
Nashville School of Law Curriculum Improvements FAQs

Q. The current requirement for graduation is 48 hours. The new curriculum requires 51 & 53 credits for students graduating in 2018 and 2019 respectively. Why the increase?

A. The current curriculum requires 48 credit hours, plus moot court during the third and fourth years. Although there has been no credit given for moot court, the time and effort spent in moot court is equivalent to 2 credit hours for third year and 3 credit hours for fourth year. In effect, the current curriculum requires the equivalent of 53 credit hours in time and tuition. New students and students entering their second year must complete 57 credit hours to graduate. We believe this adjustment is necessary to maintain the quality of education at the School and properly prepare our students for a legal career.

Q. I have taken Advanced Torts and Advanced Legal Writing. Do I need to take Torts II and Legal Skills and Values II?

A. No. Torts II is the equivalent of Advanced Torts and is only required for graduation after 2018. If you have taken Advanced Torts as an elective and will graduate after 2018, you will be required to take another elective in its place, but not more than the total number of credits required for graduation. Legal Skills and Values II takes the place of Advanced Legal Writing and remains a required class. If you have taken Advanced Legal Writing, you have fulfilled the requirement.

Q. May I take more than one Trial Practice Series Class?

A. Yes, but enrollment is limited and third-year students have priority to register for one class first before any other registrations are permitted. Any additional Trial Practice Series classes will count as a two-hour elective credit.

Q. May a student take the Rigorous Writing Exercise for elective credit?

A. The Rigorous Writing Exercise may be taken as an elective only by those students who are entering third year. It's a two-credit class that spans most of two years, so it would not be available as an option for those students who are entering their fourth year. Enrollment as an elective would only be offered after it has been determined that there are mentors available for all the students who are required to take the class.