



VILLANOVA
UNIVERSITY

Charles Widger School of Law

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS for CLASS of 2026 and subsequent classes
(rev. 10/1/2025)

Category	Course	Credit	Student	Notes
1L Required	Civil Procedure (4), Criminal Law (4), Torts (4), Contracts (4), Property (4), Constitutional Law (4), Legal Writing, Analysis & Research (5), 1L Module (1), Professional Development I (1)	31		
Upper Level Required	2L Module	1		
	Legal Profession	3		
	Professional Development II	1		
	Professional Development III	1		
	Legal Writing III	2-3		<i>Transactional or Litigation (offered in the Fall or Spring of 2L year). Combined: Transactional & Litigation (offered in the Fall of 2L year). Legal Writing III cannot be taken in 3L year.</i>
	Practical Writing	2-3		5000 level courses. <i>Note: A clinic satisfies one practical writing requirement and counts towards the experiential learning requirement. In other words, a clinic “double counts” towards one practical writing course and experiential learning.</i>
	Seminar/Research Paper or 2 nd Practical Writing Course	2-3		5000 level courses. Clinics do not satisfy the second practical writing requirement. If a student takes a clinic, they must also take either another PW course or a seminar/research paper. 6000 level courses are seminars; no more than 6 credits of Seminar/Research Paper will be counted towards credits needed for graduation. <u>Participation on a Journal does not fulfill this requirement.</u>
	Experiential Learning	6		<i>Must take 6 credits of experiential learning in a clinic or an externship. A clinic also satisfies the practical writing requirement; externships do NOT satisfy the practice writing requirement.</i> Concurrent enrollment prohibited: No student may take more than one experiential class (clinic or externship) in a single semester. <i>See website for more information on credit limitations.</i>
Electives				7000 level courses

Students may not take fewer than 12 or more than 18 credits per semester.

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Bar Elective Courses				
	Business Organizations	4		
	Conflicts of Law	3		<i>Will no longer be tested on Uniform Bar Exam (UBE) starting with July 2026 exam</i>
	Criminal Procedure	3		
	Decedents' Estates & Trusts	3		<i>Starting July 2026, no longer tested on essay portion of Uniform Bar Exam (UBE) but will be tested as part of the Multistate Performance Test (MPT) on the July 2026 – July 2028 exams</i>
	Evidence	4		
	Family Law	3		<i>Starting July 2026, no longer tested on essay portion of Uniform Bar Exam (UBE) but will be tested as part of the Multistate Performance Test (MPT) on the July 2026 – July 2028 exams</i>
	Secured Transactions	2/3		<i>Will no longer be tested on Uniform Bar Exam (UBE) starting with July 2026 exam</i>
Other Recommended Courses				
	Administrative Law	3		
	Trial Advocacy	2		
	Intro to Fed Tax	3		
	Employment Discrimination	3		

1L year	31
2L year	
3L year	
TOTAL REQUIRED	90

Prerequisites:

Students must check the course descriptions for every course before registering to determine if the course carries a pre- or co-requisite. **You will not be granted credit for any course you take without having completed the prerequisite, even if you complete the entire semester.** Full course descriptions are available on the Registrar's website, and students are required to review them before registering.

