# Loyola University Chicago School of Law Weekend JD Curriculum Guide

## Bar Exam Preparation

### Required Courses:

**First Year:**
- Civil Procedure (4)
- Torts (4)
- Contracts (4)
- Constitutional Law (4)
- Criminal Law (3)
- Legal Research (part of Legal Writing I)
- Legal Writing I (2)
- Legal Writing II (2)

**Second Year:**
- Property (4)
- Advocacy (2)
- Constitutional Law (4)

**Before Graduation:**
- Professional Responsibility (3)

### Highly Recommended Courses:
- Administrative Law (3)
- Business Organizations (3)
- Evidence (4)
- Federal Income Tax (3)
- Advanced Writing Courses

### Other Bar Preparation Courses:
- Conflicts of Law (3)
- Criminal Procedure (3)
- Estates (3)
- Family Law (3)
- Remedies (3)
- Sales (3)

## Other Considerations

### Skills/Experiential Learning
- Clinics
- Skills Courses
- Externships

### Areas of Focus
- Advocacy
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Child & Family Law
- Corporate/Transactional Law
- Estate Planning
- Health Law
- International Law
- Public Interest Law

### Electives and Flexible Scheduling Options
- Seminars
- Upper Level Electives
- Online Courses*
- Summer and Intersession Courses
- Weekend Intensive Courses
- Independent Research
- Directed Study

*Students must complete 28 credit hours before becoming eligible to enroll in online courses. A maximum of 15 credit hours of fully online coursework will count towards graduation.

### Co-Curricular & Extra-Curricular Opportunities
- Journals
- Competition Teams
- Tutoring
- Extra-Curricular Activities

## Requirements for Graduation

- Completion of all required courses
- Perspective Elective (2-3 credits)
- Experiential Learning Courses *(6 credits, limit of 3 for comprehensive simulation)*
- Skills Course (2 credits)
- 74 graded credit hours
- 86 total credit hours
**You must satisfactorily complete all of these courses in order to graduate.**

**Please note—While these courses are not required for graduation, the faculty strongly recommends that all students complete these courses prior to graduation.**

**Students must complete 6 credits of Experiential Learning prior to graduation; Only 3 of those credits may be earned through a Comprehensive Simulation (CS). At least 3 credits must be completed through Live Client Experience (LCE).**

*** No double dipping! Some courses count as both Skills and Experiential, but you cannot double-dip (for example, you can’t use a 2 credit skills course as both skills and experiential - you still need to complete 2 credits of skills, and 6 credits of experiential, regardless of any overlap).

**Mandatory “bar skills” class - J.D. Students who are ranked in the bottom 15% of their class after their second, third, or fourth semester of law school will be required to complete the 2 credit course entitled “Bar Exam Fundamentals (LAW 232)” in order to graduate. Those students who entered law school before the Fall of 2014 are exempt from this requirement.**