



Massachusetts School of Law at Andover

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTRATION

Registration will begin on **Wednesday, December 9, 2021 from 8 A.M. to 7 P.M.** and continue the same time on **Thursday, December 10, 2021.** Masks and social distancing are required. If you are experiencing any unusual symptoms, sick or have an elevated temperature then you must stay home. You also have the option of registering online by going to the Registrar's webpage and clicking on the link for registration. There will be a \$100 late registration fee for anyone who registers after January 15, 2021, unless you have received prior approval from the Dean.

**The Wednesday registration is for returning students whose last names begin with A-L.
The Thursday registration is for returning students whose last names begin with M-Z.**

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health requires that all full-time graduate students 30 years of age and under to get the seasonal influenza vaccine for the current flu season. **Registration forms cannot be accepted without proof of having received the vaccine.** Also, if you signed the MSL Covid Community Agreement, you will need to receive the vaccine.

A new Course Attendance and MSL Community Covid Agreements are required for the Spring 2021 semester. Registrations will not be processed without these agreements signed.

Classes begin on Monday, January 25, 2021 for first-year students and Tuesday, January 26, 2021 for upperclassmen. The first day for *Comparison* students is Wednesday, January 20, 2021. All first-year classes will be on Mondays and Wednesdays, with Friday's class available online; classes for upper-level students will be predominantly on Tuesdays and Thursdays with some classes scheduled at MSLAW on other days of the week as well as numerous web classes.

If you will be registering for a friend, please keep in mind that you may register only one person for a class which has a limited enrollment. Thus, if you wish to register yourself for that class, you may not register anyone else for that class.

If you do not participate in the financial aid program and wish to pay all of your tuition at registration, your one-time tuition payment is \$795.00 times the number of credit hours. Thus, students who take 15 credit hours will pay \$11,925.00 in tuition. Students who take 12 credit hours will pay \$9,540.00 in tuition.

As said above, if you are not participating in the financial aid program, you may pay for your entire tuition at registration. Or, as said in the catalog, if you do not have a loan, you may choose to pay in one of the following ways: you may pay one-half your tuition at registration and the rest in one month, with a \$20 carrying charge. Or you can choose an installment plan under

which you pay (a) one-fourth the tuition at registration, and (b) installments of one-fourth the tuition every thirty days thereafter until payment is complete, with interest at 1% over the bank rate charged the school.

So that you do not take, and therefore pay for, more than the 90 credits required for graduation, you may take and pay for one course for a fewer number of credits than it is listed for (i.e., you may take a 3-credit course for 2 credits and pay for 2 credits. You will, however, be required to do 3 credits worth of work for the class.) This applies only to elective courses in your final year of law school. All required courses must be taken for the stipulated number of credits. You will need to indicate the exact number of credits you are taking at registration. **Once you have registered for a class you may not go back and decrease the number of credits for that class.**

Books may be purchased at Amazon and BarristerBooks.com. Case books are on reserve in the library if you need to borrow a book.

*Please note that students may not register for
Comparison until they have submitted proof that they
have passed the MPRE*



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Beginning Tuesday, November 17th at 8 A.M., those students who wish to reserve a spot for a class with limited enrollment may email the school (classregistration@mslaw.edu), the class they wish to register for with one email for each class with limited enrollment. The subject line of each email must contain the class number, the first word of the class title and your last name, i.e., Subject Line: **312, Alternative, Doe**. Please make sure the body of the email contains the same information and your full name and your student ID. While students are to send a separate email for each class that they wish to enroll in with limited enrollment, students may only seek to reserve a spot in one course in each subject with a limited enrollment. That is, you may request to enroll in only one (1) *Motions* class or one (1) *Case Preparation* class.

Those students who will have 60-90 credits at the end of the Fall semester may reserve a spot through email for their course with limited enrollment on the first day, and those students who had 24-59 credits at the end of the Fall semester may submit their email on the second day. **Students with 60-90 credits who wish to reserve a spot for a limited-enrollment class may submit their emails on Tuesday, November 17th beginning at 8 a.m. Those students with 24-59 credits may submit their emails on Wednesday, November 18th beginning at 8 a.m. No one will be permitted to reserve a spot for a class with limited enrollment after midnight on Wednesday, November 18th.**

Classes will be filled based on the order in which the emails are received beginning at 8 a.m. Emails received before the eligibility period begins will not be considered. Students who do not make the cut for their chosen class will be informed by email and put on the waiting list in the order in which their email was received.

Registration this year is Monday, December 9, 2020 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. for students whose last names begin with A-L, and on Tuesday, December 10 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. for students whose last names begin with M-Z. You also have the option of registering online by going to the Registrar's webpage and clicking on the link for registration.

Students who have not submitted all of their immunization records, final transcripts and loan information, or who have not paid all of their previous tuition bills are not eligible to reserve a spot for limited enrollment classes or register for classes.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO HAVE YOUR REGISTRATION FORM SIGNED BY YOUR ADVISOR BEFORE YOU REGISTER. REGISTRATION FORMS MAY BE PICKED UP OUTSIDE THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE AND IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON MSLAW'S WEBSITE.

Rosa Figueiredo
Registrar



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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL STUDENTS

FROM: MSL FACULTY

RE: MPRE

As of May 2015 the Massachusetts School of Law faculty has determined that before students can obtain a passing grade in *Legal Ethics/Professional Responsibility*, they must first obtain a passing score on the MPRE exam. In Massachusetts, a passing score is an 85. Thus, students' grades in *Legal Ethics/Professional Responsibility* will be held by the Registrar's Office until students provide evidence from the National Conference of Bar Examiners that they have received a passing score according to the Massachusetts Board of Bar Examiners (currently 85).

The MPRE has become a much more difficult multiple choice exam in recent years, and the MSL faculty recommends that students should sign up for this exam significantly prior to their last year in law school. The more times students take the exam, the more likely it is they will be familiar with the types of questions and the strategies they should use to prepare for the exam. Students should obtain review materials from Kaplan, BarBri or Aspen Law Publishing and begin preparing to take the MPRE as soon as they have completed their first years.

The MPRE is offered three times per year (March, August and November) and applications can be obtained from the National Conference of Bar Examiners at www.ncbex.org. This web site also has sample tests with answers and explanations for sale. Students should understand that the more practice questions they do before the exam, the more likely it is they will pass.



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BAR ESSAY - UBE

The Massachusetts Board of Bar Examiners has adopted the Uniform Bar Exam. Because MSL would like its graduates to be as well prepared for it as possible, **all MSL students** will be required to take *Bar Essay and Analysis* for a grade – and students will need to earn a grade of C or better in order to pass the course. Anything less than a C will mean that the class will have to be retaken.

If you have not already taken *Bar Essay and Analysis*, please work this course into your schedule when you are planning your future course work with your Advisor.



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November 2020

Dear MSL Student:

For the past several years, MSL has permitted students to take one course for a fewer number of credits than it is listed for so that students would not graduate with, and therefore not pay for, more than 90 credits. Consequently, students have, for example, been permitted to take a 3-credit course for 2 credits and pay for 2 credits – although the student has been required to do 3 credits worth of work. This has applied only to elective courses in your final year of law school. All required courses must be taken for the stipulated number of credits. We would like to continue this practice. **However, we are now asking students who have 60 or more credits to meet with their advisors to go over their plans for the remaining 30 credits. Once a student has met with his advisor, he is to meet briefly with the registrar to be sure that he is not inadvertently taking more than the required 90 credits.**

At registration, each student will need to indicate the exact number of credits they are taking. Once a student has registered for a class, there will be no going back and requesting permission to take that class for a reduced number of credits. Nor, once a student has registered, will a student be given a refund. From here on in, if you register for over 90 credits, you will have to pay in full for all of these credits. No refunds will be given.

Rosa Figueiredo, Registrar

MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL OF LAW AT ANDOVER

ACADEMIC CALENDAR SPRING 2021 THROUGH SUMMER 2022

Spring, 2021

Orientation	January 19, 20, 21, 2021
First Day of Class for <i>Comparison</i> Students	January 20, 2021
Martin Luther King Day - No Classes	January 18, 2021
First Day of Classes	January 25, 2021
Patriots Day - No Classes	April 19, 2021
Last Day of Class, 2nd Semester	May 10, 2021
Study Period	May 11 – May 16, 2021
Exams	May 17 - 29, 2021
Graduation	June 4, 2021

Summer, 2021

Registration for 1st Session	May 11, 2021 (8 A.M. - 7 P.M.)
1st Session	June 1 - June 28, 2021
Registration for 2d Session	June 15, 2021 (8 A.M. - 7P.M.)
2nd Session	July 12 - August 9, 2021

Fall, 2021

Registration for New & Returning Students	August 2, 2021 (8 A.M. - 7 P.M.)
First Day of Class for <i>Comparison</i> Students	August 11, 2021
Orientation	August 16, 18, and 19, 2021
First Day of Classes for All Other Students	August 23, 2021
Labor Day - No Classes	September 6, 2021
Indigenous Peoples' Day - No Classes	October 11, 2021
Thanksgiving - No Classes	November 25 & 26, 2021
Last Day of Class, 1st Semester	December 6, 2021
Study Week	December 7 - December 12, 2021
Registration for New & Returning Students	December 9, 2021 (8 A.M. - 7 P.M.)
Exams	December 13 - 23, 2021

Spring, 2022

Orientation	January 10, 12, 13, 2022
First Day of Class for <i>Comparison</i> Students	January 12, 2022
Martin Luther King Day - No Classes	January 17, 2022
First Day of Classes	January 18, 2022
Spring Break	March 13-20, 2022
Patriots' Day - No Classes	April 18, 2022
Last Day of Class, 2nd Semester	May 2, 2022
Study Period	May 3 – May 8, 2022
Exams	May 9 - 23, 2022
Graduation	June 3, 2022

Summer, 2022

Registration for 1st Session	May 11, 2022 (8 A.M. - 7 P.M.)
1st Session	May 30 – June 25, 2022
Registration for 2d Session	June 15, 2022 (8 A.M. - 7P.M.)
2nd Session	July 11 - August 6, 2022