

Your Personal Academic Plan

Choosing classes may feel overwhelming, but never fear! The Office for Law Student Affairs is here to help. Prior to meeting with an Academic Advisor in Law Student Affairs, we ask that you do the following:

Answer these two questions:

- What is your professional goal once you graduate from USD?
- What has been the most interesting subject you have studied while in law school?

Prepare a potential semester schedule, along with a back-up schedule. In order to do this, you should review the following:

- **Course Descriptions** can be found online at www.sandiego.edu/law/academics/curriculum/course-descriptions.php.
- **Course Schedule** can be found in MySanDiego (my.sandiego.edu). Under “ToreroHub,” click on “Law Student.” Under “Banner Registration Tools” click “Look Up Classes.” Select the semester you want to view. In the “College” drop down menu, select “School of Law.” You can sort by course title by clicking on “Title” at the top of the left-hand column. You can also search specifically for upper division writing and experiential courses by clicking on “Advanced Search” and using the attribute field to indicate “Law – Upper Division Writing” or “Experiential.”
- **Academic Course Frequency** can be found online at www.sandiego.edu/law/academics/curriculum/course-frequency.php.
- **Exam Schedule** can be found online at www.sandiego.edu/law/registrar/exams/schedule.php. When looking at exam dates, be sure to consider the exam accommodation policy at www.sandiego.edu/law/registrar/exams/accommodations.php to understand what conflicts can and cannot be accommodated.
- **Concentration Information** can be found online at www.sandiego.edu/law/academics/jd-program/concentrations.

After you have reviewed the course resources, write down the specific course information for each course in which you are interested. Please use the worksheet below to record this information. Remember: This is YOUR personal academic plan. Unlike in undergrad, there is no set formula for what courses you should take, or when you should take them. It depends on your curricular and career goals, and work and personal schedule.

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