



Electronic Course Selection on QCARD: Info Session

March 26th, 2010

1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Room 001



Agenda

- 1) Clinical Correctional Law Presentation
- 2) Information about Course Registration
- 3) Review of 2010-2011 Course Info website
- 4) Questions & Answers
- 5) Review of QCARD screenshots



Professor Charlene Mandell

Law 418-Correctional Law Project: full academic year (total 8 credits)

- **Law 418-Correctional Law-** separate manual application process
- Applications must be submitted **Tuesday March 30th by 3:30 p.m.** to Wendy Moulton in MAC 106.
- There are 18 spots for upper-year students
- Special rules apply for eligibility; penitentiary security clearance also required:

<http://law.queensu.ca/students/jdProgram/2010-2011UpperYearProgram/law418SpecialBallotingProcedures.pdf>



Clinical Programs: satisfy the Practice Skills req't

Law-590 Clinical Litigation Practice (Queen's Legal Aid) full academic year, total 8 credits, 18 spots, Crim Pro and Evidence recommended, not req'd

Law-521 Clinical Family Law (3 credits, fall 7 winter terms, 10 spots) – Family Law pre-req

Law 438 –Queen's Business Law Clinic – separate application process due **at noon Monday March 29th** to Nancy Somers, MAC 512 (8 credits, full year, Business Associations pre-req/co-req)



New Clinical Program:Elder Law

Law 485 ISP-Elder Law Clinic – ISP applications are encouraged to be submitted to Prof. Freedman by Thursday April 1st, 2010. 4 spots in 2010-2011

See www.davidfreedman.ca



General Comments

- no one's career is irrevocably ruined by "bad choices" during course selection, though where you go after law school may be influenced by cumulative program of courses taken.
- can be quite miserable term for you if courses do not meet your interests
- think of what you want, not what "everyone else" is doing
- take the time to read course info material, calendar, talk to people
- Review the course selection screens in QCARD, make sure you know in advance the correct application to register in courses for the 2010-2011 academic year (not add/drop).
- Checks: pre-reqs& reqs, timetable conflicts, evaluation process for each course, exam timetable, exclusions (i.e. Negotiations OR ADR), make sure you have written down the course number and name to be able to enter quickly.



1. Long Term Academic/Professional Plan

- Consider the 2 upper-years as a program
- Are there any special interests you have? e.g. family, legal theory
- Unsure? Want a broad education? Licensing requirements?
 - Try different areas
- Explore varieties of course offerings and evaluation techniques:
 - seminars vs. lectures
 - practice skills & advocacy courses, moots meet the advocacy req't too
 - more active learning in clinical, practice & seminar courses
- interest courses will help your education and ultimately practice of law
- Plan to fulfill pre or co-requisites for advanced level courses



Bader ISC term & early graduation

- 9 credits at ISC for Spring Term
- Need to 59 upper credits over 3 terms in Kingston
 - eg 16 +17+ 17 (heavy but possible)
- all degree requirements eg STP, Practice Skills, Civil Pro., Advocacy Skills, must be completed within the three upper year terms.



2. Short Term Academic/Professional Plan

- IF considering articling in specialized area - eg Criminal, Labour, Environmental, International, IP, Family
 - Advisable to take at least 1 course in 2nd year
- IF you might want to try clerking
 - Take one or more paper courses in Fall Term of 2nd year
- IF you might take a term away on exchange
 - Plan to satisfy degree requirements except credits while here & consider licensing subjects



3. Getting advice:

- See the Academic Advising Notes at <http://law.queensu.ca/students/jdProgram/2010-2011UpperYearProgram/2010-2011AcademicAdvisingNotesForCourseSelection-final.pdf>.
- Instructors teaching in areas of interest
 - make appointment to see profs who teach upper years
 - Email faculty or sessionals
- Law firms/lawyers – see the Student Career Advisor List on CSM
- Upper year students - very good on their experiences, but take into account their individual perspectives/biases



Guidelines for All Upper Year Law Students (Full-Time, Part-Time, Exchange, Combined Programs)

Step 1

Select Your 2010-11 Fall and Winter term courses in March/April 2010 during the course selection period (details below)

Step 2

15 June 2010 - Deadline to pay outstanding debts.

Step 3

1 August 2010 - Make Minimum Registration Payment (\$1,000 for full time students, \$500 for part time students)

Step 4

Beginning 31 August 2010 - Confirm your registration on QCARD.
Update your address and contact information for the 2010-11 academic year.



Monday, April 5th from 8:00 a.m. to Tuesday, April 6th until 8:00 p.m.

Qcard is open to THIRD year law students (Law '11) for course selection

Wednesday, April 7th, 2010

QCard course selection for all Law students is closed.

Thursday, April 8th from 8:00 a.m. to Friday, April 9th until 8:00 p.m.

Qcard is open to SECOND year (Law '12) students for course selection

Saturday, April 10th from 12:00 am to Friday, April 30th at 8:00 p.m.

QCard course selection for Law students is open to all upper year law students (Law '11 AND Law '12).



Course Selection Notes

- As an extended track (part-time) student you may select a minimum of 7 credits and a maximum of 12 credits per term.
- As a regular track (full-time) student you may select a minimum of 14 and a maximum of 17 credits per term
- All courses (with a few exceptions - listed next) in the Faculty of Law are included in the course registration process.
- Clinical Correctional Law, Queen's Law Journal, Queen's Legal Aid Additional Credits, Queen's Business Law Clinic and Law 485 ISP: Elder Law Clinic must be processed manually.
- ISPs will be processed by Nancy Somers, Room 512, Macdonald Hall



For **all** course information go to this website:

<http://law.queensu.ca/students/jdProgram/2010-2011UpperYearProgram.html>

For timetables and sessional dates, see:

<http://law.queensu.ca/students/dates.html>.

NOTE: Timetable changes could still occur next week, prior to opening up of QCARD on April 5th. Please double-check your timetable before going online.

Please report timetable conflicts to Nancy Somers at somersn@queensu.ca or call her at 613.533.6000 ext. 75132.