

ACADEMIC CREDIT AND WORKLOAD EXPECTATIONS

Policy applicable to all in-house coursework, unless carved out below.

The law school shall award one hour of credit for work that reasonably approximates (1) at least fifty minutes of classroom or direct faculty instruction and two hours of out-of-class work per week for fifteen weeks, including one week for a final examination, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time; or (2) at least an equivalent amount of work as required by paragraph (1) for other academic activities or work approved by the school of law.

At the beginning of each semester, each professor shall submit to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs a syllabus either linking to or including the following language:

*The American Bar Association standards for accrediting law schools provide a formula for calculating the amount of work for which a credit hour may be awarded. ABA Standard 310(b)(1) defines a "credit hour" as "an amount of work that reasonably approximates: (1) not less than one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and two hours of out-of-class student work per week for fifteen weeks, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time." This is a [1] [2] [3] [4]-credit hour class, meaning that we will spend [1] [2] [3] [60] [90] [120]-minute blocks of time together each week. Therefore, you should plan on spending, **at a minimum, a total of [x] hours per week ([1/3 x] in class and [2/3 x] out of class) on course-related work.**"*

Each professor's final grade sheet shall include the following certification: "*This course required an amount of work that reasonably approximated the requirements of ABA Standard 310 and its accompanying interpretations, which I have reviewed.*"

Externships

Students enrolled in externships must meet minimum hour requirements and submit timely and detailed records in accordance with established externship policies.

Clinics

Students enrolled in a clinic must meet minimum hour requirements and submit timely and detailed records in accordance with established clinic policies. Students must complete the following minimum clinic-related in-class and out-of-class requirements: (i) 42.5 hours for one credit, (ii) 85.0 hours for two credits, and (iii) 127.5 hours for three credits.

Law Review

Students who seek one credit per semester for law review service must submit a detailed timesheet to the law review faculty advisor, no later than the last day of the scheduled exam period, indicating completion of a minimum of 42.5 hours of work.

Independent Study

Students registered for an independent study may earn one or two credits based on meeting objective criteria established by the supervising professor. Criteria may include, but is not limited to, number of drafts / pages / footnotes; meetings with the supervising professor; timesheets; etc. A student must complete a minimum of (i) 42.5 hours of work to receive one credit and (ii) 85 hours of work to receive two credits.

Advocacy Competitions

Students must complete a minimum of 42.5 hours of competition-related work to receive one credit for participating in a moot court or mock trial competition. The Director of Advocacy will certify the awarding of the credit by confirming that a student has met all minimal work-related expectations associated with the competition (e.g., engaging in research, writing a brief, preparing exhibits, prepping witnesses, participating in practice rounds, participating in the competition, etc.)”).

Course Proposals

All proposals for new courses must include the following statement: *“I have reviewed ABA Standard 310 and its accompanying ABA interpretations. I am aware that the law school may award one hour of credit for work that reasonably approximates at least fifty minutes of classroom or direct faculty instruction and two hours of out-of-class work per week for fifteen weeks, including one week for a final examination, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time. Based on the amount of my weekly classroom or direct faculty instruction in this course, together with the amount of time I reasonably expect students in this course to spend each week on out-of-class course-related work, I request that this course be offered for [x] credits, as permitted by ABA Standard 310.”*