Plotting the Course of Your 2L Year & Beyond...
Graduation Requirements

- 88 total credits must be earned
- All required courses must be taken
- Upper Level Writing Requirement must be satisfied
- Professional Skills Requirement (applies to graduates who began in fall 2008 or later)
- 65 minimum credits of regularly scheduled classes
- 2.0 min. cumulative grade point average
## Required Courses

### First-Year
- Civil Procedure I
- Civil Procedure II
- Con. Law I
- Contracts I
- Contracts II
- Property
- RWA I
- RWA II
- Torts I

### Upper-Level
- Con. Law II
- Evidence
- Professional Responsibility
- Business Enterprises
  (graduates who began prior to fall 2008)
Upper Level Writing Requirement “ULWR” “U”

- Completion of 29 law school credits
- Several avenues to complete ULWR
  (Elective course, Directed Study, Law Review, Journal, King Scholars Seminar, etc.)
- Paper must be at least 7000 words, plus endnotes

Upper Level Writing Requirement (ULWR) Declaration Form

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Student Name: [Redacted]

INSTRUCTIONS: Students are responsible for verifying all the requirements to ensure a ULWR credit. To receive credit for the Upper Level Writing Requirement in any semester, the transcript must be enrolled in and completed by the Registrar’s Office at the end of the Spring quarter of the semester in which the upper quarter of the upper level writing requirement is completed. The student must complete all coursework in the ULWR requirement by the end of the Spring quarter of the semester in which the upper level writing requirement is completed. The transcript must be submitted to the Registrar’s Office. The transcript must be submitted to the Registrar’s Office.

STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I acknowledge the following requirements for the ULWR program:

- In accordance with the registration policies, at least one upper quarter, and a final paper following the same upper quarter, and any subsequent upper quarter.
- Final paper to be submitted at the end of the quarter in which the upper quarter is completed.
- Compliance with the policies and procedures of the Upper Level Writing Requirement as stated in the Student Handbook.

If the paper is not completed within the specified time frame, the ULWR must be completed in the next available quarter. The paper must be submitted to the Registrar’s Office at the end of the quarter in which the upper quarter is completed.

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I certify that I have completed the required coursework and have completed the ULWR requirement as stated in the Student Handbook.

Student Name: [Redacted]

Student’s signature: [Redacted]

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Please complete reverse side.
Professional Skills Requirement “S”

Must enroll in at least one upper-level course that has a practical skills component, as opposed to theory:

- Externship
- Clinic
- Trial or appellate advocacy
- Alternative methods of dispute resolution
- Client Counseling, interviewing,
- Negotiation
- Contracts, Legislative, or Will Drafting

Limitation on study outside of the classroom

- A minimum of 65 credits must be taken in “regularly scheduled classes”

- Examples of non-regularly scheduled classes:
  - Moot Court
  - Law Review and Journals
  - Externships
  - Non-law school courses
Satisfactory Academic Progress

2.00 cumulative grade point average at the conclusion of any regular semester will be dismissed from the Law College.

- **Recording of Transfer Credits**
  - Study Abroad, Visit Out, etc.

- **Class Rank**
  - Term Rank
  - **Final Rank** *(70 MSU Law graded Credits)*

- **Dean’s List** *(3.25 or above semester gpa)*
- **Honors Eligibility** *(53 graded MSU Law Credits)*
Elective Options

- Credit/No Credit Grading Option
- Directed Study
- Externships
- Clinics
Externships

- Coordinated through the Career Services Office
- Eligible after earning 24 credits
- Can earn a maximum of 9 credit hours
  - (DC Externship and Ottawa Externships Programs count toward the 6 credits)
- Graded as pass/fail
- Must be in public sector or non-profit

MSU Law Clinics

- Housing
- Tax
- Small Business and Non-Profit
- Plea & Sentencing Clinic
- Immigration Law Clinic
- Great Lakes First Amendment Law Clinic
- Conservation Clinic
Credit for Non-Law Graduate Level Courses

Selecting Elective Courses

- Personal Interest

- Recommended courses for a balanced program, The ABC's

- Bar subjects and competencies tested in your jurisdiction
Professionalism and Admission to the Bar

Admission to the State Bar

- Bar Examination
  (MBE, UBE, MEE and/or State Essays, MPT)

- Multi-State Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE)

- Character and Fitness
State Bar Requirements

- Check your jurisdiction
- Filing deadlines
- Fees (discounts for early applications)
- Supplemental forms required
- Timing requirements (example: credit requirement before you can take the MPRE)
Applicant’s Burden

All applicants for admission to the Bar, must prove by clear and convincing evidence, that they possess the current good moral character and fitness to practice law.

Good Moral Character

Demonstrates a propensity to serve the public in a “fair, honest and open manner”
(MCL §338.51)
Good Moral Character

- Will exercise good judgment, both ethnically and professionally
- Will avoid illegal, dishonest, fraudulent or deceitful conduct
- Will avoid acts which exhibit disregard for health, safety, welfare and rights of others
- Will conduct oneself with respect for and in accordance with the law
- Will conduct oneself professionally and in a manner that engenders respect for the law and the profession

C & F Investigation Sources

- Bar applicant
- Law School Records
- Driving Records
- Court Records
- Residence History
- Criminal Clearances
- Employment Records
- Credit Reports
- Facebook, Blogs, Twitter
Conduct that could trigger an investigation . . .

- Making false statements
- Non-Disclosure of Information
- Neglect of financial responsibilities
- Unlawful conduct
- Evidence of drug or alcohol dependency
- Academic Misconduct

Law School's Role

- Character and Fitness Certification
- Bar’s Request for Additional Information
- Graduation Certification
How to Amend
Submit a letter to:

- Kathleen E. Payne, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

- State that you wish to amend your law school application or update your student file

- Clearly state the circumstances surrounding the amendment or update