



# STETSON LAW

## **Further Required Curriculum (for J.D. students who enter in or after Fall 2017)**

- A. This program pertains to all full-time and part-time J.D. students who,
  - 1. at the end of any semester are ranked in the bottom 20% of their class; or
  - 2. who are referred into the program by the Director of Academic Success at any time; or
  - 3. have been notified of their eligibility for exclusion but, after a meeting with the Academic Standards Committee, are permitted to remain at the College of Law.
  
- B. A student who is on academic probation may also be subject to the requirements of the Further Required Curriculum program. If any terms of this policy conflict with the terms of the Academic Probation policy, the Academic Probation policy will control.
  
- C. The Registrar will notify students that they are subject to the Further Required Curriculum in writing after grades for the appropriate session or semester have been posted.
  
- D. The Academic Standards Committee may, for good cause shown, grant a petition from a student to modify the Further Required Curriculum program applicable to that student or to release the student from the Further Required Curriculum program.
  
- E. In addition to the courses required of all students for graduation, students in the Further Required Curriculum must, before graduation, take and pass the following courses:
  - 1. Multistate Strategies; and
  - 2. Survey of Florida Law *or* Overview of Florida Law.

In addition, students in the Further Required Curriculum must, before graduation, take and pass at least two courses from the following list of courses:

- 1. Florida Criminal Procedure *or* Criminal Procedure – Investigations *or* Criminal Procedure - Adjudication
- 2. Florida Civil Procedure
- 3. Florida Constitutional Law
- 4. Remedies
- 5. Trusts and Estates

The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and the Academic Standards Committee are each authorized to impose additional graduation requirements on individual students in the Further Required Curriculum program, including but not limited to the completion of additional required courses, as warranted by the circumstances.

The student will work with the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and/or the Director of Academic Success to determine which courses he or she will take in any given semester.

A student who does not intend to sit for the bar examination in Florida may provide evidence to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs that he or she is registered for or intends to sit for the bar examination in another state. In this case, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs may consider the topics tested on that jurisdiction's examination and may make limited substitutions to the list of required courses above.

A student who indicates that he or she does not intend to sit for any bar examination will still be held to the requirements of the Further Required Curriculum and should discuss with the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and/or the Director of Academic Success which state the student is most likely to live or work following graduation.

A student who is placed on the Further Required Curriculum for the first time after the completion of 48 or more credit hours may, in some cases, be released from some of the required courses due to the unavailability of required courses or similar cause shown. The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, upon the recommendation of the Director of Academic Success, is authorized to provide such releases, and may condition such releases on the student's completion of substitute courses.

- F. Any student in the Further Required Curriculum program who at the end of any semester is ranked in the bottom 10% of their class must also complete all of the following additional steps:
1. Within two weeks of receiving notice from the Registrar that they are ranked in the bottom 10% of their class, meet with the Director of Academic Success.
  2. Within two weeks of that initial meeting, develop an Academic Plan that is approved by the Director of Academic Success. In extraordinary circumstances, as determined by the Director of Academic Success, the Director may extend by up to two weeks the time within which the student may gain approval of his or her Academic Plan. The Academic Plan must contain all of the information for Academic Plans outlined in the Academic Probation policy. The restrictions on work, co-curricular activities, extra-curricular activities, and study-abroad programs outlined in the Academic Probation policy also apply to students in the Further Required Curriculum program. A student who is on academic probation and in the Further Required Curriculum must complete only one Academic Plan, unless directed otherwise by the Director of Academic Success.
  3. Within two weeks of receiving notice from the Registrar that they are ranked in

the bottom 10% of their class, meet with the Director of Bar Preparation Services to develop a Bar Examination Plan that is approved by the Director of Bar Preparation Services;

The Bar Examination Plan must address at least the following:

- The jurisdiction in which the student intends to sit for the bar examination;
  - A list of courses required for applicants who intend to sit for that jurisdiction's bar examination;
  - The bar preparation course(s) the student intends to take;
  - The student's plan to work between graduation and the bar examination; and
  - A plan to meet with the Director of Bar Preparation Services Development during the student's third year.
4. Attend the 3L Bar Preparation Workshop during the student's final semester. This requirement may be modified by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs if, for good cause shown, the student is not able to attend the live session.
- G. A student who is subject to the Further Required Curriculum but does not complete the applicable terms and conditions set forth in this policy may be referred to the Academic Standards Committee for possible exclusion from the College of Law, or may be denied a diploma or dean's certificate until the conditions are met. For students who are referred to the Academic Standards Committee for possible exclusion from the College of Law, the procedures outlined in the Academic Exclusion and Readmission Policy will apply.

***Explanations and interpretations:***

This policy as amended in May 2017 applies to students matriculating in Fall 2017 and thereafter. Students on the Further Required Curriculum who matriculated in Fall 2016 may elect, after consultation with their Academic Success advisor, to meet the requirements of the Further Required Curriculum as amended in May 2017. Students matriculating before Fall 2016 must follow the Further Required Curriculum in effect prior to May 2017.

Transfer students may be subject to the Further Required Curriculum program. The credits considered will be only those earned at Stetson University College of Law.

Although the letter notifying a student that he or she is subject to the Further Required Curriculum will be placed in the student's permanent file in the Registrar's office, his or her transcript will not contain a notation regarding the program.

*Originally approved by the faculty on March 3, 2004; amended by the faculty on October 15, 2008, April 14, 2010 (for-credit bar preparation course), and September 14, 2011. This policy is effective with students matriculating at the College of Law in the Fall 2009. Amended by the faculty in May of 2017, this policy is effective with students matriculating at the College of Law in the Fall 2017 semester and thereafter. Fall 2016 matriculates please consult with the Department of Academic Success regarding options.*