



A Guide to January Pre-session Courses

Learn:

- business basics
- how to take and defend a deposition
- contract drafting
- the power of film to understand legal issues
- software license agreement drafting from a Google attorney
- real estate bankruptcy
- employment relations

all while ...

lightening your course-load for the Spring semester
and paying nothing extra in tuition



MEMO

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TO: ALL 2L, 3L, AND 4L STUDENTS

SUBJECT: JANUARY PRE-SESSION

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Pre-session courses are compressed classes offered in the week or two before a regular semester begins. In January, the Spring semester will begin on January 18, 2022. Pre-session courses will run in the prior one or two weeks.

We encourage you to take advantage of these offerings, most of which offer intensive skills training. The courses can be utilized to take fewer credits in the regular part of the semester. A list of this January's offerings is attached.

Please find below answers to frequently asked questions.

How do I register for pre-session courses?

Except for courses that are by application/permission only, you'll register for January pre-session classes at the same time as other Spring courses. Likewise, registration for May pre-session courses will occur during the Summer registration period. To sign up for August pre-session courses, register during Fall registration.

What is the tuition for pre-session courses?

Pre-session courses are considered part of the semester that follows. January pre-session courses are included in your Spring tuition; August courses are included in Fall tuition — you do not pay any extra in tuition. This also means that they count toward the maximum credits that you can take in a semester (for full-time students, 17 credits in the Fall/Spring and 7 in the Summer; for part-time students, 11 credits in the Fall/Spring and 7 in the Summer).

I'm a full-time student who wishes to take a 2-credit pre-session course in January. How many credits must I take in the regular Spring semester?

Since pre-session courses count towards the minimum/maximum for the term that follows, you must take a minimum of 10 credits (12 minus 2) in the regular part of the term. (The same logic applies to 1- and 3-credit courses.)

I earn credits for service on the executive board of a journal. Do the credits in the pre-session count towards the 12-credit minimum of coursework that I need?

Yes.

How many pre-session courses can I take in a given pre-semester?

One. These classes require intensive study and have the same number of required hours as classes in the regular term. Thus, it is not possible to take more than one at a time.

What is the attendance policy for pre-session courses?

You should not plan on missing any class meetings during the pre-session, since the courses meet in an intensive format. Each professor sets the attendance policy for his or her course.

Can 1Ls take pre-session courses?

All 1Ls will be taking a required skills course in the January pre-session called *Lawyering*.

Are pre-session courses graded? Do they have final exams?

All pre-session courses are graded. Some have final exams that are given during the pre-session period or shortly thereafter. Consult the schedule that is attached.

What is the add/drop policy for pre-session courses?

The last day to add or drop a pre-session course is January 3.



January 2021 Pre-session Courses

Course	Cr.	Professor	CRN	Meeting Dates and Times	Notes
<p>Business Basics Students often come to law school with little training or background in business. This course will introduce students to fundamental accounting, economic, and finance concepts that they need to know in order to advise their clients effectively in a wide variety of practice areas. Topics include: accounting and financial statements; the time value of money; valuation; equity, debt, and other financial instruments; and the capital markets. This course involves basic mathematics, but is specifically designed for students with no background in business, finance, or economics. It is open only to students who have taken no prior courses in accounting or finance, i.e., a single prior undergraduate or post-graduate course in accounting or finance renders a student ineligible. Grades will be based on daily problem sets and a final examination.</p>	1	Pilato	11812	1/5 – 1/6 10:00 – 12:30 1/10 – 1/13 10:00 – 12:30	Cap: 25 students Final Exam: 1/14

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<p>Deposition Practice Depositions are a critical component of pre-trial litigation. Indeed, many cases are lost, won, or settled because of information gleaned at a deposition. Attorneys also often modify trial strategies or pursue settlement because of a witness's performance at a deposition. Because depositions play such an important role in litigation, the majority of junior litigation attorneys can expect to deal with depositions in some manner from the very start of their careers. This experiential, interactive course will introduce students to deposition practice. Using a simulated case file, a textbook and in-class exercises, students will learn and develop deposition skills. Students can expect to: understand the rules, goals, and uses of depositions, prepare for a deposition, develop case theory, formulate questions for a deposition, learn effective techniques for obtaining helpful testimony and minimizing damaging testimony, practice objections, and use documents. Students will perform in-class exercises and observe and critique their fellow students' deposition skills. The course will culminate in a four-hour deposition in which students will be paired with an opposing attorney to depose an opposing witness and defend his/her own witnesses. The professor will supply witnesses. Grades will be based on class participation and preparedness (25%), four written pieces (Notice of Deposition, Question Formation Practice, Deposition Outline, Self-Evaluation of Mock Deposition) (25%) and a final mock deposition (50%). This course is open to full-time students who have completed the first year of law school and part-time students who have completed 3 semesters.</p>	2	Baum	14862	1/4 – 1/7 10:00 am – 3:45pm 1/10 10:00 am – 3:30 pm	Cap: 12 students. 1/11 Time: TBD Final: Mock Deposition Students will be divided into teams that will perform a mock deposition during ONE of these intervals
	2	Wicks	12026	1/5 – 1/7 7:20 pm – 9:20 pm 1/10 – 1/13 7:20 pm – 9:20 pm	Mock Depositions Time: TBD
<p>Drafting: Contracts This course provides intensive instruction in the drafting of contemporary commercial contracts. Students learn how to translate a business deal into contract concepts, how to structure the agreement, and how to draft contract provisions clearly, precisely, and efficiently. Written exercises are assigned for each class; in addition, students draft a full-length agreement and redraft the agreement following a critique. Some negotiation is included. Grades will be based on several short drafting assignments (totaling 30%), an initial and a revised draft of a contract (totaling 55%); and class participation (15%). N.B. Students taking this course are not permitted to take Professor Boyle's Drafting: Litigation Documents & Contracts.</p>	2	Boyle	13865	1/5 – 1/7 10:00 am – 1:30 pm 1/10 – 1/14 10:00 am – 1:30 pm	Cap: 16 students

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<p>Law Through Film Film has the power to stimulate debate. This seminar affords an opportunity to explore jurisprudential issues and value systems through a critical examination of the narrative, historical context, and cinematic technique of films. Thus, this seminar explicitly challenges settled assumptions about law and justice. The films and accompanying reading assignments concentrate on three overlapping themes: defining community, apportioning fault, and distributing justice. In particular, the course highlights the lawyer's role as an "insider" with respect to these concerns, and evaluates the benefits and obligations conferred by that status. When offered during an intersession, grades are based on a final exam, discussion pieces, and class participation.</p>	2	Pepper	14905	1/5 – 1/7 10:30 am – 2:15 pm 1/10 10:30 am – 2:45 pm 1/11 – 1/13 10:30 am – 2:15 pm	Cap: 16 students Final Exam: 1/14
Lawyering	2	Various	N/A	N/A	This course is only open to 1Ls.
<p>Real Estate Workouts & Bankruptcy This course will examine the consequences of real estate defaults, emphasizing the major current problems faced by real estate mortgagees, landlords, tenants and partners in default situations and mitigating drafting techniques that may be employed in the documentation stage. Among the areas covered will be: negotiating and drafting a workout agreement; lender liability; cram down of bankruptcy plans including classification and "new value" issues; and effect of bankruptcy of a real estate partner. Grades are based upon a research paper and a final examination. Pre-requisite for J.D. students: CREDITORS' RIGHTS OR REAL ESTATE FINANCE: COMMERCIAL or BUSINESS BANKRUPTCY REORGANIZATIONS.</p>	2	Vazquez & Palmer	13890	1/5 – 1/6 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm 1/10 – 1/13 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Cap: 12 students Final Exam: 1/14
<p>Software License Agreements This course provides students with an introduction to understanding the fundamental concepts of the Software License Agreement, a foundational building block for attorneys focusing on intellectual property and technology. Students will learn about the significance of standard terms comprising a software license agreement and how to identify potential licensing issues. Classroom work will include (a) identifying and clearly communicating issues resulting from the software vendor's and customer's positions, (b) revising the vendor's standard software license agreement from the perspective of the customer, and (c) negotiating contract terms at issue. At the culmination of the course, students will have the option to tour Google's NYC office with the instructor and have an informal lunch with other Google attorneys. Grades will be based on classroom participation, written exercises, and a final examination.</p> <p>Prerequisite – CONTRACTS I.</p>	1	Khurana	11828	1/5 – 1/6 10:00 am – 12:10 pm 1/10 – 1/13 10:00 am – 12:10 pm This course is being held at the Manhattan Campus	Cap: 10 students. Final Exam: 1/14 Queens Campus

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<p>Transnational Employment Relations Law Globalization has replaced unionization as the phenomenon that promises to have the greatest impact on workers and the workplace in developed world economies in the 21st century. As a result, employment law is evolving from an almost exclusively local to a significantly international legal discipline. This course will examine issues that arise in transnational employment relationships, introducing students to the legal and cultural complexities associated with international hiring, transfer, and termination of foreign and American expatriate employees. Cases from U.S. and E.U. sources will be used to illuminate the issues, disputes, and outcomes that attorneys for the employer and the individual encounter in typical transnational employment situations. Grades will be based on an in-class term sheet drafting exercise and a final examination. Prerequisite: Contracts.</p>	2	Marshall	14904	1/5 – 1/7 10:00 am – 2:00 pm 1/10 – 1/13 10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Cap: 30 students Final Exam 1/14