

# 1L Pre-Registration Spring 2025

1L students may pre-register for **Legal Methods II** and **1L Electives** for the spring term. After selecting course preferences during the Pre-Registration period, per the Law School Rules, registration will be determined by a course lottery.

This handbook provides guidance on the Pre-Registration process.

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## 1. Pre-Registration Timeline

Dates	Description
<b>Thursday, October 31 at 12:00 p.m. EDT - Monday, November 11 at 12:00 p.m. EST</b>	1L Pre-Registration Period for January 2025 and Spring 2025
<b>Tuesday, November 19</b>	Pre-Registration results and schedules available in LawNet
<b>Tuesday, Nov 19 at 12:00 p.m. EST- Tuesday, November 26 at 12:00 p.m.</b>	Legal Methods II Switch Request Period in LawNet
<b>Monday, January 13 - Friday, January 17</b>	Legal Methods II (J-Term)
<b>Tuesday, January 14 at 12:00 p.m. EST - Wednesday, January 22 at 5:00 p.m. EST</b>	1L Elective Switch Request Period in LawNet
<b>Tuesday, January 21</b>	First Day of Spring 2025 classes in term-long Law School courses

## 2. 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 four types of holds that will prevent Pre-Registration when placed on a student's record:

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.
Unpaid debt to the University	Financial Hold	Student Financial Services Phone: 212-854-4400
An academic issue	Dean's Hold	CLS Registration Services Email: registrar@law.columbia.edu
Immunization Non-Compliance	Immunization Hold	Health Services Phone: 212-854-7210
Compliance Hold	Sexual Respect	communitycitizenship@columbia.edu

**After contacting the office responsible for managing the hold, please allow 24 hours for the hold to clear on SSOL. Once the hold has been removed please email registrar@law.columbia.edu.**

**Registration Services and Student Services cannot remove Financial or Immunization holds.**

### 3. 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"> <li>▪ Economic Justice, Consumer Debt, and Public Interest Lawyering</li> <li>▪ Impeachment</li> <li>▪ Methods of Statutory Drafting and Interpretation</li> <li>▪ Social Justice Advocacy</li> <li>▪ Foundations of the Regulatory State: An Introduction</li> <li>▪ International Problem Solving</li> <li>▪ Contemporary Issues in Constitutional Law</li> <li>▪ Critical Race Methods: Practices, Prisms, and Problems</li> <li>▪ Methods of Persuasion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Comparative Constitutional Law</li> <li>▪ Constitution and Foreign Affairs</li> <li>▪ Corporations</li> <li>▪ Federal Income Taxation (1Ls Only)</li> <li>▪ Human Rights</li> <li>▪ Labor Law</li> <li>▪ Law and Contemporary Society (1Ls Only)</li> <li>▪ Law and Development</li> <li>▪ Law and Legal Institutions in China</li> <li>▪ Legislation and Regulation (Sec 2)</li> <li>▪ Nonprofit Law, Taxation, and Management</li> <li>▪ The United States and the International Legal System (1Ls Only)</li> <li>▪ Transnational Litigation</li> </ul>

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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| <input type="radio"/> Course level         | <input type="radio"/> Instructor     |
| <input type="radio"/> Course type          | <input type="radio"/> Day and time   |
| <input type="radio"/> Method of Evaluation | <input type="radio"/> Writing Credit |
| <input type="radio"/> Area of Study        | <input type="radio"/> 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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Course ID	Course Title	Instructor(s)	Location	Schedule	Points
L6410 -001	<a href="#">Constitution and Foreign Affairs</a>	Lori Damrosch	T.B.A.	TR 1:20 PM - 2:40 PM	3.0
L6231 -001	<a href="#">Corporations</a>	John Coffee, Jr.	T.B.A.	MTW 1:20 PM - 2:40 PM	4.0
L6172 -001	<a href="#">Empirical Analysis of Law</a>	Jeffrey Fagan	T.B.A.	MW 1:20 PM - 2:50 PM	3.0
L6256 -001	<a href="#">Federal Income Taxation</a>	Alex Raskolnikov	T.B.A.	MTW 1:20 PM - 2:40 PM	4.0

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L6410 Constitution and Foreign Affairs

Section 001, Spring 2020

Instructor



Lori Fister 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.

Semester	Section	Schedule	Location
Spring 2020	001	TR 1:20-2:40 pm	T.B.A.
Points	Method of Evaluation	J.D. Writing Credit	
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:

**Course Evaluation Reports**

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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]	<a href="#">View Report</a>
Section 1	18F	GRHL 105, TR : 9:10 AM - 10:30 AM	[REDACTED]	<a href="#">View Report</a>

[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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Upper-Year Courses

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 [View Comments](#)

Section 1	18F	GRHL 105, TR : 9:10 AM - 10:30 AM		<a href="#">View Report</a>
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Upper-Year Courses

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## 4. How to Pre-Register

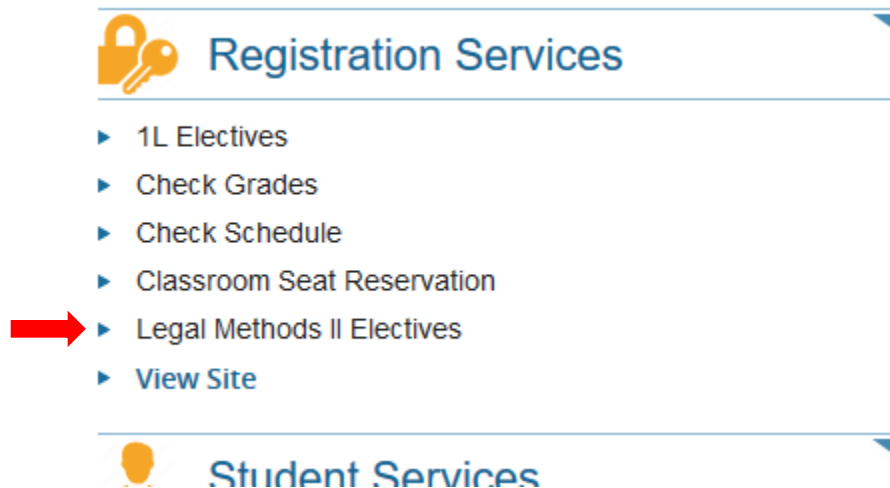
Pre-Registration is NOT *time sensitive/first-come, first served, but must be completed by the deadline – November 11 at 12:00 p.m. EST*. You can change your selections at any time during the Pre-Registration period:

**Thursday, October 31 at 12:00 p.m. EDT – Monday, November 11 at 12:00 p.m. EST.**

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

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

*You must 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.

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You must press "Save Changes" for your choices to be recorded. If you do not Save Changes before pre-registration concludes, you will be assigned a section with open seats.

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



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

1.	<b>Legal Methods II: Empirical Methods</b> L6130 -3 Points: 1.0	Holden, Richard	  
2.	<b>Legal Methods II: Social Justice Advocacy</b> L6130 -6 Points: 1.0	Franke, Katherine M.	  
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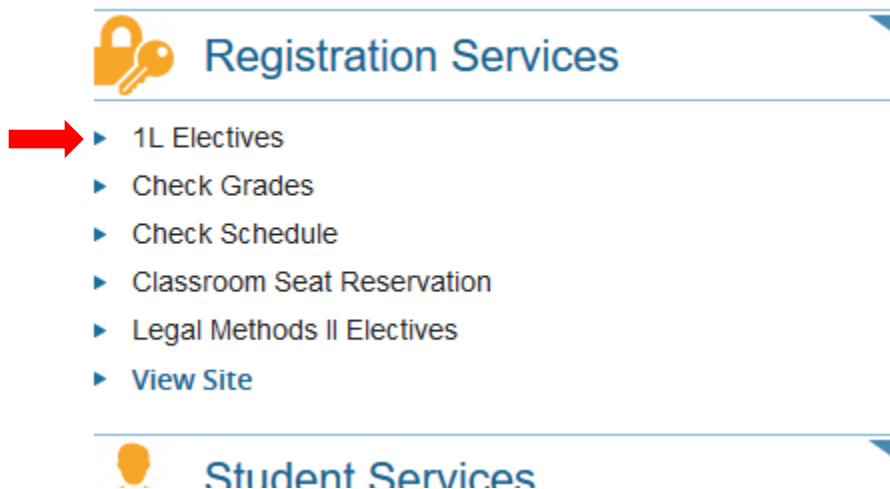
If you wish to make any changes during the Pre-Registration period, you can re-order the rankings by dragging them.

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

If you do not "Save Changes" before Pre-Registration concludes, you will be assigned a section with open seats.

- 1L Elective

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



**Follow the same steps as outlined for the Legal Methods II Elective ranking procedure.**

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

Rank ALL of the choices

Click on "Save Changes" to record your choices

## 5. Legal Methods II and 1L Elective Switches in LawNet

1L Students can directly register for a different Legal Method II or 1L Elective course with open seats in LawNet.

<b>Tuesday, Nov 19 at 12:00 p.m. EST- Tuesday, November 26 at 12:00 p.m.</b>	Legal Methods II Switch Request Period in LawNet
<b>Tuesday, January 14 at 12:00 p.m. EST - Wednesday, January 22 at 5:00 p.m. EST</b>	1L Elective Switch Request Period in LawNet

If you would like to switch into a section with open seats, follow the steps in each guide:

- The **Legal Methods II Switches in LawNet** guide is Coming Soon!
- The [1L Electives Switches in LawNet](#) guide

## 6. Still Have Questions?

- *Registration Services*  
[Email](#), Call: 212-854-2668, or drop by WJW 500
- *Student Services*  
Student Services will hold in-person drop-in advising on **10/31, 11/4, 11/6, 11/7** from **11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor on Big Warren in Student Services.