



Western Sierra Law School
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4 Year Program (Part-time, typically 2 nights/week)

1L Courses	Units
Contracts I & II	8
Legal Analysis I – Contracts (Pass/Fail)	2
Torts I & II	8
Legal Analysis II – Torts (Pass/Fail)	2
Criminal Law I & II	8
Legal Analysis III – Criminal Law (Pass/Fail)	2
Legal Research	3
Total Units for 1L Courses	33

2L & 3L Courses	Units
Civil Procedure I	4
Civil Procedure II	3
Evidence I	4
Evidence II	3
Professional Responsibility	4
Remedies I	4
Remedies II	4
Property I	4
Property II	4
Constitutional Law I	4
Constitutional Law II	4
Corporations I	4
Corporations II	3
Criminal Procedure	4
Elective Units and/or Clinical Education <i>*These units are typically taken throughout years 2L-4L and allow students to focus on areas of interest</i>	10
Total Units for 2L & 3L Courses	63

4L Courses	Units
California Civil Procedure	3
Civil Litigation Skills (Pass/Fail)	3
Criminal Litigation Skills (Pass/Fail)	3
Family Property Law	4
Community Property	4
California Evidence	4
Advanced Legal Problems (Pass/Fail)	3
Total Units for 4L Courses	24



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Class Duration

Students receive **10 weeks** of instruction in a quarter, taking into consideration any holidays or winter break. Our 1L students take **2 weeks of Legal Analysis** during the intersessions as an in depth analysis (including MBE and essay practice) of the previous quarter's class.

Attendance

Regular and punctual attendance is required for **at least 80%** of the regular scheduled courses.

Minimum Requirements for J.D. Degree

Students must complete **120 units** to earn their juris doctor (J.D.) from Western Sierra Law School. The CA State Bar Committee of Bar Examiners requires a minimum of 27 units (270 hours of classroom attendance)/year for 4 years (any consecutive 12 month period) and passage of the First Year Law Students' Examination to receive a J.D. degree.

First Year Law Students' Examination

Students must take the First Year Law Students' Examination upon successful completion of their first year of law study. Students who pass the examination within the first three administrations of the examination after first becoming eligible to take it will receive law study credit up to the time of passage of the examination. Students who pass the examination on an attempt following the third administration of the examination after their first becoming eligible to take it will only receive credit for one year of law study toward qualifying to take the California Bar Examination.