

Roger Williams University School of Law Fall 2007 Pre-Registration Materials

I. Introduction

The Office of Student Services will conduct ON-LINE pre-registration for the Fall 2007 semester. Registration is scheduled to begin on June 18, 2007 to June 22, 2007. Details about the dates for on-line registration and the instructions for on-line registration will be forthcoming. Please watch your school email! Be sure that the Office of Student Services has updated contact information for you. And please be sure to monitor your school email for updates and information regarding registration.

II. Academic Standards Information

For Spring and Fall semesters, day division students should register for between 14-16 credits, and at least twelve (12) credits of course work in the day, although the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will grant variances to permit day students to take more than one evening course. Extended division students must register for at least eight (8) credits, six (6) credits of which must be in the evening. Summer allowed credit load for one session is 6 credits. Anything over that will require approval by Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

The available opportunities to complete the graduation writing requirement and the upper-level legal methods requirement are indicated on the elective course listing.

Students planning to graduate during 2006-2007 (July 2007/December 07) should also remember that 90 credit hours are required for graduation.

A. Second Year Day division students (Class of 2009) will automatically be registered for Con Law and Evidence (7 Credits) by random sectioning. You will need to be registered for 14-16 credits. You may choose electives of your choice. Availability is subject to registration priority. Registration priority information will be distributed by Office of Student Finance and Records prior to start of registration period in June. Priority is given to December 07 graduates and May 2008 graduates.

C. Upper Level Legal Methods Requirement - After the first year all law students are required to complete at least four credit hours of course work in the legal methods curriculum. Students may complete the course work in any order, and at any time, provided that the four required credits are completed by graduation. **ALL UPPER LEVEL LEGAL METHODS COURSE ENROLLMENTS ARE FORCED TO WAITLIST.** Assignments are determined shortly after the registration period to ensure that all graduating students will meet this requirement.

Students should bear in mind that legal methods courses often fill quickly and that students with registration priority will find it easier to get into those courses

D. Graduation Writing Requirement - In order to graduate, every student must individually author a typewritten, double-spaced, scholarly original length research work amounting to at least 20 pages in length, exclusive of footnotes. A student may fulfill the requirement only by:

a. A directed research paper prepared under the supervision of a full-time faculty member provided that the paper earned a grade of "C" or higher;

b. A seminar or course paper where the paper counts for at least one-half of the grade given by a full-time faculty member or member of the adjunct faculty provided that the paper earned a grade of "C" or higher;

c. A paper submitted to acquire or maintain Law Review membership which is approved by the Law Review Editorial Board and the Faculty Advisor and for which academic credit is awarded;

d. A paper singled out for recognition in a national writing competition and approved by the Associate Dean; or

e. A paper written while enrolled in law school which is published in a scholarly periodical, journal or treatise and which is approved by the Associate Dean.

The faculty member providing the direction for the writing or the Associate Dean providing the approval must certify the student's compliance with the writing requirement on appropriate forms. Every graduating senior must submit her or his writing requirement by November 15 (fall graduates) or April 15 (spring graduates) to allow for processing.

F. Class attendance - The law school's academic code provides that class attendance is mandatory. Roll will be taken at the beginning of a class. A student who is counted as absent for more than twenty (20) percent of the class time, in any course, will automatically receive a "W/F" as a grade for that course. This rule does not affect the application of a more stringent attendance policy that an instructor has announced pursuant to Section 504(f) of the Academic Code.

Please note: Twenty percent absences is intended to cover all absences, including absences due to illness; intentional, negligent or accidental class cuts; religious days not included in our schedule or calendar; personal needs; family needs; and emergencies. Note that if you use your twenty percent absences and have other needs for absences you will be beyond the twenty percent rule. Note also that your professors have no power of dispensation to allow you either extra or excused absences, and it is improper to ask them to do so.

If a student is counted as absent for more than twenty (20) percent of the class time in a course, the instructor for that course shall notify the Associate Dean of that fact in writing.

G. Examinations - Because examination schedules are published for students at the time students register for courses, students are bound by the published examination schedule, with the following exceptions:

An examination can be rescheduled if a student has more than one examination within 24 hours (for example: if you have a 9am – 12pm exam on Monday then a 9am-12pm exam on the next day you may request a reschedule to the next available reschedule date, however if you have an exam that begins at 1:30pm on the next day the 24 hour rule does not apply) or more than two within 48 hours;

An examination can also be rescheduled with the approval of the Associate Dean for good cause.