

## Course Scheduling

### 1. Bidding Process

Class lists will be determined with the incorporation of a student choice factor (in the form of assigned points) and graduation priority. The procedure is as follows:  
The student body will be divided into two groups based on prospective graduation dates.

Group 1: Students expecting to graduate in December, May, or August of the upcoming year;

Group 2: Students expecting to graduate in December, May, or August of the year following the upcoming year.

Group 1 students will be allotted 15 points per semester, and Group 2 students will be allotted 10 points per semester. Each student can then "bid" by allocating points towards his/her preferred limited enrollment course(s). University of Iowa College of Law Faculty Meeting Minutes adopted (Apr. 9, 1984).

Students should carefully determine which course(s) they want the most. Obviously, the more desirable a student finds a course, the more points the student should allocate to it on the preference sheet. Assigning a point value of 0 will not get a name added to a course if there are openings. Once course lists are posted, students not enrolled in a desired course should notify the Registrar that they want to be added to the course if a slot is available. Once the course size limit is met, students can no longer be added but will be placed on a waiting list.

### 2. Seminars

Because seminar enrollments are limited, students are admitted both by lot and according to a preference system. Preference is given to students in the following order:

- a. Students who are 3L and need writing units,
- b. Students who need writing units, with a preference to those who apply for two or three writing units,
- c. For students who do not need writing units, 3L is given preference over 2L.

Under the present practice, students are graded on the basis of the research paper, supplemented at the instructor's discretion on the basis of the student's class participation and other requirements for particular seminars.

Students may register for 3 writing hours (and a total of 5 academic hours) only with the seminar instructor's permission. Seminar instructors may not limit student research papers to 1-hour (20-page) papers without prior approval of the Curriculum Committee. Seminars are ordinarily capped at 10 students. The instructor of a seminar may permit a larger number of students, and, although the instructor has no control over who is admitted to a seminar up to 10 students, the instructor has discretion in selecting students in excess of the cap for pedagogical reasons.

Above the ordinary 10-student cap, a seminar instructor has discretion to enroll students who will not write a research paper but who will be evaluated on the basis of an exam or other specified means.

### **3. Trial Advocacy**

General preference is given to students in order of graduation date and to those that need experiential credit. Preference is also given to those students who have accumulated points for the Trial Advocacy lottery. Students can accumulate points by either serving as witnesses or jurors for the mock trials held at the conclusion of each session of Trial Advocacy. There is no limit on the number of points students can accumulate for the lottery, and students are strongly encouraged to participate on a repeated basis to increase their chances for enrollment.

### **4. Clinic**

Open lotteries are held each semester for students who have completed at least the equivalent of two law school semesters and are in good academic standing (a GPA of 2.1 or higher). While students who have completed the equivalent of three law school semesters (at least 39 credit hours) may participate in the full range of Clinic activities, students who have completed only two semester are allowed to represent clients in administrative hearings and proceedings. Lotteries normally take place a few weeks before general registration for a given semester. Students already enrolled in Clinic may apply to continue with ongoing cases. Students who seek to enroll in Clinic for the first time after completing three semesters of law school can apply for 6-9 hours. Students who have completed two semesters may only apply for 6 credits. For information on the Legal Clinic, go to <https://law.uiowa.edu/clinic>

### **5. Intersession**

Preference is normally given to students in order of graduation date. However for very small enrollment classes we will adjust this in order to allow some second year students into a class that may not be offered again.