

Drake University Law School

Handbook Supplement

2021-2022

The following Handbook changes have been approved and will be incorporated into the Handbook at the end of the Spring 2022 term.

SEPTEMBER 23, 2021:

Section 12.2.1(d)(1)

... Any student who is not concurrently enrolled in the Compliance and Risk management M.J. or LL.M program, and another Drake program (such as MBA, MPA) must take the full number of credits required for their Compliance degree in order to be awarded their Compliance degree. If a student has already taken a course required by the student's Compliance degree program, and the student received a **grade of C (for law school classes) or B- (for CBPA classes) or higher**, the student will not be permitted to re-take the course as part of the Compliance M.J. or LL.M program. Rather, the student must take elective credits to reach the required credit total. (For example, if a student took Operational Risk Management as part of an MBA program, received a B- or higher, and later applied to and was accepted into the Compliance M.J. Program, the student would be required to take 3 credits of electives in lieu of Operational Risk Management.) If a student has already taken a course required by the student's Compliance degree program, such as Administrative Law or Operational Risk Management, and the student received a grade of **C- or below for law school classes, or C+ or below for CBPA classes**, the student will be required to re-take the course as part of the Compliance M.J. or LL.M program.

OCTOBER 21, 2021:

5.2.7(a)

(a) REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLASS SESSIONS

All Drake Law School courses except those in the five categories identified below will count toward both the 69 credit-hour "regularly scheduled class sessions." ~~and the 90 credit hour graduation requirement.~~ Traditional classroom and simulation courses, such as trial advocacy and negotiations, do count toward the 69-credit hour minimum. Clinical courses also count toward the 69 credit-hour minimum.

The following courses will not count toward the 69 credit-hour "regularly scheduled class session" minimum:

1. Internships
2. Independent Study, Law 615
3. Iowa Supreme Court Scholar Research Opportunity, Law 618
4. Interdisciplinary and Joint Degree Credit **courses taken outside the Law School**
5. Drake Law Review, Agricultural Law Journal, moot court, and mock trial competitions.

5.7.5

HONORS JUDICIAL INTERNSHIP FOR SIX CREDIT HOURS

Highly qualified students may qualify for a special internship for six credit hours with a federal trial or appellate judge, or with a justice of the Iowa Supreme Court or a different state's highest state appellate court, or with the Iowa Court of Appeals. Such a placement requires the approval of the Judicial Internship Director and the Associate Dean.

Eligibility for enrollment in this program will be limited to those students who have completed half of the course of studies required for the J.D. degree.

To be eligible, a student must have a minimum 3.25 GPA ~~and a demonstrated commitment to scholarship (through participation in a law journal, significant research for faculty for publication, judicial internship, American Judicature Society internship, etc.)~~, a strong academic record, and a faculty recommendation.

8.2.2 MANDATORY GRADE DISTRIBUTION

(a) First-year courses, ~~including Summer Institute courses, except legal research~~, must have a mean grade between 2.90 and 3.10, with a median grade of B. ~~Legal Research is exempt from this grading curve.~~

9.2.1 REGULAR COURSE LOAD

Regular full-time students may take not less than 14 hours except ~~for extraordinary circumstances, upon approval of the Associate or Assistant Dean, or~~ in their final two semesters of studies. Students who need 26 or fewer hours to graduate in their final two semesters may ~~take 10 to 13 hours in either or both of their final two semesters, but no fewer than 10 hours per semester (the minimum required to earn a full residence credit)~~, less than 14 credits. Students who seek approval to take fewer than 14 credits should ~~consult with financial aid about tuition implications,~~
