

Chapter 3: Pre-Registration Spring 2022

1L students are given a first opportunity to choose courses with Legal Methods II and 1L Electives. In order to provide students with a fair opportunity to enroll in Law classes, registration will be determined by a course lottery. Class assignments are made on the basis of student preferences submitted through Pre-Registration.

This chapter provides step-by-step guidance to the Pre-Registration process using [LawNet](#) to submit your preferences.

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1. Registration Holds

Before Pre-Registration begins ensure that you do not have any holds on your student account as these can prevent you from participating in Pre-Registration.

Check your hold status via [Student Services Online \(SSOL\)](#), where you will find guidance on the three types of holds that will prevent Pre-Registration:

The University reserves the right to withhold the privilege of registration for the following reasons:	Name of Hold	Only the office that placed the hold may remove it.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unpaid debt to the University 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Hold 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Financial Services Phone: 212-854-4400
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An academic issue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dean's Hold 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLS Registration Services Email: registrar@law.columbia.edu
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immunization Non-Compliance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immunization Hold 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Services Phone: 212-854-7210

2. Choosing Courses

The first step in Pre-Registration is to identify the courses you might want to take.

NOTE: *Only the courses listed below are available for 1L students*

Legal Methods II	1L Elective
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Financial Methods for Lawyers ▪ Methods of Statutory Drafting and Interpretation ▪ Legal Theory ▪ Methods of Persuasion ▪ Problem Solving for Lawyers ▪ International Problem Solving ▪ Contemporary Issues in Constitutional Law ▪ Impeachment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Legislation and Regulation, sec. 1 ▪ Legislation and Regulation, sec.2 ▪ Critical Legal Thought ▪ Law and Contemporary Society ▪ United States and the International Legal System ▪ Corporations, sec. 1 ▪ Employment Law ▪ Federal Income Tax ▪ Ideas of the First Amendment ▪ International Law ▪ Law & Development ▪ Law & Legal Institutions in China ▪ Law of the Political Process ▪ Transnational Litigation ▪ Antitrust and Trade Regulation

There are two tools that you can utilize to identify courses of interest to you:

- *Curriculum Guide*
- *Course Evaluations*

➤ *Curriculum Guide*

Up-to-date course information can be found in the Law School's online [Curriculum Guide](#). To find courses, you can search using a range of criteria:

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| ○ Course level | ○ Instructor |
| ○ Course type | ○ Day and time |
| ○ Method of Evaluation | ○ Writing Credit |
| ○ Area of Study | ○ New course |

NOTE: To conduct a course search, you must select *at least* one criterion in addition to Semester.

To learn more about a course, click on the hyper-linked title.

Search Result Criteria

- Academic Year: 2019-20
- Levels: All
- Term: Spring
- Additional Search Criteria: 1L- Elective

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We found 11 courses

L6410 -001 Lecture Term Spring 2020	Constitution and Foreign Affairs		
	<i>Instructor(s)</i> Lori Damrosch	<i>Location</i> T.B.A.	<i>Schedule</i> TR 1:20 PM - 2:40 PM
			<i>Points</i> 3.0
L6231 -001 Lecture Term Spring 2020	Corporations		
	<i>Instructor(s)</i> John Coffee, Jr.	<i>Location</i> T.B.A.	<i>Schedule</i> MTW 1:20 PM - 2:40 PM
			<i>Points</i> 4.0
L6172 -001 Lecture Term Spring 2020	Empirical Analysis of Law		
	<i>Instructor(s)</i> Jeffrey Fagan	<i>Location</i> T.B.A.	<i>Schedule</i> MW 1:20 PM - 2:50 PM
			<i>Points</i> 3.0
L6256 -001 Lecture Term Spring 2020	Federal Income Taxation		
	<i>Instructor(s)</i> Alex Raskolnikov	<i>Location</i> T.B.A.	<i>Schedule</i> MTW 1:20 PM - 2:40 PM
			<i>Points</i> 4.0

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L6410 Constitution and Foreign Affairs

Section 001, Spring 2020

Instructor

[Lori Fiser Damrosch](#)

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Section Information

Section Description Provided by Instructor

In this course we address the division of executive and legislative powers in foreign affairs, the different checks and balances applicable, and the relevance of federalism. We cover both the particular applications in foreign affairs of general issues (such as executive privilege) and special foreign affairs issues, including: the scope of the treaty power and the role of the Senate; the power of the President to make executive agreements on his own authority and their status as law in the United States; the authority of the President to deploy the armed forces of the United States and Congressional efforts to control such Presidential deployment. We also consider the special role of the courts, as reflected in applying international law and in the development of doctrines like "Act-of-State" and the political question doctrine. Issues of individual rights in foreign affairs include the application of the Bill of Rights when the national security is implicated, applicability of the Constitution abroad, and the rights of aliens.

Take-home examination, or, upon consultation with the instructor, a research paper in lieu of an examination.

<i>Semester</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Schedule</i>	<i>Location</i>
Spring 2020	001	TR 1:20-2:40 pm	T.B.A.
<i>Points</i>	<i>Method of Evaluation</i>	<i>J.D. Writing Credit</i>	
3.0	Exam	Minor (upon consultation),	

➤ **Course Evaluations**

Reviewing student evaluations of the courses taught in previous semesters can help you identify courses of interest to you. Course Evaluations can be found under “*Course Evaluation Reports*” under the Student Services menu in [LawNet](#).

Course Evaluation Reports

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The form below allows you to browse through past course evaluations. You can select a particular term for which you wish to generate evaluation reports or provide a query for all terms.

Note that you do not have to complete all fields. In the “Course Number” field, you can search by a course number such as “L6108” The results will yield all sections. If you have selected a “School Year/Term” typing in a few letters of a course name will present a list of course name containing those letters.

Find Evaluation Reports

School Year/Term: Fall Spring January Summer
 Course Number:
 Course Name:
 Instructor:

Search Reports

Once you search for courses of interest, you will see a list of all courses that meet the search criteria you set:

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Section	Term	Location/Day-Time	Instructor(s)	View Report
Section 1	18F	GRHL 102a, T : 4:20 PM - 6:10 PM	[REDACTED]	View Report
Section 1	18F	GRHL 105, TR : 9:10 AM - 10:30 AM	[REDACTED]	View Report

[2 records found, displaying all records.](#)

When you click on “View Record”, you will be able to choose the evaluation statistics and/or student comments:

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Section	Term	Location/Day-Time	Instructor(s)	View Report
Section 1	18F	GRHL 102a, T : 4:20 PM - 6:10 PM		View Report

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Section 1	18F	GRHL 105, TR : 9:10 AM - 10:30 AM		View Report
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3. How to Pre-Register

Pre-Registration is NOT *time sensitive*. You can change your selections at any time during the Pre-Registration period: **Friday, November 5 at noon – Thursday, November 11 at noon.**

1L students must pre-register for *both* Legal Methods II and a 1L Elective.

- Legal Methods II

Login to LawNet and select “Legal Methods II Electives” under the Registration Services menu.



You will see this screen, which requires you to rank all the available courses according to your preference

Your selection for January 2020:

1. Drag and drop all the available courses from the offered list, into this box
2. Rank your choices in order of preference, with number 1 being your most preferred course, and so on
3. Save your selections

Courses Offered in the January 2020 for Legal Methods II Electives Preregistration:

1.	Legal Methods II: Empirical Methods	L6130 -3	Points: 1.0	Holden, Richard	  
2.	Legal Methods II: Financial Methods for Lawyers	L6130 -4	Points: 1.0	Talley, Eric	  
3.	Legal Methods II: Methods of Persuasion	L6130 -1	Points: 1.0	Genty, Philip M.	  
4.	Legal Methods II: Methods of Statutory Drafting and Interpretation	L6130 -2	Points: 1.0	Ginsburg, Jane C.; Louk, David S	  
5.	Legal Methods II: Problem Solving for Lawyers	L6130 -7	Points: 1.0	Katz, Avery W.	  
6.	Legal Methods II: Social Justice Advocacy	L6130 -6	Points: 1.0	Franke, Katherine M.	  
7.	Legal Methods II: Transnational Law and Legal Process	L6130 -5	Points: 1.0	Cleveland, Sarah	  

You will need to rank ALL of the courses in order to get the option to save your choices.

You need to select all offered Legal Methods II Electives and position them in your order of preference.

Your selection for January 2020:

1. Legal Methods II: Empirical Methods

L6130 -3 Points: 1.0

Holden, Richard



Courses Offered in the January 2020 for Legal Methods II Electives Preregistration:

1. Legal Methods II: Financial Methods for Lawyers

L6130 -4 Points: 1.0

Talley, Eric



2. Legal Methods II: Methods of Persuasion

L6130 -1 Points: 1.0

Genty, Philip M.



3. Legal Methods II: Methods of Statutory Drafting and Interpretation

L6130 -2 Points: 1.0

Ginsburg, Jane C.; Louk, David S



4. Legal Methods II: Problem Solving for Lawyers

L6130 -7 Points: 1.0

Katz, Avery W.



5. Legal Methods II: Social Justice Advocacy

L6130 -6 Points: 1.0

Franke, Katherine M.



6. Legal Methods II: Transnational Law and Legal Process

L6130 -5 Points: 1.0



















Cleveland, Sarah



Once you have ranked all the choices, a "Save Changes" button will appear at the bottom of the screen.

Please click on "Save Changes" button to save changes you made.

Your selection for January 2020:

1.	Legal Methods II: Empirical Methods L6130 -3 Points: 1.0	Holden, Richard	  
2.	Legal Methods II: Social Justice Advocacy L6130 -6 Points: 1.0	Franke, Katherine M.	  
3.	Legal Methods II: Methods of Statutory Drafting and Interpretation L6130 -2 Points: 1.0	Ginsburg, Jane C.; Louk, David S	  
4.	Legal Methods II: Transnational Law and Legal Process L6130 -5 Points: 1.0	Cleveland, Sarah	  
5.	Legal Methods II: Methods of Persuasion L6130 -1 Points: 1.0	Genty, Philip M.	  
6.	Legal Methods II: Problem Solving for Lawyers L6130 -7 Points: 1.0	Katz, Avery W.	  
7.	Legal Methods II: Financial Methods for Lawyers L6130 -4 Points: 1.0	Talley, Eric	  

You must press "Save Changes" for your choices to be recorded.

After you have saved your changes,
your finalized selections should appear like this:



Courses you are currently preregistered for January 2020:

You can change the order of your selection by clicking the course and dragging it up or down.

1.	Legal Methods II: Empirical Methods L6130 -3 Points: 1.0	Holden, Richard	  
2.	Legal Methods II: Social Justice Advocacy L6130 -6 Points: 1.0	Franke, Katherine M.	  
3.	Legal Methods II: Methods of Statutory Drafting and Interpretation L6130 -2 Points: 1.0	Ginsburg, Jane C.; Louk, David S	  
4.	Legal Methods II: Transnational Law and Legal Process L6130 -5 Points: 1.0	Cleveland, Sarah	  
5.	Legal Methods II: Methods of Persuasion L6130 -1 Points: 1.0	Genty, Philip M.	  
6.	Legal Methods II: Problem Solving for Lawyers L6130 -7 Points: 1.0	Katz, Avery W.	  
7.	Legal Methods II: Financial Methods for Lawyers L6130 -4 Points: 1.0	Talley, Eric	  

If you wish to make any changes during the Pre-Registration period, you can re-order the rankings by dragging them.

The "Save Changes " button will appear again and you will need to click on it to update your rankings.

- 1L Elective

Select "1L Elective" under the Registration Services menu.



This process mirrors the Legal Methods II Elective ranking procedure.

Drag and drop the courses to sort them in order of preference

Rank ALL the choices

Click on "Save Changes" to record your choices

4. Requesting Changes to Electives

Student schedules will be posted to LawNet on Monday, November 22.

Most students will be assigned their first or second choice.

There may be opportunities to switch classes, depending on seat availability.

Below you can find the relevant Google Form links and dates.

No change is guaranteed but **all changes, if made, are final**

Although there is no formal provision (such as Add/Drop) to change your Legal Methods II and 1L Electives classes, there may be opportunities to switch, depending on seat availability. Please note that no changes can be made to your pre-assigned cohort classes.

- If you wish to request a change to your Legal Methods II registration, please complete and submit the [Legal Methods II Switch Request form](#). Requests must be submitted no later than **3:00 p.m. EST on Tuesday, November 30**.
- You will be notified of our ability to grant your request to switch your Legal Methods II registration on or before December 8.
- If you wish to request a change to your 1L Elective registration, please complete and submit the [1L Elective Switch Request form](#). Requests must be submitted no later than **3:00 p.m. EST on Tuesday, November 30**.

No change is guaranteed but all changes, if made, are final.

5. Pre-Registration Timeline

