

## International Exchange Student Course Selection Policy

Lewis & Clark Law School requires all international exchange students to take a minimum of **9 course credits**. However, we recommend up to **12 course credits**—either **4 three-credit courses OR 2 three-credit courses, 1 two-credit course, and 1 four-credit course**. You should consult with your home institution about their minimum requirements (for instance, NALSAR requires a minimum of 12 credits). You will need prior approval to carry less than 12 credits. International exchange students have taken a broad range of courses at Lewis & Clark. Students are encouraged to create a schedule tailored to their interest and expertise. As such, relatively few restrictions are placed on course selection. General restrictions or recommendations are outlined below. Students should send their questions about course recommendations and their list of preferred courses for approval to Heather McCambly at [hmccambly@lclark.edu](mailto:hmccambly@lclark.edu).

### Important sites:

- Course list, [https://law.lclark.edu/offices/registrar/current\\_year\\_schedule/](https://law.lclark.edu/offices/registrar/current_year_schedule/). Select the link titled *Course Schedule and Descriptions*.
  - **Use this page to find courses of interest to you and examine prerequisites.** Click on the hyperlinks in order to look at the description and check for any prerequisites.
  - If you choose a course with a prerequisite please provide documentation of the course you took at your home university that might fulfill this requirement. If a student does not have an equivalent prerequisite, professors may be asked to allow an exception. Approval of such a request will vary based on the course and is not guaranteed.
- Webadvisor, <https://webadvisor.lclark.edu>.
  - **Use this site to see the most up-to-date course listings and to make sure there are seats available in the courses you wish to register for.**
  - For more information on how to use Webadvisor see: [https://law.lclark.edu/offices/registrar/registration\\_guidelines/webadvisor\\_screencasts/](https://law.lclark.edu/offices/registrar/registration_guidelines/webadvisor_screencasts/)
- Final Exams, [https://law.lclark.edu/offices/registrar/final\\_exams/](https://law.lclark.edu/offices/registrar/final_exams/).
  - Verify that the courses you have selected do not have conflicting final exam schedules. The registrar suggests that students refrain from selecting courses with exams scheduled on the same day.
  - Outside of the first-year classes, most courses have unscheduled exams.

### First year courses:

- The following are considered first-year courses:
  - *Civil Procedure I & II*
  - *Constitutional Law I & II*
  - *Contracts I & II*
  - *Criminal Procedure I*
  - *Legal Analysis and Writing I & II\**
  - *Legal Elements\**
  - *Property*
  - *Torts I*
- International exchange students **are allowed to take most of these courses but are not encouraged to take only first-year courses.**
- International exchange students do not traditionally take part in Legal Elements, which begins prior to the fall semester, or Legal Analysis & Writing. However, exceptions can be made if a student is interested.

### Courses that are not recommended:

- **Clinical Internship Seminars (CIS) and Clinics.** Most of the CIS classes require an application process which is usually done during the registration period in June. Some schools do not accept CIS or Clinic courses for transfer credit. These are considered advanced courses and may not be a good fit for an exchange student. Students may inquire further if they feel that there is a strong case for an exception.
- **Any visiting student should check with their home institution about the type of classes that will be accepted for transfer.** Accepted transfer credit can vary between schools.