



# **General Catalog**

## **Juris Doctor Program**

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## Welcome from the President

Dear Law Students,

Welcome to the beginning of your journey at St. Francis School of Law. This is a pivotal step and the start of your legal career. The law is a fulfilling profession that allows you to make a difference and profoundly impact individuals and society.

As you embark on this transformative journey, you will immerse yourself in a world of knowledge, challenges, and opportunities. Studying law is not just about acquiring legal expertise; it's about honing critical thinking, advocacy skills, and developing a deep understanding of justice, ethics, and the rule of law.

St. Francis School of Law is a community of like-minded individuals who share your passion for the law. You'll meet fellow students with diverse backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives. Furthermore, our distinguished faculty members, with their wealth of experience, are here to guide you on this path; they are not only teachers but mentors who are passionate about your growth.

I encourage you to actively participate in our law school activities, engage in thought-provoking discussions, and make the most of available resources. Law school is not just about studying; it's about connecting, networking, and immersing yourself in the legal world. Law school is a transformative phase of growth, change, and endless possibilities, and it must be guided by the profession's norms and the values underpinning a democratic society.

As you forge your professional identity in the days and years ahead, keep this guiding principle in mind. Throughout your time in law school and throughout your career, use your knowledge and power of the law judiciously and responsibly.

I want to welcome you to this exciting new chapter of your life. As the president of St. Francis School of Law, it is an immense honor to have you as part of our community.

Wishing you all the best,

Dr. Jacqui Spicer  
President

## Administration

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### **Business Hours:**

Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm PT

Hours of individual departments may vary. Please call 800-931-2694 for more information.

## Consumer Information and Required Disclosures

### Registration

St. Francis School of Law was, until August 21, 2020, a distance-education law school registered with the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California as an unaccredited distance learning law school, with authority from the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California to issue Juris Doctor degrees that qualify graduates to take the State Bar of California's General Bar Exam if all other requirements are met, and to be admitted to practice law in California.

St. Francis no longer operates the registered unaccredited law school J.D. degree program, but some students who transferred from that program to the school's accredited J.D. program remain enrolled. For additional information contact the California Committee of Bar Examiners, 180 Howard St., San Francisco, CA 94105 415-538-2000 – [www.calbar.ca.gov](http://www.calbar.ca.gov)

### Accreditation

St. Francis School of Law is accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners (CBE) of the State Bar of California. The Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California grants accreditation to a registered unaccredited law school when the law school establishes that it fully complies with the Accredited Law School Rules (Rules).

Baker College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission / 230 South LaSalle St., Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604-1411 / (800) 621-7440 / [www.hlcommission.org](http://www.hlcommission.org)

Currently since St. Francis operates only an accredited program, all subsequent provisions in this General Catalog apply to the accredited program.

St. Francis School of Law is not approved by the American Bar Association (ABA). The ABA Standards for approval of law schools do not permit stand-alone approval of fully online law schools.

### Disclosure of Consumer Information

#### Disclosure for California Accredited J.D. Programs:

Study at, or graduation from, this law school may not qualify a student to take the bar examination or be licensed to practice law in jurisdictions other than California. A student who intends to seek licensure to practice law outside of California should contact the admitting authority in that jurisdiction for information regarding its education and licensure requirements prior to enrolling at this law school. Students enrolling in this program must either live in California or attest their intent to seek employment in California after completing the program, pursuant to 34 CFR 668.14(b)(32), effective July 1, 2024.

#### Additional Disclosures:

The method of instruction at this law school for the Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree program is principally by technological means including interactive classes.

St. Francis' internal academic regulations are in some cases more stringent than those promulgated in the above disclosure statements and students are urged to carefully read this St. Francis General Catalog for further information.

St. Francis School of Law is a division of Baker College. Baker College is a private not-for-profit educational system located in Michigan. For the Disclosure of Consumer Information for Baker College visit [Baker College Consumer Disclosures](#)

St. Francis School of Law is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

Applicants, students, and interested parties are referred to the St. Francis website for additional disclosures and the latest published information required under *Accredited Law Schools Rules* and *Guidelines for Accredited Law School Rules*.

For additional information visit: <https://stfrancislaw.com/disclosure-of-consumer-information/>

# Admissions

## Welcome to St. Francis School of Law

At St. Francis School of Law, we are committed to providing a rigorous and engaging legal education that empowers you to develop the knowledge, skills, and ethical foundation essential for success in the legal profession. As you embark on your Juris Doctor journey, you will be challenged to think critically, advocate effectively, and uphold the highest standards of professionalism and integrity.

This Catalog serves as a valuable resource, outlining the policies, procedures, and academic expectations that will guide you throughout your time at St. Francis. Our core values—Quality, Transparency, Integrity, and Innovation—reflect our dedication to fostering an environment where students are supported in their pursuit of legal education and professional growth.

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## Admissions Cycles

St. Francis School of Law enrolls new Juris Doctor students twice per year, in the Fall and Spring terms. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, providing flexibility for prospective students to apply when they are ready. Prior to the start of classes, students participate in a comprehensive orientation designed to ensure a smooth transition into law school and introduce them to the academic community.

## Non-Discrimination

**Content:** At St. Francis School of Law, we are committed to fostering an inclusive and equitable learning environment. We admit students and administer our educational programs, services, and activities without discrimination based on race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, marital status, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender identity, pregnancy, or any other characteristic protected by law.

As part of Baker College, St. Francis School of Law upholds this commitment in all aspects of admissions, employment, and student support, ensuring that every student receives the respect, resources, and opportunities they need to thrive.

## Admissions Procedures

At St. Francis School of Law, we are committed to a thorough and supportive admissions process that ensures each applicant is well-prepared for the rigor of legal education. Below is a step-by-step guide to applying.

### Application Process

To apply, prospective students must complete the St. Francis School of Law Application, available online at: [https://enroll.stfrancislaw.com/ERx\\_Forms\\_\\_PageMaker?&Type=JD&pageId=Registration](https://enroll.stfrancislaw.com/ERx_Forms__PageMaker?&Type=JD&pageId=Registration)

The **Academic Acceptance Committee (AAC)** reviews all applications holistically. Applicants may be asked to revise, supplement, or provide additional information before a final decision is made.

### Required Materials

To be considered for admission, applicants must submit the following:

## Official Transcripts:

Transcripts from all postsecondary institutions attended (undergraduate, graduate, and, if applicable, prior legal education).

- Transcripts must be sent directly to St. Francis from the issuing institution, either electronically or by postal mail.
- **Electronic transcripts** are preferred and should be sent to [admissions@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:admissions@stfrancislaw.com)
- If mailing transcripts, they should be sent to:

**St. Francis School of Law**  
Office of Admissions  
1020 S. Washington Street  
Owosso, MI 48867

For questions regarding transcript requirements, please contact the Admissions Office at [admissions@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:admissions@stfrancislaw.com) or call 800-931-2694.

## Personal Essay:

- As part of the application process, applicants must submit a 500 to 1,000-word original essay addressed to the Academic Acceptance Committee. This essay serves as the applicant's opening statement—an opportunity to introduce their background, motivations, and vision for utilizing a law degree. Essays should be professionally structured, demonstrating readiness for legal education and a commitment to the profession.

## Current Resume:

- A detailed and up-to-date resume is required to provide an overview of the applicant's professional experience, academic background, and relevant skills.
- The resume helps the Academic Acceptance Committee assess the applicant's readiness for legal education and potential contributions to the St. Francis community.

## Letters of Recommendation:

- At least one letter of recommendation is required, with the option to submit up to three.
- Letters can be from professional, academic, or personal sources. To ensure a well-rounded assessment, only one letter per category should be submitted.
- Recommenders should be individuals who can speak to the applicant's work ethic, analytical skills, motivation, and personal integrity.

## Declaration and Affirmation for Admission (For applicants residing outside of California):

- Students enrolling in this program must either live in California or attest their intent to seek employment in California after completing the program, pursuant to 34 CFR 668.14(b)(32), effective July 1, 2024.
- If an applicant resides outside of California, they must complete and submit the Declaration and Affirmation for Admission to St. Francis School of Law form before their application can be reviewed by the Academic Acceptance Committee.
- This form affirms the applicant's intent to seek employment in California after completing the program, in accordance with 34 CFR 668.14(b)(32), effective July 1, 2024.

## Additional Documents (if applicable)

- Applicants with prior law school experience must submit transcripts and a letter of standing from their previous institution.
- International applicants may need to provide a credential evaluation and demonstrate English proficiency.



- If applicable, applicants must disclose any prior criminal convictions or disciplinary history in their application.

### **Licensure Considerations**

- St. Francis School of Law is accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners (CBE) of the State Bar of California. A student who intends to seek licensure to practice law outside of California at any time during their career should contact the relevant admitting authority for information regarding its education and licensure requirements before enrolling in this program.

### **Admissions Interview**

- An admissions interview may be required as part of the evaluation process. Interviews are conducted at the discretion of the Academic Acceptance Committee and are not guaranteed for all applicants.

### **Submission of Documents**

- Applicants are encouraged to submit all application materials electronically to [admissions@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:admissions@stfrancislaw.com) whenever possible.
- For those sending official transcripts by postal mail, please use the Office of Admissions address listed above.

### **Minimum Admission Criteria**

St. Francis School of Law seeks to admit students who are well-prepared for the rigor of legal education and committed to pursuing a career in law. To be eligible for admission, applicants must meet the following criteria:

#### **Educational Background:**

Applicants must hold a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree from a regionally accredited institution or a nationally accredited institution recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or the U.S. Department of Education. Equivalent international degrees may also be considered.

#### **Pre-Legal Education Requirements:**

Applicants must meet or exceed the pre-legal education standards set by the State Bar of California and have earned a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale in all postsecondary education.

If satisfactory completion of the pre-legal education requirements of the State Bar of California is in question, the applicant may submit an Application for Evaluation of Pre-Legal Education to the State Bar of California for evaluation here:

[http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Portals/0/documents/forms/admissions/Pre-LegalEducationApp.0616\\_R.pdf](http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Portals/0/documents/forms/admissions/Pre-LegalEducationApp.0616_R.pdf)

In certain cases, admission may be contingent upon the receipt of an acceptable Evaluation of Pre-Legal Education from the State Bar of California or upon completing a State Bar-approved plan of study under the Starting First-Year Law Studies Over Certification process.

#### **Standardized Test Scores (Optional but Encouraged):**

The LSAT is not required for admission. However, if an applicant has taken the LSAT, they must submit their score report prior to the applicant file review completed by the Academic Acceptance Committee..

Applicants who have taken the GRE are encouraged to submit their scores as part of their application.

## **Applicants Educated Outside the U.S.**

St. Francis School of Law welcomes applicants educated from around the world and values the diverse perspectives they bring to our legal community. To ensure that all students meet the pre-legal education requirements set by the State Bar of California, applicants who have completed any postsecondary education outside of the United States must provide a course-by-course credential evaluation from an evaluation service approved by the Committee of Bar Examiners.

### **Credential Evaluation Requirement**

Applicants must obtain an official course-by-course evaluation from a State Bar-approved Credential Evaluation Service. The evaluation must verify:

- That the applicant's prior studies are equivalent to a bachelor's degree from a U.S. institution accredited by a CHEA- or U.S. Department of Education-recognized accreditor.
- That their coursework meets or exceeds the pre-legal education requirements of the State Bar of California.
- That the applicant has earned an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent) in postsecondary education.
- A list of approved Credential Evaluation Services is available [here](#).

### **Language Proficiency Requirement**

Because all courses at St. Francis School of Law are conducted in English, proficiency in both written and spoken English is essential for success in the JD program.

### **English Translations:**

All submitted documents must be in English or include a certified English translation.

### **Demonstrating English Proficiency:**

- Applicants whose native language is not English and who have not earned a degree from an institution where English is the primary language of instruction must demonstrate college-level English proficiency.
- The most common way to meet this requirement is through the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).
- Minimum required TOEFL scores:
  - 575 on the TOEFL PBT (Paper-Based Test)
  - 90 on the TOEFL iBT (Internet-Based Test)

At St. Francis, we are committed to supporting international applicants in navigating the admissions process. If you have questions about credential evaluations or English proficiency requirements, please contact the Admissions Office at [admissions@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:admissions@stfrancislaw.com) or call 800-931-2694.

## **Applicants with a Prior Criminal Conviction**

St. Francis School of Law is committed to providing applicants with a clear understanding of how prior criminal convictions may impact their legal education and future licensure.

Applicants who have a prior criminal conviction must submit:

- A detailed explanation of each conviction, including the date and relevant circumstances.
- A signed Criminal Conviction Disclosure Form, which will be provided by the Admissions Office.

### **Understanding the Impact on Licensure**

A prior criminal conviction may affect an individual's eligibility to practice law in California. Before applying, prospective students are strongly encouraged to review the State Bar of California's Moral Character requirements

to understand how their background may be evaluated during the licensure process. More information can be found here: [State Bar of California - Moral Character Guidelines](#)

Our admissions team is available to answer questions about this process and provide guidance on next steps. If you have concerns or need additional information, please contact the Admissions Office at [admissions@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:admissions@stfrancislaw.com) or call 800-931-2694.

### **Applicants with Prior Institution Discipline**

At St. Francis School of Law, we recognize that every applicant's educational journey is unique. If you have experienced institutional discipline at a previous school, we encourage full transparency in the admissions process.

Applicants who have been dropped, suspended, or otherwise disciplined by an institution for a conduct-related issue must submit:

- A detailed explanation outlining each incident, including the dates of attendance and the circumstances surrounding the disciplinary action.
- A signed Institution Discipline Disclosure Form, which will be provided by the Admissions Office.

Our goal is to ensure a fair and thorough review of each applicant's background while supporting their aspirations for legal education. If you have questions or need further guidance, please contact the Admissions Office at [admissions@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:admissions@stfrancislaw.com) or call 800-931-2694.

### **Applicants with Prior Law Study**

St. Francis School of Law welcomes applicants who have previously attended law school and will work with each student to determine the best path forward in their legal education. Applicants with prior law school experience must submit:

- Official transcripts reflecting all prior law study as part of the admission process.

### **Starting Over Requirements**

In some cases, applicants may be required to restart their legal studies as a condition of admission. If this applies, the applicant must:

- File the Starting First-Year Law Studies Over Certification with the State Bar of California.
- The required form can be found here: [Starting First-Year Law Studies Over Certification](#).
- Provide St. Francis School of Law with a copy of the approved Starting Over Form upon receipt from the State Bar of California.

### **Applicants Previously Disqualified**

Applicants who have been previously disqualified or dismissed from any law school for academic reasons may be considered for admission pending demonstration of their ability to successfully pursue legal studies.

An applicant may qualify for admission under one of the following conditions:

- **Exceptional Circumstances** – Applicants may apply at any time if they can provide credible evidence that their prior disqualification was due to an event or hardship that prevented them from performing at their normal level, rather than a lack of capacity for legal study.
- **Demonstrated Growth Over Time** – Applicants may apply after at least two (2) years have passed since their disqualification if they can demonstrate that work, study, or other experiences during this time have strengthened their ability to succeed in law school.

In each case, the Academic Acceptance Committee will carefully review the applicant's submission to determine whether they have demonstrated the potential for success in legal education. If admitted, the Dean will document the rationale for the decision in the applicant's file.

If you have questions about reapplying after a prior disqualification, we encourage you to reach out to the Admissions Office at [admissions@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:admissions@stfrancislaw.com) or call 800-931-2694 for guidance.

### **Transfer Credit for Prior Law Studies**

Students enrolled in the JD program must complete at least one-half of the program requirements at St. Francis to qualify for the JD (i.e., 65 units and 2 years of study). All credit transfers must be made in compliance with the rules, guidelines, and requirements promulgated by the State Bar of California.

Courses with a B (3.0) or higher will be eligible for transfer credit consideration. Courses graded on a Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit basis are not eligible or considered for transfer credit.

Coursework may be transferred only if completed within the 27 months prior to a student's enrollment. In addition, transfer credit will only be considered for courses taken in a JD program at a law school that is:

- ABA approved, or
- Registered with the State Bar of California, or
- Accredited by the State Bar of California.

Recognition of transfer credit will be subject to the completion of an Evaluation of Law Study Completed and Contemplated by the State Bar of California Committee of Bar Examiners, Office of Admissions.

[http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Portals/0/documents/forms/admissions/LawStudyApplForEvaluation.0616\\_R.pdf](http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Portals/0/documents/forms/admissions/LawStudyApplForEvaluation.0616_R.pdf)

### **Transfer of Credit to Other Schools**

It is the responsibility of each student to review the transferability of credits earned at St. Francis. Students should not assume that credits earned at St. Francis will be accepted by other institutions. Students should check with the institution to which they intend to transfer for information on that institution's transfer credit policy.

### **Admissions Notification and Appeals**

The Admissions Office will notify applicants of the decision made by the Academic Acceptance Committee after a comprehensive review of their application.

All applications undergo a thorough and holistic evaluation, considering academic background, professional experience, and overall preparedness for legal studies.

Applicants who applied for and were denied admission for a prior term, and who also believe there are significant new developments or additional information that was not available at the time of their initial review, may contact the Admissions Office at [admissions@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:admissions@stfrancislaw.com) to discuss their options for reapplying.

### **Duty to Amend Application for Admission**

St. Francis School of Law expects all applicants to provide complete and accurate information in their application for admission. If a student discovers an omission or inaccuracy in their submitted application, they have an obligation to promptly update their information.

### **Correction Process**

- Any necessary updates to an application must be submitted in writing to [admissions@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:admissions@stfrancislaw.com).
- Students must correct any inaccuracies or omissions no later than 30 days after the start of their first term of classes.

## **Review of Material Changes**

Upon receiving an amendment, the Academic Acceptance Committee will determine whether the change is material—meaning that if the information had been available at the time of admission, it could have resulted in a different decision.

If an amendment is deemed material, the Committee may:

- Reevaluate the student's admission status,
- Determine whether any corrective action is necessary, or
- Refer the matter for further review under the Honor Code.

## **Failure to Correct an Inaccuracy**

Failure to correct an application inaccuracy or omission within the required timeframe may be considered a violation of the St. Francis Honor Code and could result in disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

For questions or guidance regarding application amendments, students are encouraged to contact the Admissions Office at [admissions@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:admissions@stfrancislaw.com).

## **Deferral**

Upon request, St. Francis may permit a student who has applied or been admitted to defer their start date a maximum of three times. Applicants who defer must satisfy any new admission requirements that become applicable during the period of deferral. After three deferrals, students will be denied acceptance.

## **Auditors**

St. Francis School of Law does not normally accept applications from auditors, visitors, or guest students.

# **Tuition, Fees, and Books**

## **Tuition**

The total tuition for the 2024-2025 academic year (52 weeks) and the 2025-2026 academic year is \$13,000 USD per year.

St. Francis School of Law tuition is charged as a flat rate for the term. The rate for the term does not vary based on the number of courses registered, the course start and end dates within the term, or course lengths within the term. As a division of Baker College, St. Francis students are eligible for federal student loans.

St. Francis enrolls students on an annual basis for each year that is required to complete the J.D. program. Tuition and fees for subsequent years may be subject to change.

If a student extends the J.D. program beyond the four years required to complete the program, due to leaves of absence or for any other reasons, the student is required to continue to pay tuition for such period of extension at the then-current annual rate.

Failure to start, attend, or participate in a course or term, and leave or withdrawal, may not reduce a student's financial obligation. See Refund, Cancellation, and Withdrawal, below.

## **Military Tuition Rate**

Students who are active duty military, a member of the National Guard, in the Reserve, or if they are a spouse of any of these service members, can take advantage of a special tuition rate of \$3,000 per quarter (12,000 USD per year).

## **Fees**

An application fee of \$75 will be required with all applications submitted.

A one-time enrollment fee of \$100 will be assessed upon successful completion of orientation and registration for the first course in the degree program. This fee will be included in the tuition invoice; prepayment is not required. After two weeks of enrollment, the enrollment fee is not refundable.

A technology fee of \$175.00 will be required for each registered quarter within the 2024-2025 academic year and a technology fee of \$275.00 will be required for each registered quarter within the 2025-2026 academic year.. The technology fee is assessed to all students to maintain and enhance student-facing technology. The technology fee is only refundable if all courses are dropped during the quarter.

An NSF return fee of \$25.00 per item returned by the bank will be charged.

Certain tuition payment methods entail fees. See Tuition Payment, below.

Any balance not paid by the due date is subject to a \$50 late fee.

## **Books**

Tuition and fees do not include the cost of books and study materials, which are the responsibility of the student. The best effort estimate of the costs of books and study materials is \$800 for the first year and an average of \$1,400 per year for the next three years, or approximately \$5,000 for the four-year J.D. program. These estimates are based on using new hardcover books when available. In many cases, however, books can be rented and/or obtained digitally at lesser cost. Financial aid recipients who need access to their financial aid funds in order to cover the cost of books should contact the financial aid office at [financialaid@baker.edu](mailto:financialaid@baker.edu) for assistance.

## **Tuition Invoice**

The Business Office will communicate the student's account balance through invoices posted online to the student portal and notifications sent to the student's [@baker.edu](mailto:@baker.edu) email account, assigned by St. Francis School of Law. Students should ensure their [@baker.edu](mailto:@baker.edu) email address is actively monitored as it is very important to read all communications from the Business Office. The invoices will alert students to balance due amounts, balance due dates, fees, refund status, changes to charges from withdrawal calculations, and payments posted to the account.

## **Financial Assistance**

There are several funding sources for earning your online degree in law. As a division of Baker College, St. Francis students are eligible for federal student loans. In addition, St. Francis students are welcome to research private loan availability, outside scholarship opportunities, employer tuition reimbursement, employer tuition assistance, etc. We recommend that you evaluate all sources carefully prior to accepting funding from, or making commitments to, any such programs.

## **Tuition Payment**

Tuition may be paid upon registration, prior to the start of the term, or through an approved payment plan. If paid through an approved payment plan, there is a \$35 non-refundable enrollment fee for each payment plan enrollment. Invoices are generated throughout the quarter and are available for viewing on the student portal.

Tuition payments can be made online through the student portal using the following payment methods:

- Credit/debit card payments (Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express). There is a 2.95% fee for use of a credit/debit card and a 4.25% fee for use of an international debit/credit card.
- Foreign Currency Payments. Fees vary based on the exchange rate for the selected currency.
- ACH payments. No fee is associated with ACH payments.

Students can also pay by a personal check or money order mailed to:

St. Francis School of Law  
PO Box 101656  
Pasadena, CA 91189-1656

or

## Payment Plans

St. Francis School of Law provides payment plan options for students who desire to pay their charges in installments rather than in a lump sum prior to the start of the quarter. Students can sign up for payment plans online through the student portal. There is a \$35 non-refundable enrollment fee assessed by Transact Payments, who administers the payment plans, for each payment plan enrollment. Enrollment in the payment plan, prior to the tuition due dates, will prevent students from being charged a late fee by St. Francis at payment deadline. If the terms of the payment plan are not met, additional fees may be assessed by Transact Payments and/or the student may be withdrawn from the payment plan. St. Francis will apply a \$50 late fee for a balance withdrawn from a payment plan that was not already assessed a late fee upon payment deadline. It is the student's responsibility to ensure they fully understand the terms of a payment plan prior to enrollment in the plan. For more information on available payment plans review the [Payment Plan Options](#) knowledge base article on the self- service portal.

## Employer Paid Tuition

The employer tuition reimbursement program is a tuition deferment program available to students whose employers pay tuition costs. Enrollment in this program allows students to make monthly installment payments of 2% of the enrolled balance until the final payment due date. The final due date for this plan is after the end of the quarter, allowing students to submit their grades to their employer for reimbursement. Students must enroll in the payment plan each quarter they wish to defer tuition payments.

To be eligible for the program, the student must do the following:

- Complete and sign the Employer Tuition Reimbursement Payment Plan Enrollment Form.
- Submit a letter on company letterhead or a copy of the company policy stating the guidelines for tuition payments made by the employer.

It is the student's responsibility to submit the invoice and grades to the employer. St. Francis School of Law will not bill the employer directly. Any portion of tuition not paid by the employer must be paid by the student by the deadline stated on the contract. A nonrefundable \$35 fee is assessed each quarter for this program. Please contact the Business Office at [businessoffice@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:businessoffice@stfrancislaw.com) for details.

## Past Due Balances

Students with outstanding balances may be prevented from using or participating in St. Francis School of Law activities and services until their St. Francis account is current. This may include, but is not limited to, students not being allowed to re-enroll for another quarter, being dropped from previously registered courses, being prohibited from returning from leave, being prohibited from participating in commencement ceremonies, or being administratively dismissed.

St. Francis School of Law reserves the right to send unpaid balances to an outside collection agency, report balances and delinquencies to credit bureaus, charge students for collection costs and attorney's fees, and pursue other remedies provided in the enrollment agreement.

Payment plans for past due balances are available online during the open payment plan enrollment period for each quarter.

## Refunds

The tuition refund policy is based upon the official notice date and enrollment period. Absenteeism or failure to begin a class does not reduce a student's financial obligation.

## Official Notice Date

The official notice date is the date the proper, completed withdrawal form is submitted to [admissions@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:admissions@stfrancislaw.com) or [academic@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:academic@stfrancislaw.com), the postmarked date of the letter sent to St. Francis, the date the e-mail notice was sent, or the date of notice of withdrawal by St. Francis.



## Enrollment Period

Continuing students are required to sign a new Enrollment Agreement annually. Enrollment in a course for which a student is registered begins on the first day of the course and ends on the last day of attendance in that course.

## Refund, Cancellation, and Withdrawal

An enrollee may cancel or withdraw from St. Francis at any time by completing a Request to Withdraw and any required exit counseling or other steps. To initiate cancellation or withdrawal from the J.D. program, the student may email [admissions@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:admissions@stfrancislaw.com) or [academic@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:academic@stfrancislaw.com), or give notice by telephone to the phone number set forth in the Enrollment Agreement or by postal mail to the address set forth in the Enrollment Agreement.

If a student withdraws or cancels enrollment within 5 days of the start of the quarter, the student is entitled to a full (100%) refund of all monies paid for the quarter.

The enrollment fee is 100% refundable until the 14<sup>th</sup> day of enrollment, after which it is not refundable.

If a student cancels or withdraws after 5 days from the start of the quarter, tuition refunds are based on the following schedule:

Session Length	Notification Of Withdrawal/Cancellation	Tuition Refund Percentage
1-12 weeks	Week 1 (complete withdrawal)	100%
	Week 2 (complete withdrawal)	50%
	Weeks 3-12	0%

These percentages are based on a complete withdrawal/cancellation from the quarter. Weeks are defined as Monday through Sunday. Students are encouraged to contact the Business Office at [businessoffice@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:businessoffice@stfrancislaw.com) or 1-800-931-2694 before withdrawing from classes to understand the complete financial impact of a withdrawal. Financial aid recipients are encouraged to contact the financial aid office to determine the financial impact of withdrawing.

St. Francis School of Law tuition is charged as a flat rate for the term. The rate for the term does not vary based on the number of courses registered, the session starts and end dates within the term, or session lengths within the term. Therefore, partial withdrawals during the quarter may not result in a tuition refund. Visit the knowledge base article on the self-service portal, "[Class Withdrawal and Refund Policies](#)" for examples of tuition refunds for complete and partial withdrawals.

All refunds are issued using the original form of payment when possible. All other refunds are issued by check and are mailed to the enrollee's address on record with St. Francis. No refunds will be made in cash. All refunds will be processed within 30 days.

## Financial Aid

We are committed to helping students afford their degree. As a division of Baker College, St. Francis students are eligible for federal student loans. Our advisors will help you through every step of the application process, giving you the best opportunity for success. Contact our Financial Aid Advisors at [financialaid@baker.edu](mailto:financialaid@baker.edu) or (989) 729-3911

## How to Apply for Financial Aid

To apply for federal loans, students must first complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA becomes available at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) annually on October 1st. When completing the FAFSA, Baker College (004673) should be entered as your college. Students may contact the financial aid office for assistance with completion of the FAFSA.



Once received, the FAFSA results will be reviewed. Some students' applications will be selected for verification; these students will be requested to submit additional documentation before their financial aid process can be completed. Once all necessary documentation is received, the student will be sent a financial aid offer that will include loan eligibility. The student will need to take action via the financial aid portal to accept, decline or reduce the loan amount. The Financial Aid Office will complete the loan certification process for all accepted loans.

Financial aid funds (including student loans) will not be applied to the student's account until 10 days after the start of the student's classes. Students will be notified when their loan funds are disbursed and (if applicable) when a refund of excess financial aid is available.

### **Cost of Attendance**

Our [cost of attendance budget](#) estimates the total educational costs for a student attending one academic year (4 quarters). The cost factors include both direct and indirect costs. Direct costs include tuition and fees. Indirect costs include books and supplies, meals, transportation, and personal expenses. The costs included are estimates and vary depending on course requirements and personal spending habits. Actual costs may vary.

### **Student Aid Index**

The Student Aid Index (SAI) is determined from the income, assets and other information the student and his/her family report on the FAFSA. The federal methodology formula is used to determine the SAI which is used to calculate federal financial aid and student loan eligibility.

### **Types of Financial Aid Available**

St. Francis School of Law (Baker College) offers loans through the William D. Ford Direct Loan Program. The program offers low interest rate loans to all qualified law students.

#### **Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans**

The Stafford Loan program allows students to borrow and repay money directly through the U. S. Department of Education (DOE). This loan is available to graduate students, with no requirement to demonstrate financial need. The student is responsible for paying the interest while in school, during the grace period or in deferment. The payment of interest may be deferred while the student is in school but will accrue on the loan.

#### **Federal Graduate PLUS Loan**

Available to students enrolled at least half-time in a graduate level program. Graduate PLUS loans are a non-need-based loan for students with good credit histories. Students may borrow up to the cost of attendance minus other financial assistance.

Regulations require schools to establish a Student Loan Code of Conduct Policy. You can access our Code of Conduct Policy on our [disclosure website](#).

### **Financial Aid Rights and Responsibilities**

Students have the right to accept or refuse any part of their financial aid offer. If the student rejects any part of his/her financial aid offered, it may affect other aid offered.

Classes taken outside of a student's declared program do not qualify for most forms of financial aid. Students must attend college at least half time to be considered for most financial aid.

Withdrawal from classes or failure to attend all classes may result in a loss or reduction of financial aid and a balance due to the College.

It is the student's responsibility to inform Financial Aid of any changes to information provided on the financial aid application. Students should contact the OneStop Office to report these changes.

Financial aid offered to the student is dependent upon the availability of funds. Any change in the availability of funds or a student's academic performance may change the financial aid offer.

If a student's financial aid application is estimated or incomplete, the student will be responsible for any charges that may occur if the estimated financial aid indicated is incorrect or the application remains incomplete.

Information regarding a student and/or parent Title IV-HEA loan will be submitted to the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) and accessible by authorized agencies, lenders and institutions.

## **Return of Title IV Federal Financial Aid For Withdrawals**

Students are encouraged to contact Financial Aid before withdrawing from classes to understand the complete financial impact of a withdrawal. Many times, a withdrawal can result in a student owing the College and/or federal government financial aid that had already been refunded to the student. Federal laws set forth regulations that govern the treatment and calculation of refunds for recipients of federal financial aid (Title IV aid) when students withdraw from classes.

The Title IV federal financial aid includes the following programs:

Unsubsidized federal Stafford Loans  
Federal PLUS Loans

For students who begin attendance in classes and then withdraw before they have completed over 60 percent of the payment period, Baker College is required, by regulation, to calculate the amount of earned and unearned Title IV aid. The regulations state that a student is entitled to keep only the portion of the aid earned, and the College/student must return the funds that were not earned to the appropriate program. Note: Students who successfully complete (with a passing grade) a course that is at least 49% of the enrollment period are not considered withdrawn even if they withdraw from future classes within the term.

### **The calculation steps are as follows:**

#### **1. DETERMINE THE WITHDRAWAL DATE**

The withdrawal date is used to calculate the amount of earned and unearned federal aid for the semester. There are two types of withdrawals:

Official withdrawals:

- Student-initiated withdrawals.
- College-initiated withdrawals due to faculty request, suspension, expulsion, an unearned failing grade etc.

Unofficial withdrawals:

- Failed courses.

Because attendance is monitored for students attending the St. Francis School of Law, the withdrawal date used is the last date the student attended the course.

#### **2. CALCULATE THE PERCENTAGE OF ENROLLMENT PERIOD COMPLETED**

Divide the number of calendar days completed by the number of calendar days in the enrollment period. (Any scheduled breaks of five days or more are subtracted.) If the percentage is greater than 60, the student has earned 100 percent of Title IV aid.

Note: The last date of attendance (provided by faculty) will be used for students who quit attending classes and receive a failing grade in their latest class session.

#### **3. CALCULATE THE AMOUNT OF EARNED TITLE IV AID**

Multiply the percentage of the enrollment period completed (if less than 60%) by the total Title IV aid disbursed or that could have been disbursed according to late disbursement rules.

#### **4. CALCULATE THE AMOUNT OF UNEARNED TITLE IV AID**

Subtract the amount of earned Title IV aid from the total amount of federal aid disbursed. The difference must be returned to the appropriate Title IV program by the College or by the student.

#### **5. RETURN OF TITLE IV FUNDS**

- a) The College is required to return funds based on the total institutional charges for the payment period

multiplied by the percentage of unearned Title IV aid. This could result in the student owing money back to the College that had previously been disbursed as an excess credit to the student during the semester. These funds must be returned within 45 days of determination that the student has withdrawn (officially or unofficially for non-attendance).

b) The student will be responsible for any balance of unearned Title IV funds that were not required to be returned by the College.

If the student's portion of the aid to be returned is a loan, the student is not immediately required to repay the loan. The terms of the original loan repayment agreement will apply.

If the student's portion of aid to be returned is an overpayment of a grant, the student is required to repay only the amount exceeding 50 percent of the total grant for original amounts over \$50. The College will notify the student of the amount and the procedures for repayment, if this is required. If the student does not repay the funds, the student is not eligible for federal Title IV funds at any institution until the overpayment is paid.

## 6. RETURN OF UNEARNED TITLE IV FUNDS

The College allocates the return of Title IV funds, and any overpayment funds collected from the student, by reducing or eliminating outstanding balances on the funding source, received by the student for the enrollment period for which he/she was charged. The return of funds is processed within 45 days from the date of determination of withdrawal, in the following order:

Unsubsidized Federal Stafford loans  
Federal PLUS Loans

Post-withdrawal disbursements: If the calculation results in earned funds that have not been paid to the student account, a post-withdrawal disbursement may be calculated. If student loans are included in the aid that has not yet been paid, the student will have the option to decline the loan funds so he/she does not incur additional debt.

NOTE: The federal regulations governing Title IV aid refunds are separate from the College's refund policy for tuition and charges. Withdrawing from classes may also impact satisfactory academic progress.

Example of a Return of Title IV Financial Aid Funds Calculation

Withdrawal	Week 3
Institutional Charges	\$3,250
Loans (Total Title IV Aid)	\$4,000
Refund to Student	\$750
Account Balance	-0-
Withdrawal Calculations	
Tuition Refund	\$0
Adjustment for Title IV	\$2,437
Balance Student Owes the College	\$2,437
CALCULATION DETAILS	
21 Days of Attendance out of a 84-Day Enrollment Period	

Percent Earned	21/84 = 25%
Percent Unearned	100% - 25 = 75%
Amount of Title IV Aid Unearned	\$4,000 x 75% = \$3,000
The College Must Return	LOANS: \$2,437

The Class Withdrawal and Refund Policies use the official notice date to determine tuition refund percentage and not the last date of attendance.

The example does not reflect all the different combinations of refund situations that may exist. More information on Title IV return calculations is available by contacting the Financial Aid Office (financialaid@baker.edu). The College reserves the right to amend this procedure to comply with federal regulations.

## Satisfactory Academic Progress

In order to receive federal, state, or institutional aid, regulations require that students maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) toward completion of their current academic program. All students will have their progress reviewed at the end of each term, whether or not they are receiving financial aid, since these rules decide eligibility for future terms.

There are three academic standards that all students are required to maintain in order to remain eligible for future financial aid assistance (including student loans). The standards required to maintain eligibility for financial aid are: Grade Point Average (GPA), Pace, and Maximum Timeframe. The SAP calculation includes coursework that applies toward the students' current program level (undergraduate/graduate). In addition, students must be accepted for continued enrollment under the policies defined in the St. Francis School of Law Catalog.

## Requirements for Maintaining SAP

**Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement.** Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 at the end of each term, or otherwise comply with the school's step plan. Students will be considered in violation if they do not maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.00 after the first year of study.

**Pace Requirement.** Students must successfully complete a minimum of 67% of their cumulative credit hours attempted (including transfer credits) by the end of each term. Students will be considered in violation if they do not meet this requirement. A student's completion rate is determined by dividing cumulative earned credit hours by cumulative attempted credit hours, the result is rounded to the closest whole percentage (i.e. 66.5% will round to 67%). This calculation ensures that students can mathematically complete their program within the maximum timeframe requirement.

**Maximum Timeframe Requirement.** Students must complete their academic program within 150% of the published program credit hours. Students will be considered in violation if they have not graduated by the end of the term in which they reached their allowable credits. For example, students pursuing a law degree requiring 130 credit hours, must graduate within 195 attempted credits (130 x 150% = 195).

**Attempted Credit Hours.** Include all credit hours attempted at St. Francis School of Law. This includes passing grades, failing grades, withdrawals, credit/no credit, pass/fail courses, and non- traditional credits (i.e. articulation, waiver tests and experiential learning). All transfer credits listed on the student's transcript are also included.

**Attempted Credit Hours.** Do Not Include Unofficial Withdrawals, Incomplete, Audit, and In Progress grades.

**Earned Credit Hours.** Include all credits that a student successfully completed (D- or better). This includes for credit, pass, and non- traditional credits (i.e. articulation, waiver tests and experiential learning). All transfer credits listed on the student's transcript are also included.

**Incomplete Grades** are not counted until they are converted to an actual grade.

**Course Repeats** are counted in attempted credits but will only count once as earned credit hours for PACE and Maximum Timeframe calculations.

### **Financial Aid Warning**

Students who are in violation of Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements will be placed on Financial Aid Warning and have one term (the next term attended) with the use of financial aid funds (including loans) to get back in good standing. Students attending a program which is less than one year in length are not provided this warning period due to regulatory requirements.

Students who are unable to get back into good standing by the end of the next term they attend will lose future financial aid eligibility.

### **Reinstatement of Eligibility**

Students who do not re-establish good standing after the warning period may submit an appeal to request reinstatement of their financial aid (see details on this process below). Students in violation of GPA and/or Pace may also raise their cumulative GPA to a 3.00 and/or complete the number of credit hours to re-establish 67% successful completion without the use of financial aid funds. Students with an approved grade change may contact the financial aid department to request a re-evaluation of their SAP status.

### **Appeal Process**

Students who fall into violation of SAP due to a special circumstance may submit a financial aid appeal for consideration of financial aid reinstatement. Contact the Financial Aid Office for assistance with the appeal process.

### **Student Billing Electronic Communications**

St. Francis School of Law utilizes electronic communication, rather than paper, whenever possible for the conduct of official business processes and notifications. Electronic communication between St. Francis School of Law and the student or authorized payer may be provided (1) by e-mail to the Baker College (@baker.edu) email assigned to the student or the last e-mail address provided by the authorized payer, (2) by access to information presented electronically on the My St Francis School of Law website, or (3) by access to a website that St. Francis School of Law will generally designate in advance for such purposes. Communications to be provided electronically may include, but are not limited to:

- Student Billing Account Balances
- Account Statements
- Tuition Invoices & Payments
- Admissions Applications Fees Payments
- Submitting a Title IV Authorization Form
- Notifications of Changes in Student Billing Account Activity
- Payment Plan Enrollment, Payments, and Reminders
- Announcements of New or Upcoming Electronic Features

This also includes electronic delivery of form 1098-T. Students wishing to receive a paper copy of the 1098-T form can opt out of electronic delivery by visiting the 1098-T Delivery Method option on My St Francis School of Law. For full details regarding the Electronic Communications policy at St. Francis School of Law review the knowledge-based article, "Student Billing Electronic Communications" on the self-service portal.

### **Financial Responsibility**

By signing the St. Francis School of Law Enrollment Agreement, the enrollee is assuming all responsibility for tuition and fees as a result of their registration in the courses each term covered by the Enrollment Agreement. Additionally, the enrollee understands that they are subject to the withdrawal and refund policies set forth at St. Francis School of Law. Signing of the Enrollment Agreement annually also constitutes the enrollees' acknowledgement of their understanding of the payment options and tuition deadlines at St. Francis School of Law and that failure to satisfy any financial obligations by the payment deadlines may result in collection activity, which could include additional fees and credit reporting. Furthermore, by signing the enrollment agreement an enrollee acknowledges that they understand and agree to St. Francis School of Law's policy on Student Billing Electronic Communications.

## General Program Information

### History

St. Francis School of Law was founded on the premise that law school should be reinvented to focus on the practice of law, including problem solving and professional lawyering skills. In April 2013, St. Francis was purchased by Baker College, then the largest non-profit independent college in Michigan. In July 2014, St. Francis School established itself as a not-for-profit corporation. The St. Francis offices are located in Newport Beach, California.

### Mission

The mission of St. Francis School of Law is to produce graduates who are capable of practicing law immediately upon graduation through an accessible, high-quality program that emphasizes practical professional skills.

### Core Values

Our core values at St. Francis school of Law are:

- Quality
- Transparency
- Integrity
- Innovation

### Program Overview

The St. Francis JD program is a 130-quarter unit, four-year program delivered using a robust online platform in which students attend live classes, take exams, and engage in other academic activities fully online.

Each student enrolled in the St. Francis accredited J.D. program is required to complete at least 1200 hours of preparation and study each year, which includes at least 300 hours of academic engagement (as defined by the program.)

Students beginning law study after January 1, 2018, are required to complete 9 quarter units of training in practical skills.

Students enrolled in the St. Francis accredited J.D. program who have not taken and passed the California First Year Law Students Examination (*FYLSE*) are required to pass the school's Competency Evaluation. The Competency Evaluation assesses students' progress towards mastery of program content, skills, and outcomes. It is administered in conjunction with the required LAW 2410 Competency Review course. Students who do not pass the Competency Evaluation on the first attempt are placed on an administrative leave of absence and may repeat the Competency Review course and the Competency Evaluation the next time that it is offered. Students are permitted to take the Competency Review course a maximum of three times. Students not passing the Competency Review course on the third attempt are administratively disqualified from the accredited JD program. Students who have passed LAW 815 and the FYLSE are exempt.

The course of study for the J.D. degree must be completed no earlier than twenty-four months and no later than eighty-four months after a student has commenced law study at St. Francis or a law school from which St. Francis has accepted transfer credit.

Students who successfully complete the St. Francis JD program are eligible to sit for the General Bar Examination in the State of California, assuming all other degree program and eligibility requirements imposed by the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California are met.

### Format of the JD Curriculum

St. Francis requires each student enrolled in the accredited J.D. program to spend at least 1200 hours devoted to preparation and study each year, which includes at least 300 hours of academic engagement (as defined by the program.) Students are required to confirm the number of hours they spent preparing for each class and engaging with the curriculum and courses.

St. Francis courses are typically 10 to 15 students taught by one or more professors. Student cohorts often work closely with their cohort peers throughout their studies in the program. St. Francis professors lead the live, interactive classes via a web-based video conferencing platform and the learning activities in the virtual classroom environment on the school's learning management system.

## **Learning Activities**

### **Live, Interactive, Socratic Method-Based Instruction**

The St. Francis virtual classrooms are designed to facilitate the same richness and interaction a student would expect at a traditional law school. The law classroom requires that students answer questions in a live format. Students may also present questions to professors during the live classes.

Students are required to interact with professors and other students in scheduled, live, interactive voice and video classes. Students are required to participate by video and audio except in extraordinary circumstances. Access to the live classroom platform requires the use of a webcam and microphone (or via telephone in some cases.) High-speed Internet access is required. The live, interactive format requires that students follow instructions closely.

Students receive participation credit and must be prepared to discuss class materials when called upon. Each week, there will be approximately three hours of live interactive classes, generally held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from 6:00 p.m. through 7:30 p.m., Pacific Time (day and time subject to change). Each student is required to attend at least 85 percent of the regularly scheduled interactive classes. Attendance is monitored.

### **Virtual Class**

Students complete a variety of learning activities each week. Discussion questions and skills assignments encourage critical thinking, facilitate practice, and foster the development of analytical reasoning skills. Research and writing assignments, quizzes, drafting assignments, and learning activities designed to develop professional skills are a component of many courses.

### **Exams**

Final exams are proctored and recorded. Students are required to verify their identity for all proctored exams. Exams may consist of multiple-choice questions, essays, and applied tasks, among other items. All first-year courses have a final exam. Upper-division courses may have final projects, papers or final exams. Exams are administered through the learning management system and are timed to encourage students to efficiently demonstrate their mastery of the material, relevant analytical skills, and logical reasoning.

### **Written Assignments**

Written assignments, including a variety of skills assignments and practice essays, promote the development of legal reasoning and legal writing skills as well as exam-taking skills that are necessary for strong performance on law school exams and the California General Bar Exam ("GBX"). In upper-division courses, research and writing assignments develop practical professional skills and advanced legal analysis and reasoning.

### **JD Program Objective**

The educational objective of the St. Francis School of Law Juris Doctor Program is to provide high quality legal instruction comparable to traditional law schools through the use of online learning technology, to produce law school graduates with comprehensive knowledge of core legal doctrine and foundational competence in the professional skills required for the successful practice of law, facilitating a wide range of career opportunities.

Please note that this objective does not guarantee that graduates will qualify for any job, be eligible for job advancement, or be employed at all.

### **Program Goals & Outcomes**

The St. Francis School of Law Mission and Program Objective is achieved through our JD curriculum, which is designed to produce the following learning outcomes for our students:

- Understand the terms, rules and principles of substantive and procedural law, their qualifications and limitations, and their relationships to each other, and demonstrate an understanding of the impact of legal rules on society;



- Effectively identify controlling legal principles and explain how they are likely to be applied to resolve case-based factual scenarios;
- Communicate legal issues in a thorough, organized, professional, and persuasive manner, both in writing and orally;
- Develop practical professional skills important to the practice of law, including legal research and writing, factual investigation, problem-solving, trial practice, interviewing and counseling clients, negotiating on behalf of clients, drafting documents used in the practice of law, and law practice management; and
- Recognize and resolve dilemmas in an ethical manner, applying the law governing the ethics of the legal profession to resolve case-based and hypothetical factual scenarios.

### **Time Limit to Complete Coursework**

Students must complete the JD curriculum no earlier than thirty months and no later than eighty-four months after commencing law study at St. Francis or a law school from which St. Francis has accepted transfer credit. Leaves of absence do not extend these periods.

### **Mandatory New Student Orientation**

St. Francis School of Law requires a three-week orientation which cultivates an understanding of the student's role in law school and an understanding of the school's curriculum, learning design, and core values. Entering students may not advance to substantive courses unless they have completed orientation in a satisfactory manner.

This orientation is an introduction to the substance and process of law and legal education. It explores an introduction to legal reasoning, the judicial system, the legislative process, and techniques used by the courts in resolution of cases. It also provides students with an introduction to practical skills required for success in law school, including reading and briefing cases, and conducting legal analysis. Finally, the orientation introduces students to the online technology used at St. Francis School of Law in preparation for first-year substantive classes.

### **State Bar Registration**

Students enrolling at St. Francis School of Law should register with the State Bar of California within 90 days after beginning their studies. The Application for Registration requires that students provide the State Bar of California Committee of Bar Examiners with a social security number, or a request for an exemption due to ineligibility. Register at: <http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Admissions/Requirements>

### **Course Load**

In order for a student to receive full credit for any academic term, the student must have been enrolled in, and received credit for, a course of study requiring not more than ten nor less than six hours of verified academic engagement each week during that academic term.

### **Course Cancellation**

St. Francis reserves the right to cancel any course at any time. If a course is cancelled, students will be notified promptly and be given an opportunity to enroll in another course, if possible.

### **Course Scheduling**

Students are advised of upcoming courses as they are scheduled. First year, and some upper-division courses, are scheduled sequentially. Generally, courses are 6, 8, or 10 weeks in length. Some professional skills courses are 2 to 4 weeks in length.

The current course rotation schedule is posted at <http://stfrancislaw.com/academics/curriculum/>. St. Francis reserves the right to modify the curriculum and scheduling in its discretion, at any time, with or without notice. Please refer to the course descriptions section for a list of required courses.



## Annual Academic Calendar

The St. Francis annual academic calendar is available on the St. Francis website. In certain cases, the official start of a course or term, or an exam, may coincide with a religious or secular holiday. The school attempts to schedule courses taking into account such dates but cannot guarantee that all conflicts can be avoided. The online syllabus or other document for each course contains the dates live classes are scheduled.

## Holidays

St. Francis School of Law administrative offices generally observe the following holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King Day
- Memorial Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving
- Friday after Thanksgiving
- Christmas Eve
- Christmas Day
- New Year's Eve

Information on holidays, and their observance, can be found in the course syllabus or will be announced in the course. Unless otherwise indicated, courses continue through holidays, and students may be expected to attend classes, even on administrative holidays. Course schedules may also be modified during holidays.

## Student Services

### Student Services

St. Francis provides services, experiences and activities to students through its online platforms, email, phone, and other means. A dedicated academic services professional or the Director of Academic Excellence is provided to support students as they proceed through the curriculum and degree program. Courses, faculty and administrators provide additional services as described in this catalog.

It is essential that student contact information be maintained current so that services can be delivered. To change your contact information, please submit the new information by visiting the [My St. Francis Personal Information](#). The page can be accessed in a number of ways:

- Quick Navigation on the [My St. Francis Home](#) page
- *My Personal Info* link under the user icon (in the upper right corner)
- Quick Navigation on the [My St. Francis Information Technology](#) page
- [My St. Francis Account Information](#) page

### Academic Support

To assure each student's academic success, St. Francis provides academic support to all students through the Director of Academic Excellence and interactions with professors. Services can be requested at [academic@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:academic@stfrancislaw.com).

### Professor's Office Hours

Professors are accessible to students and make themselves available outside of class during office hours. Students should ask the instructor for the instructor's office hours. Appointments are recommended.

### Law Library

The St. Francis law librarian may be reached at [library@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:library@stfrancislaw.com). Upper division students are provided access to LexisNexis Academic. This service includes a comprehensive digital library with access to case law, statutes, practice guides, and law review articles. St. Francis teaches students legal research skills in its upper-division legal research and writing courses. In addition, LexisNexis Academic provides research training and materials aimed at assisting law

students with the process of becoming familiar with complex legal databases and conducting legal research.

## **Employment Assistance**

St. Francis provides employment assistance for graduates who would like help with their job search through the Career Services Office. It is important to note that St. Francis does not guarantee employment. Graduates are asked to provide St. Francis with name and address changes so that St. Francis graduates may be advised of services provided by St. Francis.

## **Academic Policies**

### **Attendance**

Regular and punctual attendance and active participation in the curriculum and interactive classes is required. Students are expected to complete frequent assignments and attend every class session for each course in which they are registered, except in case of illness or emergency.

Students are required to participate with professors and other students in live interactive classes approximately three hours per week, using the school's online technologies for face-to-face and voice-to-voice interaction. Students are expected to participate by video and audio in each class, except in unusual or extraordinary circumstances. Classes are generally held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. through 7:30 p.m., Pacific Time.

A student is deemed to have completed verifiable academic engagement if the student attended a live interactive class as defined herein;

- The student participated in, submitted a response to, or otherwise completed an assigned assessment or learning activity designated as an academic engagement activity.
- Participating in a synchronous class session.
- Viewing and listening to recorded classes or lectures.
- Participating in a live or recorded webinar offered by the law school.
- Participating in any synchronous or asynchronous academic assignment in any class monitored by a faculty member.
- Taking an examination, quiz or timed writing assignment.
- Completing an interactive tutorial or computer- assisted instruction;
- Conducting legal research assigned as part of the curriculum in any class.
- Participating in any portion of an approved clinical or experiential class or activity.

A student is deemed to have attended a live interactive class if:

- Remained present and participatory throughout the substantial majority of the class time.
- Received approval for an absence from the professor, reviewed the recorded class, and if requested by the professor, submitted a summary of the class that was approved by the professor as equivalent in learning to attendance and active participation in the live interactive class session.

### **Attendance for Calculating Satisfactory Academic Progress**

A student is deemed to have attended a Seminar if:

- The student submitted at least one assignment or discussion question posting during the Seminar, if assigned.
- The student attended at least one or more of the live interactive classes in the Seminar.

### **Consequences of Inadequate Attendance**

Students are required to participate in at least 85 percent of the regularly scheduled live interactive classes and academic engagement. Attendance is monitored. Students who do not meet the minimum required attendance may be subject to corrective action which could include administrative withdrawal, the loss of credits earned in a course, involuntary leave of absence, or other actions or penalties.

Inadequate attendance includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:

- The student does not attend the first Seminar of the course.
- The student does not attend two Seminars of the course.
- The student does not attend at least 85% of the course.

## **Academic Leave**

A student who wishes to request an academic leave must complete the following:

- Students will contact the St. Francis Director of Academic Excellence to review the impact on the student's academic credits and schedule.
- The student will be counseled and directed to complete the Request for Academic Leave form if appropriate.
- The request for academic leave will not be processed until the completed form has been submitted.

If approved, the academic leave commences on the day determined by the school. Taking an academic leave may affect a student's academic schedule.

The number of days on leave cannot exceed a total of 180 days in any 12-month period. If a student does not re-enroll at the end of a leave, or exceeds 180 days of leave in a 12-month period, the student may be administratively withdrawn from the program. Leave of absence can only be extended one quarter beyond the original 180 days.

Students wishing to return from leave must certify that any outstanding obligations or requirements (e.g., outstanding balances / financial obligations, and missing study hours reports) have been satisfied. Applicants may not return to studies with outstanding obligations or unmet program / policy requirements.

## **Preparation and Study Hours**

Students are required to certify that they have spent the requisite number of preparation and study hours for each course and term they are enrolled. It is the responsibility of the student to ascertain and certify that the annual hour requirement has been met. Students who do not submit the required study logs for their previous course will lose access to their current course and will be blocked from future registration.

Each student is responsible for ensuring that the learning management system reflects such student's attendance, participation, assignment submissions, credits, and grades. Any errors should be reported immediately to the professor for the course or the administration.

## **Repeating Courses**

A student is not permitted to repeat a course or an examination for the purpose of raising the grade received on such course or examination.

Students who fail a course will be permitted to repeat the course under the conditions and limitations described in this catalog, including but not limited to the following:

- A student who fails a required course must repeat the course at a time specified by the school.
- A student failing a required course is not guaranteed an opportunity to retake the course within their normal four (4) years of study, and may have to take an additional year or half year of study to complete degree requirements and graduate.
- A student failing an elective course is not guaranteed an opportunity to retake the course.
- Students may never receive duplicate credit for repeating a course.
- A student repeating a course must pay additional tuition and fees for the repeated course.

When a course is repeated, both the original grade and the repeated grade will appear on the student's transcript. The higher of these grades will be used in computing in the student's cumulative grade point average (GPA). However, the student will only receive credit for the repeated course should the student successfully pass the course.

A student who retakes and successfully passes a course will receive a C grade in the retaken course. Only the final grade

in the retaken course will be included in calculating the student's cumulative grade point average (GPA), and used in determination of disqualification, probation, advancement, and graduation.

## Academic Standing and GPA

All students must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 and be in good standing to graduate from the St. Francis JD program. "Good Standing" requires compliance with all policies of the school in addition to maintaining the GPA required for good academic standing, advancement and/or graduation.

St. Francis computes a cumulative grade point average (GPA) for each student at the end of each quarter. Students in good academic standing are eligible to advance to the next quarter. Students not in good academic standing may not be eligible to advance to the next quarter and may be dismissed.

Transfer credit and classes graded on a Credit/No Credit basis do not impact the student grade point average (GPA).

## Retention and Advancement Step Scale

For students to remain in good academic standing and qualify for advancement, the following GPAs must be earned at the indicated stages of study:

GPA Credits Attempted	Minimum GPA
1-8	2.0
9-16	2.75
17-32	2.87
33-graduation	3.0

## Academic Probation Policy

Students on academic probation must participate in counseling and/or remediation required by the school. Failure to do so may result in dismissal.

ACADEMIC STANDING	LAW SCHOOL CRITERIA	FEEDBACK / ADVICE
Good Standing	<p>You must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 to graduate from the program. To remain in good academic standing, you must meet or exceed the minimum grade point average (GPA) listed on the step scale below:</p> <p>1-8 attempted hours: 2.00            9-16 attempted hours: 2.75            17-32 attempted hours: 2.87            33+ attempted hours (up to graduation) 3.00</p>	Good academic standing.
Academic Probation	If your cumulative grade point average (GPA), which is calculated at the end of each quarter, falls below the step scale listed above, you are placed on Academic Probation.	To regain good academic standing, you must ensure both your quarter grade point average (GPA) and cumulative grade

		point average (GPA) meet or exceed what is required in the step scale.
Continued Academic Probation	If you attain the required grade point average (GPA) based on the step scale above during the probationary quarter, but your cumulative grade point average (GPA) is still below the step scale, you will remain on Continued Academic Probation.	To regain good academic standing, you must ensure both your quarter grade point average (GPA) and cumulative grade point average (GPA) meet or exceed what is required in the step scale.
Academic Dismissal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If you fail your first course or attain a grade point average (GPA) of 1.00 or below in your first quarter.</li> <li>2. While on academic probation you earn a grade point average (GPA) at the end of any probationary quarter, lower than that required by the step scale.</li> <li>3. You fail a course or receive no credit for a course in the probationary quarter and it is not possible to meet the grade point average (GPA) required by the step scale.</li> <li>4. You remain on academic probation for one year, (4) consecutive quarters of active study. Leaves and scheduled breaks while on probation are not counted as active study quarters. Students on academic probation remain on probation during academic leave and scheduled school breaks, but these periods are not counted toward active study quarters when calculating consecutive quarters on probation.</li> <li>5. If you fail two consecutive required courses.</li> <li>6. Failure to participate in required academic support sessions.</li> </ol>	Academic dismissal is final and cannot be appealed.

### Administrative Withdrawal

A student may be administratively withdrawn under a variety of circumstances, including but not limited to the following:

- The student's attendance is insufficient to meet the Attendance policy of the school.

- The student fails to return from leave timely, generally within six months from the date of taking a leave of absence.
- The student fails or refuses to comply with school requests, policies, or requirements timely, fully, and accurately.
- The student fails to pay tuition pursuant to the terms of the enrollment agreement.

### **Administrative Disqualification**

A student shall be administratively disqualified under the following circumstance:

- The student fails to pass the Competency Evaluation and Competency Review Course within three attempts.

### **Administrative Dismissal**

A student shall be administratively dismissed under the following circumstance:

- The student violates any policy governing student documentation or other responsibilities, or any provision of the enrollment agreement, and it is determined that the violation warrants dismissal from the school.
- The student violates any policy governing student conduct and it is determined that the violation warrants dismissal from the school.

### **Student-Initiated Withdrawal from a Course**

A student may withdraw from a course up to the end of the week which precedes the final week of the course. The student is required to:

- Meet with the Director of Academic Excellence regarding the consequences of the withdrawal.
- Obtain and complete the Request to Withdraw Form if appropriate.

The request for withdrawal will not be processed until the form is submitted. The official withdrawal date is the date the form is submitted, or another effective date determined by the school. Tuition refunds are based on the official withdrawal date (see Tuition Refund Policy).

Cancellation or withdrawal may result in the loss of credit pursuant to the Accredited Law School Rules and Guidelines.

### **St. Francis-Initiated Withdrawal from a Course**

A student will be administratively withdrawn from a course for any of the following reasons:

- Inadequate Attendance as defined in the Attendance Policy.
- Violation of the Honor Code.

The official withdrawal date for St. Francis-initiated withdrawals is the date of processing. Tuition refunds are based on the official withdrawal date (see Tuition Refund Policy).

### **Re-admission of Students Who Withdraw**

Students who withdraw from the JD Program may apply for readmission by contacting the Admissions Office at [admissions@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:admissions@stfrancislaw.com).

Such students may be required to file the Starting First Year Law Studies Over Certification with the State Bar of California.

[http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Portals/0/documents/forms/admissions/StartingOverFYLS\\_R.pdf](http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Portals/0/documents/forms/admissions/StartingOverFYLS_R.pdf)

### **Reapplying to St. Francis After Dismissal or Disqualification**

Students who are dismissed or disqualified from St. Francis may contact the Admissions Office at [admissions@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:admissions@stfrancislaw.com)

Students who are dismissed for academic reasons such as failing to meet minimum academic standards or disciplinary reasons may apply again for admission to the JD program. Consideration of these applications will be subject to school policies respecting admission of Applicants with Prior Law Study, Applicants Previously Disqualified, and/or Applicants with

Prior Institution Discipline set forth under the Admissions policies and according to State Bar of California regulations.

Students who were administratively disqualified for failure to pass the FYLSE within three administrations of becoming eligible for the FYLSE, and who subsequently passed the FYLSE, may apply for admission by contacting the Admissions Office at [admissions@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:admissions@stfrancislaw.com).

Students who are administratively disqualified for failure to pass the Competency Review Course and Competency Evaluation within 3 attempts, and who subsequently establish a basis for readmission, by passing the FYLSE, may apply for admission by contacting the Admissions Office at [admissions@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:admissions@stfrancislaw.com).

In each case, a statement must be placed in each student's permanent file describing the reasons for readmission. All applications submitted by dismissed or disqualified students are assessed taking into account all applicable guidelines promulgated by the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California.

Applicants for readmission must satisfy any outstanding obligations or requirements (e.g., outstanding balances or other financial obligations, current Enrollment Agreement and missing study logs).

Students readmitted upon reapplication who have not been approved to start their law studies over, will retain their prior academic record and grade point average (GPA), and are subject to academic probation and other policies of the school. Students return to studies on a date determined by the school, according to an approved plan of study.

## **Academic Appeal Process**

St. Francis has established an appeal process for students who have concerns regarding grades and the consistent application of both class requirements and policies as it pertains to grades.

If a student believes that the final course grade is based on a clerical or calculation error, capriciousness, arbitrariness, or is not in alignment with established grading criteria outlined in the course syllabus, the student may file an appeal. The appeal must indicate the basis for review, from among those listed in this paragraph, and must offer evidence to support the claim. An appeal filed without a good faith basis for either clerical or calculation error, capriciousness, arbitrariness, or misalignment with established grading criteria outlined in the course syllabus may result in the student violating St. Francis' Personal and Professional Conduct Policies and/or Honor Code and Disciplinary Policies.

To ensure prompt resolution of the student concern, the appeal process has deadlines for each stage. If the student does not file the Grade Appeal form and related required paperwork within the timeline designated for each step below, the student cannot appeal.

All deadlines for the process must be met; otherwise, the appeal ends, and the student has no further recourse.

### **Step 1**

- The student will discuss the concern in dispute with the instructor within 15 business days from the end of the course.
- The instructor will provide a written response within 5 business days from receipt of the concern.

### **Step 2**

If the concern is not resolved with the instructor, and the student wishes to pursue the concern, the student may contact the Academic Office at [academic@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:academic@stfrancislaw.com) to request a Grade Appeal Form.

- The Grade Appeal form must be submitted to the Academic Office within 10 business days of the student's receipt of the form.
- A comprehensive, written summary of the facts and data from the student's point of view must be submitted with the appeal form.
- Upon receipt of the appeal, the Dean will appoint a Faculty Academic Committee, sitting as the school's Grade Review Committee. The committee will submit the appeal to the instructor.
- The instructor will review the appeal and submit a written response to the Faculty Academic Committee regarding



- the student's concern within 5 business days.
- The Faculty Academic Committee will share the response with the student.
- The Faculty Academic Committee will have ten business days to render a decision and advise the student.

### Step 3

- If the student chooses to pursue the concern further, the student shall notify the Faculty Academic Committee within 5 business days of receipt of the decision that the student wishes to have the matter reviewed by the Dean.
- The Faculty Academic Committee will contact the Dean and will forward all documentation.
- The Dean will review the matter and notify the student of the decision within 10 business days of receipt of the appeal.
- The decision of the Dean is final. No further appeal will be permitted.

### Academic Program Following Leave of Absence or Readmission

Students returning from an approved academic leave or readmitted after a withdrawal must contact the Academic Office at [academic@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:academic@stfrancislaw.com) at least two (2) months prior to the desired return date to request a revised plan of study. The plan of study will specify the return date determined by the school. It may also include courses to be taken and the anticipated revised program completion date, but these are subject to change. Not all students will be eligible to return, or return at their desired date. Students may be required to repeat work, audit courses, or complete some courses self-paced, as the plan requires.

### Upper Division Advancement

Students who fail a course and are otherwise qualified to stay enrolled in St. Francis may continue their studies but must repeat courses as needed in order to earn all required units in the increments required by the State Bar of California, as follows:

- Any course in which the student received a grade below a "C" must be repeated under the Repeating Courses policy.
- Students shall be permitted to make up at most one year of law study. Students who fail a second year of law study will be automatically dismissed from St. Francis.
- Students are required to pass the Competency Review Course and Competency Evaluation in order to advance in their third year of law study. Students who do not pass the Competency Review Course and Competency Evaluation will be placed on Administrative Leave of Absence until the next iteration of the course at which time they can repeat the course and evaluation. Leave of Absence will not be extended. If the course is not taken the next time it is offered, the student will be Administratively Withdrawn from the program. If the student does not successfully pass the course within three attempts they will be Administratively Disqualified from the JD program at St. Francis School of Law.

### Auditing Courses; Grades for Auditing

Continuing students may request to audit courses. Audit status must be approved by the Dean at the time of registration and confirmed with the instructor on the first day of class. Audit enrollments are based on class availability. If at any point, prior to the beginning of the course, the class size maximum is reached, audit registrations will be canceled. Auditors must pay regular tuition. Courses audited do not satisfy degree program requirements of the J.D. Program or accrue academic credit toward graduation requirements.

An audit grade is given when a student enrolls in a course for which neither a grade nor credit(s) will be awarded. The student is permitted to attend the class but is not required to submit assignments or take examinations. An "AU" will be reflected as the final grade on the transcript of a student who is auditing a class.

### Guidelines for Review of Graded Exams

Graded exams are available to students via the learning management system after they are processed. Students with concerns about grading of any exam must follow the Academic Appeal Process.



# **Credit, Assessment, Grading, and Advancement Policies**

## **General Standards Applicable to Courses**

The St. Francis curriculum is intended to be challenging and to teach a wide variety of practical and theoretical skills. The rigor of the St. Francis curriculum is aimed at producing graduates who are able to excel in highly competitive environments.

In order for students to prepare adequately for each course, each student will receive a syllabus pertaining to each course, which will include:

- A statement of content and expected learning outcomes of the course.
- A list of texts and materials to be used throughout the course.
- A description of the grading policy and practices.
- A description of the class format.
- Information on any substantive departure from the content published in this General Catalog.

## **Awarding Credit**

Pursuant to Rules and Guidelines promulgated by the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California, in order to be granted credit for a course, students in the accredited J.D. program must complete 80% of assigned academic engagement activities in their courses. Students who do not fulfill the attendance requirements, completion of assignments or documentation of academic engagement in a course may not receive credit for the course.

## **Credit Hour Definitions**

St. Francis defines a credit hour as the amount of work represented by intended learning outcomes consisting of not less than thirty clock hours. Online courses require regular and substantive faculty and student interactions.

In terms of student expectations, for each credit hour, a student can expect a minimum of ten hours of academic engagement (online instruction). Academic engagement includes, but is not limited to, instructor-facilitated synchronous and asynchronous instruction, interactive tutorials, quizzes, computer-assisted lectures, videos, and other digital resources, conducting legal research, participating in synchronous and asynchronous discussions, fulfilling academic assignments, collaborating in group activities, and completing examinations.

In addition, for each credit hour, a student can expect a minimum of twenty hours of preparation (outside-of-class learning activities.) Outside of class learning activities include, but are not limited to, completing readings, reviewing notes, and preparing outlines and other study resources.

In externship or practicum courses, course requirements include a combination of instruction, academic assignments, and field work. Externship and practicum courses are granted course credit, and credit for practical skills training, according to the following standards:

- For each quarter credit hour, a student must complete thirty (30) hours of qualifying work.
- Students participating in Legal Externship gain professional development and practical lawyering skills as well as valuable insights regarding the legal system. The externship seminar discussions provide opportunities for student engagement in critical reflection about the legal practice, ethical issues, and future career options. Externs must work a minimum of 120 hours on the four-credit course. Generally, this requires a time commitment of 5 hours of faculty consultation in conjunction with about 15 hours of fieldwork during each seminar. Accepted students will have a faculty advisor who works directly with them and the supervising judge or attorney to review the student's work and ensuring that the externship is conducted in accordance with School of Law Externship Policies

## **Assessment Data**

St. Francis gathers assessment data for program planning and accountability. A variety of data is collected at the course, program, and institutional levels. This data includes direct measures of student learning, course evaluations, instructor

evaluations, employer evaluations, and various surveys of stakeholder satisfaction. Students may be asked to complete projects with rubrics, take standardized exams, complete surveys, and/or participate in other assessments. St. Francis is committed to using assessment data collected to continuously improve teaching and learning and to enrich students' experiences. All data, including student-submitted information, responses to assignments, and work product, may be used by St. Francis for any lawful purpose, without notice or compensation of any kind.

## **St. Francis Intellectual Property**

To the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, all educational content, lessons, lectures, assignments, model answers, exams, and other material (to the extent used to participate in educational content offered by or through St. Francis), and intellectual property of other type or format (IP) is and shall be the exclusive property of St. Francis. Students shall not use or disclose such IP for any purpose other than participation in St. Francis' educational program.

## **Assessment Policies**

Final examinations are required in all courses at St. Francis, except as otherwise specified on the course syllabus for such courses. All first-year courses have a final exam. Upper-division courses may have final projects, term papers or final exams. Interim exams, quizzes, and other tests may be either scheduled or unscheduled, at the discretion of the professor.

All final exams are administered through St. Francis technology platforms and are timed to encourage students to demonstrate mastery of the material, relevant analytical skills, and logical reasoning. Final exams are proctored and recorded. Students are required to verify their identity for all proctored final exams. Exams may consist of multiple-choice questions, essays, and applied tasks, among other items. Multiple choice exams are normally graded anonymously. Essay exams, and exams of other kinds, are generally not graded anonymously.

Students found to be sharing exam questions, answers, or exam topics, or using the work of another person or student shall be in violation of the Honor Code and shall be subject to discipline.

## **Basis for Final Grade**

Each student will be provided with a written statement of the basis of final grades in the course included in the syllabus distributed to each student at the beginning of each class. Such syllabus will also set forth the expected composition of the final exam (i.e., format and applicable weighting). St. Francis uses a standards-based letter grading system. Course grading guidelines will be determined by each professor for each course and will be posted in the syllabus for the course. A student who receives an F receives no credit hours for that course.

GPA is not computed for the following grades:

CR = Credit (as set forth in the syllabus)

AU = Audit (must be established at registration)

I = Incomplete

NC = No credit

W = Withdrawal

## **Basis for Grade Point Average (GPA)**

To compute the St. Francis grade point average (GPA), first calculate the honor points for each course completed (grade points multiplied by credit hours; for example, an A or 4.0 grade in a four-credit hour class yields 16 honor points). Then add all honor points earned at St. Francis, and divide by the total grade point average (GPA) credit hours attempted for all quarters at St. Francis. Grades of I, CR, NC, W, and AU are not attempted grade point average (GPA) credit hours, and are not included in the calculation of grade point average (GPA).

### **Standard Grading Scale**

<b>A</b>	100-95%	4.0
<b>A-</b>	94-90%	3.7
<b>B+</b>	89-88%	3.3
<b>B</b>	87-82%	3.0
<b>B-</b>	81-80%	2.7
<b>C+</b>	79-78%	2.3
<b>C</b>	77-72%	2.0

<b>F</b>	71 and below	0
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## Grade Definitions

### **A = Outstanding Achievement**

The student demonstrates excellent or exceptional mastery of the content. An "A" is an exceptional grade indicating distinctly superior performance. The student demonstrates unusually sharp insight regarding the content and every aspect of performance is exemplary.

### **B = Commendable Achievement**

The student demonstrates good or adequate mastery of the content. A "B" is an above average grade indicating that a student has performed satisfactorily in all aspects of the work. The student has exceeded the stated requirements for mastery. The student demonstrates acceptable insight regarding the content, and overall performance is above average.

### **C = Achievement Approaching Mastery**

The student achievement approaches mastery of the content. A "C" is a grade indicating fair or inadequate but passing achievement. In attaining a "C", the student has performed satisfactorily in some aspects of the work, and meets some but not all of the stated requirements for mastery. The student demonstrates some insight regarding the content, and overall performance approaches mastery.

### **F = Failing**

The student demonstrates little or no mastery of the content. An "F" is a failing grade indicating that a student has not met the stated requirements. The student demonstrates insufficient insight regarding content, and overall performance is not worthy of credit.

A plus (+) or minus (-) indicates performance at the higher or lower end of the grade range.

It is the responsibility of each student to meet the specific outcomes of each course as defined by the instructor and listed on the course syllabus as well as to meet the general overall requirements for graduation which include a minimum cumulative 3.00 grade point average (GPA), total credit hours, and completion of the required curriculum. If the student feels at any time that his/her performance is not on track, the student should contact the Director of Academic Excellence or his/her instructor.

## **Credit/No Credit Courses**

The St. Francis faculty determines which courses are offered on a Credit/No Credit basis. Such courses are designated as such in this Catalog. Requirements for a passing grade earning credit in such courses are set forth in the syllabus for each course.

## **Incomplete Grade Policy**

An instructor may agree to issue an Incomplete (I) grade for a course, upon student request, only if all of the following conditions are met:

- The student requests the Incomplete (I) grade at least one week before the end of the course or demonstrates a justifiable reason for not doing so.
- The student has completed 80% of the total coursework and has a chance of a passing grade in the course.
- The student is unable to complete the course requirements within the regular time frame due to significant extenuating circumstances. Documentation may be required.
- The student and instructor will have a documented agreement that clearly states the requirements to be completed and the due date for the completion of each requirement. The due date may not exceed the last day of the following quarter.

The school may issue an Incomplete grade upon the school's determination that course requirements were not completely met by a student, and provide the student an extended date for completion. If the incomplete coursework is not completed by the agreed upon due date, the final course grade will be based on the work that was completed by the end of the quarter in which the incomplete course was taken.

## Transcript Change Policy & Procedure

Transcript entries may only be changed upon a showing of good cause (i.e., the transcript contains an error). If a student believes the transcript is incorrect, the student must e-mail [registrar@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:registrar@stfrancislaw.com) with a description of the error and all relevant information relating to the error so that the requested transcript change can be evaluated. All requests will be reviewed within 30 days and the student will receive a written response, which may request additional information, indicate that the change will be made, or set forth the reasons for not making the change. These communications will become a part of the student's records.

## Degree Holds and Rescission

St. Francis may rescind an applicant's admission at any time, including after attendance and after degree conferral, if it determines, for example, that an individual has been admitted to St. Francis on the basis of having provided false information or has withheld requested information. St. Francis further reserves the right to require applicants to provide additional information and/or authorization for the release of information about any such matter, and to place a hold on registration and/or the conferral of a degree during the investigation into any such matter.

Similarly, St. Francis awards degrees on the basis of successful completion of all program requirements in accordance with the St. Francis Honor Code requiring academic honesty and integrity. St. Francis reserves the right to rescind any degree or honors designation (even after conferral) if the program requirements have not been so completed, and to place a hold on issuing a degree during the investigation into any such matter.

## Official Transcripts

Transcripts of the student's academic record are available by request using the Transcript Request form, available on the student portal. Transcripts will be considered official only if they are sent by the US Postal Service directly to the institution or business designated in writing by the student through electronic submission. Official transcripts cannot be emailed or hand-delivered. Each transcript will have the print date and the St. Francis Registrar's name noted. Official transcripts from other institutions are not reissued or copied for distribution. If needed, they must be obtained directly from the issuing institution.

Official Transcript Request:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKNhOBfV4CWhc7BazuH9KPXwu-qCFMLiPYqK0ySGRlaMSvGw/viewform>

Unofficial Transcript Request:

[https://my.baker.edu/ICS/Students/Academic\\_Services/Course\\_Information/Unofficial\\_Transcript.jnz](https://my.baker.edu/ICS/Students/Academic_Services/Course_Information/Unofficial_Transcript.jnz)

## Personal and Professional Conduct Policies

St. Francis is committed to providing an educational environment that provides students the opportunity to obtain their academic goals. St. Francis expects students to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects its mission, purposes, ideals, and values.

All students are required to read, understand, and comply with the policies and responsibilities stated in this publication. Furthermore, students will respect the rights of others and will treat fellow students, faculty, and staff with good manners and respect.

St. Francis reserves the right to refuse admission or readmission to any applicant whose academic preparation, personal disposition, or personal demeanor is determined to be inconsistent with the ideals, values, and educational aims of St. Francis.

## Academic Freedom

St. Francis believes that academic freedom encompasses the freedom of faculty members to discuss all relevant matters in the classroom, to explore all avenues of scholarship, research and creative expression and to speak or write as a public citizen without institutional discipline or restraint. Academic freedom also includes the duty of faithful performance of academic duties and obligations, the recognition of the demands of the scholarly enterprise, and the candor to make it clear that the individual is not speaking for the institution in matters of public interest.

## Requirements of Student Conduct

St. Francis believes that each person has a right to study, learn, and live in a quiet, comfortable environment without fear, humiliation, and destruction of self-esteem. St. Francis expects student awareness and concern for all aspects of classroom, residential, and extracurricular life which promote a cohesive and equitable environment, where cultural, ethnic and other differences are respected. Institutional expectations, regulations, policies, and practices are established to reflect the values to which St. Francis subscribes. The expectations, regulations, policies, and practices of the school promote the following:

- The mission of St. Francis.
- Opportunities and settings that facilitate the interaction of persons of different cultures, backgrounds, and persuasions.
- Respect for the rights of others.

It is important to note the following policies with regard to student responsible and respectful conduct. When a student's actions do not reflect these expectations, St. Francis will take disciplinary measures, which may include disciplinary suspension or expulsion from St. Francis.

- Enrollment at St. Francis is a privilege, and it is expected that students will conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the ideals, values, and educational aims of the St Francis School of Law.
- Students will respect the rights and property of others and will treat fellow students, faculty, and staff with good manners and respect.
- Students will behave in such a way as to promote a positive learning environment. This includes having electronic devices turned off during class.
- It is the responsibility of the student to give honest and complete replies to all questions included in application forms and other documents or requests for information required by St. Francis.
- St. Francis does not consider the use of alcoholic beverages or drugs as necessary or conducive to the process of higher education.
- St. Francis students are expected to abide by federal, state, and local laws.
- Any illegal possession, sale, or use of illegal or over-the counter drugs will result in penalties including immediate expulsion and/or criminal prosecution.
- Student instigation or participation in activities which elicit to any degree panic or alarm, disturb the peace, endanger personal well-being, or harm public or private property is prohibited.
- Students are expected to use language that promotes a comfortable and respectful environment. Use of language, gestures, or electronic media in a way that is abusive or offensive in nature is prohibited.
- Operating a business with the use of St. Francis property is prohibited. The use of the St. Francis name on any advertising by a student for business purposes is not allowed.
- Students shall comply with all reasonable and lawful requests and instructions as well as disciplinary conditions imposed upon them by those in authority, including St. Francis administrators, faculty, staff, safety officers, or other employees acting in the performance of their official duties. Failure to do so could result in disciplinary action, disciplinary suspension, or expulsion.

## Honor Code & Disciplinary Policies

### Importance of the St. Francis Honor Code

St. Francis students participate in a virtual community that is rich in both its diversity and its reach. Providing each student with a fair opportunity to excel means that adherence to the St. Francis Honor Code is a fundamental responsibility of each and every student.

The Honor Code has been established to instill in students the importance of St. Francis' culture of academic excellence. St. Francis is not a law school that tolerates lying or dishonesty of any type. Indeed, St Francis students are preparing to enter a profession in which moral character, ethics and integrity are the bedrocks of success. Therefore, there is nothing of greater importance than ensuring that St. Francis students are personally committed to ensuring that their behavior and the behavior of their fellow St. Francis community members comports with the ethical standards and civility concomitant with the practice of law.

## Academic Honor Code

Academic honesty, integrity, and ethics are required of all members of the St. Francis community. Academic integrity and acting honorably are essential parts of professionalism that continue well beyond courses at St. Francis. They are the foundation for ethical behavior in the workplace. Attending is a privilege, and students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner reflecting the ideals, values, and educational aims of St. Francis and the moral character required by the State Bar of California for admission to the practice of law in the State of California.

Academic integrity requires that work for which students receive credit be entirely the result of their own effort. Acting honorably in an academic setting requires more than simple honesty. Academic dishonesty takes place whenever students undermine the academic integrity of the institution or attempt to gain an unfair advantage over others. Ignorance of the St. Francis honor code is not accepted as a valid excuse for prohibited conduct. The following list includes some illustrative examples of honor code violations; they are not intended to be exhaustive.

### 1. **Cheating**

- Using unauthorized materials such as books, notes, artificial intelligence (AI), model answers, or crib sheets to answer examination or other assessment questions.
- Taking advantage of information considered unauthorized by one's instructor regarding examination questions.
- Copying another student's homework, written assignments, examination answers, electronic media, or other data.
- Assisting or allowing someone else to cheat.

### 2. **Plagiarism**

- Representing the ideas, expressions, or materials of another without due credit. For all written submissions, the work must be the student's own, meaning that the ideas and expressions originated with the student, and that the student wrote all drafts and the final product without the aid of AI.
- Paraphrasing or condensing ideas from another person's work without proper citation.
- Failing to document direct quotations and paraphrases with proper citation.

### 3. **Other Forms of Academic Dishonesty**

- Fraud, deception, and the alteration of grades or official records.
- Changing examination solutions after the fact; inventing, changing, or falsifying data or research.
- Purchasing and submitting written assignments, homework, or examinations.
- Reproducing or duplicating images, designs, or Web pages without giving credit to the developer, artist, or designer.
- Submitting work created for another course without instructor approval.
- Misrepresenting oneself or one's circumstance to gain an unfair advantage.
- Collaborating with another person(s) without instructor approval.
- Selling or providing, or purchasing or obtaining from others, term papers, coursework, or assignments.

Serious possible consequences for violating the St. Francis Honor Code, include but are not limited to:

- Canceling or excluding a student's score on any final exam or work product.
- Failure of the assignment.
- Failure of the course.
- Denial of course credit.
- Suspension.
- Dismissal or expulsion from the school.
- Rescinding a certificate or degree.

In cases of violation of the honor code, determination of the grade and the student's status in the course are left solely to the discretion of the school. The faculty may seek guidance from the Dean. The instructor will report the incident to the Dean, who establishes the process of investigation and determination of the alleged honor code violation.

A student is prohibited from withdrawing from a course in which an F grade is received due to a violation of the honor code. A student cannot appeal a grade if the sole basis for the appeal is contingent upon overturning an academic dishonesty decision.

A student may, however, appeal a grade based on the criteria outlined in the Academic Appeal Process. Should the



student choose to appeal the consequences of the Academic Honor Code violation, the student should follow the Honor Code Procedures.

## **Student Discipline Procedures**

The following procedures will govern complaints regarding the conduct of a student enrolled in St. Francis School of Law:

- When St. Francis receives or becomes aware of information indicating that a student has engaged in behavior that constitutes a violation of the Honor Code, is unbecoming a St. Francis student and/or an attorney in good standing under State Bar of California rules, or violates another standard of conduct provided by school policies, the report of such violation will be provided to the student within five business days of receipt of the report. Within five business days of the student's receipt of the report, the student may prepare a written response to the violation claim.
- Within five business days of receipt of the student's written response, if any, the student will be requested to confer with the Dean.
- Upon such conferral, the Dean may recommend such actions as are necessary or appropriate to address such behavior of the student; provided, however, that a committee must be appointed, and decide upon, any resolution involving expulsion from St. Francis.
- If the proposed resolution of the improper behavior is expulsion, or if the student so accused requests, or if the Dean otherwise elects (in the Dean's discretion), the Dean will appoint an ad hoc committee to hear the charge of misconduct (the "Committee"). The size, composition, and procedures applicable to the Committee will be as determined by the Dean to be necessary or appropriate, but must include the online equivalent of a hearing if requested by the accused student. The Committee may include student peers and faculty members. Each person appointed to the Committee shall be free of bias or personal interest in the matter. The Dean shall: (i) be a voting ex-officio member of the Committee and (ii) preside over meetings of the Committee.
- A student charged with misconduct will be given written notice of the specific charge or charges by the committee and shall be given access to all documentary evidence to be presented against him/her. Such students will be given the opportunity to present evidence and written statements to the Committee. Members of the Committee may ask questions of the student charged and of any related witnesses.
- The entire procedure will be conducted via electronic means, including any hearing. All hearings shall be recorded. Students are forewarned that such Committees do not ordinarily look favorably on technical arguments pertaining to whether any particular action or omission constituted an infraction of the conduct policies or Honor Code.
- Within ten business days of the conclusion of the committee hearing, the committee shall make findings as to the truth or falsity of the charges against the student and formulate a recommended disciplinary action.
- The options for disciplinary action, should the Committee decide that the student's behavior warrants discipline, will include, but will not necessarily be limited to the following: (i) reprimand without probation or suspension; (ii) suspension or probation for a specified time period or until explicit, unambiguous conditions set forth by the Committee are met; or (iii) permanent expulsion, or (iv) other penalty such as:
  - o Canceling or excluding a student's score on any final exam or work product.
  - o Failure of the assignment.
  - o Failure of the course.
  - o Denial of course credit.
  - o Suspension.
  - o Dismissal from the program of study or School of Law.
  - o Rescinding a certificate or degree.
- Students will not be permitted to attend class pending the proceedings of the Committee unless the Dean decides otherwise. The decision of the Committee will be final. A student charged with misconduct will be given a written final determination, which includes a statement of the facts, conclusions, and sanctions.

A student's record within St. Francis School of Law will contain documentation reflecting conduct during the period of enrollment and each student will be provided with such record upon written request.

Pursuant to the State Bar of California's process concerning investigation of the moral character of persons applying to practice law in the State of California, St. Francis may be required to disclose violations of the Honor Code to the State

## Specifically Permitted Activities

One of the benefits of the St. Francis community is the fact that students are actively invested in each other's success and typically engage in a variety of study and support groups. The Honor Code applies to such groups, except that individual students and study groups are permitted to share, discuss, transmit, etc. each of the following types of materials:

- Study questions in any textbook.
- Any and all hornbooks or treatises.
- Any questions, whether multiple choice or essay, that a study group prepares independently.
- Study aids that such groups prepare independently.
- Commercial materials such as outlines, case notes, MBE questions, flash cards, etc., in each case except to the extent prohibited by applicable law or intellectual property limitation.

Students are not permitted to share any St. Francis materials, including PowerPoint presentations, lectures, St. Francis study guides or "essay attack" sheets with any non-St. Francis student without prior written consent of the St Francis administration.

## Student Complaint Policy

Students have the right to file a formal student complaint about St. Francis matters if they believe their rights have been violated with regard to administrative policies, technical requirements, financial processes and systems, grading, program content, program effectiveness, library services, faculty performance, the Americans with Disabilities Act, harassment, Equal Opportunity, career services, or other matters.

Students wishing to file a formal complaint must do so in writing with the Dean of St. Francis, by email at [dean@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:dean@stfrancislaw.com), or by mail at 895 Dove St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Newport Beach, CA 92660. Students are encouraged to attempt an informal resolution first, by contacting the Dean at the above email address or by phone, at 949-955-4952.

Formal complaints must be specific, comprehensively documented, signed by the student in a written (paper or PDF) format, and delivered either by US mail or through an attachment to an email. To be considered a "formal student complaint," the information submitted by the student needs to present full details including any relevant documentation, dates, locations, and witnesses, as appropriate. Additionally, students must state the remedy being sought or the reasonable steps to be taken to resolve the complaint.

After submission of the formal, written complaint by the student, St. Francis will outline, within 10 business days, the steps that will be followed to resolve the issue. In all cases not involving exceptional circumstances, a decision will be made and communicated within 30 days of receipt of such complaint or grievance. The decision will be final and binding. The website for the State Bar of California, the state accrediting body, is [www.calbar.ca.gov](http://www.calbar.ca.gov).

## Graduation Policies

### Graduation Requirements

- Students must successfully pass all required courses and complete at least 130 credits within 4 years of passing the Competency Review and Evaluation (or four years after enrolling for transfer students not required to complete the Competency Review and Evaluation) to graduate with a JD.
- Successfully completed the school's Competency Review Course and Competency Evaluation.
- In no event may a students' entire course of study for the J.D. program will be completed later than eighty-four months after a student has commenced law study at St. Francis or a law school from which St. Francis has accepted transfer credit.
- Students must earn a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00.
- Students are required to complete 9 quarter units of training in practical skills.
- Complete at least 1200 hours of preparation and study each year, which includes at least 300 hours of academic engagement (as defined by the program.)



## Application for Graduation

All students who anticipate successful completion of their program course requirements for a degree must complete a graduation application using the St. Francis School of Law [Graduation Application](#) form on the student portal. Graduation Applications must be submitted the quarter prior to the student's last quarter of enrollment in courses at St. Francis.

## Honors at Graduation

St. Francis awards the following honors at graduation based on the student's cumulative grade point average (GPA):

- Summa Cum Laude 3.75 cumulative GPA
- Magna Cum Laude: 3.60 cumulative GPA
- Cum Laude: 3.50 cumulative GPA

## Administrative Policies

### Required Documentation

Enrollment agreements, records of exam results, survey responses, study logs and other types of documentation may be required of a student. Failure or refusal to respond or provide requested documentation may result in action, up to and including dismissal from the program of study or school.

### Email Correspondence

Email correspondence is increasingly used for distribution of information to members of the St. Francis community. Electronic correspondence is one of the authorized means of communication from St. Francis to its constituents. Notification by email is equivalent to notification by letter or by phone.

Email correspondence shall be sent only to the students Baker College issued email.

### Educational Records

The record custodian for St. Francis School of Law is the Registrar.

### Access to Official Records

The St. Francis policy concerning the privacy rights of students and the practices in place to maintain the confidentiality and integrity of student educational records are as follows:

### Rights Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords eligible students certain rights with respect to their educational records. An "eligible student" under FERPA is a student who is 18 years of age or older or who attends a postsecondary institution. These rights include:

- The right to inspect and review the student's educational records within 45 days after the day St. Francis receives a request for access. A student should submit to the Registrar via [registrar@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:registrar@stfrancislaw.com), or other appropriate official, a written request that specifically and particularly identifies the record(s) the student wishes to inspect. The St. Francis official will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the records are not maintained by the St. Francis official to whom the request was submitted, the official shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed. Cumulative or repetitive requests to review records may be delayed or denied, and can result in violation of the student conduct policy if the equivalent of harassment results.
- The right to request the amendment of the student's educational records that the student believes is inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA. A student who wishes to ask St. Francis to amend a record should write to the Registrar or other appropriate official responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record the student wants changed, and specify why it should be changed. If St. Francis decides not to amend the record as requested, St. Francis will notify the student in writing of the decision and the student's right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.

- The right to provide written consent before St. Francis discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's educational records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.
- The right to file a complaint with the US Department of Education concerning alleged failures by St. Francis to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is Family Policy Compliance Office, US Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202.

St. Francis discloses educational records without a student's prior written consent under the FERPA exception for disclosure to St. Francis officials with legitimate educational interests. A St. Francis official is a person employed by St. Francis in an administrative, supervisory, academic, research, or support staff position (including law enforcement unit personnel and health staff); a person serving on the board of trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee. A St. Francis official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of St. Francis who performs an institutional service or function for which the St. Francis would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of St. Francis with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from educational records, such as an attorney, auditor, collection agent, or a student volunteering to assist another St. Francis official in performing his or her tasks. A St. Francis official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an educational record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibilities for St. Francis. Upon request, St. Francis also discloses educational records without consent to officials of another school in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

## Definitions

A "student" is any person who attends or has attended St. Francis. An "educational record" is any record in handwriting, print, tape, microfilm, electronic, or other media maintained by St. Francis, which directly relates to a student. The following exceptions are not part of the educational record and are not subject to this Act:

- A personal record kept by an instructor or staff member if it is kept in the sole possession of that person and is not accessible or revealed to any other person (e.g., a teacher's grade book).
- The employment record of an individual whose employment is not contingent on being a student (e.g., the employment records maintained by the Human Resources Office).
- The records of St. Francis Campus Safety, which are maintained separately, solely for law enforcement.
- Alumni records which contain information about a student after the student is no longer in attendance at St. Francis.

## Disclosure of Educational Records

FERPA permits the disclosure of PII from students' educational records, without consent of the student, if the disclosure meets certain conditions found in §99.31 of the FERPA regulations. Except for disclosures to St. Francis officials, disclosures related to some judicial orders or lawfully issued subpoenas, disclosures of directory information, and disclosures to the student, §99.32 of FERPA regulations requires the institution to record the disclosure. Eligible students have a right to inspect and review the record of disclosures. A postsecondary institution may disclose PII from the educational records without obtaining prior written consent of the student.

- To other St. Francis officials, including teachers, within St. Francis whom St. Francis has determined to have legitimate educational interests. This includes contractors, consultants, volunteers, or other parties to whom St. Francis has outsourced institutional services or functions, provided that the conditions listed in §99.31(a)(1)(i)(B)(1) (a)(1)(i)(B)(2) are met. (§99.31(a)(1))
- To officials of another College where the student seeks or intends to enroll, or where the student is already enrolled, if the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer, subject to the requirements of §99.34. (§99.31(a)(2))
- To authorized representatives of the U. S. Comptroller General, the U. S. Attorney General, the U.S. Secretary of Education, or state and local educational authorities, such as a state postsecondary authority that is responsible for supervising St. Francis's educational programs. Disclosures under this provision may be made, subject to the requirements of §99.35, in connection with an audit or evaluation of federal- or state-supported educational programs, or for the enforcement of, or compliance with, federal legal requirements that relate to those programs. These entities may make further disclosures of PII to outside entities that are designated by them as

their authorized representatives to conduct any audit, evaluation, enforcement, or compliance activity on their behalf. (§§99.31(a)(3) and 99.35)

- In connection with financial aid for which the student has applied, or which the student has received, if the information is necessary to determine eligibility for the aid, determine the amount of the aid, determine the conditions of the aid, or enforce the terms and conditions of the aid. (§99.31(a)(4))
- To organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, St. Francis, in order to: (a) develop, validate, or administer predictive tests; (b) administer student aid programs; or (c) improve instruction. (§99.31(a)(6))
- To accrediting organizations to carry out their accrediting functions. (§99.31(a)(7))
- To parents of an eligible student if the student is a dependent for IRS tax purposes. (§99.31(a)(8))
- To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena. (§99.31(a)(9))
- To appropriate officials in connection with a health or safety emergency, subject to §99.36. (§99.31(a)(10))
- Information St. Francis has designated as "directory information" under §99.37. (§99.31(a)(11))
- To a victim of an alleged perpetrator of a crime of violence or a non-forcible sex offense, subject to the requirements of §99.39. The disclosure may only include the final results of the disciplinary proceeding with respect to that alleged crime or offense, regardless of the finding. (§99.31(a)(13))
- To the general public, the final results of a disciplinary proceeding, subject to the requirements of §99.39, if St. Francis determines the student is an alleged perpetrator of a crime of violence or non-forcible sex offense and the student has committed a violation of St. Francis' rules or policies with respect to the allegation made against him or her. (§99.31(a)(14))
- To parents of a student regarding the student's violation of any federal, state, or local law, or of any rule or policy of St. Francis, governing the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance if St. Francis determines the student committed a disciplinary violation and the student is under the age of 21. (§99.31(a)(15))
- To the National Student Clearinghouse or similar organization for enrollment and degree verification purposes for interested parties ([www.degreeverify.org](http://www.degreeverify.org)).

## **Annual Notification**

St. Francis publishes this institutional policy yearly in the St. Francis General Catalog and on the St. Francis Website.

## **Directory Information**

St. Francis designates the following items as directory information: student name, user ID, address, phone number, e-mail address, date of birth, major field of study, dates of attendance, degrees and date received, academic honors, and candidacy for degree and/or teacher certification. While St. Francis does not publish a directory, St. Francis may disclose directory information without prior written consent, unless otherwise notified by the student in writing to the contrary.

## **Student Roster**

Students may be asked to provide their contact and certain other personal information ("Student Roster Information") to St. Francis for inclusion in a student roster that will be available to St. Francis students and faculty members. Such information may include, without limitation, such student's personal email address as well as such student's location and occupation.

Students acknowledge and agree that Student Roster Information will be available to other students enrolled at St. Francis as well as St. Francis faculty members. Students agree not to use the information of other students for activities not related to St. Francis course work and agree not to distribute other students' Student Roster Information without such students' written consent. Misuse of Student Roster Information is violation of the Honor Code and any student engaged in misuse is subject to disciplinary action.

All students' names and email addresses will be visible on the Student Roster. However, if a student would like other information (location, occupation etc.) withheld from publication on the Student Roster, the student may opt-out by checking the "Opt-Out" box on the roster questionnaire.

## **Record of Disclosures**

Disclosure of any information from the educational record, other than by the student's written permission or Directory Information releases, will be recorded in a disclosure log that will be maintained as a part of the student's educational record.

## **Procedure to Inspect Educational Records**

Students may inspect and review their educational records upon request in the Academic/Administrative Office. The Academic/Administrative Office will inform the Record Custodian of the student's request and will make the needed arrangements for access as promptly as possible. Access must be given within 45 days. Many student concerns can be handled on a daily basis without requiring this procedure.

When a record contains information about more than one student, a student may inspect and review only the portion of the record which relates to him/her. Students also may not inspect those records which are excluded under the FERPA definition of "educational record" (see Definitions).

## **Amendment of Educational Records**

Students have the right to request amendment of educational records that they believe are inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of their privacy rights. In applying this standard, however, students should be aware that records containing accurate information about student conduct, grades, probation, discipline, academic history, or other matters are not considered inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of student privacy rights. Following are the procedures for the amendment of a record:

- A student must ask the Record Custodian of St. Francis to amend a record. In so doing, the student will identify the part of the record that is to be changed and specify why it is believed to be inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student's privacy or other rights.
- St. Francis may comply with the request or may determine that it is not appropriate to comply. If it is determined that the record will not be changed, St. Francis will notify the student of the decision and advise the student of the right to a hearing to challenge the information believed to be inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student's rights.
- Upon request, St. Francis will arrange for a hearing and notify the student, reasonably in advance, of the date, place, and time of the hearing.
- The hearing will be conducted by an objective Hearing Officer who may be an official of the institution. The student shall be afforded a full and fair opportunity to present evidence relevant to the issues raised in the original request to amend the student's educational record. The student may be assisted by one or more individuals, including an attorney. The cost will be paid by the student.
- St. Francis will prepare a written decision based solely on the evidence presented at the hearing. The decision will include a summary of the evidence and the reasons for the decision.
- If St. Francis determines that the challenged information is not inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student's right to privacy, it will notify the student of the right to place in the record a statement commenting on the challenged information and/or a statement setting forth reasons for disagreeing with the decision.
- The statement will be maintained as part of the student's educational record as long as the contested portion is maintained. If St. Francis discloses the contested portion of the record, it must also disclose the statement.
- If St. Francis determines that the information is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student's right of privacy, it will amend the record and notify the student, in writing, that the record has been amended.

# Technology Requirements and Policies

## Internet Account

Any registered student at St. Francis automatically receives an Internet account. This account creates an online classroom account, and gives students access to otherwise restricted areas, including access to library resources.

## Technology Proficiency

Because St. Francis is an online law school where classes are hosted in a live, interactive format, students should be comfortable using e-mail programs, audio and video components of their computers (i.e., their headsets, web cameras and microphones), using basic word processing software, etc. St. Francis classes require live voice and video participation.

## Authenticating Student Identity

Each student is provided with a unique login to St. Francis' technology platforms, and in accordance with technology manuals, is encouraged to change their password on a regular basis. Final exams are proctored live and students will be required to show photo ID to take such exams. Exam instructions are circulated in advance of each exam.

## Participation and Study Verification

Students are required to participate in all scheduled courses. Each student's participation is graded by the professors. St. Francis' technology platforms track student participation. Students are required to verify pursuant to the Honor Code that they have spent the appropriate amount of time per term engaged in curricular activities.

## General Technology Policies

St. Francis reserves the right to change its technology from time to time to address needs of students, the format of a course, or to comply with regulations and standards.

Students agree to use technology in a manner consistent with licensing restrictions placed on St. Francis and in the manner described by the St. Francis IT Support Team; failure to do so is a violation of the Honor Code and the student may be subject to disciplinary action.

Students agree to read the technology manuals provided to them and certify that they have the ability to comply with the technological requirements.

Students are solely responsible for all expenses involved in accessing the St. Francis J.D. program online, including the expenses of appropriate computer equipment (including headset and webcam), an Internet service provider, and related software.

## Technical Requirements

A webcam is required to be used for all live class sessions and examinations.

Students connecting to live classes may be required to use a hard-wired high-speed Internet connection (no Wi-Fi) for best results.

St. Francis School of Law does not support beta releases of operating systems. Students must utilize a standard release operating system to complete all program requirements.

## Windows

- Dual-core 2Ghz or higher (Intel i3/i5/i7 or AMD equivalent)
- Windows 10 (32-bit/64bit), Windows 8.1 (32-bit/64-bit), Windows 8 (32-bit/64-bit),
- 4GB of RAM
- Mozilla Firefox; Google Chrome, or Microsoft Edge, latest versions
- Java 8+
- Adobe Reader 20+ (or equivalent PDF software)

## Mac OS

- Dual-core 2Ghz or higher (Intel i3/i5/i7 or AMD equivalent)
- 4GB of RAM
- Mac OS X 10.12 or newer
- Mozilla Firefox; Apple Safari; Google Chrome, latest versions
- Java 8+
- Adobe Reader 20+ (or equivalent PDF software)

## Test your browser

- Java test: <http://java.com/en/download/installed.jsp>

## Canvas Mobile

- iOS 11 and newer (versions vary by device)
- Android 5.0 and newer

## RPNOW

- System Requirements: <http://clientportal.softwaresecure.com/support/index.php?/Knowledgebase/Article/View/252/0/system-requirements-remote-proctor-now>.

## Download Software

- Java <http://java.com/en/>
- Zoom: <https://zoom.us/download>
- Adobe Reader: <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>

## Headset

- The recommended headset is Logitech USB Headset H570E <http://www.logitech.com/en-us/product/h570e-headset>
- Headphone: 20Hz-20 kHz (or comparable)
- Microphone: 100 Hz-10 kHz (or comparable)
- Headsets are not limited to the recommended headset, but should be comparable.

## Known Issues

- Canvas known issues will be posted on the log in page of the system, or the Technology section of the St. Francis Student Portal
- Zoom FAQ: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206175806-Top-Questions>

## Additional Important Information

- Attending Zoom classes on any type of mobile device (tablet or smart phone) is prohibited.
- St. Francis Technical Support contact information: 1-800-931-2694 (Option 6) [support@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:support@stfrancislaw.com)

# Acceptable Use Policy for St. Francis Information Technology Resources

## Introduction

This policy defines the accountability of all ("Users") as well as the boundaries of acceptable use of St. Francis computing and communication resources. St. Francis provides robust resources to support the information technology (IT) environment, including computers, data storage, mobile devices, electronic data, networks, software, email services, electronic information sources, voicemail, telephone services, and other products and services.

St. Francis' computing and communication resources are the property of St. Francis and are used to support the institution's Guiding Principles, including the advancement of education, services, community, and administrative business support services.

IT resources are provided for the use of faculty, staff, students, and courtesy affiliates. This policy is intended to help protect St. Francis and its constituents as it relates to privacy and confidentiality as well as the overall integrity of St. Francis IT resources. Having a sound and effective information technology environment is essential to the Mission of St.



Francis.

When utilizing St. Francis resources, the student agrees to the Acceptable Use Policy for St. Francis Information Technology Resources language.

## **Applicability**

This Policy applies to all individuals using St. Francis resources, regardless of affiliation (faculty, staff, students, and courtesy affiliates) or where the resources are accessed or used, i.e. St. Francis or remote locations.

For usage within the St. Francis campus IT environment, additional rules may apply to specific resources, including classrooms, business systems, networks, software, social media, databases, and other services and support. Rules will be consistent with this policy and could potentially enact additional requirements and/or responsibilities on the Users.

Access to St. Francis resources may be wholly or partially restricted without prior notice and without consent.

Access to this Policy will be granted to Users through the website, handbook and/or catalog.

## **General Authorized Usage Overview**

St. Francis resources are provided for St. Francis-specific objectives, including supporting the St. Francis mission, teaching, administrative actions, and student/student-life activities, including social media usage.

Users are granted access to St. Francis IT resources and are responsible for all activity performed with their user IDs. Users should take appropriate precautions to ensure the security of their passwords and prevent others from obtaining access to their computer resources.

Inappropriate or supplementary use that inaccurately or inappropriately illustrates support or affiliation of products, services, or organizations, without written approval, is prohibited.

Usage of St. Francis resources for supplementary personal use is done at the user's own risk. St. Francis cannot and will not guarantee the continued operation, support, or security of IT resources.

Users are responsible for informing themselves of any St. Francis policies or regulations that control the use of St. Francis resources prior to resource usage.

Users are expected to respect the privacy of other users, including usage, content, or identities.

Users are required to comply with state, federal, and local laws as well as St. Francis policies. Additionally, Users are required to adhere to the rules and regulations dictated by third parties.

Users are expected to engage in safe and responsible security and computing practices in order to maintain the integrity of St. Francis resources.

## **Inappropriate Usage**

The use of St. Francis resources for private business, commercial activities, fund-raising, or advertising for non-St. Francis purposes is prohibited unless approved in advance.

Users must adhere to copyright, trade secret, patent, or other intellectual property or similar laws/regulations.

Using St. Francis resources for unlawful communications, including threats of violence, obscenity, child pornography, and harassing communication are prohibited and will immediately be reported to the local police department and/or campus safety.

Unauthorized access, modification, copies, or deletion of Users' accounts or resources, including files, is not allowed. Users cannot use IT resources in a manner that impacts usage or activities of the resources by other Users including, but not limited to, the introduction of malicious software or malware.



Connecting unauthorized modems, routers, wireless access points, or other devices to St. Francis resources is prohibited.

Interfering with the network, including, but not limited to, scanning, monitoring, intercepting, and altering network packets is expressly prohibited.

St. Francis resources cannot be used to engage in partisan politics or promote/oppose ballot measures unless that use is approved by the President.

Users cannot access St. Francis resources without the proper authority, which includes attempting to evade or circumvent user authentication and/or misrepresenting one's identity or affiliation.

## **Email and Electronic Communications**

An activity that may strain the email or network facilities is a violation of this policy. These activities include, but are not limited to, sending chain letter and widespread dissemination of unsolicited email.

Modification or forging of email information, including the header, is prohibited.

Confidentiality of email or other electronic communication cannot be assured; therefore, Users should be aware of the risks when sending confidential, personal, financial, or sensitive information.

## **Privacy**

Privacy is important to St. Francis; however, Users should be aware that the data created or stored on St. Francis resources remains the property of the St. Francis.

Users are expected to respect the privacy of other Users and not divulge personal data concerning faculty, staff, or students.

Authorized individuals of the St. Francis IT environment will perform management tasks in a manner that fosters User trust.

St. Francis does not routinely monitor individual usage; however, normal operations require the backup of data, logging of activities, monitoring general usage, logging files, and other similar activities. St. Francis may access various resources in order to perform necessary maintenance, including security events.

## **Operational Security**

St. Francis may, without advanced notice to Users, take any action necessary to protect the interests of St. Francis to ensure that the IT resources are stable and secure. Any action necessary will be taken including monitoring and scanning St. Francis resources.

Third-party intrusions, viruses, and physical access can compromise computing and communication security. St. Francis takes reasonable precautions to minimize risks. Users must notify and report incidents to [dean@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:dean@stfrancislaw.com)

Known or suspected violations of the *Acceptable Use Policy* or *Social Media Policies* should be reported immediate to [dean@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:dean@stfrancislaw.com).

## **Enforcement**

Use of St. Francis resources is a privilege and not a right. User's access to St. Francis IT resources may be limited, suspended, or terminated if that User violates the Policy. The CIO or the Director of Security will address alleged violations of this Policy.

In addition to review of alleged violation of this Policy, St. Francis may be obligated to report incidents to law enforcement.

Users who violate this Policy, other St. Francis policies, or external laws will be subject to disciplinary action and/or penalties.

If the CIO determines that a User has violated this Policy and determines that access should be limited or suspended, the User may appeal that decision to the President.

Definition of Users: any authorized individual, including faculty, staff, students, or courtesy affiliate.

## **EEOC & ADA Policy**

It is the policy of St. Francis School of Law not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, marital status, genetic information or other protected characteristics in providing and administering of educational programs, services, activities, employment or recruitment.

Inquiries regarding this policy can be directed to the Dean of St. Francis School of Law at 895 Dove Street, 3rd Floor, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

The School of Law declares and reaffirms a policy of equal employment opportunity, equal educational opportunity, and non-discrimination, where applicable, in the provision of educational services to the public. The School of Law will make all decisions regarding recruitment without discrimination on the grounds of age, race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, veteran status, marital status, genetic information, or other protected characteristics, which cannot lawfully be the basis for an admissions/employment decision.

The School of Law reaffirms its policy of administering all of its educational programs and related supporting services and benefits in a manner which does not discriminate because of a student's or prospective student's age, race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, veteran status, marital status, genetic information, or other protected characteristics, which cannot be lawfully the basis for the administration of such services.

The School of Law commits itself to a program of Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity, set forth herein, to encourage the application of veterans, minority, disabled, and women students, to identify and eliminate the effects of any past discrimination in the provision of educational procedures. This program will assure equal treatment and equal access to the facilities and educational benefits of the institution to all students, as required by law. Further, the School of Law takes affirmative action to employ, promote, and otherwise treat qualified individuals with disabilities, disabled veterans, and Vietnam Era veterans without regard to either their disability or veteran status. This policy shall apply in the following areas: admissions, student educational opportunities and services, employment, promotion, demotion or transfer, layoff, termination, compensation, and selection for training programs.

The School of Law reaffirms its policy of non-discrimination on the basis of age, race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, veteran status, marital status, genetic information, or other protected characteristics, in the provision of all services provided to members of the public by facilities under control of the School of Law.

St. Francis School of Law commits itself to a continuing program to assure that unlawful discrimination does not occur in the services it renders to the public, and that those sectors of the public most affected by this policy be kept informed of its content.

### **Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA)**

St. Francis School of Law complies with the spirit and requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), as amended by the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA), as they apply to persons with disabilities who are otherwise qualified in the following ways: all new facilities are barrier free; programs, classes, and activities in existing facilities are made accessible to persons with disabilities; reasonable and appropriate adjustments and accommodations are made to ensure full educational opportunity for students with disabilities; and auxiliary aids and services, when necessary, are provided in a timely manner to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to effectively participate in, and enjoy the benefits of, a service, program, course, employment, or activity conducted by the School of Law.

A postsecondary student with a disability who is in need of disability accommodations must inform St. Francis School of Law that the student has a qualified disability. No accommodations will be made before the school has been notified of a

disability through submission of proper documentation. The responsibility of ensuring that all required documentation is submitted on a timely basis, rests with the student. Completed coursework that precedes a completed accommodation request may not be resubmitted.

The process for requesting reasonable disability accommodation is as follows:

1. Student provides a written request for accommodations to [academic@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:academic@stfrancislaw.com), along with required documentation, including
  - a. The forms otherwise required by the State Bar of California for testing accommodations, available at this site: <https://www.calbar.ca.gov/Admissions/Examinations/Requesting-Testing-Accommodations>, and
  - b. Supporting diagnostic test results and professional prescriptions for auxiliary aids.
2. The School of Law will respond within 30 days, requesting additional information as appropriate.
3. If the State Bar of California makes a determination regarding student accommodations, the School of Law normally follows the State Bar's determination, if feasible.

## **Grievance Procedure for EEOC/ADA/ADAAA Complaints**

If any person believes that St. Francis has inadequately applied the principles and/or regulations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), or the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA), he/she may follow any one of the following complaint procedures available to them:

### **Section I**

The person who believes that St. Francis has inadequately applied the requirements of the law may bring forward a grievance to the Dean of St. Francis via email at [dean@stfrancislaw.com](mailto:dean@stfrancislaw.com) or by mail at 895 Dove St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Newport Beach, CA 92660 or by phone to 949-955-4952.

### **Section II**

The person who believes he/she has a valid basis for a grievance shall discuss the grievance informally and on a verbal basis with the St. Francis Dean, who functions as the designated campus EEO/AA/ADA Officer. The St. Francis Dean shall in turn investigate the complaint and reply with an answer to the complainant. He/she may initiate formal procedures according to the following steps:

#### **Step 1**

A written statement of the grievance signed by the complainant shall be submitted to the St. Francis Dean, within five (5) business days of receipt of a response to the informal complaint. The St. Francis Dean shall further investigate the matters of grievance and reply in writing to the complainant within five (5) business days.

#### **Step 2**

If the complainant wishes to appeal the decision of the St. Francis Dean, he/she may submit a signed statement of appeal to the St. Francis President within five (5) business days after receipt of the St. Francis Dean's response. The St. Francis President shall meet with all parties involved, formulate a conclusion, and respond in writing to the complainant within ten (10) business days.

### **Section III**

A grievance or inquiry may be made at any time to the Office for Civil Rights, U. S. Department of Education, and 50 Beale Street, Suite 7200, San Francisco, CA 94105-1813; Telephone: 415-486-5555.

The St. Francis Dean will investigate all complaints in accordance with this procedure on request.

## Course Description

### First Year Required Courses

#### **LAW 1010 Torts I (4 Credits)**

This course covers the elements of a cause of action under theories of intentional tort causes of action (intent, battery, assault, false imprisonment, trespass to chattels/conversion, and intentional infliction of emotional distress) and defenses to intentional torts. The course also covers defamation, invasion of privacy and related 'privacy' torts, as well as trespass to land and nuisance. Prerequisites: None, Professional Skills Credits: 1

#### **LAW 1020 Torts II (4 Credits)**

This course will focus on the concept of negligence, including the reasonable person standard of care, the determination of unreasonableness, including breach of duty, custom and the role of the jury; proof of breach; statutory standards of care (negligence per se); duty in negligence cases, land occupier duties; cause-in-fact, and proximate (legal) cause and applicable defenses (contributory negligence, comparative negligence, assumption of the risk, and immunities).

Prerequisites: LAW731 or LAW1010, Professional Skills Credits: 2

#### **LAW 1030 Torts III (4 Credits)**

This course covers specific causes of action arising under strict liability and products liability theories, as well as causes of action stemming from theories of commercial torts. The concepts of joint and several liability; and damages are also covered. The course includes a review of Torts I and Torts II. Prerequisites: LAW731 & LAW732 or LAW1010 & LAW1020

#### **LAW 1150 Criminal Law (6 Credits)**

This course covers the elements of crimes (actus reus, attendant circumstances, harm, causation, mens rea), as well as the crimes of homicide (murder, manslaughter), assault, battery, arson, theft, robbery, extortion, burglary, kidnapping, and preparatory crimes such as attempts, solicitation and conspiracy. The course also covers defenses, such as insanity, justification, self-defense, and entrapment, sentencing theories and accomplice liability. Prerequisites: None, Professional Skills Credits: 1.0

#### **LAW 1210 Contracts I (4 Credits)**

This course serves as an introduction to Contract law and will focus on Contract formation. The course focuses on the creation of binding, legally enforceable contractual obligations, under common law and under the Uniform Commercial Code, including the requirements of mutual assent, consideration, and the statute of frauds. Prerequisites: None

#### **LAW 1220 Contracts II (4 Credits)**

This course continues the study of contracts. Topics covered include: determining the parties' obligations; the parol evidence rule, conditions, limits on the bargain and its performance, impracticability and frustration of purpose.

Prerequisite: LAW1210

#### **LAW 1230 Contracts III (4 Credits)**

This course continues the study of the law of contracts, covering breach of contract, remedies for breach of contract; and third-party beneficiaries (including topics pertaining to the assignment and delegation of contractual duties). The course includes a review of Contracts I and Contracts II. Prerequisites: LAW1220

#### **LAW 1310 First Year Bar Essay Writing (2 Credits)**

This course provides students with review of the substantive subjects covered in the first year of law school and develops the foundational skills for legal essay writing, as required on the State Bar of California General Bar Examination. It covers writing issue legal analysis of the three first year subjects, torts, contracts and criminal law. Prerequisite: Completion of first year curriculum (Torts- LAW 1010, 1020, 1030; Contracts- LAW 1210, 1220, 1230; Criminal Law- LAW 1150). Professional Skills Credits: 0.

## Upper-Division Required Courses

### **LAW 2010 Introduction to Legal Research and Writing (4 Credits)**

This course provides students with the baseline research and analytical skills necessary to excel in their upper division courses. Students learn how to convey legal analysis of a problem in a written form that adheres to the conventions of the legal profession. Students gain proficiency with the basic legal research skills essential for successful law practice. Topics include sources of law and types of authority, secondary sources, case law, statutes, administrative regulations, legislative history, authority verification, and computer-assisted legal research. Prerequisites: None, Professional Skills Credits: 4

### **LAW 2020 - Advanced Legal Writing (4 Credits)**

This course builds upon and further develops legal research and writing skills in the context of persuasive writing. Students will gain practical written and oral advocacy skills needed to draft and argue motions and appeals. Beginning with learning how to draft a motion brief, by the end of the course students will produce the first draft and a revised draft appellate brief. Students will practice selection, analysis and strategic use of binding and persuasive legal authority along with oral rhetorical skills, culminating with presentation of oral arguments. Prerequisite: LAW741 or LAW2010, Professional Skills Credits: 4

### **LAW 2310 Civil Procedure I (4 Credits)**

This course introduces the essential steps in handling a case, using both federal and California rules of civil procedure to introduce the concepts of personal jurisdiction, subject matter jurisdiction, supplemental jurisdiction, venue, service, removal, and transfer. The course also covers choice of law, and pleading requirements for a complaint. Prerequisites: None, Professional Skills Credits: 1

### **LAW 2320 Civil Procedure II (4 Credits)**

This course continues instruction in civil procedure with instruction on pleadings, motions, discovery, trial, post-trial motions, claim and issue preclusion, and appeals. Prerequisites: LAW761 or LAW2110, Professional Skills Credits: 1.5

### **LAW 2210 Constitutional Law I (4 Credits)**

This course covers judicial review and the constitutional structure, justiciability, the allocation of government power, limits of federal legislative power, the Commerce Clause and limitations on the scope of state power over interstate commerce, separation of powers, due process, the takings clause and the contracts clause. Prerequisites: None

### **LAW 2220 Constitutional Law II (4 Credits)**

This course covers the parameters of selected civil liberties and civil rights as set forth in the Bill of Rights and Fourteenth Amendment, and examines how those rights are incorporated to the states. You will examine concepts related to procedural and substantive due process, different protections for fundamental and non-fundamental rights, including the rights to privacy, freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of the press, freedom of religion, and the right to bear arms. You also will understand and analyze the different levels of review that apply to cases involving classifications by race, gender, illegitimacy, LGBT status, and other classifications. Prerequisites: LAW 781 or LAW2210

### **LAW 2410 Competency Review (6 Credits)**

This course prepares students to successfully complete the St. Francis School of Law Competency Evaluation. A review course for the substantive subjects covered in the first and second years of law school, it also covers fundamental lawyering skills that are part of the school's program outcomes, such as issue legal analysis, professional action in practical settings, client communication, and other skills. The course is offered on a Credit/No Credit basis. Prerequisite: Completion of First Year Curriculum, Criminal Procedure LAW 3010, Civil Procedure Law 2310 & 2320 and Constitutional Law, LAW 2210 & 2220.

Professional Skills Credits: 2

### **LAW 3010 Criminal Procedure (4 Credits)**

This course covers criminal procedure, including the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendment constitutional restraints on the activities of law enforcement officers during the investigatory stage of the criminal process. It specifically covers searches and seizures, stop and frisk, probable cause and arrest, search and seizure of property, and inspections and regulatory searches. The course also covers interrogations, the right to counsel, and double jeopardy. Prerequisites: LAW1150

**LAW 3410 Business Associations I (4 Credits)**

This course examines the law regarding business organizations. The course introduces the law of agency. The course examines several distinct types of business organizations including partnerships, Limited Liability Partnerships, corporations, and Limited Liability Companies. It also covers the legal rights and obligations of partners, officers, directors, shareholders and members of business organizations, including fiduciary duties. Shareholder derivative claims are also addressed. Prerequisites: None, Professional Skills Credits: 1.5

**LAW 3420 Business Associations II (4 Credits)**

This course examines the law regarding business organizations, including securities regulation under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registration process and the private placement exemption. The course also covers Rule 10b-5, insider trading, insurance and indemnification, as well as shareholder control in close corporations, proxy rights and corporate debt. Prerequisites: LAW751 or LAW3110, Professional Skills Credits: 1.5

**LAW 3210 Evidence I (4 Credits)**

This course introduces the Federal Rules of Evidence, and also highlights certain differences between the federal evidentiary rules and California evidence law. This course includes relevance, hearsay, including the many exceptions to the hearsay rule, the Confrontation Clause and character evidence. Prerequisites: None, Professional Skills Credits: 1.5

**LAW 3220 Evidence II (4 Credits)**

This course continues the study of the Federal Rules of Evidence, and also highlights certain differences between the federal evidentiary rules and California evidence law. The course includes an examination of trial mechanics, competence, impeachment, privileges, expert and lay opinions, burdens and presumptions, and physical evidence. Prerequisites: LAW801 or LAW3210

**LAW 3310 Real Property I (4 Credits)**

This course introduces basic property concepts and focuses on the acquisition of property rights (including gifts, capture, and the effect of labor), as well as the right to exclude others. It introduces present estates and future interests (possessory estates, future interests retained by the grantor, and the rule against perpetuities), as well as concurrent ownership and leaseholds. Prerequisites: None, Professional Skills Credits: 1

**LAW 3320 Real Property II (4 Credits)**

This course covers land transactions, title, assurance, nuisance, servitude, zoning, and takings. It introduces concepts relevant to real estate transactions such as the power of the owners, transfers, and security interests. Easements, covenants and zoning are covered as well. Prerequisites: LAW841 or LAW3310, Professional Skills Credits: 1.5

**LAW 4010 Community Property (4 Credits)**

This course covers the principles governing classification of property as community or separate; management and control of community property; liability of marital property for debts; and division of property upon divorce or death, and the rights of opposite-sex and same-sex persons who cohabit without marriage or registration. Prerequisites: None, Professional Skills Credits: 1.5

**LAW 4020 Professional Responsibility (6 Credits)**

This course introduces the regulation of lawyers through rules of professional conduct and codes of judicial conduct, such as the American Bar Association (ABA) Model Rules of Professional Conduct, the California Supreme Court's Rules of Professional Conduct, the ABA Code of Judicial Conduct and the California Code of Judicial Conduct. Substantive coverage in this course includes issues that affect the attorney-client relationship such as confidentiality, conflicts of interest, duties to former clients, handling corporate clients, and duties to prospective clients. The course includes coverage of the limits of appropriate advocacy actions, the special responsibilities of a prosecutor, candor toward the tribunal, and fairness to opposing party and counsel. It explores rules applicable to transactions with persons other than clients and surveys rules applicable to law firms and associations (including the responsibilities of supervising lawyers, non-lawyer assistants, and restrictions on the right to practice law. Prerequisites: None, Professional Skills Credits: 1

**LAW 4040 Remedies (6 Credits)**

This course considers the types and nature of relief afforded by courts to litigants in civil litigation. It focuses on a study of the theory and general principles governing the award of equitable remedies and damages. There is also some consideration of restitution. This course focuses on the major forms of equitable relief including temporary restraining



orders, preliminary injunctions, and permanent injunctions, including the issuance and modification of such orders. It also covers contempt. Equitable defenses are also covered (laches, unclean hands, for example). Prerequisites: None, Professional Skills Credits: 1

### **LAW 4110 Trusts (3 Credits)**

This course covers trusts, including both private and charitable trusts, focusing on trust creation, fiduciary obligations, alienation, modification and termination of trusts, as well as planning for incapacity. Prerequisites: None, Professional Skills Credits: 1

### **LAW 4150 Wills and Estates (3 Credits)**

This course covers general and California law regarding probate administration and intestacy and requirements for wills, including holographic wills, revocation and revival of wills, capacity of testators, doctrines related to the interpretation of wills. The course also covers will substitutes and legal limitations for the protection of spouses and children. Prerequisites: None, Professional Skills Credits: 1

### **LAW 6050 Administrative Law (4 Credits)**

The course examines the law related to regulatory agencies, including rulemaking, adjudication and judicial review of administrative action. The course is largely procedural, but we will look at the substantive regulations of several federal agencies and work on the practical professional skills needed to work with administrative agencies. Prerequisites: LAW2110, LAW2120, LAW2210, & LAW2220, Professional Skills Credits: 1.5

### **LAW 4210 – General Bar Prep I (4 Credits)**

This course will prepare students for all components of the State Bar of California's General Bar Examination, including review of substantive doctrinal materials, strategies for time management and test taking, and timed practice on multiple choice questions, essay writing and the performance exam, as well as a mock final bar exam covering approximately one-half of the bar exam tested subjects. The course is offered on a Credit/No Credit basis. Note: This course may require weekend attendance or examinations.

### **LAW 4220 – General Bar Prep II (4 Credits)**

This course will continue to prepare students for all components of the State Bar of California's General Bar Examination, including review of substantive doctrinal materials, strategies for time management and test taking, and timed practice on multiple choice questions, essay writing and the performance exam, as well as a mock final bar exam covering approximately one-half of the bar exam tested subjects. The course is offered on a Credit/No Credit

## **Professional Skills Courses**

### **LAW 5010 Professional Skills – Introduction to Contract Drafting (2 Credits)**

This course provides students with the foundational professional skills needed to memorialize a business deal, including drafting representations and warranties, covenants, rights and conditions. Students will draft a contract. Prerequisites: LAW711, LAW712 & LAW713 or LAW1210, LAW1220, & LAW1230, Professional Skills Credits: 2

### **LAW 5020 Professional Skills – Drafting Pleadings (1 Credit)**

This course provides students with the foundational professional skills needed to draft pleadings used in the litigation process. Students will draft a complaint and an answer. Prerequisites: LAW731, LAW732, & LAW733 or LAW1010, LAW1020, & LAW1030, Professional Skills Credits: 1

### **LAW 5030 Professional Skills – Drafting Discovery (2 credits)**

This course provides students with the foundational professional skills needed to draft discovery requests and responses to discovery, including initial disclosures and expert witness disclosures, as well as discovery motions. Students will draft and respond to interrogatories, requests for production of documents, requests for admissions. Prerequisites: LAW731, LAW732 & LAW733 or LAW1010, LAW1020, & LAW1030, Professional Skills Credits: 2



**LAW 5040 Professional Skills – Drafting Motions (2 credits)**

This course provides students with the foundational skills for drafting motions and oppositions to motions, including format, and supporting evidence. Students will draft a motion and an opposition to a motion and related supporting affidavits. Prerequisites: LAW761 & LAW762 or LAW2110 & LAW2120, Professional Skills Credits: 2

**LAW 5050 Professional Skills – Drafting Legal Correspondence (1 credit)**

This course provides students with the foundational skills for drafting legal correspondence including practical considerations of language and tone, as well as strategic considerations. Students will draft a demand letter, correspondence to a client and correspondence to opposing counsel. Prerequisite: None, Professional Skills Credits: 1

**LAW 5060 Professional Skills – Legal Negotiation (1 credit)**

Lawyers in transactional and litigation practice are frequently called upon to conduct negotiations. Professional Skills VI – Legal Negotiation provides students with essential negotiation tactics and strategies and a process for preparing for a negotiation that can be applied to many different contexts. Communication strategies for negotiation, and negotiation case studies, are included. Assignments include identifying issues to negotiate, formulating negotiating positions, and completing a simulated contract negotiation. Prerequisites: None, Professional Skills Credits: 1

**LAW 5070 Professional Skills – Accounting and Finance for Lawyers (1 credit)**

Accounting and Finance for Lawyers develops competency with principles of business financial tracking and reporting, including common reporting documents. The course focuses not on bookkeeping (debits and credits) or taxation, but on understanding the processes used to ensure accurate and comprehensive tracking of income and expenses, and using the balance sheets, income statements, cash flow reports, and other common financial reporting documents in connection with law practice. Assignments include critiquing public company annual reports and simulating advice to clients based on financial reports. Prerequisites: None, Professional Skills Credits: 1

**LAW 5080 Professional Skills – Introduction to Business Planning (1 credit)**

Introduction to Business Planning uses case studies to develop competence with several crucial business planning and formation concepts and documents. Students learn to advise on issues of choice of appropriate entity, entity structure and capitalization, tax status, and other aspects of business organization and startup. Assignments include drafting legal and planning memoranda, adapting forms to accomplish a specified purpose, and preparing reservation of name and articles of incorporation documents. Prerequisites: None, Professional Skills Credits: 1

**LAW 5090 Professional Skills – Performance Simulation Seminar (1 credit)**

The Performance Simulation Seminar surveys practice simulations required as part of licensure examinations in California and elsewhere. Students dissect performance tests developed by the National Conference of Bar Examiners and California's Committee of Bar Examiners, learn approaches to successfully writing answers, and practice using templates for responses to common performance test assignments. Assignments include timed performance test practice and grading and commenting on peer or exemplar performance test answers. Prerequisites: None, Professional Skills Credits: 1.

**LAW 5210 Professional Skills – Clinical Experience I (2 credits)**

Clinical Experience courses focus on live client counseling and advising experiences, under the close supervision of a licensed attorney. Depending on the placement, students may learn procedures and skills for case intake, client interviewing, negotiating retainer agreements, oral and written client communication, discharging the duties of confidentiality and loyalty, and terminating the attorney/client relationship. Up to two (2) Clinical Experiences may be completed by a student. Prerequisites: None, Professional Skills Credits: 2

**LAW 5220 Professional Skills – Clinical Experience II (2 credits)**

Clinical Experience II is the follow-on to Clinical Experience I (which is a prerequisite.) It, too, focuses on live client counseling and advising, under the close supervision of a licensed attorney. Depending on the placement, students may advance their knowledge and skills in areas such the procedures and skills for case intake, client interviewing, negotiating retainer agreements, oral and written client communication, discharging the duties of confidentiality and loyalty, and terminating the attorney/client relationship. Up to two (2) Clinical Experiences may be completed by a student. Prerequisites: LAW5210, Professional Skills. Credits: 2

## Electives

### **LAW 6010 Employment Law (4 Credits)**

This course surveys employment law, including consideration of discrimination claims under Title VII, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, employees versus independent contractors, employment at will, wrongful discharge, employee privacy, the Fair Labor Standards Act, including the regulation of wages, child labor and overtime, and the Family and Medical Leave Act. Prerequisites: None

### **LAW 6020 Bankruptcy (4 Credits)**

This course focuses on federal bankruptcy law and policy, including issues in consumer bankruptcy (Chapters 7 and 13 of the Bankruptcy Code) and business bankruptcy (Chapters 7 and 11). The course is designed as an introductory survey of bankruptcy law, providing basic instruction for future bankruptcy practitioners, as well as those desiring essential knowledge of bankruptcy and the implications relevant to all areas of practice. Prerequisites: None

### **LAW 6030 Compliance (4 Credits)**

This course surveys the fast-growing area of compliance as a practice area, including the basics of corporate compliance programs. The course will review enforcement and various stakeholders but will include a substantial focus on practical professional skills arising in the context of corporate compliance. Review of actual codes of conduct, drafting of emails, PowerPoint presentations and policies, as well as a live presentation, will be part of the course. Prerequisites: Recommended LAW3110 & LAW3120, Professional Skills Credits: 1

### **LAW 6040 Federal Income Taxation (4 Credits)**

This course provides an introduction to the fundamentals of federal income taxation to prepare students, as future attorneys, to recognize and appreciate the income tax consequences of transactions and events encountered in the general practice of law. The course covers tax policy, tax structure, gross income and adjustments to income, business expenses and deductions and personal deductions, tax implications of property transactions, tax exclusions, credits, payments and penalties. Prerequisites: None.

### **LAW 6060 Law Practice Management (4 Credits)**

Law Practice Management provides students with the basics of running a small law firm from a business perspective. The goal is to give students confidence in starting their own firm and to review the skills and competencies needed for a lawyer to survive and thrive in today's competitive marketplace. The course will review the formation of the firm, partner and staff issues, client development, financial analysis techniques required to understand profitability and planning for growth, computer and communication technology, timekeeping, billing and money management issues, office process flow systems for case management, marketing and social media, facilities management, docketing, deadlines and appointments, ethical issues and much more. The course capstone is the preparation of a detailed business plan prepared by the firm members. Prerequisites: None

### **LAW 6070 Alternative Dispute Resolution (4 Credits)**

This course surveys a variety of process choices other than court litigation to resolve disputes. Recognizing that litigation may not always be feasible or desirable, alternatives such as negotiation, mediation and arbitration, among others, are examined and compared. Students engage in practical professional skills through practicing simulated negotiations, mediations, and arbitrations. Prerequisites: None

### **LAW 6080 Children & the Law (4 Credits)**

This course covers the leading Supreme Court cases on parental rights and the legal status of children, the jurisdiction and philosophy of juvenile courts, status offenses and criminal proceedings involving children with special attention to culpability and the punishment of juvenile offenders. The role of counsel for children, foster care and adoption, child abuse and neglect, the termination of parental rights and adoption are also covered. Prerequisites: None  
Professional Skills Credits: 0.5

### **LAW 6310 Intellectual Property I (4 Credits)**

The course surveys the law of intellectual property with a focus on copyright law and trademark law, including legal rights available under copyright and trademark law, infringement and remedies. The course will focus on the substantive law as well as practical professional skills arising in the context of trademark and copyright law, including trademark and copyright applications. Prerequisites: None, Professional Skills Credits: 1.5

**LAW 6320 Intellectual Property II (4 Credits)**

The course surveys the law of intellectual property, with a focus on builds upon the prior course and covers the substantive areas of patent law and IP infringement, including applicable defenses. The course then explores industries and case studies in which copyright and patent rules intersect. It concludes by examining substantive rules pertaining to trademark law. Prerequisites: LAW6310, Professional Skills Credits: 1.5

**LAW 6410 Civil Trial Advocacy (4 Credits)**

In this course, students complete a series of exercises, simulations and critiques centering on (1) the role of jury selection, (2) opening statements, (3) direct and cross-examination, (4) the use of experts and (5) closing arguments. Students draft direct and cross-examination questions and make use of predicate questions when examining expert witnesses. Students participate in oral advocacy including opening statement and closing argument. Prerequisites: LAW3210, LAW3220, LAW2110, & LAW2120, Professional Skills Credits: 4

**LAW 6420 Criminal Trial Advocacy (4 Credits)**

In this course, students complete a series of exercises, simulations and critiques centering on (1) the role of jury selection, (2) opening statements, (3) direct and cross-examination, (4) the use of experts and (5) closing arguments. Students draft direct and cross-examination questions and make use of predicate questions when examining expert witnesses. Students participate in oral advocacy including opening statement and closing argument. Prerequisites: LAW3210, LAW3220 & LAW3010, Professional Skills Credits: 4

**LAW 6510 Independent Study (4 Credits)**

This course is open to fourth year students, and third year students upon approval by the Dean, in good academic standing. Enrollment is conditioned upon approval by the Dean. The course requires the design and execution of a research or practical project that generally will result in a paper of at least 10 pages for each unit of credit. Students must submit an Application for Independent Study Approval to dean@stfrancislaw.com to seek approval. The course may be taken on a Credit/No Credit basis. Prerequisites: None, Professional Skills Credits: 4

**LAW 6520 Legal Externship (4 Credits)**

This course is open to fourth year students, and third year students upon approval by the Dean, in good academic standing. Students participating in Legal Externship gain professional development and practical lawyering skills as well as valuable insights regarding the legal system. The Legal Externship provides students exposure through both field placement and class discussion to a wide range of practice areas while working on substantive law projects. The externship seminar discussions provide opportunities for student engagement in critical reflection about the legal practice, ethical issues, and future career options. The course may be taken on a Credit/No Credit basis. Prerequisites: LAW3210, LAW3220, LAW2110, LAW2120, & LAW3010, Professional Skills Credits: 4

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