

Policy on the Total Number of Allowable Credit Hours for Law Graduation

A student shall successfully complete a total of 90 credit hours to graduate from the Law School. These credit hours shall be completed in no less than 24 months and no more than 84 months after the student commences his or her legal education at this law school or at another law school from which the student has transferred.

A student, who has successfully completed 100 credit hours, shall not be allowed to enroll in any additional credit hours unless the Law Faculty, by majority vote, authorizes the taking of additional credit hours because of exceptional circumstances, which shall include, but not be limited to, such disabilities as the student, despite due diligence, has not been able to successfully complete a required course or has not been able to successfully complete a certificate program or other law program that the Law School has added to its curriculum after the student commenced his or her legal education at this law school.

In deciding whether the student could have successfully completed a required course, a certificate program or other law program, the Law Faculty shall consider all relevant factors, including, but not limited to, the courses that the student has taken and his or her prior opportunities to enroll in and successfully complete a required course, a certificate program or other program at the Law School.

Both the student and the Law Faculty should understand that, with a 90 credit-hour graduation requirement, a student cannot reasonably expect to take every law course he or she might want to take while in law school; and therefore, a student must wisely choose the courses he or she will take at this law school.

This policy is not meant to prevent a student, at the beginning of his or her last semester in law school, from enrolling in a number of courses that would exceed a total of 90 credit hours at the end of that semester, provided that the student has not completed 90 credit hours at the beginning of the last semester.

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