Class Schedule](#) for vital information such as pre-requisites or co-requisites, special meeting dates, and degree requirement fulfillment.

Not all elective choices will be available to every student due to the varying 1L section schedules.

The Law School's term [Class Schedule](#) can be filtered by Degree Requirements. Select "First Year Elective (FYE)" in the Winter 2026 term to filter for classes that fulfill the Mandatory first-year elective requirement, and [Mandatory elective availability by 1L section](#).

Visit the Law School's [Office of Student Records](#) website for class registration information to prepare for Winter 2026 [Class Bidding](#).

***Optional First-Year Electives (can be taken *in addition* to a Mandatory first-year elective)**

- 662 AI Sandbox (Barry) (1 credit) EL
- 612 Alternative Dispute Resolution (Kantor) (3 credits) PR or EL (Does NOT fulfill FYE degree requirement.)
- 455 American Indian Law Workshop (Fletcher) (2 credits)
- 617 Anatomy of a Commercial Trial (Ankers) (3 credits) EL (Does NOT fulfill FYE degree requirement.)
- 854 Anti-corruption Law & Practice (Dickinson) (2 credits) IC
- 810 Business and Human Rights (Nana) (2 credits) IC
- 848 Cities and States as Plaintiffs (Savit) (2 credits)
- 872 Congressional Investigations (Apelbaum) (2 credits)

- 465 Current Issues in Federal Voting Rights Litigation (Baldwin) (2 credits)
- 850 Defamation (Herzog) (2 credits)
- 685 Design Fulfilling Life in Law (Carr & Sankaran, V.) (2 credits)
- 656 Editing, Advocacy, and AI (Barry) (2 credits) EL
- 658 Entertainment Law (Kornfield) (2 credits)
- 805 Environmental Justice (Salim) (2 credits)
- 654 Ethics for Business Lawyers (Belveal) (2 credits) PR, NY
- 863 Forensic Science and the Law (Syed) (2 credits)
- 889 History in Constitutional Litigation (Melgar) (2 credits)
- 870 Intellectual Property and Social Norms (Perzanowski) (2 credits)
- 506 Internal Investigations (Lynch) (2 credits)
- 576 International Bankruptcy (Pang & Pottow) (2 credits) IC
- 785 International Criminal Law (Chehtman) (2 credits) IC
- 445 International and Environmental Tax Relations (Leon) (2 credits)
- 724 International Refugee Law (Fisher) (2 credits) IC
- 735 Land Use Law and Policy (Kazis) (2 credits)
- 861 Law and Economics Workshop (Prescott, JJ) (2 credits)
- 804 Law and Finance (Rauterberg) (2 credits)
- 405 Law, Digital Tech, and Society (Viljoen) (2 credits)
- 450 Law in Rural America (Prifogle) (2 credits)
- 821 Law of Abundance (Bagley) (2 credits)
- 731 Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility (Clark) (2 credits) PR NY
- 898 Mental Health, Law, and Policy (Pinals) (2 credits)
- 712 Negotiation (Kimball) (3 credits) PR or EL (Does NOT fulfill FYE degree requirement.)
- 773 Peacemaking in State Justice Systems (Connors & Connors) (3 credits) IC EL (Does NOT fulfill FYE degree requirement.)
- 721 Philosophical Approaches to Ethical Decision Making (Mendlow) (2 credits)
- 859 Race, Sex, and Religion in U.S. Prisons (Schlanger) (2 credits)
- 458 Regulating by the Numbers (Stawasz) (2 credits)
- 887 Shakespeare and the Law (Niehoff) (2 credits)
- 424 Tax Policy Seminar (Fox) (2 credits)
- 452 Topics in Military Law (Chinsky) (2 credits)
- 836 The United Nations (Daugirdas) (2 credits) IC
- 895 White Collar Crime Policy and Practice (Belveal) (2 credits)