

To: All Continuing Students
From: Mary M. Nevins, Director of Academic Planning & Programming
Re: Summer Session 2009
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CUNY Law Summer Session Information

- Summer school starts on **June 1st** and ends on **July 17th**. Exams take place between **July 20th** and **July 23rd**.
- Most of the classes are held at the School of Law two nights per week on Monday through Thursday evenings from 6:30-9:15 p.m. One section of the Public Interest/Public Service class meets one night per week here at the School of Law. The other section of this class and Small Firm Practice meet in Manhattan.
- You will receive a summer registration packet from the Registration office (room 100F) and registration will take place from March 24th through March 30th.
After you register, we will open enrollment to students from other law schools.
- You must register for at least 6 Summer Session credits to be eligible to apply for financial aid over the summer. You can pick up a brochure about summer school financial aid requirements in the Financial Aid office (room 230L). Students on probation should check with Financial Aid; special rules apply for summer financial aid.
- You may earn a maximum number of 6 credits during the summer session.

Information describing the process for obtaining permission to attend classes at another ABA approved law school in the summer is also included in this packet.

Please keep in mind when choosing your classes that 2 substantive summer courses are the equivalent of a full time load. In the past, students have found this load very demanding. We invite you to talk to your faculty advisor or to contact the Academic Affairs office about course selection.

Note: Summer session will start before we have received Spring semester grades and calculated academic point averages. We are not permitted to give credit for summer school work to students who are dismissed from the Law School during the course of the summer. **Because notification of academic dismissal will be received during the summer session but is effective immediately, students who are dismissed will not receive credit for the summer courses they are enrolled in and are not eligible for Summer Session tuition rebate.** Therefore, if you are on probation or have been on probation, please consider carefully whether or not to register for Summer Session.

We are offering the following courses in Summer 2009:

These course offerings are subject to change based on enrollment and other factors.

Criminal Procedure

3 credits- Tuesday and Thursday 6:30 - 9:15 p.m. (Professor Steve Zeidman)

This course explores the various investigatory techniques utilized by law enforcement agencies in the accumulation of evidence, including analysis of their effectiveness and propriety in a democratic society. The basic constitutional decisions involving the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Amendments, principally in the last twenty-five years, are studied. Subjects considered include the “exclusionary rule” as a means of enforcing the ban on unreasonable searches and seizures, racial profiling, police interrogation and identification. Students interested in taking the Defender Seminar/Clinic in their 2nd and 3rd year are strongly advised to take this course. **This elective is highly recommended as preparation for the bar exam.**

New York Domestic Relations Law

3 credits - Monday and Wednesday 6:30 - 9:15p.m. (TBD)

The goal of this course is to familiarize the student with the doctrines and practices of family law in New York State. Students will develop lawyering skills that will enable them to practice in the Family Courts and Supreme Courts of New York State. The course covers the Family Court Act and Domestic Relations Law, with an exhaustive analysis of related statutes and seminal cases. Highlighted areas of discussion include, but are not limited to, proceedings for divorce, separation, annulment, and declaration of nullity of void marriages. Ancillary issues, particularly, equitable distribution with pension allocations, custody, maintenance, child support, and distributive awards, will be included. The inter-related concurrent and exclusive jurisdictions of the Supreme and Family Courts will be explored. Students work on problems that enable them to use law as practitioners, thereby integrating doctrine, policy analysis and procedure into a cohesive framework from which trial strategies are crafted. Inherent in our analysis of family law is a critique of social policy as it gives shape to the law. The course will not duplicate the Law and Family Relations course, although there will be some overlap.

This elective is highly recommended as preparation for the bar exam.

Public Interest/Public Service (Internship Course)

2 or 3 credits

Manhattan Section (BMCC) – Wednesday 6:30 - 9:15 p.m. (Professor Victor Goode)

Queens Section – Wednesday 6:30 - 9:15 p.m. (Professor Franklin Siegel)

The Public Interest/Public Service course is designed to accompany a student's internship in a public interest practice settings or judicial clerkships. The primary focus of this course will be legal ethics and a review of contemporary issues facing the legal profession, particularly for those who work in a public interest setting. The Career Planning Office is available to help students find an unpaid internship/placement which may include working for a not-for-profit organization or working with a private lawyer on pro-bono cases. Placements in private setting must be approved by the professor or the Career Planning Office to assure that the requirement of public interest is met. Please note: ABA rules state you **MAY NOT** receive pay and credit for the same work; this includes fellowship funds. Students will be expected to work a minimum of 20 hours per week for 2 credits and 30 hours per week for 3 credits.

Public Interest/Public Service (Internship Course)--Family Law Emphasis

2 or 3 credits

Queens - Tuesday 6:30-9:15 (Professor Maria Arias)

This course is designed to accompany a student's internship in a family law related public interest setting or judicial clerkship. A student may elect this course if s/he already has a summer placement in an appropriate setting. The Career Placement Office can assist you in securing an appropriate summer internship for this course. Your internship must be unpaid in order for you to be able to enroll for this class. This course will focus on lawyering skills and approaches to lawyering, extensively using the experiences in your internships. We will cover how to effectively learn from experience, professional responsibility and other lawyering issues that typically occur in public family law advocacy setting.

***Real Estate**

3 credits – Monday and Wednesday 6:30-9:15 (Professor James Garland)

This course comprehensively places modern real estate market practices in the context of its impact on the economy as a whole, including examination of how these practices are affecting low-income borrowers of home loans, as well as triggering the foreclosure crisis and national and global economic losses. Specifically, the course will cover the following: the roles of the principal parties to the transaction (the seller, the purchaser-investor, the broker, the lawyer, and the lender); the details of the transaction (negotiation, contract of sale, deed and mortgage closings); financing and security interests (particularly mortgages, as well as the consequences of default and foreclosure); techniques and technicalities of conveyancing (deeds, title searches, insurance, marketable title, and recording), and contract remedies specific to the field. While more complex analysis of real estate development, financing, and accounting principles are beyond the scope of the course, tax and professional ethics will be covered. This course de-emphasizes case law in favor of practical applications of statutory and regulatory rules. Class participation is required, and the course grade is based on a midterm and final exam. **This is an elective that is highly recommended as preparation for the bar exam.**

*** Pre-Requisite - Successful completion of Property.**

Topics in Law: Small Firm Practice

2 credits- Wednesday - 6:00-9:00 p.m. (Professor Laura Gentile)

Manhattan location-233 5th Avenue

27th St. between 5th & Madison

Each student will learn to design a law practice and draft a business plan. Each student will interview an expert in a specialty relevant to the planning and running of a law practice. Drawing on the experience of CUNY graduates and others who have started small community based practices, or provide services to law firms, the course teaches students to identify and manage the legal, business, ethical, and professional considerations that confront small firm practitioners. Topics include: identifying the type of practice, locating a practice, finding space, identifying the right partners and drafting partnership agreements, financial management, risk management, client management, employee management, stress management, management management, ethical considerations (including the management of escrow accounts), choosing the right malpractice insurance, billing and collections, among other issues. Students draw on readings, lectures, discussions, and outside sources to develop the business plan for starting each students unique profit or non-profit law firm. In the past, the business plans have been used to apply for grants, loans, and as a blueprint for new practices.

***Wills**

3 credits - Tuesday and Thursday 6:30 - 9:15p.m. (Professor Bradlee Biller)

This course examines the law regarding inheritance of property, including testamentary succession, will substitutes and intestacy, trusts and certain property law issues relating to inter-generational transfers. The course is grounded in New York Estates, Powers and Trusts Laws. **This is an elective that is highly recommended as preparation for the bar exam.**

*** Pre-Requisite - Successful completion of Property.**

Independent Study

This course can be taken for 1-3 credits. Each student is permitted to take 3 credits of Independent Study. Students seeking Independent Study credit must find a faculty advisor, complete a study description form, and receive approval from the Academic Dean during the registration process.

A judicial clerkship, internship, or a law office clerkship does not satisfy the requirements of an Independent Study. However, these experiences may form the basis of further research for an independent project. This research and writing must be done under direct faculty supervision in order to gain Independent Study credit.

**Procedure for requesting permission
to attend Summer Session at other Law schools.**

Students who would like to take Summer courses at other schools must receive the approval of the Academic Dean or the Director of Academic Planning and Programming. Permission to take courses at other schools is regularly granted if the course is not offered at the Law School and is critical to the student's career goals. Students who live outside the metropolitan area and are unable to take CUNY courses may receive permission to take summer school at another institution. Requests to attend summer school courses that do not meet these criteria will be considered only if there are significant extenuating circumstances. If permission is obtained, **transfer credit will be given for any course in which the student receives a grade of "C" or better (a "C-" is not a grade of "C" or better).** All grades of "C" or better will be entered as "credit" on a student's transcript and will not be calculated into a student's grade point average. **ONLY letter grades will be accepted for transfer, we will not accept pass/fail grades.**

Students seeking permission to attend summer school at another ABA approved law school should complete and submit the forms available at Academic Affairs, with a copy of the summer school brochure describing the course(s) you are requesting permission to take, how many credits for each course, and how long the classes meet (times, days, weeks) **and** a completed NON-CUNY Permit form to Vicki Konkowski in the Academic Dean's Office (Room 205F).

CUNY SCHOOL OF LAW ACADEMIC CALENDAR – SUMMER 2009

JUNE				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1	2	3
6	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
30				

JULY				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	21	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

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| June 1 | First day of classes |
| June 2 | Last day to add |
| June 11 | Last day to drop a course without it appearing on transcript |
| June 15 | First day to elect Credit/Fail |
| July 2 | Last day to withdraw |
| July 6 | Last day to elect Credit/Fail |
| July 16 | Last day of classes |
| July 20 | Monday/Wednesday exams |
| July 23 | Tuesday/Thursday exams |
| July 23 | Papers are due unless extension approved by the Academic Dean |

*Please note: All faculty support and most administrative offices will be closed on Friday's from June 29-Aug 7, 2009.