

## Summary of the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law 3L Bar Program

The following requirements apply to the 3L Bar program:

- 1) by August 31 of their third year, interested students must apply to participate in the 3L Bar Program in order to be certified to take the early bar examination;
- 2) by August 31 of their third year, participating students must successfully complete all graduation requirements as stated in Section II(A) (for classes entering Fall 2020 or after) or Section II(B) (for classes entering Fall 2017 through Spring 2019) of the Statement of Student Policies, with the following modification:
  - students must have successfully completed and be enrolled in academic credits which, by the end of the fall 3L semester, will result in a minimum of 82 hours of academic credit, of which at least 67<sup>1</sup> must be graded with a cumulative weighted average of 2.0 or higher (for classes entering Fall 2017 through Spring 2019) or 2.33 or higher (for classes entering Fall 2020 and after) and of which at least 62<sup>2</sup> must be obtained from courses that involve attendance at regularly scheduled class sessions;
- 3) participating students may only serve as editors of the *Arizona State Law Journal*, *Corporate and Business Law Journal*, *Law Journal for Social Justice*, *Arizona State Sports and Entertainment Law Journal* or *Jurimetrics* with express permission from their journal and academic advisor. In addition, students may not perform any journal related work from the end of 3L fall semester through completion of the February bar exam;
- 4) students who participate in the D.C. or L.A. programs must meet with Academic Services to plan accordingly to ensure students are not participating in either program during their 3L spring semester and to ensure they do not exceed their externship credit limit;
- 5) because the purpose of taking the 3L Bar is to allow students to be licensed earlier than they would if they took the bar post-graduation, it is vitally important that students complete the bar's character and fitness application in a timely manner; the College of Law therefore strongly encourages students to submit their completed character and fitness application by January 31 prior to the February exam;
- 6) the College of Law recommends that participating students take the MPRE prior to the February bar exam;

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<sup>1</sup> Students must, by the time they graduate, complete a total of 88 hours of academic credit, of which 69 must be graded with a cumulative weighted average of 2.0 or higher (for classes entering Fall 2017 through Spring 2019) or 2.33 or higher (for classes entering Fall 2020 and after).

<sup>2</sup> Students must, by the time they graduate, earn a minimum of 64 hours of academic credit in courses that involve attendance at regularly scheduled class sessions.

- 7) Prior to receiving official approval, students will be required to discuss their plans with someone in Career Services;
- 8) Students will be expected to purchase a commercial bar program to prepare for the February bar exam;
- 9) This program is only for students planning to sit for the Arizona bar exam in February.
- 10) the curriculum in the 3L Bar Program consists of the following:
  - a) in January and February, students may not enroll in or complete any academic credits; and
  - b) in March and April, up to six academic credits can be earned as follows:
    - i) one two-credit, graded course entitled "Transition to Law Practice"; and
    - ii) one pass/fail experiential placement for up to four credits (at the discretion of the placement), through either a continuation of a law school clinic (as a veteran) or an externship; and
- 11) the College of Law retains full discretion regarding admission into the 3L Bar Program in order to be able to certify that each student participating is "academically prepared for early testing."