

NIU LAW SUMMER SCHOOL SCHEDULE Summer 2024

The College of Law will hold all courses online, via Blackboard Collaborate, Zoom, or a similar platform, except for the Agen Summer Program and NIU Law clinics, which will held in-person only.

Information regarding tuition for the summer session may be obtained from the [Bursar's Office](#). By University rule, tuition waivers (including those held by Research Assistants) may not be used for summer courses, *except* for tuition waivers held by Graduate Assistants.

As in recent years, there will be two, non-overlapping summer sessions. The first session will begin on **Monday, May 13 and end on Wednesday, July 3**, but please consult the course descriptions below to ascertain the actual first and last days of class for each course, which will likely be different. The second session will begin on **Friday, July 5 and end on Friday, August 9**, though again, consult the course descriptions for the actual first and last days of class.

The date and time of a course's final exam is listed below the first and last days of class for each course. All changes to exam dates and times must be approved by an Associate Dean, even if a request is made to a faculty member. Faculty cannot make exceptions to this rule.

Students may not be enrolled for more than 7 credit hours in a summer session, and students may receive no more than 10 credits total for summer courses.

Shopping carts should be available sometime during the day on **Monday, March 18th**. Registration will be open for students beginning at **7:00 a.m. on Friday, March 22nd**. Although the College of Law anticipates holding all classes listed below, courses are subject to cancellation for low enrollment.

First Summer Session

Advanced Legal Research: Illinois (LAW 732) (2 credits), Prof. Therese Clarke Arado (asynchronous online)

Advanced Legal Research: Illinois will be offered as an asynchronous course with no set meeting time. Assignments and due dates will be arranged with Professor Arado. The course runs for just over seven weeks, from May 13 to June 28. Final quiz only.

Exam: None

Law and Technology (LAW 609) (3 credits), Prof. Heidi Frostestad (asynchronous online)

Law and Technology will be offered as an asynchronous course with no set meeting time. Assignments and due dates will be arranged with Professor Frostestad. The course runs for just over seven weeks, from May 13 to June 28. Final quiz to recap course on 6/28.

Exam: None

Family Law (LAW 610) (3 credits), Prof. Wendy Vaughn (synchronous online)

Family Law will meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., for six weeks, from May 13 to June 28. Classes will not meet during the week of June 12. In addition, there will be no classes on Memorial Day, May 27 and Juneteenth, June 19.

Exam: Monday, July 1 at 9:30 a.m. (online)

Professional Responsibility (LAW 643) (3 credits), Prof. Michael Burns (synchronous online)

Professional Responsibility will meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:25 a.m., for seven weeks, from May 13 to June 28. There will be no classes on Memorial Day, May 27 and Juneteenth, June 19.

Exam: Wednesday, July 3 at 9:30 a.m. (online)

Civil Law and Civil Lawyers: The French Example (LAW 699A) (3 credits), Prof. David Taylor

The Agen Study Abroad Program runs from May 26 to July 5. Participation in the course is limited to students who have previously applied and been accepted through the NIU Study Abroad Office. Those students will be registered. Classes are scheduled 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Exam: Monday, July 1 at 10:00 a.m.

The Legal System of the European Union (LAW 699B) (3 credits), Prof. David Taylor

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Exam: Tuesday, July 2 at 10:00 a.m.

Legal Writing and Advocacy II (LAW 701 – Section 1) (2 credits), Prof. Jay Streit
(synchronous online)

Legal Writing and Advocacy II is normally required of all rising 2L students in the fall of their second year of law school. Students may complete this requirement early by taking the summer session of the course. It will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., for seven weeks, from May 13 to June 28. There will be no classes on Memorial Day, May 27 and Juneteenth, June 19.

Exam: There is no final examination for this course, but a final “argument” will be scheduled with Professor Streitz for the week of July 1.

Second Summer Session

Sports Law (LAW 637) (3 credits), Prof. Shannon Holmes (synchronous online)

Sports Law will meet on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., for just over four weeks, from July 5 to August 9.

Exam: Tuesday, August 13 (online)

Civil Rights (LAW 675) (3 credits), Prof. Marc Falkoff (asynchronous online)

Civil Rights will be offered as an asynchronous course with no set meeting time. Assignments and due dates will be arranged with Professor Falkoff. The course runs for just over four weeks, from July 5 to August 9.

Exam: Monday, August 12 (online)

Intellectual Property Law (LAW 687) (3 credits), Prof. Yolanda King (asynchronous online)

Intellectual Property will be offered as an asynchronous course with no set meeting time. Assignments and due dates will be arranged with Professor King. The course runs for just over four weeks, from July 5 to August 9.

Exam: Wednesday, August 14th (online)

International Human Rights (3 credits), Associate Dean Frostestad (asynchronous online)

International Human Rights will be offered as an asynchronous course with no set meeting time. Assignments and due dates will be arranged with Associate Dean Frostestad. The course runs for just over four weeks, from July 5 to August 9.

Exam: No Exam

Legal Writing and Advocacy II (LAW 701 – Section 1) (2 credits), Prof. Jessica Harrell (synchronous online)

Legal Writing and Advocacy II is normally required of all rising 2L students in the fall of their second year of law school. Students may complete this requirement early by taking the summer session of the course. It will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., for five weeks. There is no final examination for this course, but a final “argument” will be scheduled with Professor Harrell.

Summer Experiential Courses

Clinic Courses

College of Law summer clinic courses are available only to rising 3Ls. Students cannot enroll in more than one clinic course. There will be no seminar meetings on Memorial Day, May 27 and Juneteenth, June 19 for any of the clinic courses. Successful completion of a clinic will satisfy the College of Law's experiential learning graduation requirement.

Civil Justice Clinic (LAW 805) (4 credits), Prof. Wendy Vaughn (Zeke Giorgi Legal Clinic)

The Civil Justice Clinic will be in operation during the first summer session for six weeks, from May 13 to June 28. The in-person seminar meetings for the Civil Justice Clinic will occur on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:00 to 4:15 p.m.

Pre- or Co-requisites: (1) 711 License (requires completion of 45 credit hours and submission of a [711 application form](#)); (2) Lawyering Skills; and (3) Professional Responsibility.

Students should plan to work on clinic cases the equivalent of three (3) days per week.

- At least two (2) days or sixteen (16) hours must be spent in Rockford at the Zeke Giorgi Legal Clinic for students to conduct intakes, to participate in court hearings, and to meet with clients, witnesses, and Professor Vaughn.
 - Given the court's scheduling of hearings, students should plan to spend one (1) full day every Friday in Rockford at the Zeke Giorgi Legal Clinic.
 - The additional clinic time may be another full day or two half days in Rockford at the Zeke Giorgi Legal Clinic.
- The third day or remaining eight (8) hours may be completed from campus or elsewhere and do not necessarily need to be at the clinic location in Rockford.

Students' schedules will be arranged in consultation with Professor Vaughn.

Criminal Defense Clinic (LAW 810) (4 credits), Prof. Paul Cain (Zeke Giorgi Legal Clinic)

The Criminal Defense Clinic will be in operation during the first summer session for seven weeks from May 20 to July 3. The in-person seminar meetings for the Criminal Defense Clinic will occur on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:00 to 4:15 p.m.

Pre- or Co-requisites: (1) 711 License (requires completion of 45 credit hours and submission of a [711 application form](#)); (2) Lawyering Skills; and (3) Professional Responsibility.

Students should plan to work on clinic cases the equivalent of three (3) days per week.

- At least two (2) days or sixteen (16) hours must be spent in Rockford at the Zeke Giorgi Legal Clinic for students to attend court, and to meet with clients, witnesses, and Professor Cain.
 - Students should schedule one full day in Rockford.
 - The other day may be either a full day or two half-days.
- The third day or remaining eight (8) hours may be completed from campus or elsewhere and do not necessarily need to be at the clinic location in Rockford.

Students' schedules will be arranged in consultation with Professor Cain.

Health Advocacy Clinic (LAW 815) (4 credits), Prof. Colleen Boraca (Hesed House)

The Health Advocacy Clinic will be in operation during the first summer session for seven weeks, from May 13 to June 28. The in-person seminar meetings for the Health Advocacy Clinic are to be determined. The seminar class for the Health Advocacy Clinic (HAC) will meet at Hesed House in Aurora, where the HAC is located.

Pre- or Co-requisites: (1) 711 License (requires completion of 45 credit hours and submission of a [711 application form](#)) is preferred but not required; (2) Professional Responsibility.

Students should plan to work on clinic cases the equivalent of three (3) days per week.

- At least two (2) days or sixteen (16) hours must be spent in Aurora at the Health Advocacy Clinic for students to conduct intakes, and to meet with clients, witnesses, and Professor Boraca.
- The third day or remaining eight (8) hours may be completed from campus or elsewhere and do not necessarily need to be at the clinic location in Aurora.

Students' schedules will be arranged in consultation with Professor Boraca.

Prisoners' Rights Project (LAW 880) (4 credits), Prof. Marc Falkoff (Swen Parson)

The Prisoners' Rights Project will be in operation during the first summer session for seven weeks, from May 13 to June 28. Students will participate in two in-person seminar meetings per week, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 to 11:50 a.m. for the Prisoners' Rights Project. The seminar class for the Prisoners' Rights Project will meet in Swen Parson.

Prerequisites: (1) 711 License (requires completion of 45 credit hours and submission of a [711 application form](#)); (2) Lawyering Skills; and (3) Professional Responsibility.

Students should plan to work on clinic cases the equivalent of three (3) days per week.

- At least two (2) days or sixteen (16) hours must be spent in Swen Parson Hall to meet with clients, witnesses, and Professor Falkoff.

- The third day or remaining eight (8) hours may be completed from campus or elsewhere and do not necessarily need to be at Swen Parson Hall.

Students' schedules will be arranged in consultation with Professor Falkoff.

Externships (4 credits), Asst. Dean Greg Anderson (synchronous online)

Criminal Law Externship (LAW 850)	Athletic Law Externship (LAW 853)
Judicial Externship (LAW 851)	Business Law Externship (LAW 855)
Civil Law Externship (LAW 852)	

Summer externships for academic credit are available only to rising 3L students. Students must enroll in an externship on or before the first week of classes in May. Successful completion of an externship will satisfy the College of Law's experiential learning graduation requirement.

All externships will have a weekly course component that will start on May 21 and end on August 6. The one-hour classroom component for summer externships will meet online (Zoom) on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. Your externship does not have to start the same week as the course. Given the need to coordinate with the employers' schedules, you will have to discuss your start and end dates with Assistant Dean Anderson. Assistant Dean Anderson has sole discretion to determine the feasibility of any proposed placement, urges students to be creative, and is available for help. Please contact Assistant Dean Anderson for more information.

Externship placements require 168 hours of "fieldwork." Student externs must work 24 hours per week for seven weeks. Many students work more than the minimum. Work schedules will be determined by agreement between the student and the employer, subject to approval by Assistant Dean Anderson. Students cannot begin earning credit for work at a placement until May 13 and must conclude by August 9.

Students may not register themselves for an externship. To register for an externship, students must contact Assistant Dean Anderson, complete an [externship application form](#), and confirm that they have completed the required courses, Introduction to Lawyering Skills and Professional Responsibility, prior to enrollment in an externship.